

## Mother's Day gift-giving advice: keep it to things you know about!

This Sunday is the big day for all rural route moms and mothers all over the world. Little rural routers are sure to have lots of ideas for surprising their own special moms this weekend. What better a gift for a busy mom than keeping the house quiet this Sunday and letting her sleep until you awaken her with breakfast in bed. Don't forget to have a clean kitchen awaiting her when she finally faces daylight.

My first memory of giving a "special Mother's Day gift" goes back to the sixties. I remember hearing my mother say she had to clean the large area rug in the living room. At the time we were living on the corner of Sheppard and Warden Avenue when it was still a dirt road with chicken coops and horse and pig farms all the way up to Steeles. When my parents headed out on errands I decided to surprise mom when she came home with the Indian rug cleaned. The details are a little sketchy, but I do remember taking a bucket and filling it with soap and water and then depositing that same water all over the rug.

I recall feeling pretty pleased with my handiwork; the only hurdle being when the corners started to curl up. Not to be deterred I took the family's Encyclopaedia Britannica and

placed them strategically on those lumps. My next memory was when my parents arrived home. I remember a very negative reaction as the rug lifted and the books became soggy.

Minutes later I was sitting on my bed with my mom semi-hysterical in the living room reflecting - as I was instructed - on what I had done. Needless to say that was the last rug I washed as a child.

Having a great mom, I was forgiven and that little misdeed is brought up at least once a year at family gatherings - at least it had an impact.

When I called to arrange a visit for this special weekend she coyly hinted that she just loves pansies and lilies and would she ever like to have some for her gardens. Consider this year the year of the flowers!

U.S. president Woodrow Wilson passed a resolution on May 9, 1914 and the rest, as they say, is history. So don't be

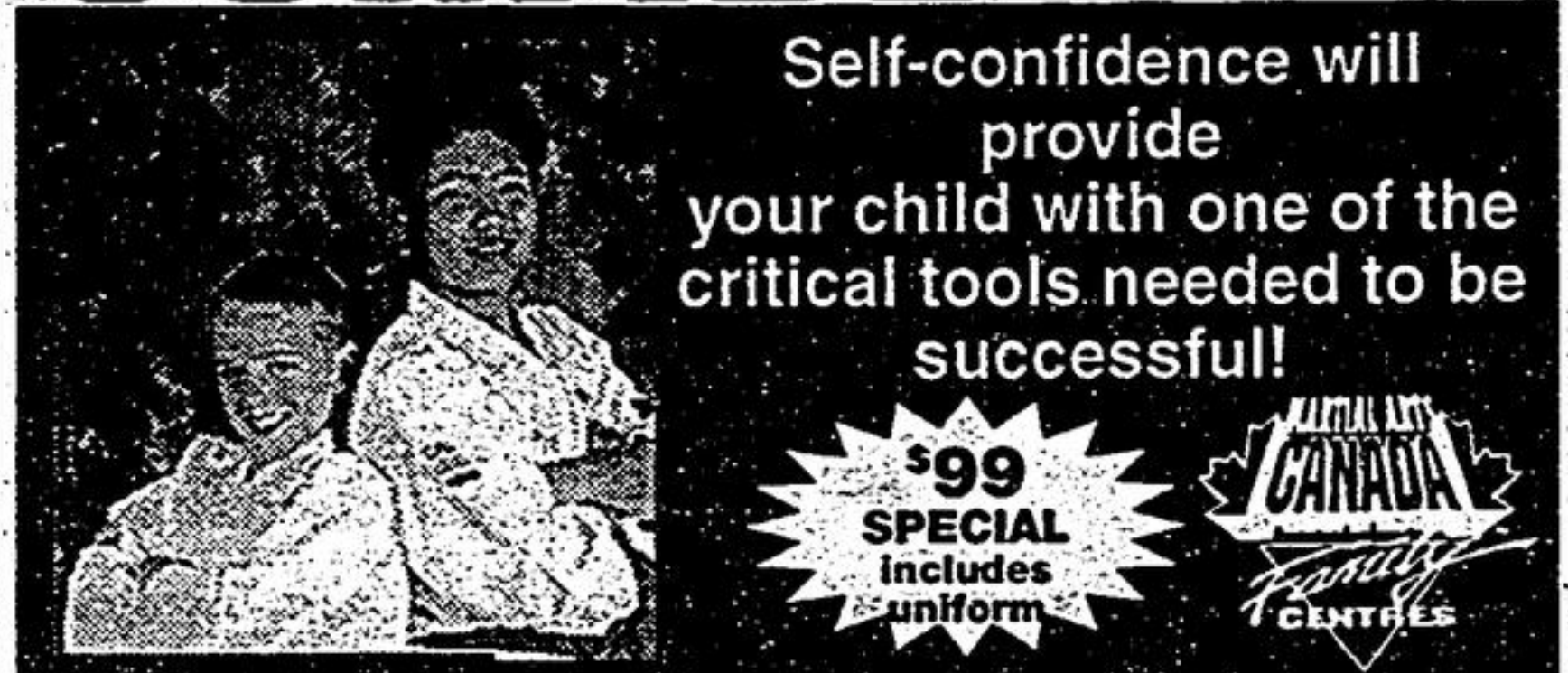


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DATED at Newmarket this 10th day of May, 1997.

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