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"Information is the hallmark of democracy"

An opportunity missed

THE ASSOCIATION Canadienne Francaise de l'Ontario recently held its regional convention in Penetanguishene at Centre d'Activites francaises and part of the proceedings was a scheduled open forum on the French high school issue; ideally between both French and English speaking residents.

Unfortunately, no English speaking residents showed up!

It is difficult to understand why, when an opportunity to air opinions on such a crucial issue was presented, not one person from the English speaking community appeared.

Surely there is enough

feeling and concern about the local issue to have warranted some sort of representation from the Anglophone segment of the population.

The forum set up at the ACFO convention was designed, not as an arena for confrontation, but instead to be an opportunity for a frank and honest exchange of views, for input from both sides of the debate and most importantly, for face to face "communication" between French and English citizens.

It would appear the gesture by ACFO organizers to invite input from English people of Penetanguishene was a genuine and positive one and it is unfortunate that such input was not forthcoming.

Must accept responsibility

NOT LONG AGO, a Penetanguishene woman wrote a letter to Penetanguishene Arena, Parks and Recreation Department, relating an incident in which someone entered an arena dressing room while her son was playing hockey, and literally destroyed his new jacket.

Understandably, the woman was upset because the jacket was worth \$35, but she also questioned whether anything could be done to prevent future such incidents.

The board and arena officials have since offered only sympathy and a recommendation that minor hockey officials arrange to have locks placed on dressing room doors when the rooms are unattended and their teams are using the facilities.

The board is following this route in part because in the past, the arena has attempted to look after the locking up of dressing rooms, but problems arose with locating keys or people responsible when needed and it was felt minor hockey officials should look after their own affairs.

This attitude by the arena parks and rec board may seem somewhat silly in light of the circumstances.

It may very well be the arena has made efforts to prevent this type of incident in the past and perhaps it is time various hockey associations looked after their own security measures.

However, the first line of responsibility must lie with the arena and its staff because it is after all their home turf!

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Down Memory Lane



The Beck family of Penetanguishene

This is the Beck family of Penetanguishene. Photograph was taken during the early 1900s. Front row from left are: Alfred, George and William. Middle row from left: Emilia, Charles, wife Emilia.

Back row from left: Walter, Mary, Lovina, Jake and Charlie. Do you have a photo flashback you'd like us to publish? We'd like to hear from you. All prints will be returned following publication.

Letters

Our readers say...

Parade chairman says thanks

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Midland Civitan Club I would like to say thanks to the groups and individuals who worked so hard to make Saturday's annual Santa Claus Parade in Midland such a tremendous success.

To have the opportunity to be the parade's chairman is an experience that will not be forgotten.

There was one hitch. Last year we made arrangements to have treats at the Windrifter for 100 youngster and only half showed up.

This year we lined up treats for 125 and more than

twice that many showed up...some of the young people having to be turned away.

I apologize to Mr. Galt and the youngsters as this was very embarrassing for him, the youngsters and their parents.

Please note, downtown merchants paid for the treats and the awards for which our club is very grateful.

See you all next year.

Dick Ivens
Midland Civitan Club
parade chairman

Many thanks to Midland OPP

Dear Sir:

On Tuesday night, December 2, I had the occasion

Running costly

Dear Sir:

In my recent attempt to gain a seat on the Simcoe County School Board as Ward 13 Trustee, I spent \$457.75 on advertising, \$176 on radio and \$281.75 on newspaper ads.

This serious attempt was made in order to secure safer transportation for our children, safer teachers for our children and teachers dedicated to our children.

I have been encouraged to remain in contention, so, if health and wealth do not fail me, I shall.

Yours sincerely,
Verne Rumney

to be stranded on County Road 25. The Midland detachment of the OPP were contacted, and made available all their expertise and assistance to me, as to towing and actually taking me back out to my vehicle. If it were not for them, I would probably still be out there, digging my car out.

This situation brought home to me the terrific job that the OPP do in all their work. The little bit extra effort on a routine job makes all the difference when dealing with the public. To my mind, the OPP and, in particular, the Midland detachment, bring that extra effort to their jobs.

Thank you again, to the OPP and the towing service, for remedying a touchy situation with great efficiency.

James Robb
Midland, Ont.

Thanks

Dear Sir:

At a recent Provincial Red Cross Conference in Toronto, Mrs. Esther Addison, Convenor for Red Cross Visiting and her assistant Mrs. Betty Grieve, were asked to give a report.

To have so many press clippings, illustrating our work, added a great deal. Thank you very much for your response to our invitations to the Huronia Nursing Home.

Through your interest, we hope readers will become more familiar with the nursing homes and hospitals and will find the pleasure we find, in visiting. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Huronia Nursing Home
Red Cross Visitors

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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