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Taking Queen's Park To The People

Municipal Officials Trade Ideas, Ministers McKeough, McNaughton

The sign at Grimsby and District Secondary School last week read: "Municipalities of Tomorrow Conference". And it pointed to the small auditorium. For the two provincial cabinet ministers who sat and answered questions from municipal officials and representatives for two hours, it's called: "Taking Queen's Park to the People." The two men facing the battery of questions for the crowd of 200 people were Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough and Provincial Treasurer Charles MacNaughton. The people asking the questions were from municipalities of three counties - Lincoln, Welland and Wentworth. The biggest point of interest during the session covered assessment, the why and where-fors of the Assessment Act, 1968-69, as the municipalities sought clarification and made suggestions for amendments to Bill 205. The City of St. Catharines made several suggestions, including a single rate of 50 percent to be applied to all businesses instead of the varying rates now applied. Mr. McKeough agreed a standard rate would be desirable, but said it would take some time to reach the correct rate without harming municipal finances. He pointed out some of the inequities: distilleries at 150 percent (because at one time some people thought that this was taxation of sin, he quipped); retail stores at 25 percent and manufacturing at 60 percent. St. Catharines Mayor MacKenzie Chown also suggested assessment of telephone com-

In The Spotlight

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handles publicity for the theatre, that visitors from Richmond Hill will be very welcome, not only at the open house but at their future productions. Anyone wishing further information about this active group can contact Mr. Vigor at 65 Delhi Street, Guelph.

This section is restricted to those sufficiently humble and wise to love cats. I have just read "The Boys", by author-playwright-actor Nicholas Stuart Gray, whose fantasies - "The Tinder Box", "The Marvellous Story of Puss In Boots", and many others - have delighted children and adults alike for a long time.

For seventeen years he has lived with Comus and Rufus, known collectively as "The Boys". The book is the story of their life together. It is a wonderful collaboration between the author, whose humor and understanding of the feline mind (if any mere human dare presume so far) keeps the reader laughing from cover to cover, and Robin Adler, a well-known photographer of animals, who has captured The Boys in every mood and attitude.

Comus is the brilliant one, and his eyes reflect cunning brain always spotted some new devastation, while Rufus is dim-witted but adorable. Gray refers to him as Super Brain. He makes up in bulk, however, for his lack of brain power. He weighs 32 pounds, a phenomenal weight for a cat. (One of my five is an obese thirteen pounder. I keep suggesting Metrecol or Vic Thanny's, but she doesn't seem to care).

When Nicholas Stuart Gray wrote "The Marvellous Story Of Puss In Boots", he played Puss in a mask and costume modelled on the mighty Rufus. The mask was made by Wig Creations of London, to quote the author "in a fit of genius". They studied the model from every angle, even matching human hair to his red and gold stripes. Such is Gray's sensitivity that he refuses to remove his costume until his little fans are well clear of his dressing room. They come backstage to make sure that Puss is still safe!

"The Boys" is published in London by Dobson Books Ltd., but is obtainable in Toronto. If you have the privilege of having a cat for a friend, you will love this one.

Watch For Buoys In Lake Simcoe Fisheries Experts Warn Boaters

Have you ever been traveling on Lake Simcoe by boat and noticed a cluster of red and white plastic buoys marked with "Lands & Forests"? Chances are if you were travelling at night you will remember the flashing white light too. The buoys are there to warn vessels that there is a trap net fishing in that vicinity. Trap nets are used by the Lake Simcoe fisheries management unit personnel to capture fish alive. The net is checked each day, the fish caught are counted and recorded. Game fish such as Pickerel, Smallmouth Bass, and Lake Trout, are measured, tagged, fin clipped, and a scale sample taken to age the fish. Such information is an extremely important phase in the management of the Lake Simcoe Fishery. From this data population estimates can be made, and the spawning behavior of fish in the lake can be studied. The collection of this data is most easily obtainable during the peak of the boating season when the nets present a definite hazard to propeller-powered boats. When a propeller becomes tangled in a net, the skipper is faced with the difficult task of trying to untangle it, an especially dangerous task in rough or choppy waters. Either the nets are damaged when by an accident or by poachers, the repairs are costly, the work time consuming, and the project suffers a definite setback. If we are to manage our valuable fishery resource successfully we first need the full co-operation of the public. When you are travelling on Lake Simcoe and notice red and white plastic buoys floating, go around them. If you're fishing, don't cast your bait in the direction of the net. If you do, there is a chance your bait will get snagged in the webbing or ropes of the net, and you will lose it. When you see someone, other than Department of Lands and Forests personnel, tampering with a net, do your part and report it to your local Lands and Forests or police office.

Home - Made Electric Fences Can Electrocute Humans And Animals

A six-year-old Hamilton area girl was electrocuted in mid-July when she crawled under a fence on her father's farm. The child was chasing her kitten at the time of the tragedy. Just a few days later a 1,600-pound bull was electrocuted when it contacted an electrified fence intended to keep it from entering a neighboring property. In the wake of these accidents Ontario Hydro has appealed to farmers across the province to immediately remove electric fence controllers of the home-made or unapproved type. Both the child and the bull were killed by contact with electric fence controllers. Investigation into the death of the child revealed the unapproved fence controller consisted of a line cord, lampholder, step-up transformer (115 to 600 volts) and two wires to connect the 600-volt secondary to a ground rod and the fence. The arrangement permitted secondary output currents in the order of 30 milliamperes (thirty thousandths of an amp) at 600 volts - 15 milliamperes is sufficient to kill an adult male. And the primary current interrupter permitted the device to remain "on" for three seconds. Conditions under which the bull perished were similar. The Canadian Standards Association safety standard on electric fence controllers limits the output current to a maximum of 25 milliamperes for an "on" period of one-tenth of a second maximum. The "off" period must be nine-tenths of a second minimum to meet CSA standards. Failure of any internal component may not result in continuous current of more than five milliamperes on the fence. And CSA-approved "fencers" are available - at considerably less cost than a home-made device. For the home-made electric fence controller can cost a life.

Rambling Around

(Continued from Page 2) During the years of constant communication, a wealth of love and affection has flown westward to O.K. and eastward to Molly and Jim. Mrs. Adamson said they receive a letter once a month from O.K. When she was young the letter writing was done by a nurse at the orphanage. The Adamsons pay \$17 a month to the Foster Parents Plan and send money to O.K. for her birthday and at Christmas. "O.K. is not a demanding child," said Mrs. Adamson. "Only once did she ever ask for anything. She wanted a comforter for her bed so when my husband went to Montreal, he bought one and sent it to her." Mrs. Adamson is touched by the deep affection she receives from O.K. She feels that the girl felt the need for a mother. She addresses her foster mother as "dearest mummy" or "dearest sweetest mummy."

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There is always an occasion for a bit of whimsy in O.K.'s letter writing. "When I explained to her that her daddy sent the comforter," said Mrs. Adamson, "O.K. wrote back and thanked us, beginning the letter with 'Dearest mummy and other relative.' O.K. does very nicely in school and she is very artistic in embroidery. Mrs. Adamson hopes she can be persuaded to take a business or secretarial course which would help her to a more secure future. In her letters, O.K. tells what she gets from the Plan. It varies from shoes, shorts, soap to night attire. One item that is never off the list is insecticide. She speaks about the holidays that are celebrated and the picnics and visits to different shrines are occasions to celebrate lunar holidays. O.K. is a Christian child and attends church. She explained to her foster mother about the mother's day ritual in her country. On that day the mothers come to the church and the girls pin a flower or a rose on their breasts. "Every Mother's Day," said Mrs. Adamson, "she sends a similar letter and explains that the rose she gives is for me and it's a way of remembering me."

The Adamsons have received letters from the orphanage which describes O.K. as a lovable outgoing child who is always surrounded by a flock of children. They have also received the thanks of the minister of health in South Korea for taking an interest in the welfare of O.K. Joon Soon. "We have had so much pleasure and joy from having her letters," said Mrs. Adamson, "and we would advocate sponsoring these children to anyone."

WALK FOR MILLIONS

Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Smith, John Street, Thornhill is the Foster Parents Plan's program director. She is currently involved in the Miles For Millions that was held last May 3. Over 80,000 Metro area residents walked Miles for Millions. The young, and not so young, policemen, housewives with children, business men and students were united in a wave of comradeship that swept through the city. Toronto's effort will support the work of 10 agencies in over 120 countries including Canada. The walk raised \$650,000 and the money is still coming in. Some of the proceeds will go to the Foster Parents Plan. In her job as program director, Elizabeth travelled to the various communities where the Foster Parents Plan was involved. She spoke to the foster parents and helped them to make representation to the walk committee. She also organized the volunteers who worked on Miles For Millions.

Elizabeth explained how the Foster Parents Plan works. The aim of the Foster Parents Plan is to work with the child and family unit. The sponsorship is mainly of the child and is usually involved with the whole family. This includes social work, medical treatments, counselling, distribution of clothes and vitamins and medicine wherever required. The final aim is to make the family self-sufficient and this may involve training programs. In the case of the foster parent and the sponsored child, the would-be foster parents apply to the plan and are given a child to sponsor. They are made acquainted with the child's case history. The nurse or social worker sends regular reports to the foster parents explaining family conditions and describing what line the Foster Parents Plan will follow as regards the medical, sociological and economic problems of the family unit. On the other hand, foster parents are free to write to the social worker or director and say, "I am sending \$10 for my foster child for her to use as she wants, etc."

When the foster child is 16, the assistance stops unless the child remains in school. In that case the foster parent is given a further opportunity to help the foster child. As in the case of the Adamsons and their O.K. Soon Joon, in a close bond develops between child and foster parents which may be continued long after the assistance to the Foster Parents Plan ends.

NOTE - Inquiries should be directed to Foster Parents Plan, Dept. UCO 5-169, PO Box 65, Station "B", Montreal, Quebec.

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REGISTRATION - 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. Tuesday, September 23, 1969 All schools Wednesday, September 24, 1969 Bayview Secondary School Thornhill Secondary School Woodbridge High School Thursday, September 25, 1969 All Schools (except Sutton High School)

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