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After all the yarns I'd heard re wolves eating dogs, strolling the byways of backroads it was a thrill to actually see a wolf even though it was a harmless mouse-rabbit eating coyote. All the other sightings I've heard about or read about were "biggest wolf I've ever seen" or so it was reported. Oh I know they enjoy a chicken dinner occasionally. Who doesn't?

Yodelling coyotes are a favorite of mine. Thrilling to hear their concerts or coyote opera during the dark stillness of a prairie night.

With the high skies days of March with us now have you spotted ravens tumbling in the courting aerobatics? Watched a foursome yesterday performing patterns of aerobatic tricks the Golden Hawks would envy.

Wonder if the lady friends of the birds are as thrilled and interested in the male birds' performances as humans are when lucky enough to watch?

Robins have been spotted.

Also have heard but not seen a robin chirping his "hellos" to the world he has returned to for the next few months.

Red Polls and Pine Grosbeaks that have flocked to the various feeders over the past three months have left the area. A case of here to-day and gone to-morrow. 'Tis always thus with these fellows. The odd straggler has visited over the past few days but gone are the large flocks of winter.

Spotted the first blackbirds the

other day. Half-a-dozen of the newly returned flocks that will make merry and shrill their calls, "Hey it's great to be back in the north country again."

Whisky jacks float into their feeding areas to gulp a small meal then pack beaks with as many bread bits (soaked in melted fat) as they can to carry to the hungry offspring hidden in remote nests.

Dizzying it is this morning to watch the red squirrels racing

here and there across the backyard. Fights erupt often among them as they vie for the very few sunflower seeds set out for their pleasure each morning. Greedy are red squirrels as they keep watch on their fellows approaching the feast.

Away they go again! The feeder squirrel races after the one that dared to approach the feed spread.

There are eight of them calling our yard home.

## Crime Stoppers line now 24 hours

To date, hundreds of people have taken advantage of the program which has resulted in close to two hundred (200) arrests. Over \$21,000.00 in cash has been paid out in rewards.

The program is set up to pay people who call in to report criminal activity. The types of calls made can include the location of drugs, wanted persons or stolen

property. Also, who is responsible for various crimes such as assaults, break ins or thefts. The two (2) telephone numbers for the program are 623-8744 (TIPS) or 1-800-465-6844. The toll free line is now available 24 hours a day and works from within the city as well from anywhere in the District.

Should you know of any crim-

inal activity, call 1-800-465-6844. Should you wish to get a reward, a code number will be given to you. If your information results in an arrest or the recovery of drugs or stolen property, a cash reward is then turned over to you at a location of your choice. Your anonymity is guaranteed.

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salaries. Those higher wages get passed on to consumers in the form of higher prices. That spiral forces many into working more and more hours of overtime, or into taking a second or third job in the family, just to make ends meet.

It therefore seems like now is a good time for economic planners to point out some obvious advantages of life outside the Golden Horseshoe. Inflation is a problem here too, but housing prices are, for the most part still affordable. In communities with declining populations, there are even real housing bargains. When you pay less of your income towards housing, you have more to spend on other things--like food and clothing. Those items may cost you a little more in the north than in the south, but not a great deal more.

Sadly, there are no national

policies that would consciously direct growth away from the urban centres. The Canadian Association of Single Industry Towns has been pointing out for years that Canada needs a "frontier development policy".

Dennis Young, the Associations crusading President, pointed out recently in an open letter to Barbara McDougall, the minister of Employment and Immigration: "Ottawa lacks a vision about the future potential and development of our frontier regions. No one knows where the senior levels of government wants us to go. With no national vision and dynamic leadership, the decline [of frontier regions] will continue, and we will all likely end up living in Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, or the United States."

But Barbara McDougall represents a riding in the heart of Toronto--St. Paul's. She's not about to announce that, henceforth, the Mulroney government is consciously going to direct economic growth away from the Golden Horseshoe. If she did, she'd lose her seat in the next election.

So let's not wait for Ottawa to do it for us. Let's do it quietly, as northerners. Let's start a whispering campaign to anyone we know in the south, telling them about our secret of lower housing prices, safe streets, ten minute walks to the office, and half hour drives to unpolluted fishing spots.

Let's dare to suggest that maybe, just maybe, Toronto is not the centre of the universe. Let's tell those unhappy southerners, fed up with high housing prices, street crime, and air pollution, that we just might have a better alternative, and that they'd better move north soon, before too many other southerners find out the same secret.

If we play our cards right, we can keep our northern environment relatively unscathed, with office-based industries, relying on human brain power. The south will be left with its pollution, manufacturing jobs, and urban sprawl.

### MEMORIAM

BAXTER - In loving memory of Betty Baxter who passed away April 10, 1988.

*We think of you in silence  
And often speak your name  
But all that's left to answer  
is your picture in a frame  
We will always remember the way you looked  
and the way you walked  
and smiled  
The many things you did for us  
Are with us all the while  
You never failed to do your best  
Your heart was true and tender  
You lived your life for those you loved  
And those you loved remember.*

Don, Karen, Rachel and Brian.

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BAXTER - In loving memory of Beatrice Baxter who passed away April 10, 1988.

*The depths of sorrow we cannot tell  
Of the loss of one we loved so well  
And while she sleeps a peaceful sleep  
Her memory we shall always keep.*

Sadly missed  
by Jim, Alanna,  
Judy and Brad.



### MEMORIAM

BAXTER - In loving memory of Betty Baxter, a dear mother and grandmother who was called to rest on April 10, 1988.

*If tears could build a stairway  
And heartaches make a lane  
We'd walk the path to heaven  
To bring you back again  
To love, to cherish  
And never forget  
No longer in our life to share  
But in our hearts  
You are always there.*

Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by Wayne, Lynda, Wendy and Cindy.

### ATTENTION

All Terrace Bay - Schreiberr News deadlines for the week before Easter will be moved ahead by one day, as we will be closed for Easter vacation. Deadlines for this week are as follows:

Editorial deadline - 4:00 p.m. Wednesday

Classified deadline - 5:00 p.m. Wednesday

Advertising deadline - 5:00 p.m. Wednesday

Thank you and have a "hopping" great Easter!

## Edith Figliomeni

*Heard your ice show, "Wizard of Oz",  
was a smashing success.*

*Bravo to you and all the skaters.*

*Friends forever,*

*Elaine Moriarty*

