

Tony Meyer, of 361 Oakview Street, East Kildonan, holds his two-year-old female coyote, Bonny, while his three-year-old daughter Jeanine pets the animal. The coyote, which is kept at the Meyer residence, was the subject of a petition presented to East Kildonan council Monday night by residents who want the animal moved.

# His Pet Coyote Creates A Howl

By FRED CLEVERLEY

"You'd complain too, if you had the thing howling back of your house all night," moaned Mrs. Joan Pacholek, who lives next door to East Kildonan's only privately-owned coyote.

"How come East Kildonan has a bylaw preventing anyone from keeping rabbits, but lets that animal live here for two years?"

The coyote's owner, Tony Meyer of 361 Oakview Street, went to East Kildonan's council meeting Monday night. He presented a petition with seven names asking council to let him keep the animal. Last week, a petition with 21 signatures asked council to order the coyote out.

## HE CAN KEEP IT

Mr. Meyer can keep the coyote just as long as it doesn't bite anyone, or bother anyone. He has a letter from the city, telling him just that. Last year the city sold him a dog licence for his coyote. But this year it said he wouldn't need a licence.

The two-year-old female coyote was picked up by Mr. Meyer near Lundar, Man., as a pup. She is kept chained in the back yard of the Meyer home.

Here are some pros and cons in the matter.

**Complaint:** Children are not safe near the animal.

**Answer:** Mr. Meyer's own children play with it.

**Complaint:** The howling.

**Answer:** The animal is kept indoors at night, and does not howl.

**Complaint:** The coyote killed and ate a kitten last year.

**Answer:** The kitten was trying to catch fish which Mr. Meyer

keeps in an outdoor pond. "If their animals can fish, mine can hunt." The kitten was not eaten, he said. In fact, he turned it over to police.

Neighbors aren't going to drop the matter. Mrs. Embree McDermid said she is convinced that council would do something — if the coyote was moved next door to an alderman's home.

## Free Press Meetings

Meetings to be held Wednesday in the Free Press building include: board room No. 2, ladies' auxiliary, Job's Daughters (Bethel No. 1), 2 p.m. board room No. 1, executive committee, women's auxiliary, Associated Canadian Travellers, 8 p.m.; board room No. 2, Manitoba Chess Association, 7:30 p.m.; clubroom, British Wives Club, 8 p.m.

## Rail Yard Blamed For

Transcona council has established a committee to investigate complaints of damage to homes following blasting by Peter Leitch Construction Ltd. in the CNR yards.

Mayor Thomas Copeland said Tuesday that nine or 10 homes had been damaged. He claimed



**BONNIE COYOTE AND JENNIE MEYER**  
Bonnie guards the fish-pond

# 'If Your Cats Fish My Coyote Can Hunt'

Anthony Meyer's problem was how to stop neighborhood cats from eating his tropical fish.

His solution was to chain his pet coyote Bonnie beside the fishpond in the yard of his home at 361 Oakview Ave., East Kildonan.

## NATO Talks End Today?

ISTANBUL, Turkey (CP)—NATO ministers discussed disarmament Monday in a city bristling with steel-helmeted troops and tanks.

(Reuters news agency reported the NATO foreign ministers were expected to cut short their three-day 15-nation meeting by one day after quick agreement on Western policy. They were believed ready to wrap up their discussions with a final communique today, summing up the West's approach to the East-West summit conference in Paris May 16.)

Regarding Germany, the ministers were reported to have approved a plan challenging Russia to let the German people choose between unity and continued division of the country.

Canadian External Affairs Minister Howard Green emphasized the need to maintain the momentum of the disarmament talks.

The minister felt that the talks must be moved in the direction of specific measures.

The Canadians also wanted more private and informal meetings. Possibly the Russians would resist this suggestion if they were mainly interested in building a public record.

## Crossing Mishap Fatal To Trucker

ARNAUD, Man. (CP) — One man was killed and another seriously injured in a truck-train collision shortly before noon today near this town 35 miles south of Winnipeg. Names of the men are not yet known.

Reports indicate a soft-drink delivery truck hit the second or third car of a Canadian Pacific Railway freight train at a level crossing on the CPR line from Winnipeg to Emerson on the North Dakota border.

The train was not believed derailed. The injured man was reported to be in serious condition in Morris hospital.

Anthony Meyer's neighbors have two problems: how to keep their cats alive and how to sleep at night over the howls of the fish-watching coyote.

The neighbors' solution was to throw the whole matter into the reluctant laps of East Kildonan council.

The council Monday night revealed it has received two petitions from residents on the street — one for and the other against the animal being kept as a pet. And some residents signed both petitions.

### Didn't Bite Child

Mr. Meyer and his wife appeared at Monday's meeting to defend Bonnie against complaints. He said a report that the coyote had bitten a child was not true.

Bonnie had killed a neighbor's cat, but she hadn't eaten it, as the neighbor told police.

Mr. Meyer said he had raised the coyote from a two-day-old pup and she would "definitely not hurt anyone."

"I have a pool full of tropical fish in my back yard," Mr. Meyer said, "and all the cats in the neighborhood have been fishing out of my pond.

"So I tied the coyote next to the pool to keep the cats away. The neighbors cat came over to fish out of the pool and the coyote killed it. If their cats can fish then my coyote can hunt."

Other residents of the street who appeared at the meeting told the council that Bonnie's howls are enough to drive anyone crazy.

### "Who Calls?"

Edward Pacholek of 365 Oakview told the council that one night his wife had to throw potatoes at a bunch of dogs to keep them from howling along with the coyote.

"They built a doghouse for her," Mr. Pacholek said, "so now she stands up on top of the doghouse and howls. I go out to call my kids and the coyote answers me. This is enough to start me thinking about selling my house."

P. F. Byars, secretary-treasurer, said there was no bylaw which stipulated whether or not the animal can be kept.

not being on the government. Nearly 1,500,000 white voters over the age of 18 will vote in the referendum — but not the 1,500,000 mixed-race citizens or the 10,000,000 Negroes.

### Dismiss Negroes

The Johannesburg Star reported, meanwhile, that factory owners in the Rand area have been ordered by the government to remove a total of 2,450 Negroes and 100 coloreds from their jobs in the domestic appliance industry and replace them with whites.

The newspaper said this was "one of the most far-reaching acts of job reservation yet framed."

## Voting Age Cut Studied

By Christopher Young

Tribune Ottawa Bureau

OTTAWA — A commons committee today agreed to give serious consideration to a proposal that the voting age be reduced to 18 before the next federal election.

Frank Howard (CCF—Skeena), who was a member of the B.C. legislature when the province reduced its voting age from 21 to 19, threw out the suggestion more for the sake of argument than with any hope of action.

But after several Conservative members of the commons committee on privileges and election expressed interest or approval, Mr. Howard said he felt a duty to make a formal motion.

A mild dissenter was Liberal M.P. Jack Pickersgill, who was named after a Tory premier of Ontario. He explained:

"I have a very, very, very slight bias against this. I belong to a family that was traditionally Conservative, and if I'd had to vote at the age of 18 I would have made one of the great mistakes of my life. By the time I became 21 I had reached a different conclusion."

Mr. Pickersgill said he would not burden the committee with his personal reminiscences except that he thought his was a common experience. Young people "between the ages of 18 and 21 have not formed their views with care, he said.

The committee agreed to defer a decision till later this session.

## Red Infiltration

TOKYO (Reuters) — A total of 15,000 Communists are believed to have infiltrated into Japanese government offices and industries, according to the public security investigation agency.

# Coyote Sitting Tight, Has Law On His Side

A frustrated East Kildonan council learned Monday night that the law was not going to help it get rid of its single resident coyote. So it voted to ask the province to change the law.

A detailed letter from city solicitor Fraser Campbell said that council could get rid of the animal if:

1. There were two coyotes involved instead of one.

2. It had done something more vicious than biting a cat. (Ninety per cent of all dogs, thought Mr. Campbell are vicious enough to bite a cat, so how could this be held against a poor coyote.)

3. It were a public nuisance. (But howling at night, as the coyote does, doesn't make it any more of a public nuisance than local dogs that bark or children that cry.)

4. The animal were running loose. (But evidence showed the animal was kept confined by its owner, Tony Meyer, at 361 Oakview Street.)

The health department might get something on the animal from the point of view of its odor, the solicitor suggested.

Two weeks ago, the city council received a petition from 21 residents of the area asking that the coyote be banned, and council had asked Mr. Campbell if East Kildonan had the authority to prohibit the keeping of the animal in the residential area. A delegation of eight residents returned to the meeting Monday night.

East Kildonan was not prepared to forget the matter. It passed re-

solutions that:

- The city take all steps necessary to have the situation straightened out.

- The city ask the government to amend the municipal act to provide that no person should keep a wild animal in an urban area.

- The health officer make an investigation of the odor and see what could be done.

## He Hates Mud At Housing

Ald. Donovan Swailes told Winnipeg city council Monday that he was concerned about the "terrible, hideous mess of mud" around the Troy-Chamberlain housing development — a frequent target for civic opponents of low rental housing.

"Officials of Central Mortgage told me the developers were all ready to complete the playground and parking developments as soon as the city finished installing water and hydrant services."

Ald. Swailes's information was passed on to city works and utilities committees.

## Christian Science

The truth concerning man brings more happiness than anything else in the world, Friedrich Preller of Berlin, Germany, a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, said Sunday. Mr. Preller spoke at a meeting in the Deluxe Theatre sponsored by the Second Church of Christ Scientist.