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Rambling Around

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understand animal life. He has spoken to Crosby Heights, Beverley Acres and Roselawn public schools plus the Animal Defenders Club at Carrville.

One of Mr. Ryan's main difficulties is conveying to the public the necessity of keeping their pets under control at all times.

"In most cases, problems with animals are due to lack of proper knowledge on part of the owners," said Mr. Ryan.

Mr. Ryan is often asked why he does this sort of work. "If I can save a little animal that has been abandoned, injured or kicked about by the owner," affirms this kindly man, "my great satisfaction comes from taking the unwanted animal in, help it to recuperate from its ordeal and enjoying the happy climax of placing the restored animal with a family who will give it the love, attention and security it so richly deserves."

The problem of rabies is one of Mr. Ryan's prime concerns. Rabies is a disease that is transferred from one mammal to another including man. Its prime defence is prevention. Wild animals who can carry the disease are skunks, foxes and wolves. Even cows can walk on a dying skunk and contract the disease. Bats have been known to carry it. It is Mr. Ryan's opinion that the dog is the immediate link between wildlife and the home.

Health departments are concerned specifically with the welfare of human beings. When an animal bites a person, they order that it be isolated for 14 days. If the attack is due to rabies the dog will die within that time. If the animal lives it can be assumed that he didn't have rabies at the time of biting, and the person bitten is saved from the disease and the necessary treatment. The treatment for human beings is 80% effective.

After the health department gives the order, Mr. Ryan isolates the animal in a special rabies isolation kennel and observes it for 14 days and the slightest change is reported to the victim's doctor and to the health authorities.

"The best thing that people can do in the prevention of rabies is to keep their animals under strict control at all times," he said.

Mr. Ryan would like to explode some notions that are prevalent but wrong. "People think if their dog has a license, it has the right to run on the road like a car."

Contrary to some people's opinions a dog may not run unattended on a public road or place with or without a license. There is no open season when a dog can run at large. Dogs can cause more accidents in the winter than in summer. The greatest offenders in this respect are those who allow their dogs to run at night.

Another instance is when people are walking alone at night. Children and older people have been terrified at the sudden appearance of an otherwise friendly animal, who at night takes on the appearance of a menacing monster.

"No child under six years of age should be allowed to go alone with a large dog and all others should have the dog on a leash," stated Mr. Ryan emphatically. "Furthermore, no one should own a dog or even attempt to own one unless he is prepared to feed him and exercise him properly. Dogs have unusually sensitive stomachs, even more sensitive than humans and they get into all kinds of trouble from poor feeding. Dogs certainly need proper exercise. Owners should walk them at least once a day.

James Ryan came out to Canada in 1959 with his wife from County Clare, Ireland and before coming to his present work was employed at the Connaught Lab. The Ryans have three sons, James 6, Sean 4 and Paul 2. His present work falls in line with his background, his temperament and his character. He was born on a farm and has loved animals all his life. He spent five years with the PDSA in England (People's Dispensary For Sick Animals) which is a world wide organization with a reputation of never turning an animal away because of the owner's inability to pay. While there Mr. Ryan studied theory and practice and obtained a license as a qualified veterinary officer. He operated clinics throughout England and Scotland.

His present work keeps him in close touch with the Toronto and Ontario Humane Societies. "They are both excellent organizations," he said, "and deserving of support whenever possible. Their whole purpose is to enforce the Cruelty To Animals Act, and in so doing prevent cruelty to them wherever it may be found.

"I am also grateful to the veterinarians of the district for their constant help and co-operation. Without them my work would be much harder," said Mr. Ryan.

A parting bit of advice has to do with the wild animals one meets in the woods. "If it doesn't run from you, run from it," he said.

Anyone needing advice or help with animals is asked to phone Canine Control at 285-1081. Mr. Ryan will be only too glad to assist.

Headford News

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UCW

Ten members and one guest answered the roll call at the Headford UCW meeting February 9 in the home of Mrs. van Tol.

Mrs. G. Barker called the meeting to order with a selection from Corinthians. The devotional lesson was presented through the medium of slides.

In Mrs. Barker's opening remarks she read a short item inviting a personal assessment; "What are we? Some folks are like balloons full of hot air and floating about in their own importance; some are like kites, flying about at the whim of every wind; some are like firecrackers, they go off with a bang but there is nothing left but ashes; some, like good clocks, keep ticking, doing their work, well regulated and on time.

Mrs. C. Lee continued with the study of Trinidad and she made the island seem very real to her listeners. Within an area of 50 by 40 square miles 820,000 people live, 400 to a square mile. 55% of the population are Negro, 30% East Indian and the balance Asian and European. The East Indians were brought into the country following the abolition of slavery in 1829. Many of the former slaves, tending freedom refused to work and many former owners pettishly refused to pay men who had labored for them for nothing.

Canada has two trade commissions in the island and Trinidad has one in Ottawa. We import cocoa, coffee and molasses but our biggest import is crude oil. From us Trinidad receives cars, tobacco, flour, newsprint and cotton. In August Trinidad achieved her independence but remains within the Commonwealth.

A happy reunion was enjoyed by the Baker-Reaman families on February 7 when they welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cover, California. Mrs. Cover, the former Martha Baker, was married last June and she and her husband are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Baker, Maple.

Murray Clarkson and Robert Garvin attended the Ice Follies recently in Toronto and remained for the hockey game.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Burton were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Laurette, King City, Saturday.

Guests in Headford during the weekend were, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Johnson and Mary, Scugog, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Clark.

Mrs. W. Welman had as her guests on Sunday her son Allan, his wife and family. This was a happy occasion because Joan, who is a nurse-in-training at Peterborough was present to spend the day with her grandmother.

Little Elizabeth Gadon was admitted to Sick Children's Hospital for a heart operation and the community hopes for a speedy recovery.

Doug Young is recuperating well and will be out of hospital very soon.

Jennifer Gosling entertained several of her young friends on the occasion of her thirteenth birthday, February 6. Many happy returns Jennifer.

In the absence of Mr. Whyte, Mr. A. Anbrassy assisted Dr. Binnington at the morning service. Mr. Anbrassy is attending Emmanuel College. He was accompanied by his wife and young son Andrew.

Gormley, Headford, Victoria Square Hospital Auxiliary members make our reservation now for Spring Thaw, May 1 at the Royal Alexandra. Mrs. Doug Young 884-1929 has the tickets and floor plan for this area. Don't leave it too late.

When February showed a melting face my mother would say, "The fellow's back is broken," and out would come the pot of molasses and sulphur. February and March, those were the months (in vitaminless days) when our systems were winter weary and needed a pepper-upper. The worse the cure tasted the better the effect! Our windows were lined with pots sprouting greens that were snipped and put in our sandwiches. There wasn't much science about it. Just a custom handed down through the generations. Legend says as far back as Adam and Eve because it seems that when the Archangel Gabriel ushered Adam and Eve out of the garden of Eden he dropped some feathers and wherever they fell a fern grew. It was his duty to watch over our first parents and he taught Adam and Eve the rules of agriculture and the health gift of greens. These ferns have spread all over the world but the best ones grow in the Canadian and American maritime areas. They are called fiddle-heads and steamed and served with butter they taste much better than sulphur and molasses.

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For Leaving Scene Of Accident

Falling to remain at the scene of an accident resulted in a fine of \$50, plus \$52 costs for a Scarborough youth, when he appeared in magistrate's court last week.

Fined was John Fletcher, 17, a service station attendant, who was charged November 7 after being involved in an accident at the corner of Steeles Avenue and Brimley Road.

According to an independent witness, Guy Winteront, of Agincourt, he observed the accused "hit something" while going east on Steeles Avenue, and then drive off without stopping. The witness said he was stopped at the intersection, waiting to make a turn.

He said he took the licence number of the car and then checked the area in question, where he found a car with a badly-damaged fender.

He said the runaway car returned in about 10 minutes and drove slowly by the area, but did not stop.

Both the accused and his companion, Tony Freeman, Scarborough, testified that Fletcher had come back to see what he had hit, and not finding any damage to the parked cars there, had continued on.

Constable A. Hudson, Markham Township, who investigated the occurrence, said that Fletcher had been "in hiding" when he called for him at his house, and also that he had been drinking extensively.

He said the car, driven by the accused, was scraped down the left side from the front to the back.

In imposing sentence, Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake said it was a "case of youthful panic." He also imposed a six-months driving prohibition on Fletcher, but reduced the fine from \$75 to \$50 when he heard the youth was without funds at the present.

Having liquor in a place other than a residence resulted in fines for four other men.

Fined \$25 and costs were: John Scannell, Scarborough, and Harvey Pressick, Beaverton; fined \$20 and costs were: Reginald Dickinson, Sudbury (in absentia); Wray E. Madill, RR. No. 2, Stouffville.

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