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"Information is the hallmark of democracy"

You can control your purse strings

THERE ARE very few families or individuals who have not been affected by continuous increases in the cost of living, and more people find it necessary to set aside larger portions of their earnings for purchasing basic necessities such as food, and fuel for heating and transport.

When people are overheard discussing the rising costs of these goods, the summary opinion is usually that the average individual can do little about the situation, and by taking such an attitude, those people make the prophecy self fulfilling.

After all, if you convince yourself you cannot change a situation, you won't try and undoubtedly the situation is unlikely to change.

But in fact there are things anyone can do to at least alleviate the impact of inflation, and in the process can perhaps help change the nature of it.

One important step is to make an individual or family budget, and teach yourself to stick to it.

Most people, in spite of inflation find money to spend on items, which if they thought about it, they don't really

need. By eliminating some of the unnecessary little luxuries from their purchases, it allows more money for the necessities.

Another thing individuals can do to help themselves through the inflationary cycle is to be aware of "specials", particularly in the area of food purchases. Don't be afraid to stock up on an item if you have facilities for storage.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, every individual has the right to write their political representative at Queen's Park or Ottawa to make them aware of his or her personal feelings on the subject of inflation and the economy.

Those representatives are elected to serve their constituents, so it's up to the constituents to let them know whether or not they are doing the job.

If they aren't, the voter by way of his ballot has the ultimate instrument for pressuring politicians into improving his or her performance.

But to take the approach that nothing can be done to improve on the current situation is wrong and self defeating.



Photo flashback

This is a familiar February scene in Penetanguishene. This photo snapped years ago shows Penetanguishene Winterama parade working itself down Main Street. Notice the flags.

Notice the crowds. Do you have a photo flashback you'd like us to publish? If so please drop it off at our Penetanguishene office. Once it is printed it will be returned to you.

Letters

Our readers say...

A renewed mandate in HAMR

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Huronia Association for the Mentally Retarded, I would like to thank the many generous members of this community for their support in our recent Opportunathon.

This tremendous financial assistance will enable us to meet the costs of our ongoing programs, and allow us to initiate desperately needed new programs in order to provide continued service to the mentally handicapped of this area.

The Association interprets the success of Opportunathon as a renewed mandate and as a statement of strong belief in the worthiness of the service which we provide.

Again, I wish to extend our sincere thanks to the citizens of all our local communities whose generosity enabled us to realize the joy of surpassing our objective of \$25,000.

A successful Opportunathon has been your op-

portunity to share, and now provides the opportunity for the mentally handicapped to continue to grow and remain a part of our community.

Helen DeCarli, President
Huronia Association for the
Mentally Retarded

MSS progress reports coming

Dear Sir:

On Friday, Oct. 31, the students of Midland Secondary School will be getting an early "Trick or Treat". Just three weeks before the first term examinations, all M.S.S. students will be bringing home a progress report which is intended to give parents a general indication of their children's progress.

At this stage in the school year, grades such as A, B or C are used; it won't be until the December 19th report that percentages will be given.

J.D.L. Moore
Vice Principal

This letter says it all

Dear Sir:

Thanks for everything...

We would like to express our gratitude to all persons who generously donated to us. Thanks to all merchants of Penetang and Midland who helped us during our hard times. We greatly appreciated your concern.

Sincerely,
Trent and Tara Poole

Feel PCs doing job

Dear Sir:

In reference to the article division in P.C. policies: Joe Clarke and Doug Lewis stand for honesty and integrity.

Compare this to the Trudeau, Davis axis whose every motive and action are bathed in questionable ethics.

Sincerely
Verne Rumney

What's Your Opinion?

The Midland Times, The Penetanguishene Citizen and Elmvale Lance welcome Letters to the Editor. They must be legible, signed, (by hand) and carry the writer's address and telephone number for verification purposes. Pen names are not allowed and anonymous letters will not be published. All letters are subject to editing for length, clarity, good taste and libel. It should be noted letters that are typewritten and brief have the best chance of being published.

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Chief offers safety reminders

Friday night is Hallowe'en and for all the witches and goblins who will be out and about, here are some safety tips from Penetanguishene Police Chief, John Geere.

First and foremost, the chief says wear bright clothing. This allows motorists to see you and slow down as they approach. Another suggestion is not to wear a mask if possible. Masks can and do obstruct your vision; makeup will work just as well and is less dangerous.

The chief of police urges children not to cross roadways but to travel up one side then down the other and finally, ask an adult to accompany you. Then if problems arise, the grownup can help.

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