

A VIEW FROM THE WOODS

A youthful perspective. The following is a selection of quotes from grade 7 and 8 students in Brockville, taken from entries to an essay contest held to highlight National Forestry Week in May 1987. The theme was "Why are Forests Important to Us?" Ranging from the humorous to the profound these comments afforded us a glimpse of the ideas and attitudes being formed in a whole new generation of Canadians. It would pay us to listen.

"In Canada we are fortunate to have an abundant supply of forest land. Sometimes people take the forest land(s) we have for granted, instead of appreciating them while we can."

"If I had my way I wouldn't cut down a single tree, but I do realize that you need trees to make such things as houses, furniture, and paper ... (but) you should replace what you cut down."

"Without trees it would be very difficult for us to go to school. The trees give us desks, chairs, (and) paper ... this makes it easier for us at school."

"Trees also give people money ... the forest industry employs many

people. More and more people are unemployed these days, making this very important."

"Without lumber in the past the great voyagers would not have been great voyagers ... no one would have discovered the world is round."

On man's historical use of trees for wood:

"... these products helped man to procure food but also provided war which helped keep the population down. But it really didn't help much!"

And finally, from Angela Helmer, a grade 8 student at Toniata Public School: "I have often wondered what would happen if we did not..."

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have trees. - Would our soil wash away? Would all the animals die? Would we die? These are only a few of the questions I have asked myself. I tell myself not to worry because there are people who really do care to keep our forest alive. Maybe I could help?"

Environmentally conscious but also aware of the economic importance of our forest industry these young people will be judging us by the heritage we leave them. Remember, we don't inherit the land from our fathers we borrow it from our children. This article has been presented by the private land forestry section of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Brockville.

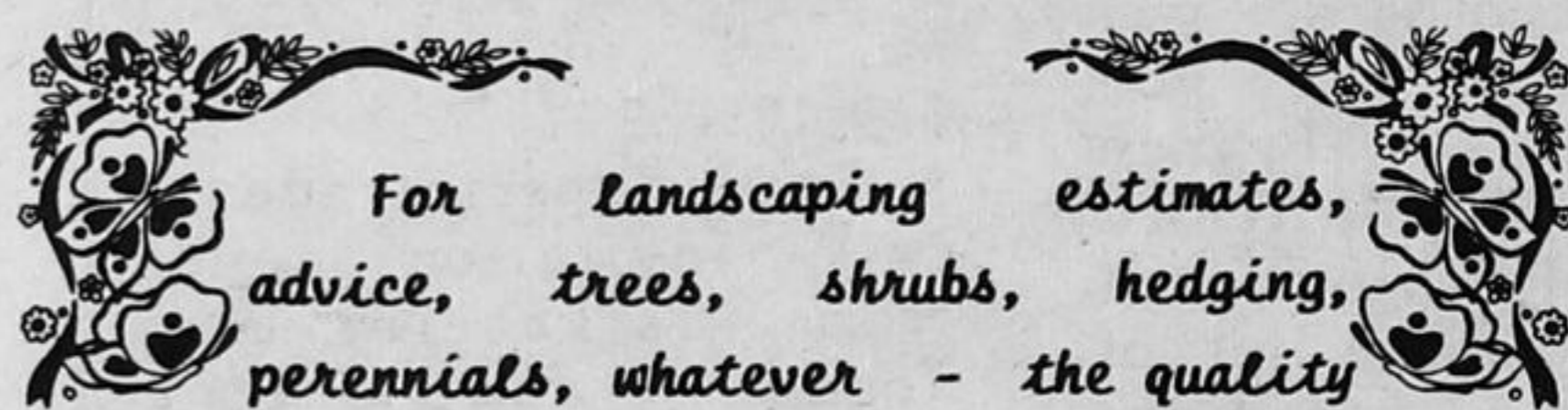


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