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Public speaking contest

Demons take first place in intermediate division

Karen Wong, a grade 7 pupil at Ballantrae P.S. took first prize in the intermediate division of the York County Board of Education Public Speaking competition with this speech.

I Summon Thee, Oh Prince of Darkness, Oh Spirit of the Pit, I command Thee to Make Thy Most Evil Appearance.

Chairperson, Judges, Teachers and Students: What I have just recited for you is a piece of the conjuration of Demons which will supposedly conjure up the list of Demons I am going to talk to you about

If a real conjurer were to conjure up a Demon it would be because he wanted to ask

help in destroying enemies, look into the future or to ask advice.

A Demon is any supernatural being that does evil. Some Demons simply scare people with their appearances or are mischievous. The first Demon on my list is a Demon from the Far East; RAVANA. He was by far the most evil and powerful Demon in the Far East; so evil and powerful that he could be compared with the Christian Satan. His true form was not known because he could be any shape he wanted to be, and because he was so evil, Ravana was killed.

PRETAS: also from the Far East, do no actual harm to people yet only scare them with their appearances. They had ghostlike bodies and a variety of faces. Some wore pigs' masks for

faces, others vomited fire and therefore had skeletal faces, and some had faces of flesh, cut and torn by their fingernails. They fed off filth and excrement and often lived in cemeteries. Certain Hindu religions brought, and in some places still do bring the Pretas food, more so if one of the family is believed to be reborn a Pretas.

Next I'll talk to you about Middle East Demons. First, ASMODEUS. He had three heads; one of a bull, the centre of a man, the third of a ram, a serpent's tail, gooses feet and was usually seen riding a dragon. He caused men to be unfaithful to their wives and a man affected by him would need a power as great as that of St. John the Baptist. He knew a great many sites where treasures were buried and would give them to you if you persuaded him with spells.

Also from the Middle East was BELZEBUB. He was titled by many as Prince of the Demons. He was called "Belzebub" because Baal or Bel means Lord, a common name for Demons, and therefore Belzebub means Lord of the flies. He had; a ring of fire around his head, a swollen chest, puffed up

face, listed eyebrows, huge round eyes, two horns from his head, big bat wings, a lion's tail, duck's feet and was covered in thick black hair over his whole body.

Now for some Greek and Roman Demons. CEREBUS had three heads; one of a dog, one of a fox and one of a lion, a dog's body, a serpent's tail and a thick mane of snakes. His function was to be the watchdog of Hades and devour all imprisoned souls that tried to escape. Hades is the place in Greek and Roman religions where all souls go; good and bad. The good souls are allowed to wander freely in Hades but the bad ones are condemned to death or an eternity of misery.

Also Greek and Roman was HECATE. She was often called "Agriope" meaning Savage Face. She was a snake with three heads; a horse's, a dog's and a lion's; and three bodies, all back to back. There are a great many variations of descriptions of her, another one describing her as much more human, with only one head and one body. At one point Hecate became the queen and keyholder of Hades and dispatched evil spirits to haunt at night. Under her influence people became afraid to harm the

willow tree since she worshipped it highly and this became tradition.

The last Demon I am going to talk to you about is one I am sure you have all heard of, LOKI. He was the fallen angel of Europe. He was permitted to stay with the gods in Asgard merely because he was so good looking. Loki had the body of an extremely good looking man. He was thrown out of Asgard after he killed the great god Baldur out of jealousy. Loki, being so handsome, married many times and had many children. One of them, the most evil, being Hel, who was cast into the underworld. This is where the Christians get the name for the underworld "hell".

It is now time for me to send the Demons away with a piece of the dismissal of Demons: I adjure Thee, Oh Vile Spirit, To Go Out. Make Thy Departure, Tremble and Flee, Quit this Place.

Although now days people find it hard to believe in Demons they are a part of our past, since our ancestors believed in them. To this day Demons have never been proved nor disproved and many religions still do believe in them.



Karen Wong, intermediate public speaking champ for area 2, chose demons for her subject.

Goodwood news

Woman wins jackpot

Congratulations to Betty Stewart who was lucky enough to win the jackpot at Markham last Thursday night.

Altona has a drop in night on Friday evenings to play cards, dance and

talk. It's open to the public and no booze is allowed.

Monday evening, March 13, is Women's Institute at the Goodwood Hall. The guest speaker will talk on "Block

Parents". Anyone interested in this topic be sure to come out. Anyone interested in square dancing, please call Mary Stewart at 640-2567.

Wednesday evening was bingo night at Goodwood and a good crowd enjoyed themselves. We still want more to come out. Next bingo is March 15.

The baseball dance was well attended last Saturday night. Proceeds were for the local baseball league.

Church services were as usual on Sunday. Both churches could do with more attendance.

Anyone who has any Dominion Store tapes, please save them for the children's play time group at the Goodwood Hall.

Wednesday evening is euchre evening at the Goodwood Hall. The heat has been repaired, so let's have a good crowd and a good time.

Gladys Slack entertained a number of quilters on her "Dutch Girl" quilt. It's really a beautiful quilt, and for once Gladys is keeping it for herself.

Quilting still goes on at Elva Symes and we have done several quilts. The proceeds are for the United Church.

The children at the Goodwood School are enjoying the Singing Festival at Sunderland this week. Congratulations to the winners and the losers. Work harder for next year!

House cleaning will soon be the issue of the day. While you are cleaning out some of those drawers or up in the attic, save any old flags, banners, signs or trophies of bygone days in sports. We have a nice showcase in Goodwood Hall and would appreciate anything you could donate.

Remember the Mens' Lodge Dance on Saturday evening, March 11 in the Goodwood Hall. This is their trip dance that they have every year. Tickets are available from members or from Brian Plewes, 640-2767. There will be a lovely southern trip for one lucky couple.

Talking of Sports with Robert McCown.

Every Monday & Friday 5:30pm-7pm.



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STOUFFVILLE SCENE

What's going on

Lady passes

The death occurred at Newmarket Hospital on Sunday, March 5 of Mrs. Earl Doner, Park Dr., Stouffville. Deceased was the former Mabel Hills. Besides her husband she is survived by three sons, Howard of Cannington, Floyd of Oshawa, Charles of Pembroke, and a daughter Evelyn of Stouffville. There are also 11 grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Wm. Spragge.

The funeral service was conducted from the Heise Hill Brethren in Christ Church, Gormley, on Wednesday afternoon. Interment was made in the adjoining cemetery.

Benefit dance

A dance sponsored by the Ballantrae Gymnastics Club will be held at 8:30 p.m., March 11 at Whitchurch Centennial Centre and tickets are \$10 per couple. There will be bar facilities, door prize, spot dances and a buffet. For tickets call 473-6639, 473-2661, 640-1930 or 640-1792.

Month's holiday

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pipher returned home last Thursday following a one month holiday in Phoenix, Arizona. The Piphers, who stayed with friends, visited the London Bridge in Arizona and took an interesting side trip to Las Vegas.

Morning meetings

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library is presenting a series of films and guest speakers for the "Morning Meeting" series. For the month of March the library will present the following: (All presentations at 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.) March 7, Louise Hope Genealogy specialist, March 8, Fragile: Handle with care Away out; March 9, Gordon Cone, Child Abuse, York Region Children's Aid Society; March 10, Films - Fragile: Handle with care Away out; March 14, Films - Shows promise - should go far; March 15, Jean Barkey, Local History of Stouffville; March 16, Films - Shows promise - should go far and March 17, speaker on Flower arrangement and related crafts.

These programs are being presented by the library to provide a forum for informal discussions on subjects that are of general interest to our community. Should you desire guest speakers and films on additional topics please let us know.

Bazaar

The Silver Jubilee Club is having a bazaar on Friday, March 17, from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Baked goods, woollen goods, crafts, nick nacks, plants etc. will be for sale. A hand made quilt will also be offered for sale.

Tea, coffee and cookies will be available. The public are invited. Place, 50 Main Street.

Help for Shoppers

The Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs is making pre-purchase information on a great variety of goods available to area residents. Their information van is now parked in front of the Miracle Mart store at Markham Place. The van, which will be there until April 8, will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Fridays and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

Assertiveness Training

If you are a woman in management who wishes to improve her interpersonal and management skills, Centennial College is presenting a seminar running March 13-15 at the Holiday Inn, Don Valley Parkway.

The workshop will include such topics as Assertive Team Management, Assertive Use of Time, Values Clarification, Dealing with Criticism and Saving What you Mean.

For further information call Debby Banks at 694-3241, ext. 643.

The Yates family

from Nashville, Tennessee, will be at the Youth Centre located at Dickson Hill Church on Sunday evening, March 12th at 9:15 p.m. Mrs. Yates is a sister of entertainer Johnny Cash and has an equally challenging story to tell of how God has changed her life. All are welcome.

Your job should have safe, healthy working conditions.

Ontario's job is to see that you get them.

Take a minute now to think about yourself and your work situation. Your job satisfaction and good health are important to you, your employer and the productivity of Ontario's economy.

Safe and healthy workers are better workers, and concerned, well-informed employers are better employers. That's why your Ontario Government has established the Occupational Health and Safety Division within the Ontario Ministry of Labour.

The Division communicates and works with employers and employees alike, encouraging all concerned to do

everything possible to prevent injury or illness in the workplace. It does this by:

- conducting regular programs of inspections and audits to ensure compliance with the legislation;
- providing advisory, consultative and technical services on health and safety matters;
- promoting internal labour-management responsibility for maintaining a safe and healthy workplace;
- reviewing proposed plans for new projects in the pre-development stages to avoid "building in" potential hazards.

The new Division is dedicated to the control and elimination of occupational health and safety hazards with ongoing research, educational programs and — if need be — corrective action when cooperation doesn't work.

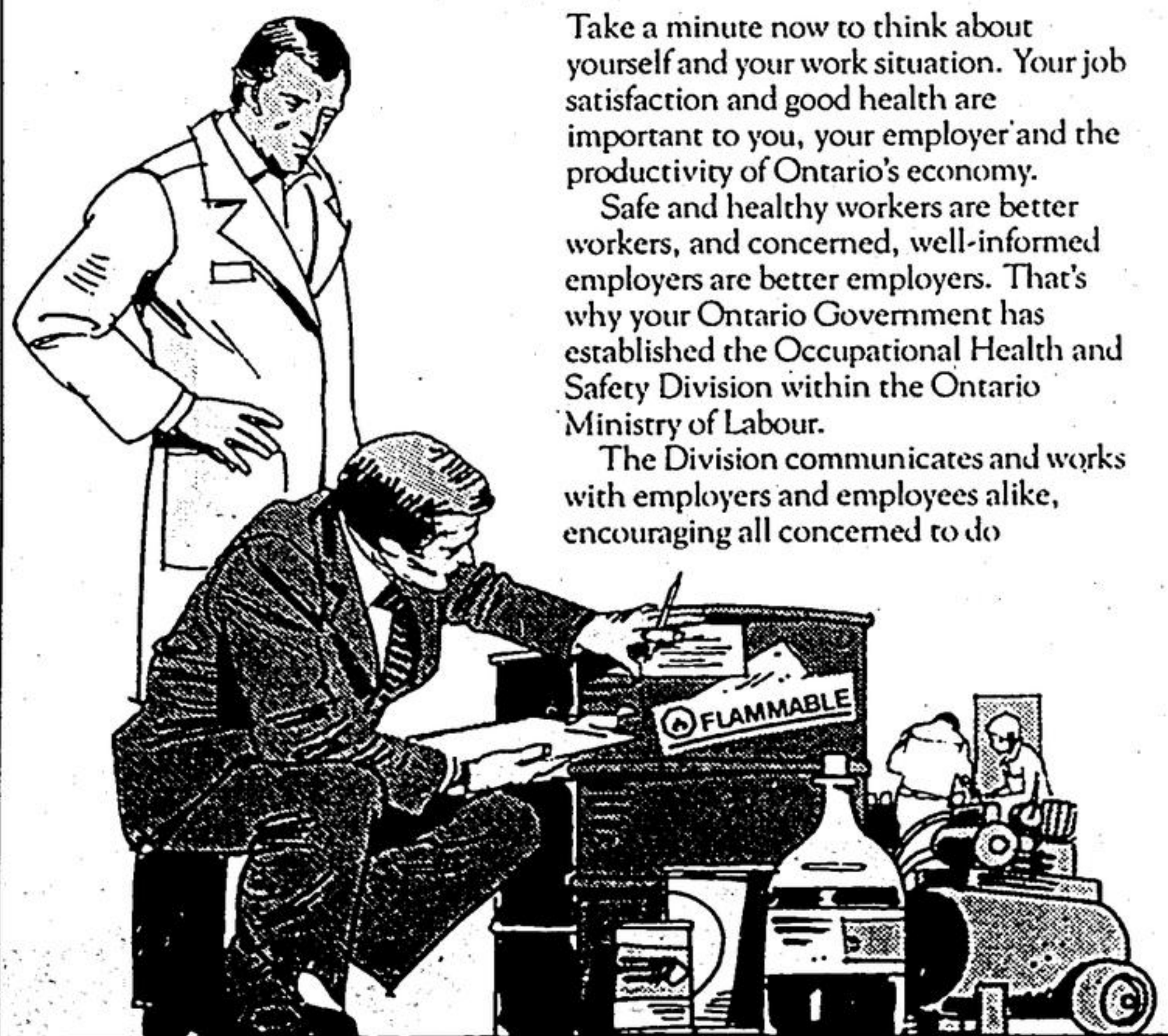
A booklet spelling out in detail the activities of the Occupational Health and Safety Division is being distributed to employers. If you would like a copy, contact your nearest Ministry of Labour office. And work in good health!



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