

# Letters

## Their 'row' was different

Dear Sir:  
After reading the letter to the editor from the Nancy-Griffon Fund published in the July 2 edition of the Times, I feel obliged, on behalf of the crew of the bateau, to point out that the row from Nottawasaga to Penetanguishene was conducted by Huronia Historical Parks, a branch of the Ministry of Culture and Recreation.

Invaluable assistance was received from the Ministry of Natural Resources and numerous private individuals who provided oft-needed moral support along the way.

The existence of the Nancy-Griffon Fund was entirely unknown to the bateau crew.

Therefore, if the statement that the row was conducted "in conjunction with the Nancy-Griffon Fund Committee" is true, then it certainly must have been a different row from ours.

Sincerely,  
S. D. Wilson  
Historic Naval and  
Military Establishments.

## So much for sick humour

And how did you spend the weekend? Lolling about some beach? Stalking a little white ball around 18 holes of a golf course?

Buried happily in a thick book in a shady place with a cool drink at hand?

Not me. Nothing as conventional as any of the above.

I lost that one thing that a person always needs even when all else fails.

No, not a) their car, or b) their spouse. That was last column.

What I lost on the weekend was my health. Getting sick has become an annual event.

That is, it happens one day in the year. Suddenly I'm down before I know I'm hit. The first thing I'd likely see of a car that hit me would be the taillights.

It takes a sudden attack to remind me of just how awful being sick was when I was a child of public school age. Throwing up is likely as shocking to an adult as a child, but it happens to a child a lot more. Those were the days of chicken pox and measles, in my case.

Being sick the past weekend brought back some of the old memories. It isn't entirely bad being sick when you're an adult. If a change is as good as a rest, being sick is worth two weeks in Florida by my standards.

### Bad stuff

I was sick responsibly, please note. All the bad stuff happened in the early hours of Saturday morning: the stomach ache, the first trip to the bathroom, the second trip to the bathroom, the third....whoops. I found out later that the rug wasn't Persian.

Being sick at one's mother-in-law's is as good a place as any.

The room service is great, whether one is sick or not. I spent the first half of a beautiful Saturday semi-conscious on the top of a soft bed.

The afternoon I spent stretched out on the back seat of the in-law's car, on the way to my parents' for a pre-arranged dinner.

While my parents and my wife and mother-in-law got on famously during supper, that is, the evening meal, or dinner in other homes, I laid myself on the old couch on which surface I have likely spent more time than the time I have spent on any job I've ever had.

I had the good sense to get married recently. Because I did so I had a young bride to periodically fuss over me. My mother got out of that habit years ago. Maybe the fact that I am 28 has something to do with it.

### Shower

I had to put in a brief appearance later in the evening at a shower for my wife put on by a neighbour. Being slightly feverish and happy to be able to stay out of the bathroom for hours at a time is a great way to prepare for a social engagement. I was very relaxed.

Everyone understood why I didn't make much of a speech after the presentation. It was because I had been ill. Not because I don't talk.

Sunday morning I was well on the road to recovery. Saturday I got by happily on water, gingerale and ice cream. I started Sunday with toast, celebrated midday with two bowls of soup, and by night was eating greasy fish and chips. My fever seemed to be gone, my joints didn't ache.

Monday morning when I got up I felt a lot better than I have on most recent weekday mornings. I proved myself to be a responsible employee: spending my sick time over a weekend.

I've tried to keep this as serious as possible. There isn't a great appreciation among the general population for sick humour.

## Major task completed

# TTPPB hands over amended plan to local councils for approval

by Rod Deacon

Members of the Tiny-Tay Peninsula Planning Board gave final approval to the modified Official Plan at their regular meeting last Thursday evening.

After six months of hard work, the board feels it has reworked the original OP, submitted to Queen's Park in March, 1979, to everyone's satisfaction. The plan was recalled from the Ministry of Housing late last year for revision following objections from the two townships.

The new draft Official Plan will be forwarded to the planning boards and councils in Penetang, Midland, Tay and Tiny townships, Port McNicoll and Victoria Harbour for approval. The six member municipalities of the area planning board have been asked to respond by the end of August.

The modifications to the original planning document need the approval of five-sixths of the municipalities before any amendments

can be forwarded to the Ministry of Housing. Last Thursday the draft OP received unanimous approval from the 12 TTPPB members in attendance. A two-thirds majority is

required.

If the area board's designated municipality—Midland—has the required five-sixths majority responses by Labour Day, Midland council members will be

able to enact the enabling legislation (a bylaw) at their September 8 meeting. Then the amended Official Plan could be formally sent back to the Ministry of Housing.

## Work on schedule at sewage plant

A series of province-wide labour disputes this year has yet to seriously retard construction at Midland's sewage treatment plant.

Commissioner of Works Percy Ehler said Monday construction is "essentially on schedule." About 20 per cent of the work is done.

In the near future work will spread into four areas: the clarifiers, or settling tanks, which have been under construction for some time; aeration tanks; chlorination area; and a sludge building and control building.

At least five major unions are represented in the project's work

force, and three of them have sought or are seeking a new contract.

The labourers were out for about two weeks in early June, the carpenters just returned to work Monday, and the steel men, although not withholding their labour, are negotiating for a new contract, and were forced into idleness in part when the carpenters, who build the formwork, were off the job.

Mechanical workers and electrical workers, Ehler said, employed in the construction are members of two other major unions represented in the project's work force.

## \$12,000 damage to truck in mishap

A Penetanguishene-area man has been charged with operating an unsafe vehicle as the result of a dump truck he was driving plunging down Con. 16 in Tiny Township, crossing Champlain Road, and stopping some distance into Penetang Bay.

The truck was loaded with gravel and the estimate of damage is set at \$12,000.

Midland OPP says the driver, Timothy

Charlebois, 26, of R.R. 3, Penetang, received minimal injuries.

The truck went through a shallow ditch before entering the water. The frame, box and engine were severely damaged, according to the police report.

Time of the accident was 2:25 p.m. on July 2. Owner of the dump truck is Sabin Charlebois.

## Heavy damage

Some \$4,500 damage occurred to vehicles involved in a two-car smash-up last Thursday afternoon, Midland OPP report.

Vehicles driven by Angela Newham, 45, of Port Severn and Fred Rudat, 71, of Whitby were involved after the Newham car was struck

from behind on Highway 12 at the northbound ramp to Highway 69.

Rudat was charged with following too closely. His vehicle sustained \$3,000 damage while the other car received an estimated \$1,500 damage.

## Funeral this afternoon for Jack Martin

Funeral service will be held this afternoon at Lynn Funeral Home, Midland at 2 p.m. for the late Jack Martin who died at home Monday following a lengthy illness.

The Bay Street West shoe store operator leaves his wife Gladys (nee Ney) and son John along with grand-

children Stephen, Scott, Jason, Denise and Linda.

The late Mr. Jack Martin took a keen interest in the affairs of Midland and since 1927 to 1952 he had operated a taxi business in town and later operated an ambulance service here.

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