

# Parents upset with son's paper route

Dear Editor:

Re: Discouraged Carriers

Since this is a free country I feel entitled to express myself concerning the attitude of the Times News towards their carriers.

When my son took over this paper route in Terrace Bay, he was told that for every new start on his route he would be entitled to participate in these "so-called" fun & fair contests that your P.R. dept. has. So far, he has been totally discouraged, disgusted, and fed up by all the bull going on.

First, he's told when he calls, that there are no contests that month and he'd have to start from scratch again for the next one.

Now, today he finds out that not only has your office more than doubled his route without notifying us, and promised all the new customers delivery before 8:30 a.m., but that all his hard work and next to non-existing social life, that he still doesn't qualify for your "nice" contest.

For a ten year old boy that was a pretty low blow. This kid has been up at 6:45 a.m. every morning so he could get half the papers done before school (8:30 a.m.), so he'd still have time after school for the other half plus his school work plus his friends and mealtime, and you guys in the big city can just turn around and tell him he can't enter the contest.

Now he's also taking flak from dissatisfied customers that aren't getting their paper at the

promised time. When he first started it was his choice when he was to pass the papers. My husband and I are trying very hard to instill in our three children the responsibilities that come with taking on various jobs or activities. It's hard enough doing that, without having someone come along, promise all kinds of nice things for doing good work and turn around and pull this stunt off.

I'm having a real hard time convincing my son he should keep up the good work and not quit yet, but it's getting hard. He'll grow up soon enough and find out what it's really like to work for a living. I don't think he should have to face all the grown-up "bull" yet. Do you?

If you're going to make this job fun and give these kids incentives to want to do it, then stand by them and be fair, or don't the kids from the sticks count as humans? I'm not just speaking for myself and my family but for most of the parents and carriers from small towns.

I'm not expecting a reply from you, but if you do have time to kill and want a laugh with your employees, please feel free to read it. Please remember these kids are getting pretty fed up at being used and fed empty promises.

Yours truly,  
Lise Hnatuk

An angry parent of a disgruntled ten-year old.

# People say the dumbest things

This collection of humorous but true sentences was taken from actual letters received by the Toronto Welfare Department from applications for aid and assistance.

\* I am writing to the Welfare Department to say that my baby was born two years ago. When do I get my money?

\* I am forwarding my marriage certificate and six children. I have seven but one died and was baptized on one sheet of paper.

\* Mrs. Jones has not had any clothes for a year and has been visited by the clergy regularly.

\* I cannot get sick pay. I have six children: can you tell me why?

\* I am glad to report that my husband who was reported missing is dead.

\* This is my eighth child. What are you going to do about it?

\* Please find for certain if my husband is dead. The man I am living with can't eat or do anything till I find out.

\* I am very annoyed to find out that you have branded my son illiterate, as this is a lie. I was married to his father a week before he was born.

\* In answer to your letter, I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope.

\* In accordance with your instructions, I have given birth to a boy weighing ten pounds. I hope this is satisfactory.

\* I am forwarding my marriage certificate and my three

children one of which was a mistake as you will see.

\* My husband got his project cut off two weeks ago and I haven't had any relief since.

\* Unless I get my husband's money soon, I will be forced to lead an immortal life.

\* You have changed my little boy to a little girl. Will

this make a difference?

\* I haven't any children as yet my husband is a bus driver and works day and night.

\* I want my money as quickly as I can get it. I have been in bed with the doctor for two weeks and he doesn't do me any good. If things don't improve I will have to send for another doctor.

## Back a Fighter with Easter Seals

### How to Save Money

The following is a humorous article that was prepared by a man who purchased a wood stove to save money.

This covers a year's operation expenses:

Stove, pipe, maintenance	\$ 458.00
Chain Saw	\$ 289.95
Gas and maintenance for chain saw	\$ 44.60
4-wheel drive pick-up, stripped	\$11,279.00
Maintenance on pick-up	\$ 438.99
Replacement of rear window of pick-up (twice)	\$ 310.00
Fine for cutting trees in Provincial Park	\$ 500.00
Fifteen cases of beer	\$ 330.00
Littering fine	\$ 50.00
Tow charge from creek	\$ 50.00
Doctors fee for removing splinters from eye	\$ 45.00
Safety glasses	\$ 29.00
Emergency room treatment (broken toe from dropped log)	\$ 125.00
Safety shoes	\$ 69.50
New living room carpet	\$ 899.00
Paint for walls and ceiling	\$ 110.00
Log splitter	\$ 150.00
Fifteen acre woodlot	\$ 3,000.00
Taxes on woodlot	\$ 314.00
Replacement of coffee table (chopped up and burned while drunk)	\$ 329.00
Divorce settlement	\$33,678.00
Total first year's costs	\$52,499.04
Savings in conventional fuel in first year	\$ 172.52
Net cost of wood stove operation first yr.	\$52,326.52

# Pet Talk

By Alice Scott

Before I begin my topic for this week I'd like to tell you about a new television show. If you're home on Thursdays at lunch, turn your channel selector to the Ontario Broadcasting channel, channel 9 in Schreiber.

From this show "Dealing with Dogs", you will receive great tips on obedience training and general care for your dog. It also teaches you how to socialize your puppy and help them adjust to different situations they will encounter.

In the past few weeks there have been accidents involving dogs and cars. These accidents can be prevented if certain precautions are taken. In two of the incidents the owners ran over their own dogs.

When you are exercising your dogs never let them run behind your car or truck. It is surprising how fast a dog can run, and many do not realize that the vehicle will hurt them.

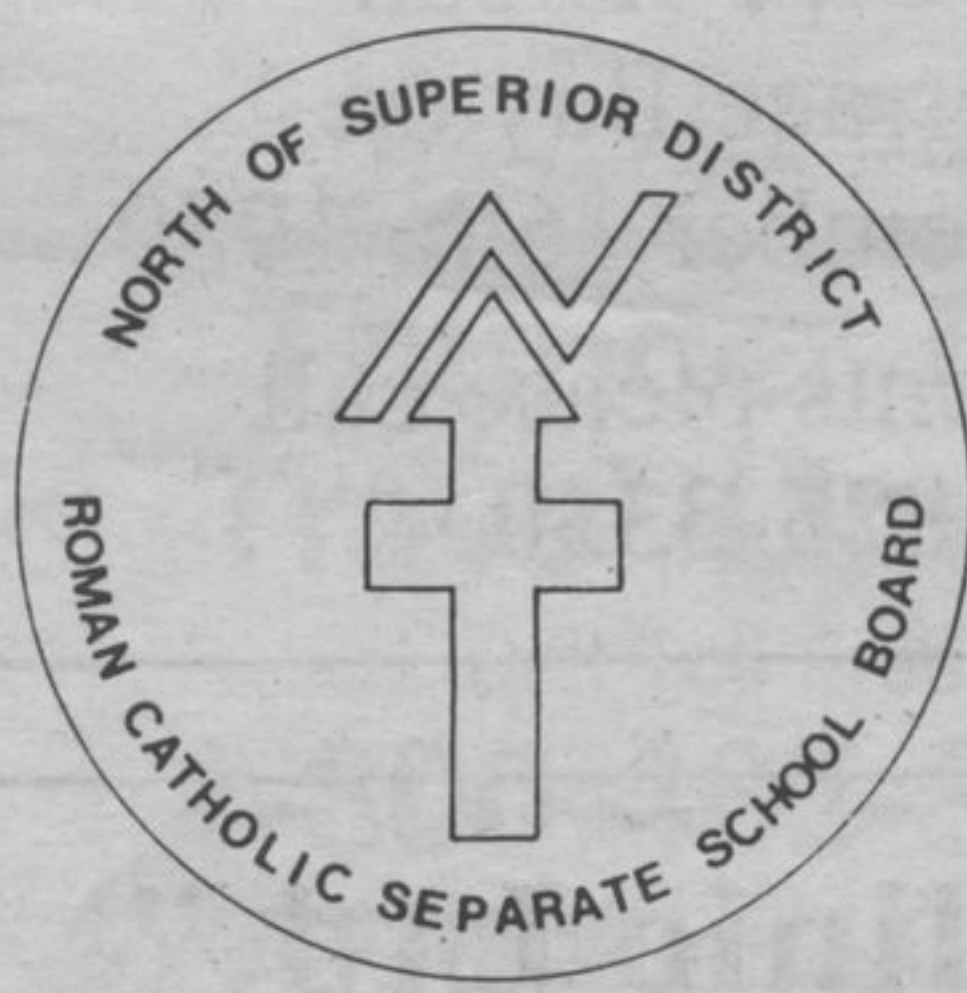
Instead teach your dog to heel and either run with him on lead or bike with him. When biking build your dog up gradually to the distance you would like to travel.

When hunting keep your dog in the truck not out looking for game. If you want him to flush game then get out of the truck and walk with him.

Accidents do happen; dogs can break loose. Check your dog's chain or rope every week for breaks or wear. Even better - build them a dog run. Cover the top if they are jumpers. Place fencing on the bottom with gravel over it or patio blocks is a good idea to prevent digging.

If your dog is hit by a car, get him to a vet immediately. Nothing is more painful to an animal than a broken bone.

Precaution is the answer so tie up your dogs. There are too many animals killed each year. What's better for your dog "Broken Bones, Death" - being tied, or put in his kennel? Think about it!



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## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

will be held on both Campuses  
on Wednesday, November 8, 1989  
from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
and 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Students will receive their report cards and a list of teacher locations prior to this date.

If further information is required contact the school at 824-2555 or 825-3271

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