

# A fond farewell given to Neys Provincial Park

By Mary Hubelit

5:45 p.m. August 28, 1986: This weekend is Neys Park's closing weekend for '86. It serves our purpose—I'll do what I always do when we're camping.

Supper over, N. resting, I writing. For some reason he wanted to observe his natural birthday, August 28, not wait for his legal, registered one of December 10. So he dined on new heat 'n' serve packaged entree of meat balls and gravy over noodles from Magic Pantry and topped it off with a macedoine of cactus pear, nectarine and banana, sugared and creamed (no whipping cream, no liq-

uer). Wonder what I'm supposed to serve him on Dec. 10?

The weather? Cold, showery, but easing and warming as sunset approaches. 18°C at 6 p.m. is not bad for Aug. 28.

10:30 a.m. Friday: walked for one and a half hours on the beach to the mouth of the Pic, around to the marina, photographing bear tracks in the sand, depositing mouldy walnuts and wormy filberts for the local chipmunks, talking to friendly people—in short, being lazy! Sunny day, but windy, with the roar of the surf pounding in one's ears.

Took my sling-shot

along for a little target practice, but was unable to compensate for wind velocity, so all I accomplished was the rearranging of many stones along the beach.

1:30 p.m.: "Just came back from shopping." A common phrase, you say? Not at Neys Park it isn't! The logistics involved in the simple purchase of a loaf of bread are unreal.

Since this is a first for us and it might happen to you, here is the chronological order which should be followed: A brief period of time for meditation on the cook's flawed performance and a plan of defence from the cook. Then go around banging shut all the windows, cupboard doors, roof vents and put the ashtray in the sink.

Grab your purse and slink as low as you can into the passenger's seat up front while a tight-lipped comrade disconnects the Hydro line outside, coils up our extension and packs it in the storage compart-

ment. We both look at the weather thermometer strung by a wire onto the mirror brace outside the driver's seat. We shrug our shoulders but say nothing.

Up we go two and a half miles to Highway 17, skip across it and park in front of the 'corner store.' Other customers, on bikes and with RV's are also parked. I pick up the precious loaf of bread, some postcards of

Terrace Bay, two Cokes and a bag of chips—\$4.50. Would you pay that much for a loaf of bread? I think under these circumstances you would!

I get back into my seat and he says "Do you know who those cyclists are?" A sharp "How should I?" springs to my lips but only "no" comes out.

"That was the famous couple from Winnipeg cyc-

ling all over Canada etc. The ones interviewed on TV the other night!" A heart-wrenching sob escapes me as I visualize myself snapping their picture and begging for an autograph. I am speechless with frustration.

So across the highway again and roll slowly down the road towards the park. He stops the vehicle (I

don't ask why), walks ahead and picks up the now-deceased thermometer and throws it into the bushes. No word is spoken.

I think when we go out for our evening walk I'll maintain the traditional three-paces-behind my chief until he sends for me!

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The makers of Penthouse, Playboy, movies, video and such have become the evangelists of unrighteousness. Corner stores have become the number one preachers of their doctrine.

The question is, why? (1) The love of money is the root of all evil, and (2) The public demands their products.

Adults are reading and watching this kind of material. It is also a sad fact that this material is being shown in so-called "children's" movies.

Is there a cure for this type of material? Law makers are unsure what to do about it. Is it a hopeless situation that our society is in?

The answer to this problem is: repent and believe the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Frank Capy  
Terrace Bay, Ont.

## Letter

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my views regarding your Sept. 3 front page photo titled "Pow Pow" which referred a game as just "cowboys and indians," showing a person dressed for battle and carrying a very impressive gun.

What a shame for all the lovely children in our towns who mould themselves on what adults do, to read that fun is shooting down your friends.

I feel this game has racial overtones, promotes violence and sanctifies killing of human beings for pleasure.

Dorothy Lengyel  
Schreiber, Ontario



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