## Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor are always welcome. If you have an opinion on any subject of public importance, we would like to give you an opportunity to express it. Just write to The Editor, The News, Terrace Bay, Ontario.

Letter

## Dogs: well spoken and about time

Dear Editor:

In response to J. Smith's letter (in the Jan. 12th edition of this paper) regarding dogs and their owners: Well

spoken and about time someone said these things.

I have in my possession a dog which I got from the Animal Control Officer in Terrace Bay on Jan. 8th. He was due to be destroyed that day and, while I can't provide him with a permanent home, I felt sorry

for him and brought him home, hoping to find a family to love him. To this end, I've spent almost \$50 and with no luck so far.

This brings us to another tragedy. Thousands of dogs in Canada are destroyed each year because they are allowed to run free, are picked up by an Animal Control Officer and never claimed. The dog mentioned above had a home once. He must have as he is housebroken. He's a small black and white male mixed breed and I'm certain the people who trained him live in Terrace Bay. The thought of having him destroyed is most upsetting yet no one seems willing to provide him with a home.

Still another tragedy is that a lot of unwanted puppies are born due to indiscriminate breeding. This is also the responsibility of pet owners as the animals are merely responding to their biological imprinting which commands them to perpetuate the species.

When people really love animals, they have them neutered and keep them restrained for the benefit of everyone, including the animals themselves. And to the people who once provided the above mentioned animal with a home - I still have YOUR dog!

Linda Pattison Schreiber All should be school taxed

To the Editor:

A few weeks ago I cut a clipping out of your paper with the heading -"School Board Moves To Annex Whitesand Lake and Selim." That is a very smart move and should have been done long ago.

Why shouldn't these people whether Canadians or Americans not pay school taxes? These properties should be absorbed into the board's school system. Why object? I wonder how many people ever stop to think about all the property owners who pay school taxes. There are many couples who never had any children but they pay school taxes. What about the senior citizens — their families are raised and long gone on their way but the seniors still pay school taxes. There are the single property owners who pay school taxes.

Whether one lives on Lakeshores or in off the highway or have cabins in the bush, whether a Canadian or American, all should be school taxed.

Why should the rest of us pay taxes while these people are tax free? There is a school bus to pick up and return the children each school day. I under-

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stand that the reactions from most of the owners of these properties are reserved in this action and that is part of a problem being solved to most of the residents and board. Just what it will mean to the rest of us if the Selim and Sand Lake properties are annexed, is something that we should be made aware of. I was told that someone was in our village calling at the homes looking for opinions of this move — if so no one called on me and I am rarely absent from my

home. Thank you.

Sincerely, Anne Todesco



Dear Sir:

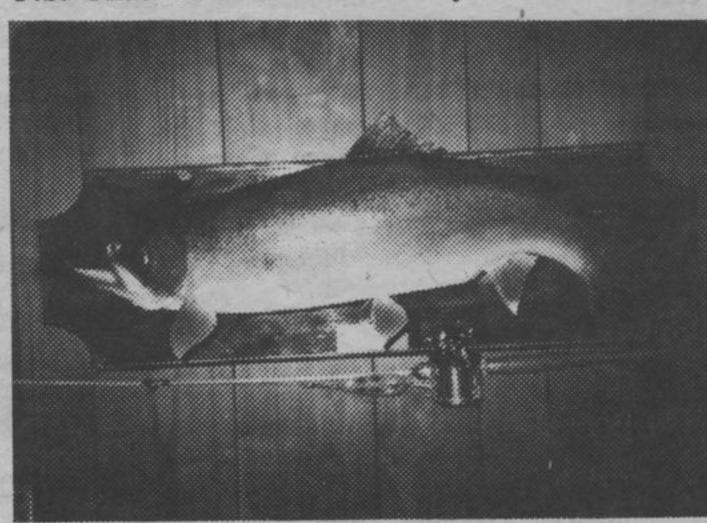
I thought this picture might be of some interest to your fishermen subscribers on the north shore (while they sit and watch the snow pile up.)

This 20 lb. "Rainbow trout" was caught at the Slate Islands July 13, 1982 by seven year old Jamie Woodruft of Prince George B.C. while on holidays visiting his grandparents the Hieberts and the Woodrufts who reside in Terrace Bay. The fish was caught on a five of Diamonds fishing lure in about thirty feet of water.

This fish could quite

possibly be a trophy for its species in Ontario.

Yours truly, J'R' Woodruft P.S. Unbeknown to the writer; at the time the Molson Fish Derby was underway, and we had just missed the Rossport Derby!



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