

**Letters**

**Children don't need everything, she says**

I read Millie Stewart's article this week (August 30) and I didn't enjoy it.

Why does she think it's expensive to raise two children and to send them back to school?

I don't think a child has to belong to all of these organizations, such as, Cub Scouts, Brownies, swimming, ice skating, hockey, dancing, etc. I

think it's mum's idea to keep up with the Joneses.

Maybe these children don't want to go to these programs.

Regarding the clothes, they don't have to be the same as everyone else. I suppose if a child copies one another then when they get older they will go out and kill someone or steal, because they led

such a materialistic life when they were younger.

Why should we copy our peers? I suppose if someone jumped into the lake, all of the copycats would do the same.

I would rather be different than copying everyone I know.

A mother's time can never be boring, as she says: sure, you can visit

nursing homes, in fact, I am a volunteer in a nursing home. I go when I have the time.

A woman's work is never done. "Women's Liberation" is for the birds.

We spent a week up on a houseboat rented by friends of ours who gave us odd jobs to do.

My husband chopped trees down and he was

breaking up beaver dams.

We are the weaker sex. I wouldn't want to do a man's job. Would you ladies out there want to work like a lumberjack?

In your spare time you can always write a novel, or sell in your spare time.

I don't have to join the YWCA or the PTA in my spare time just because everyone else does. We have our own lives. We can exercise ourselves.

The most important thing in our life is accepting Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour, and being led by the Lord instead of stupid, petty people who live for everyone else instead of for themselves.

I have two children and I don't find it expensive to raise them at all. I have the time to teach them everything, instead of running all over the place.

I am 33 and I might be old fashioned. This is the

way you keep your husband and children at home, by being there when they need you.

I believe this generation of the family is splitting up because dear old mum would rather be sitting with the neighbors, and having coffee klutches, instead of staying at home.

I don't need womanhood books to keep my husband, or reading the Joy of being a Woman. The One who taught me this was when I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour and my parents and grandparents who brought me up properly by not sparing the rod.

Too many children are spoiled today because the parents want them to have the best of everything, instead of giving them a religious training from birth.

Fran Sargeant, Oak Ridges.

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**Ah, the memories.....**

Bob Rice, The Liberal, Richmond Hill

Dear Bob,

Your article of a few weeks ago about "sports editing" was sent to me by Kay Longworth, my wife's mother, and I couldn't resist replying. In fact, I get to see a few of your Millpond Philosophizings and I enjoy them.

But first, on the sports, you're too modest. I don't recall having any training

responsibilities for my Assistant Boys Sports Editor.

My goal in life was to outrun John Passmore in the 100-yard dash.

Your considerable skills are due to you.

At the same time, I can't deny that one experienced some pride at being a regular contributor to The Liberal and perhaps we rose to the occasion.

Today, the flesh is a lot weaker and I've passed the Olympic (?) torch to

my sons.

Becoming a quick convert to the ease of the Vancouver financial community, I now strive to make it to the dining room of the Terminal City Club for that first martini and the poached salmon.

On my best days, I may even earn my three aerobic points by walking to the bus stop in 12 minutes.

But on to the Millpond, I find it remarkable that someone as young as you (like myself) should be so

interested in those sentimental and historical happenings of an earlier Richmond Hill.

And you make a living at it, or so I assume.

Now, I don't see all your articles. Have you told your readers about the days when, unaccountably, the McConaghy School bell rang and, in error, called out the volunteer fire department?

Do you remember those autumn Fridays when Turk Nighswander went home at lunch for his hunting dogs and then sent the entire class out on a hike to gather maple leaves?

Presumably he stayed in the classroom and marked old tests.

Some of your readers might even recall the athletic prowess of Bill Babcock, who, when his math class got a little tiresome, might rear back and let fly with the occasional chalk-like projectile.

Enough.

Bob, I enjoy your articles and it's refreshing to know that those important happenings of a more leisurely time are still remembered.

Don Large, 9022 Altair Place, Simon Fraser Bills, Burnaby, B.C.

**Flood relief fund quickly drying up**

In the spring of this year, the small community of Field (pop. 550), 34 kilometres north of Sturgeon Falls, Ontario, was savagely devastated by raging flood waters of the Sturgeon River.

For several days at the peak of the flood, 40 per cent of the town was submerged in more than 15 feet of water.

About 200 residents were forced to leave their homes, and today, all that is left of this village is a mass of contorted wrecks, laden with inches of mud and clay, some rocked off their foundation.

These flood evacuees have been making their

homes in temporary housing, as best they can, since late April.

The Ontario government has been most sympathetic and generous toward the plight of the Field people.

In early May, the government declared Field and the adjoining townships disaster areas, and set up a fund raising committee to which they would match every dollar raised with four of their own.

The Field-Springer Disaster Relief Fund (encompassing the municipalities of Field Twp., Springer Twp., Caldwell Twp., and the unorganized townships of Crerar, Badgero, Gib-

bons, Pedley and Grant) is the key to the success of the township's and the government's plan to relocate the village a mile south of its present flood plain.

Donations to the fund have recently slowed down alarmingly.

We are appealing to your readers, Mr. Editor, to reach out to the people of Field, victims of an act of nature, by sending a contribution to "Field-Springer Disaster Relief Fund, P.O. Box 1030, Sturgeon Falls, Ontario, P0H 2G0.

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