

"Information is the hallmark of democracy"

Issue has gone on for too long

MUCH HAS BEEN written and said concerning the ongoing saga of whether or not to construct a new French Language high school in Penetanguishene.

Ministry of Education is committed to building a totally separate high school while other factions in the town are either for it or deathly opposed.

The issue has hurt the town. It has separated family and friends and there appears to

be no end in sight.

There has to be compromise if this issue is ever to be settled.

We would hope the year 1981 will be THE year for compromise and that this issue will not go on for yet another year without a workable solution being found.

It is no exaggeration when we say this issue has gone on far too long to have it fester for yet another 365 days!

Winterama-1981; pulling together

OVER THE YEARS Penetanguishene's annual Winterama has attracted thousands of people to the town from far and near.

As one of the oldest annual winter carnivals in Ontario it has often set the trend for other winter carnivals not only here in Huronia but right across the province.

Penetanguishene Winterama-1981 set for late February is to take on a western theme and from all reports the idea has already been well received.

Organizers also plan to

involve more and more young people this time around.

Their enthusiasm should generate one of the biggest and best Winteramas to date.

Organizers are counting on plenty of volunteer help and labor to make the winter carnival a "go" again.

Individuals, church groups, service clubs, businesses and the like can do their part by lending a hand to make certain Winterama-1981 goes over well.

With everybody pulling together, it will.

Our New Year's wish to you...

AS WE PREPARE to bring in the new year we would like to take this opportunity to thank our many valued readers, advertisers, carriers and correspondents for making 1980 the success it was.

During the year your community newspaper took on

a new look yet at the same time every effort was made to keep its content fresh and current.

We look forward with you to the year 1981 with the hope that the new year will bring with it peace and happiness. Happy New Year...

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Down Memory Lane



Penetanguishene sports scene

Over the years Town of Penetanguishene has had some exciting sports teams and clubs. Best known for its baseball and hockey, the town has always rallied behind its teams including this baseball club coached years ago by Mike Dubeau, seen

here going over the line-up prior to a key game. Have you a picture you'd like to see published here? If so, please contact the editor. All pictures will be returned upon publication.

Letters

Our readers say...

Meals-on-wheels dinner was fun

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Contact Telephone Information and Referral Centre, I wish to publicly thank the Huronia District Hospital Board of Directors, the Dietary staff and most especially Mrs. Suzanne O'Halloran.

Their participation with Contact, in providing a most delicious Christmas dinner and their facilities, made a night to be remembered for the recipients and volunteers of the Meals-on-Wheels program which Contact administers.

It was indeed a pleasure for Contact and the Huronia District Hospital to provide this evening as a small token of our sincere thanks to all the

volunteers that so generously give of their time in delivering the Meals-on-Wheels to our shut-ins of the community.

The volunteers come from Calvary Baptist Church, St. Paul's United Church, Knox Presbyterian Church and the Alliance Church.

Without these dedicated people many of our people would seldom see a friendly face and possibly not be able to remain in their homes any longer.

Happiness is helping others to help themselves.

(Mrs. J.W.) Mary M. Gibson
Administrator

Quiet common sense approach needed

Dear Sir:

Constitutional "experts" seem to be as far away as ever from finding a solution to the red-herring urgency which is exercising the great (and some not so great) minds of our politicians, none of whom seem to see the obvious.

They are remarkably like those in the story of the emperor's invisible suit, who described it in tedious detail and left it for the small voice of common sense to point out that he was wearing nothing!

Just so, there is probably no real reason why the musty parchment of the British North America Act could not be left where it now resides.

There are many fictitious but no practical reasons why we need to be concerned about "repatriation," at all.

What authority in the world could prevent us from putting together our own constitution? (although countries like Great Britain have never seen the need for one).

It would certainly be imperfect but could be amended from time to time by the government of the day.

If, as and when the majority of Canadians feel the deep need of changes, they have merely to vote the rascals out!

After all, the posturing which has produced the present impasse, could we now consider the quiet common sense approach?

Let us ask ourselves, "Why not?"

Stanley R. Redman,
Midland, Ont.

Hope you enjoyed the parade

Dear Editor:

This year's Santa Claus Parade is over for another year and I am writing you to say "thank you" for your contribution.

It is hoped by the Midland Civitan Club that you thoroughly enjoyed the participation because we certainly enjoyed sponsoring the parade.

The parade is not losing its momentum, as this year there were over 50 entries and the parades of previous years had the same amount.

However each year more work is being put into the floats and the efforts are very much appreciated.

On behalf of the Midland Civitan Club a big thank you.

Dick Ivens
Parade Chairman

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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