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Why Spray The Marsh?

It was reported in last week's edition of the Mississauga News that the township intended to spray the Rattray Marsh as part of its weed control program.

An old-timer who has lived many years in the Clarkson area, and who has spent many happy hours watching the bird and animal life, snorted with disapproval when he learned of the intentions of township weed inspector Bob Holmes.

"What on earth do they expect to accomplish?" he asked. "The only vegetation of any account in the swamp are the bulrushes. Maybe they are a noxious weed, but I doubt it."

But he reserved most of his scorn for the proposal that a spraying program could be effectively carried out. He wondered how they proposed to penetrate the depths of the swamp in order to spray - unless it was done by aircraft. Which makes us wonder if Mr. Holmes or members of his staff have actually walked across the heart of the swamp.

We tend to side with the Old-Timer. This area is remote from residences which might be contaminated with weeds which might, or might not exist in the swamp. Nature has been looking after weed control very successfully for uncounted centuries before the Clarkson area became populated. Furthermore, has anyone surveyed the possible loss of wildlife in all its natural forms that might result in the swamp by the devilish intrusion of weed control officers? Why spray the marsh. Why not let nature, in its own quiet way, pursue the course that it knows so well?

Happy Holiday

When most Canadians think of Dominion Day they conjure happy thoughts about this first holiday of the summer season. Its a day off for golf, a picnic, fishing, gardening or what have you.

The reason for the holiday has become so obscure in some people's minds that they would like to see it observed on the following Monday to allow for a long weekend. To do this would be to remove the significance of the date.

It was on July 1, 1867, that the British North America Act came into effect, and this day is, consequently, the birthday of the Dominion of Canada. It is ironic that this Act, designed to unite the provinces of Canada, and accord them self-determination within the terms of reference of the Act, is now in jeopardy. However, on this birthday a brave new flag flies over Canada for the first time, and possibly the conflict that today threatens the foundations of our unity may yet be resolved successfully.

In the meantime, have a Happy Holiday!

To The Parents

With the days growing longer, and the Summer holidays only a breath away, great concern has been expressed by many Fathers and Mothers about the safety of all the children in this area.

It has therefore been decided by the members of the Park Royal Community Association to write a letter and emphasize ROAD SAFETY and how to accomplish an accident-free summer for YOU, YOU and YOU!!

We are reprinting this letter here since it touches a matter of vital concern to all parents everywhere:

It may not always be possible to prevent your youngsters from running across the roadway, but you may bless the moment where you draw your child on your knee and tell him or her of the tremendous dangers that peek around every corner, or from behind parked cars, while they are playing on the street.

One cannot expect us to tell you how to instill in your children the necessity to always be aware of road dangers, but by giving you some assistance, together we may be able to "get the message across."

Sign - Have small children unattended or out of sight - Make sure they are playing in a safe



- supervised area. Take turns with equally interested parents to keep your eyes peeled.
3. Tell your youngster repeatedly. NOT TO RUN ACROSS the street in an attempt to meet his friends or the "good humour man," without looking several times each way. Tell him or her that if he or she does not do this, he may never reach the other side of the street, ever!!
 4. Do not allow toddlers to run after these street vendors without supervision. When allowed to buy something GO WITH THEM!!
 5. Make sure your youngster is home at dark. No self-respecting parent would leave his children outside after sunset!

TO THE MOTORIST:

Whether you drive a "Cadillac" or a "Compact," a "Hot Rod," or a "Scooter," your's is a tremendous responsibility!!

A good driver saves lives all day . . . a bad driver kills, sooner or later!

When coming home from work, dog tired, remember that lively kids are crowding the streets, care-free, and careless.

Children trust YOU, never deceive this trust by "racing around the corner." It matters not whether you are a lady driver, a male driver, or an over-enthusiastic teen-age driver. You should ALWAYS drive with common sense.

Slow AWAY DOWN MAN, when you observe that street vendor with his "Yummy Truck". Odds are a child is just about to run across the street, coming from nowhere, in spite of the pep-talk they just received from their parents.

REMEMBER . . .
DRIVE WITH CARE

Letters To The Editor

Dear Sirs:

I would like to express, in a short note, my enjoyment and pleasure in reading the first issue of your newspaper. I have been a resident of the southwestern section of Toronto Township for many years, and have always felt that what was needed was a local paper that gave us more of the news about what is happening in our area. I enjoy cooking. Give us more recipes and more articles like "How To Cook Bulrushes."

Mrs. M. R. Caulfield.

Dear Mr. Editor:

You have an article in your paper regarding plywood swimming pools. It showed a picture of a round pool. Would it be possible to see this pool, as we would be interested in building one, if it didn't cost too much. Could I buy plans for such a pool?

Our family enjoyed your paper and wish you success.
A Local Resident.

Dear Sir:

Betty Clarkson's article was one of the best local articles I have read in some time. I also enjoyed reading

about the Government Inn. I my memory serves me correctly, this building existed until about 20 years ago. I think that at one time it was used by the Sea Scouts in Port Credit. And it may be the building that I was asked to install some insulbrick siding on, at least a decade ago. Can Mrs. Clarkson tell us what eventually happened to it?

L. Crawford Smith

To The Editor:

Please put me on your subscription list. At our home we all enjoyed reading your first issue. One of our daughters with spring said, "Give us more about the Shamokins," but for me, just give the kind of news you presented last week. Congratulations.

Mr. C. L. Warner.

Dear Sirs:

I have just finished reading your paper and I would like to know why you decided on Tabloid size. My opinion is you are automatically swallowed up by the bigger newspaper editions.

Good luck to you all.
Critical Reader