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A young man's tough courage

YOU SPELL courage — Terry Fox. He's an extraordinary young man who has taken the hearts of we Canadians.

His Marathon of Hope was intended to raise money to help fight an insidious foe — cancer.

He had raised more than \$2 million in his coast to coast march but as luck would have it, cancer was found in his lungs last week and he was flown home to BC for treatment.

Yes, you spell courage — Terry Fox. Terry's run has been an inspiration to all of us.

Calling it off, for at least the time being, has been a bitter disappointment to Terry who has already lost his right leg to cancer.

Terry Fox is the stuff dreams are made of...he's

already a folk hero and his name will live on for decades to come.

This determined young man with his odd little hop can be justifiably proud he had covered 2,000 miles of his cross-Canada run.

We know in our hearts if he can conquer lung cancer he'll return to North Ontario where he had to abandon his run to again resume his courageous Marathon of Hope.

For our part we can hope Terry will come out the winner in his battle.

He has made us all winners for he has turned public apathy about a dreaded disease into front page news where we hope it will stay until cancer is a thing of the past like polio and the plague.

Yes friends, courage is spelled: TERRY FOX.

Some observations

EXACTLY two months from today voters in Ontario will be going to the polls to elect their municipal councils, school board trustees and members to public utility commissions.

Already a number of incumbent members of council here have indicated their desire to seek re-election while the rumour mills are full of names of other would-be candidates who are considering seeking public office.

Now's the time for newcomers and oldtimers alike to seriously consider the role they can play in the life and times of our communities.

There's a job to be done and it is essential dedicated, concerned taxpayers come forward.

If you feel your current council(s) has served you well then those incumbent

members who seek re-election should be acclaimed. However if you have been dissatisfied now's the time to A) offer to stand for office, or B) convince someone you know and trust to seek office.

Municipal affairs is a serious business and requires top-notch talent to give of their free time. Will you?

YOU STILL have time to attend today's Red Cross Blood Donors' Clinic at Penetanguishene Secondary School.

From 1:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. today, the clinic spear-headed by the Penetanguishene high school's student council will be counting on you.

This year's goal is 350 pints of blood. It is in short supply following a busy Labor Day weekend which took its toll on the Blood Bank at Toronto.

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Letters

Feels Hall report was vindication

Dear Sir:

The Hall Report on Medicare is a vindication of concerns expressed by the NDP over the last two years.

It is an acknowledgment by an impeccable, neutral expert that these problems do exist and that positive, constructive action is required by both Federal and Provincial governments.

Mr. Justice Hall has endorsed our position on the abolition of premiums and extra-billing practices. He has accepted our proposals for changing roles for health practitioners such as nurses and for development of preventative programs and community clinics.

In brief, the report reflects an emerging consensus that Medicare in Canada has some serious flaws which require adjustments if we are to provide good quality health care to our citizens.

The federal allegations of fund diversions appear

as groundless now as when first voiced by the Federal Minister.

It would appear that Ontario doctors have incomes 25 per cent in excess of the national average for physicians. (Mr. Justice Hall estimates a net of \$48,000 and Ontario Minister of Health, Dennis Timbrell estimates \$56,000 for general practitioners and \$68,000 for specialists.)

In summary, the Hall Report has substantiated our concerns and points the way for change. We cannot be satisfied now with more meetings and reports.

The problems have been clearly documented. Perhaps the Report could have pursued the alternatives more aggressively but they are also clear.

We now await not only a response from Health Ministers but also, finally, some action.

Mike Breaugh,
MPP for Oshawa

Platt to seek re-election

Dear Editor:

I am today announcing my intention to seek re-election on Nov. 10 as one of the three councillors for the new East Ward of the Town of Midland.

The present council has worked well together. We have not always agreed; but our disagreements have generated debate from which sensible decisions have emerged.

I thank all of my colleagues, on council for the spirit of compromise and co-operation which has made the 1979-80 council a success.

Services have been maintained at a level which most ratepayers consider adequate and taxation has been kept at an acceptable level considering the rate of inflation.

The 5.6 million dollar sewage plant expansion has started, the municipal building has been restored following the fire and both these major projects have been absorbed into the tax structure without unacceptable distortion.

A new zoning bylaw has been passed which is designed to protect the amenities of the Town and to promote controlled growth.

I have several continuing concerns on council which I hope to promote over the next two years.

Budgetary procedures need to be revised to give council greater and more effective control over financial planning. This process has begun and I hope to participate in its completion and to continue to keep taxes at an acceptable level.

The Town needs a development control bylaw to protect its environmentally sensitive areas such as the waterfront, Little Lake Park Watershed and the Heritage Area from uncontrolled development.

I intend to work to get such a bylaw passed and to continue to promote progressive planning and zoning policies in the Town and in the Tiny-Tay Planning area. Commercial development on Highway 27 is a continuing problem area. Midland ratepayers spend millions of dollars annually in this area but not a penny returns to the Town in the form of taxes from this large assessment.

Sound planning requires that negotiations be opened with Tiny Township towards shared cost

agreements so that when this area becomes part of the Town of Midland, as eventually it must, huge servicing costs will not be faced by Midland ratepayers.

I have much enjoyed serving the people of Midland on council for the past four years and I hope they will permit me to continue to serve them for another term.

Richard Platt

Parade chairman seeks entries

Dear Sir:

Fellows, Gals, Businessmen, Club Members, Churches, Individuals:

We in Elmvale and surrounding area are very proud of our area, town and particularly our Elmvale Fair. Because of the excellent co-operation we have had over the years, the spirit of our fair has remained high in spite of miserable weather.

Again this year we plan to hold a parade on Saturday, October 11th (Thanksgiving Saturday) and are asking the support of everyone who might enter a float in our Promenade of Colour which leaves the Public School at 12:00 noon and wends its way to the Elmvale Fair Grounds.

This parade features bands, antique cars, and machinery, decorated floats, decorated bikes, decorated horses, fair queens and novelty entries.

We do have prizes for the best decorated floats, bikes, and horses and there will be a hospitality hour for all adults after the parade (the location to be announced later when all arrangements are made).

Would you please contact Frank Archer or George Allen at 322-1101 or 322-1281 during the day regarding an entry.

Sincerely,
F.G. Archer

A special thanks to Joe Brunelle

Dear Sir:

Once again the summer holidays have come to an end and the school aged children will soon be back in class.

For many of the younger kids, this summer has been fuller and richer due to the daily activity of the second annual Year of the Child Fishing Derby held at the Penetanguishene Town Dock.

The Fishing Derby, that ran daily from 9 to 12 a.m. daily, seven days a week throughout the entire summer holidays, was presided over by Mr. Joe Brunelle.

Joe, as he is known to the kids, unselfishly donated his time every day to the Derby; arranged for weekly prizes for the biggest fish, a lifeguard to be in attendance daily, a fishing trip for ten of the kids on the dive boat, The Seeber III (owned and operated by Mr. G. Carroll, who donated his boat,

enlisted his wife and son's help, provided lunch and a prize of \$5 for the biggest fish caught on the trip.)

He also arranged a movie and awards presentation at the Pen Theater; not to mention helping the kids bait their hooks and remove their fish when necessary.

In return, Joe has asked nothing, but as a parent of two boys that took advantage of Joe's help, understanding, patience, kindness, time and above all his unselfishness, the very least I can convey on behalf of the parents and kids is a well deserved THANK YOU JOE!

Yours truly,
Dianne and Jim Burt

Parade scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday

Midland Fall Fair's school children's parade will leave Midland dock area at 1 p.m. Friday and work its way up King Street to Yonge, along Yonge to Frederick and into the fair grounds.

There will be a bevy of prizes for best costumes, decorated bicycles, wagons and ponies. A trophy will also be awarded to best marching school.

What's Your Opinion?

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