

was the top of his head, wearing what appeared to be in spite of the warm weather, a fur hat.

"Yeah", she continued, "A lady living alone got to be careful. All them hippies, you know"—she looked piercingly at the apprentice, still wearing his leaves—"If any of them gave me a cross word, I'd just holler to old Jack, and he'd tear him limb from limb. He's old, but he's powerful, and you should see him climb a tree!"

We expressed satisfaction that she had such a re-assuring presence nearby, and again looked in old Jack's direction, curious to see this tree-climbing bodyguard, who wore a shako in the summertime, and who ate berries with all the delicacy of a combine. This time we could see him in profile, and thought had no sooner come to us that he was the homeliest looking man in Canada than we realized that old Jack was a grizzly.

Any good light meter would have disclosed that we turned several shades paler, and a chemical analysis would have shown that eight knees had turned from flesh and blood into rapidly vibrating jelly. Woman-like, she sensed this, and laughed. "Now, don't be scared, boys—he won't bother you, till I give him the word. Now I'm just picking berries for a pie. Do you want to come for dinner? I'll get old Jack to bring in a fish."

I explained in a high falsetto that, by a tragic coincidence all of our grandmothers had passed away at the same time, and we had to leave at once for Vancouver. Our faces contorted with grief, we walked backwards to the jeep, and drove off at high speed.

It was a chastening experience. Clearly,

## Damage To Farm Equipment (Ontario Regulation 807)

In late 1973, an exchange of correspondence took place between the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and the office of the Surveyor General. Copies were directed to the Minister of Agriculture, the Minister of Natural Resources and to this Association.

In essence, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture advised that survey monuments were causing damage to farm equipment and that surveyors should be held responsible for such damage. The Federation proposed that the problem could be resolved by adequately marking the monuments with stakes standing at least 6 feet above ground or alternatively, burying the monuments to a depth of 18" below the surface.

The reaction at that time may be summarized as follows:

1. Wood markers would be impractical.
2. Buried monuments could possibly

the lady was not only unafraid of grizzlies, but kept one as a pet— or perhaps slave would be a more accurate term. She probably fired a crew of ranch-hands the day poor old Jack came shambling, all unsuspecting, into the camp. As a matter of masculine pride, we could no longer take our former anti-bear precautions. We left the guns at camp, the apprentice came to life again, and I gave up my track shoes. Such is the influence of a good woman.

**The End.**

surface as a result of continued cultivation.

3. The position and elevation of monuments were governed by Regulations and a surveyor could not be held responsible for obeying the law (so to speak).

4. Since monuments mark not only the limit of a (e.g.) road widening, but also the new limit of the farmer's ownership, the farmer's responsibility in locating and protecting such monuments is two-fold, i.e. boundaries known and equipment spared.

5. The Association is reviewing the regulations governing monumentation and would take the problem into consideration.

In late 1974, no action having been taken by this Association, further enquiries from the Federation were relayed to the Association through the Surveyor General's office.

Accordingly, Council passed resolutions authorizing the Chairman of the Survey Zone to draft a proposal for an amendment to the Monumentation Regulations (O. Reg. 807), distribute same to Council for comment and to consolidate any comments into a final draft for submission to George Babbage, Chairman of the Legislation Zone.

These steps have now been accomplished and the proposal for an amendment states, in essence, that where, in the opinion of an Ontario Land Surveyor, the placing of a monument could cause damage to equipment operated by farmers in the normal pursuit of their livelihood, the surveyor may plant a monument such that the top surface of the monument is not less than 12" below the ground level.

The proposal will be transmitted to the Surveyor General for his consideration and action. In the meantime, however, all members of the Association are urged to exercise the greatest care and consideration when planting monuments in arable land, in order to help resolve this serious and continuing irritation to farmers in the province.

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