

Letters

The problem still is cruelty

Dear Sir:

The Government of Ontario has recently announced that it is supporting, with a financial subsidy, the manufacture, sale and use of the Novack snare.

The Government has apparently decided that this snare is "Humane". I would agree that the snare is more humane than the leg-hold trap, but only just.

The only difference between this and any other snare is that the Novack snare locks around the leg in such a way that, whilst holding the animal securely, the snare doesn't actually bite into the leg.

There are four basic reasons why the Novack snare will cause suffering to animals:

1. A wild animal caught by the leg will suffer distress, even terror by being caught and held in such a way.

2. The trapper may not visit the trap or line for a considerable period of time. The animal will suffer, therefore, from lack of food, water, and shelter. In itself, this would be an offence under the Criminal Code of Canada for those animals fortunate enough to be protected by the Code.

3. The animal is fair game for predators. It certainly cannot escape and it probably won't be able to defend itself.

4. Finally, the trapper comes along and has to kill the animal. How does he do it? He either clobbers it over the head with a stick, or holding its neck with a stick, stamps on the chest until it is dead! Hardly a humane way of killing the hundreds of thousands of animals that will be caught in the Novack "humane" snare.

I am afraid the problem of cruelty in trapping, whilst reduced by the development and introduction of the Novack snare, has not been eliminated.

T.I. Hughes
Executive Vice-President
Ontario Humane Society

A big birthday

Dear Sir:

Town of Kapuskasing is 60 years old this year. We are celebrating this birthday with a party during Rendez-Vous Week from June 28 to July 5.

This week will be full of fun for everyone. It starts with a Marathon Run for the athletic types. Official opening ceremonies are at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday June 28.

Immaculate Conception parish will hold a special Mass on June 28 to commemorate its 60th anniversary.

The Starategic Air Command Band will be in attendance not only for concerts but also to play for dancing. Rendez-Vous Parade will be July 1. The Kap. Invitational Golf Tournament starts on Saturday, July 4.

Hospitality centres will be open all week. Many organizations are holding Open House. These are but a few of the activities planned.

For more information and the calendar of events please contact me at P.O. Box 321, Kapuskasing, Ontario. We want all former residents to make a visit to "Kap" this year. Hope we see you there!

Mrs. Isabel (Poolton) McDonald
Search and Invite Committee
Reception Committee

Three vehicle collision

No charges were laid by the Midland OPP after a three car collision early Sunday evening that resulted in \$6,000 damage.

Three cars northbound one before the other, on Highway 69 near Forest Harbour, piled up when the leading car stopped to

turn left.

The drivers of the first and second cars, Lawrence Norris, 19, of Waubaushe, and Elizabeth Hickley, 23, of Onaping, received very minor injuries. The driver of the third car in line was Sault Ste. Marie resident Halina Gendek, 56.

Building boom

There's a bit of a building boom going on in Midland these days as May's building activity report shows.

Last month there were 18 permits issued for construction valued at \$289,400. In May of 1980 there were 156 permits issued for a total of \$43,400.

And for those of you keeping score, 59 permits have been issued since the first of the year for a total value of \$796,500.

This compares to 68 permits that were issued last year for constructions valued at \$2,478,395 up until the end of May.

Much of the construction last year centered around expanding the town's water pollution treatment plant which is to come on stream within the next few weeks.



New face on police force

Constable Gordon Evans, 33, started with the Penetanguishene Police Department on Monday. His wife, Eleanor Patenaude, was born here. He comes to Penetanguishene from the Metro Toronto Police Force.

Town will honor McAllen

Parks superintendent Harold "Mac" McAllen will be honored at Town of Midland's annual Christmas party in December, council agreed Monday night.

McAllen, who has been on the town's payroll for the past 33 years retires at the end of this month.

It is understood the town's board of park management is planning a boat cruise on the evening of the day "Mac" officially retires from active service to the municipality.

The cruise, with McAllen as its guest of honor, is intended to show the board's appreciation for all that "Mac" has done for the municipality over the past 33 years.

Special people to mark special weeks

The week of June 15-19 is to be declared by Midland council as Hire A Student Week.

On June 15, the Canada Employment Centre for Students at 521 Bay St., West, in Midland, has invited municipal officials, some local employers and CEC manager Don McNee to be on hand to officially kick off the week.

Meanwhile June 21-27 is to be declared Senior Citizens' Week while July 1-7 will be declared Safe Boating Week.

Penetang to be busy place

There will be a variety of activities planned for this summer by the Town of Penetanguishene Arena, Parks and Recreation Department.

The tennis courts at Memorial Park and McGuire Park will both be open for use by the public, memberships available at the Municipal offices at 10 Robert Street West.

Membership fees are \$5 for public school children, \$10 for high school and university students, \$15 for adults and \$25 for a family.

Pay as you play fees will also be available for those without a membership.

Another summer program planned by Penetanguishene will be two separate Day Camps, those being held in co-operation with the County of Simcoe Recreation Department.

The dates for the first camp are July 13 to July 24 with the second camp being held Aug. 10 until Aug 21.

It will only cost \$15 for

each child to attend the two week period with a sleep out being held for those who wish to attend.

You must be registered for the first camp by June 30 and by July 27 for the second camp.

Further information can be obtained by calling the Municipal Offices at 549-7453.

Plans for downtown soon to be unveiled

Midland's Business Improvement Area's planning committee is to meet with town council following council's June 22 meeting.

At that time, it is understood, the BIA's proposed plans for the revitalization of the business improvement area will be unveiled.

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Citizens Committee of the National Capital Region
Canadian Folk Arts Council

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