

"Information is the hallmark of democracy"

## Their job isn't our cup of tea...

NOT LONG AGO a burglar alarm was triggered at a nearby law office in Midland and within minutes (although it could have been within seconds) police were on the scene...one at the front door of the establishment while the other took up a position at the rear.

Nothing came of it but we couldn't help feel the town was in good hands that night.

Mind you there must be times when our readers feel their town isn't in the best of hands what with the amount of speeding that goes on and the vandalism too.

But for the most part our policemen are doing what they are paid to do.

If you are upset at what they are or are not doing let their superiors know.

By the same token if you are pleased they should know that too. You see it is too easy to knock our "men in blue."

Why not? They are conspicuous when in uniform and it is easy to put the knock of them even if you so happen to be the guilty party.

No, we wouldn't have wanted to walk up that back alley last week, in the dead of night, to check on that burglar alarm.

Would you? Think about that the next time you verbally abuse a policeman to his face or behind his back.

Their's is a job that has to be done...it's a thankless one for the most part...but one, we repeat, that has to be done if there is to continue being a semblance of law and order in our town; in any town.

## A tough decision

IT IS DIFFICULT to believe, Penetanguishene Secondary School will not be fielding a senior football team this fall.

Over the year, PSS' big red and white machine has dominated many a football game, and in turn has won its share of honors.

However, the decision has been reached to opt for more intramural football at the school this year due to the fact it appeared only a handful of grid-iron types would be suiting up this year from last year's squad.

So this will be a building year of sorts at the school and we just don't happen to think it is a sin to get out of the football limelight for a year or even a year or two.

Coaches at the high school have decided to give young players a chance to come up through the ranks and gain experience through in-

tramural play.

So don't think for a moment all the razzle-dazzle has gone out of the school...it has just begun.

We like the idea of the coaching staff implementing an inner-school league which will feature teams consisting of seven players apiece.

These touch football teams will allow would-be footballers a chance to get a feel for the game without facing the roughness of the real thing.

Who knows maybe PSS and Midland Secondary School might combine some day down the road to field one team consisting of the best from both schools. What a power-house that would be.

In the meantime, our hats go off to the coaches at PSS. Their's must have been a tough choice to make...but from where we sit it seems quite reasonable and well thought out.

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## Letters

### Special youth program coming

Dear Sir:

From Oct. 4 until Dec. 15 a group of young Canadians and Malaysians will spend 10 weeks in Midland.

This group is part of the 1980 Canada World Youth educational exchange.

During their stay, the young people will be working as volunteers with a number of organizations in the Social Service field.

Host families will be required from early October until mid-December. Families will be paid \$70 per week to cover the costs of billeting two participants. Billeting families are asked to spend time with the participants and treat them as part of the family.

Participants understand that they are not there as guests but are to help with chores as any member of

the family. We feel that family life offers participants the best opportunity to learn about Canadian customs and lifestyle.

It also gives them a needed support in a new environment. On the other hand hosting participants is a good opportunity to meet and interact with young people who come from a different culture and way of life.

Experiencing their friendship, their songs, dances and food, etc. is both educational and fun!

Anyone interested to become a billeting family or to learn more about the project should contact Claude St-Pierre, Canadian group leader at 526-9333.

Claude St-Pierre  
Group leader

### Onus again placed on government

Dear Sir:

Open Letter

Hon. James Snow, Minister,  
Transportation and Communications,

Third Floor,  
Ferguson Block,  
Queen's Park,  
Toronto, Ontario

I am amazed at your silence on the C.R.T.C. ruling which permits Bell Canada to substantially increase its rates and charges.

As you must be aware, there is strong evidence that the C.R.T.C. exceeded its authority in granting certain parts of the increase.

Surely, you're not going to leave it solely to citizens' organizations, like the Consumers' Association of Canada and the Public Interest Advocacy Centre, to make the costly court challenge against the C.R.T.C. ruling.

As the representative of 8 million people and the most powerful intervenor in the hearings, your government should be taking the lead in appealing that questionable C.R.T.C. decision.

You must be aware that the 13 per cent Bell rate hike, plus other increases, will take another \$200 million annually out of the pockets of Ontario consumers. You must know, also, that Bell's profits jumped by 26 per cent last year after a 30 per cent increase in 1978. These must be matters of concern to you.

The new increases aggravate the great difference between rates in Ontario and comparable size cities in the prairie provinces where the systems are publicly owned. The contrast is evident in Ontario, also, when Bell rates are compared with the municipally-owned system in Thunder Bay. For your information, I've attached a comparison of rates in a number of representative cities throughout Canada.

They provide strong evidence in support of my leader's call for provincial ownership of the telephone system.

Out of hand, you rejected the public ownership solution. Surely then, this places an onus on your government for special protection for the consumer

against rate gouging by the private telephone monopoly. At the fall session, you should introduce legislation for a 'public advocacy agency' to provide this special protection.

In the meantime, on behalf of my party, I urge you to take two immediate steps:

1. File an appeal with the Federal Court of Canada to block the general increase in pay telephone charges from 10 cents to 20 cents, as well as the increase in certain long distance charges.

2. Appeal to the Federal Cabinet to reduce the 13 per cent general rate hike.

Your government has implemented a restraint program on hospitals, social services and most other expenditures under your jurisdiction. It's high time that restraint program applied to the rate structure of grant monopolistic corporations like Bell Canada.

Yours truly,  
Mel Swart, MPP  
Welland - Thorold

### Agricrew says thanks

Dear Sir:

As the end of the Agricrew '80 program approaches, I wanted to thank you for the coverage that you have given this program.

I really appreciated the publicity you were able to supply, and I'm sure that some of the good response to Agricrew was due to your interest.

Although the demand was a little slack in some areas at the beginning, I'm happy to report that all the crews were booked in advance for the last four weeks, and I have had quite a few disappointed farmers I have had to turn down.

Thank you once again for your interest and help.

Yours very truly,  
Sandra Wachnuik  
Agricrew '80 Co-ordinator  
Simcoe and Dufferin Counties

### Congratulations to Tiny Twp.

Dear Sir:

I'm pleased with Tiny Township's Parking By-law but feel we need more, especially on the "Tenth Concession," and First Street right through to all the beaches.

I feel it is now Tiny's or Balm Beach Chamber of Commerce job to put in proper parking facilities for the cars.

You have to live at Balm Beach to see the damage done to our beautiful waterfront.

I suggest any one to walk along our beachfront

Sunday evening or Monday morning and see the garbage left on the beach roadways.

The public has never had such a beautiful vacation area but continues to abuse the use of it.

We need all public walkways and beachfront cared for during the summer by our summer students through Ontario grants.

The parking lots could be opened and fees charged daily or hourly and supervised.

We live year-round and hope to continue doing so and fight to keep our Tiny Beaches beautiful.

Thank you.

Mrs. M.J. Hayes

### EHS Reunion a success

Dear Sir:

On August 24 a second very successful Elmvale High School Reunion was held at the arena.

The Organization Committee would like to thank the Elmvale Lance for the coverage given this event. We feel this publicity was partly responsible for the attendance of many former students.

The committee was more than pleased with the response and are already planning the next reunion to be held in August 1985.

The Committee  
E.H.S. Reunion  
Audrey Guthrie

### What's Your Opinion?

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