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Practise water safety.

## Water safety courses

Safe boating week, sponsored by the Canada Safety Council, came to an end this week but it is hoped that people will continue to exercise safe boat handling practices throughout the balance of the summer water season in order to cut down on the tragedy toll.

Recreational boating continues to increase each year as more and more Canadians become involved in this activity during their leisure time. To prevent needless loss of life and property, this increasing traffic on our rivers, lakes and sea shores must be accompanied by greater awareness of safe boating practices.

Principal cause of boating accidents can be attributed to carelessness on the part of the operator. Overloading or improper loading of small boats, lack of knowledge for safe operating procedures and improper use of equipment too frequently results in serious accidents.

Boating accidents can be controlled through safety education supported where necessary by law enforcement to make pleasure boating what it should be... a purely pleasant recreation.

In the Port Credit-Mississauga area, a first-class water safety training course will be in operation all summer long on the Credit River with expert instructors to teach all

those who choose to take advantage of this opportunity.

The Canadian champion Mississauga Canoe Club, in co-operation with the Mississauga Parks and Recreation Department, is handling the water safety course on the Credit again this year with four of their top paddlers giving their time and effort each day to help others learn the proper procedures on the water.

Pat Jamieson and Bonnie Buchanan will be on hand each day to help the girls with their water safety instruction while canoe club coach Mac Hickox and Chris Garner will look after the boys. Each of these paddlers is highly qualified to teach others how to handle a boat properly since they have all played a major role in the Mississauga Canoe Club's four straight Canadian championships.

The first water safety course started this week on the Credit River with others to follow. This service provides a great opportunity for all boys and girls over the age of nine years to learn how to handle themselves properly in the water.

Just drop down to the Canoe Club any morning after 9:30 a.m. or in the afternoon between 1:30 and 4 p.m. But, don't delay, get your name in soon while there is still time!

## Traffic signs ignored

What is the point in putting up traffic signs if they are not going to be enforced?

There are two examples here in Mississauga, and one very recent one where signs posted to control traffic are being flagrantly ignored.

The recent example is the "No Heavy Trucks" warning on Mississauga Road. Council went to considerable effort to take over jurisdiction of Mississauga Rd. (from Springbank to the Q.E.W.) from the County of Peel. It did so following residents' complaints that heavy truck traffic — much of it using the residential

street as a short-cut and weigh-scale by-pass — presented a danger to children.

A casual drive along Mississauga Rd. at almost any time of the day will find large trucks still lumbering along paying no heed whatsoever to the truck ban.

A trip (by car) along Mississauga Rd. last Thursday shortly after noon hour was spent following a fully loaded gravel dump truck the entire distance from the Dundas Highway to the Q.E.W. At one point along the route two heavy works vehicles from the Ontario Department of Transport joined the cavalcade.

Rush hour turn prohibitions where Gordon Drive joins Queensway West are also being ignored by motorists. The sign here was also put up after council acted on complaints from residents.

The signs were erected for valid reasons. Surely council should follow up their decision by assuring that they are obeyed. As they are now, the signs are next to useless.

## Letters...

### SAY works for kids

Sir: It has come to my attention that there has arisen much lament and worry among members of the so-called older generation concerning the evils pursuant to allowing literally thousands of young people to sit idle during the summer months.

Perhaps these people feel that idle hands will tempt their owners to commit mischief. This may well be so, in theory, but it isn't necessarily the rule rather than the exception.

I am a high school student involved in the Summer Assistance to Youth (SAY) program, now operating in the Mississauga area. SAY is a co-operative organization run by young people to help young people. All of us who sign up for the SAY program pay a registration fee of \$2 thereby buying a share in the operation.

One of SAY's objectives is to find summer employment for its shareholders. Last year SAY found some 840 jobs. If that is any indication of this year's projections it will most certainly be another banner year.

I have already had one job from SAY sources. I worked for two days planting trees and made \$30 (that's \$2 per hour). Jobs are coming in all the time and anyone at loose ends this summer can still sign up for the program at SAY headquarters, 574 Lakeshore Rd. E. It's an old Texaco service station, right across from the Dominion store.

Another concern of SAY is the provision of volunteers for community service. This year, SAY personnel canvassed for the Salvation Army.

The third principle of SAY is the provision of entertainment for the young people of Mississauga this summer. To this end, there is being planned a coffee house arrangement which will be housed in the headquarters building itself. Already in progress are regularly scheduled art, drama, and journalism workshops. For further information on these call either of the two SAY phone numbers, 274-3341 or 274-3348.

Finally, there are in the works plans to hold a SAY Day sometime soon, the object of which will be to gather together into one body the entire membership of SAY (which now numbers of 300) to explain to them the finalized plans concerning SAY's overall summer strategy.

If your readers are young people who are simply vegetating this summer I would advise such people to look to the SAY program.

Yours truly,  
 G. Lister.

### Will it reduce pollution here?

Sir: I read with great interest the article in today's paper regarding the change over by Ontario Hydro from coal to natural gas.

Is it possible, I wonder, if these plans are going to reduce in any way the pollution in the Lakeview area, caused by floating particles?

I have resided in the Port Credit area for well over 12 years. When I first arrived here from England the air was clean, and pure. I hear people used to have cottages in this area now all we have is pollution.

My wife can dust the furniture, and in a couple of hours, it's covered by a white, fine dust. Even an air conditioner doesn't help too much. Also there is the terrible smell from the oil refineries and the starch works. But these comments of mine are old news. Everyone who lives here is well aware of the situation.

But they seem to want to correct the situation. Thank you for the chance to have my say.

Yours sincerely,  
 J. W. Lea,  
 1042 Enola Ave.,  
 Mississauga.

### What about Queensway?

Sir: There is a great deal of rumor and uncertainty about the Queensway Extension Route and size.

We think it would be a public service if your paper could report on this, perhaps showing a map of this new thoroughfare and the estimated timing of it.

We hope that you may consider this worth doing.

Yours truly,  
 Ronald Boise,  
 M. G. Cornell.



Pleasant valley site (above and below) looks unpleasant now.

(Times Photo by Rick Turban)

## Sacrificed on the altar

Editor's Note: The following is an open letter to Mayor R. W. Speck and members of Mississauga Council from James Galley, former spokesman for the Pleasant Valley Trailer Camp homeowners which died a lingering death here some time ago.)

Dear Sir & Madam:

It is with reluctance that I request the Town Clerk, to remove the name of this Association from your mailing list. By now, it must be obvious to all, that the interests of the original residents of Pleasant Valley, the 336 citizens of this Town of Mississauga, have been "written off" by council and the owners of Pleasant Valley. Here we have had 226 adults and 110 children exorcised from their home and place of residence, and the lands remaining are a fitting tribute to the corruption of the public good of all the citizens of Mississauga.

Overgrown with weeds, an eyesore at the entrance of this thriving community, you will excuse us if we hope that this blight remains for a long time to remind the people of the town, how unjustly their fellow citizens of Mississauga were sacrificed on the altar of a \$10,000,000 (ten million dollar) false idol, that turned to salt.

We would like to thank the many people who tried to help us in our darkest hours, and hope that this charade will never be repeated in a democracy such as ours.

Yours sincerely,  
 Jas. Q. Galley.

## Fed up with postal service

Sir: The old adage, "the mail must go through", come high water, rain or snow, has long gone. Today it is, "I wonder if the postman will come today." It is most exasperating.

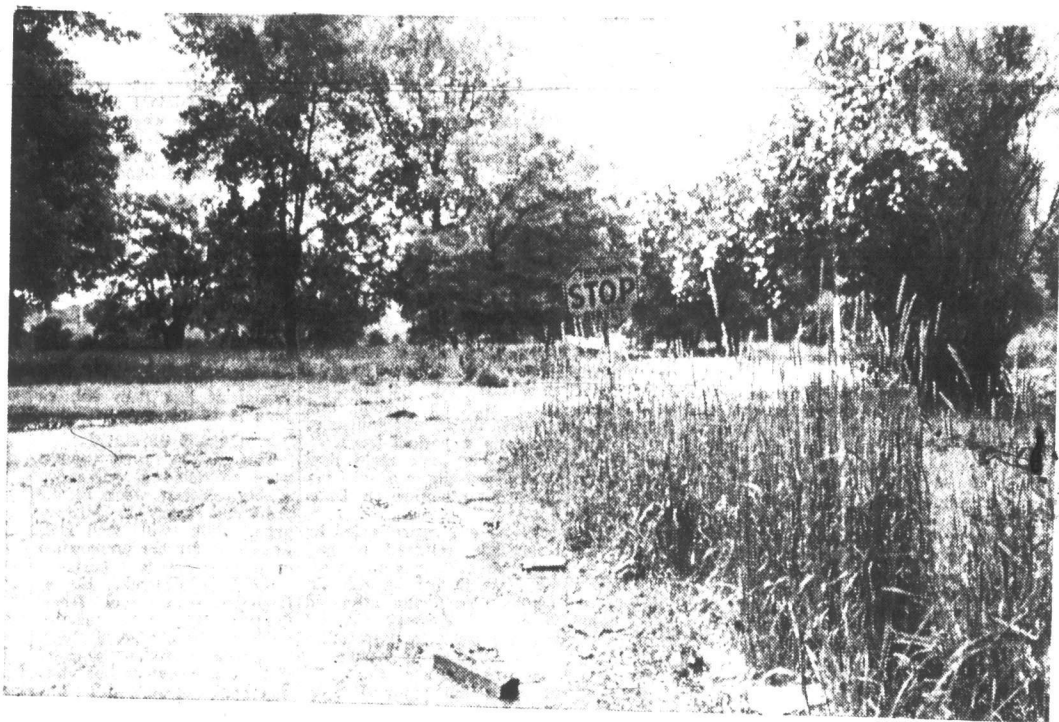
At first the posties had the sympathy of the people, but the way things are now, that sympathy is getting a little worn.

When it takes a whole week for a first class letter to come from Malton to Port Credit, that is ridiculous. It is time the government stepped in and took a firm stand, not only in the postal strike, but in any strike that hits the economy of the country.

How they ever expect the postmen to accept only a six per cent raise, when they allow other unions 21 and 32 per cent, do not know. We all like extra money, but some of the unions are going too far. And it is a bitter pill for the non-unionized white collar worker to take. He just has to sit by and watch others get the gravy while he has a struggle to pay for it all.

This off again-on again strike is getting us nowhere, except in a terrible mess. It is time both sides took definite action to end the chaos before the economy gets into a worse mess.

Yours sincerely,  
 Fed Up,  
 Port Credit.



## Cost of health care in Canada will be reduced: John Munroe

OTTAWA — Four developments in a continuing program to implement cost-cutting recommendations contained in the Report of the Task Forces on the Cost of Health Services in Canada were announced July 2 by National Health and Welfare Minister John Munroe.

The developments are contained in a progress report prepared by the steering committee composed of members of the Secretariat that guided the efforts of the health task forces investigation.

The steering committee has recommended a sub-committee be established to include representatives of the health professions and consumers, to work with the steering committee. This sub-committee would advise on matters concerning the implementation of some of the recommendations in regards to timing, economic impact and other factors.

Dr. J. M. LeClair, Deputy Minister of National Health and Chairman of the Committee on Costs of Health Services, stated membership of the steering committee had been broadened to include representatives from British Columbia and the prairie region.

Representing British Columbia is Dr. K. I. G. Benson, Director, Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, Victoria. The prairie representative will be named at a later date.

Dr. LeClair also said the steering committee has asked all provinces to nominate co-ordinating officials for the implementation of recommendations.

All recommendations contained in Volume one of the task forces report are being reviewed by the steering committee, with the view to developing possible techniques for implementation.

### ACTIVITIES

In preparing the progress report the steering committee studied a number of briefs and recommendations from interested parties. The committee has established a

program of activities which includes:

- setting up some 60 target areas to achieve impact within the health care system;
- a time schedule for impact;
- benefits from impact;
- reports on areas where impact has taken place;
- started development of specific reports re danger areas in costs;

The progress report covers as well implementations and changes made to date. Some information has been obtained on the changes relative to health care costs.

In reviewing the implementations and changes that have taken place, the committee has noted that the development of community health planning is proceeding and the use of allied health professionals in the practice has been undertaken. Other observations of the committee include: increased development and use of incentive programs; meetings with the medical profession concerning the economic impact of their decisions; structured review by the provinces of utilization rates and lengths of stay; implementation of regional planning concepts; acceleration of group purchasing (drugs and supplies); increased use of patient care classification in concert with other consultative services; the organization of regional groups

to improve co-ordination and grouping of purchasing and services to reduce costs.

### TASK FORCE SECRETARIAT

G. B. Rosenfeld, head of the Task Forces Secretariat, is now responsible for the activities of the steering committee. Other members of the steering committee are: Dr. G. Graham Simms, Executive Director, Nova Scotia Hospital Insurance Commission; E. P. McGavin, Commissioner of Finance, Ontario Hospital Services Commission; and Jean-Paul Marcoux, Director General, Quebec Hospital Insurance Services. Federal representatives are Dr. D. F. Marcoux, J. E. Osborne and Dr. R. W. Tooley.

## New Horizons in Local Government

by Elmer Wright

Our forefathers came to Canada to start a new way of life. They came from diverse situations. Many left crowded cities for the freedom of open spaces and fresh air. Others sought ownership of land. Many others fled from restrictive political situations.

Whatever the reasons, the primary objectives were to acquire "Homes."

There were no taxes, there were no roads — no power lines, telephones, postal services, nor schools.

There were no stores, no plazas, no factories, no insurance companies, no libraries — just rivers for transportation or a broad back.

Corn was ground by hand within each household. Settlers cut through the dense bush to establish communication.

The settlers realized that waterpower could be used to grind corn and that supplies could be obtained more effectively through traders — and so the first stores and grist mills came into being.

The point to be remembered (and which has been forgotten by the powers that be) is that the settler came first, and that the store and mill had only one purpose — to serve the need of the settler.

The paths were kept up by the settlers but, again, it was found that "statute labour" had certain drawbacks — and so "rates" were levied to maintain the paths, and the settlers appointed "Pathmas-

ters" — the forerunners of our road superintendents — and highway commissioners.

Again, we must remember, that the rates had only one purpose — to provide essential services to the HOMES, in terms of paths, culverts and bridges.

Representatives were appointed who became members of councils later, but originally there were no councils.

How have we drifted so far that we can be told by employees of ours, that if we don't like it — sell our home and get out.

It reminds one of the Arab who permitted his camel to stick his head into the tent — eventually pushed the Arab out. Truly, the cart is in front of the horse.

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