

Pukaskwa Park**Parenthood, the easy way out**

Young animals are a demanding lot, forever whimpering, whining, squawking and crying for food and warmth. Their vocal abuses are directed at their parents whose summers are lost in the frenzy of caring for and protecting their young.

One particular bird of the north Superior area, however, has managed to avoid the hassles of parental life. Rather than build a nest of its own, the Brown-Headed Cowbird lays its eggs in the nests of other small birds, particularly the nests of warblers, vireos and thrushes, and relies on them to hatch its egg and rear its young. It's called "parasitism", for the cowbird offers no assistance to the foster parents and makes no effort to attend to the needs of its offspring.

When ready to lay its eggs, the female cowbird finds an active bird's nest,

waits for the moment when both parents are away, then sneaks in and in a matter of seconds lays an egg. Frequently she removes and sometimes eats one or two of the foster parent's eggs to make room for her own. One cowbird egg in another bird's nest is usually the rule; however, two eggs, often laid by different cowbirds, are not uncommon and there is one re-

port of eight cowbird eggs in a thrush's nest.

Some victimized bird species accept the cowbird's egg without hesitation. Other species reject it, or more often bury the alien egg by building a new floor on their nest.

Young cowbirds usually hatch earlier than the young of the foster parents. They are bigger and tend to grow faster than their nest mates, thus insuring that they get more than their share of food. Usually the smaller nestlings are

actually crowded out of the nest or die of starvation.

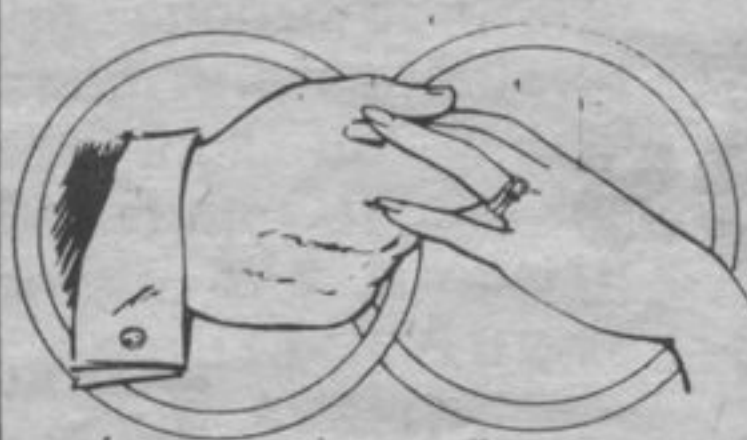
At one time in its evolution the cowbird probably built its own nest, and no one knows why it adopted the habit of parasitic egg laying. One suggestion (it is merely

speculation) is that the cowbird, formerly called the buffalo bird, used to follow the migrations of the large grazing herds. Because it was always moving it was impossible to build a nest. Its solution was to look for another

bird's nest in which to lay its egg. So evolved the parasitic egg laying habit.

Man has not looked kindly upon the cowbird's parasitic ways. In literature the bird is often seen as a shiftless character. Even its scientific

name *Molothrus* signifies in Greek a vagabond or tramp. Vagabond or not, the cowbird has perfected a unique way of caring for its young and will no doubt continue as a parasite as long as it can do so successfully.

**WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Borutski are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter

Catherine Elizabeth
to

David George Lengyel
son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lengyel. The wedding will take place Saturday, June 18, 1983 in Holy Angels Church, Schreiber, at 3:00 p.m.

Blood Clinic

A blood grouping clinic will be held at The McCausland Hospital Laboratory, on Monday, June 13th, Tuesday, June 14th and Wednesday, June 15th, 1983, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of the blood grouping clinic is to ensure a pre-determined "type" list of blood donors is readily available in case of an emergency where a certain "type" of blood is needed. Only a small amount of blood is necessary to perform this test.

Please come out and share your gift of life. All volunteers MUST be 18 to 60 years of age and in good health.

THANK-YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made my retirement party such a success. To all my family, relations and friends who travelled great distances to attend. For the many cards, gifts, phone calls and contributions to the "TREASURE CHEST". Special thank-you's to Janice Paradis for the beautiful cake and Gilbert Gerow for creating the lovely chest, both true masterpieces. To my grandson, Drew Gordon for his reading of "THE ENGINEER", my grandchildren who sang "THE RAILROAD SONG" to me and all who help in ANY way to make this an occasion I shall never forget. Special thanks to my wife and children who made this such a memorable day in my life.

Sincerely,
Stan Kusik

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Gilles Pouliot is pleased to announce that he will be seeking the nomination for the New Democratic Party for the next Provincial Election, likely to be held in 1985.

Respectfully asking for a chance to represent you.

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