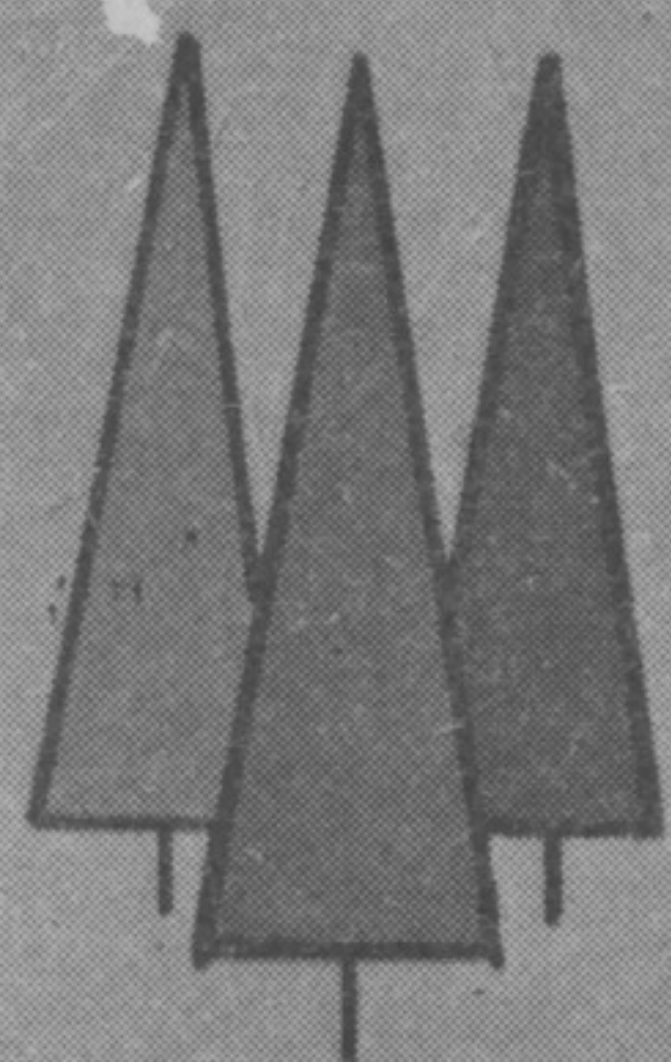
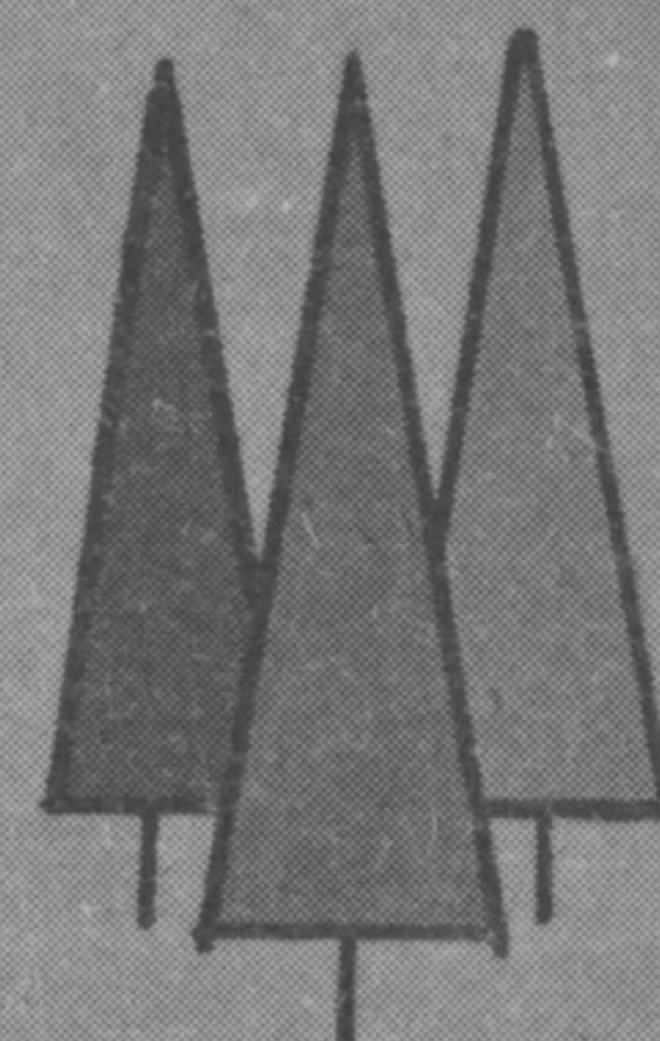


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CONSUMER COUNCIL MOVES AGAINST MARGARINE TAX

The Canadian Consumer Council has recommended removal of the 12 per cent tax on margarine, reports Stephen Duncan, Maclean-Hunter business publications Ottawa bureau correspondent.

The council terms margarine "the only staple food that is subject to federal sales tax.

"It is an important and constant item in the food budget of low-income consumers."

The council notes that the Royal Commission on Taxation (1967) drew attention to the discriminatory nature of the tax - "the discrimination between competing products, butter and margarine, and discrimination between consumers depending on their province of residence." (Newfoundland does not tax margarine.)

The Consumers Association of Canada has been requesting removal of the tax since 1963.

In 1967, the special joint committee on consumer credit (prices) also urged modification of the tax on margarine.

EXCERPT FROM LANDS AND FORESTS BULLETIN

G. Marek, Management Forester for Geraldton District, asked his seven year old daughter what she liked to do at Limestone Lake. She wrote the following, which we think is worthy of any publication dedicated to the aims of conservation and the preservation of wildlife.

"What I like to do at Limestone Lake. I like to see the beaver house and dam. I like to see the moose run. I like to pick berries and eat them all. I like to see the geese fly. I like to have a picnic at the lake. I like to see the rabbits run too. I like to see the butterfly fly. cont'd page 15

JACK STOKES ADDRESSES MUNICIPAL LEAGUE IN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT

Reeve W.E. Cavanaugh, Councillor R. Bray and Clerk-Treasurer W. Hanley were in Thunder Bay last Thursday and Friday to attend a meeting of the Thunder Bay Municipal League.

A highlight on Friday's program was a speech by Jack Stokes M.P.P. (New Democrat Thunder Bay), in which he stated that "Local Government in Ontario is in serious trouble." He said that "The Municipal crisis in Ontario must be overcome. Everyone involved in the political process in this province must join in the search for imaginative, courageous and constructive solutions," and that "It has occurred because the needs and expectations of the people of this province have crashed headlong into the obsolete municipal structures."

He deplored the many ways in which provincial departments infringe on the municipal structure; creating confusion and frustration. He proposed establishing one Department of Regional and Local Government and endorsed the pattern of regional government "With one or two tiers according to the particular needs and past development of the area. "While little has been said publicly about the proposed regional government system since it was first broached about three years ago - many meetings and much discussion on the subject has been carried on. At this point it seems inevitable.

Stokes said in his speech "Regional governments would be controlled by councils, elected every four years on a ward basis. Councillors would choose their mayor from their own ranks. Many of the independent commissions and authorities which now preside in quasi-independence over such public utilities as electricity and public transportation would become departments of the regional continued page 14