

"Information is the hallmark of democracy"

## New group has great potential

ALTHOUGH THE TURNOUT could have been larger, those who attended last week's organizational meeting to form a new merchants' association in Penetanguishene were able to share common concerns and take the first steps in developing the new group.

From that meeting a steering committee is to become a reality.

The committee will continue to develop guidelines and a policy to meet the needs of the

proposed new association.

The steering committee is to be composed of four members of Penetanguishene Chamber of Commerce's board of directors while six will be picked from those who signed their names to a list last week.

There's a great potential for a merchants' association in the town and those who spearheaded last week's initial meeting are to be praised.

Such an organization has unlimited potential which we saw and appreciated at last week's meeting.

## Easter grass puts town on the map

CHANCES ARE the tinted, shredded cellophane that will line Easter baskets this year will come from Overstrand Industries here in town.

This year the Easter bunny will get a lot of help from a group of patients from the regional division of the Penetanguishene Mental Health Centre.

Each day the workers are driven from MHC to Overstrand Industries in the Penetanguishene industrial mall where they tint, shred and package scrap cellophane.

The net product, the fruits of their labour, in Easter grass used to bed down chocolate Easter eggs and the like.

The program is unique in Ontario and those behind it win our approval.

Packages marked Flopsy Easter Grass are being produced right here in town thanks to the project which

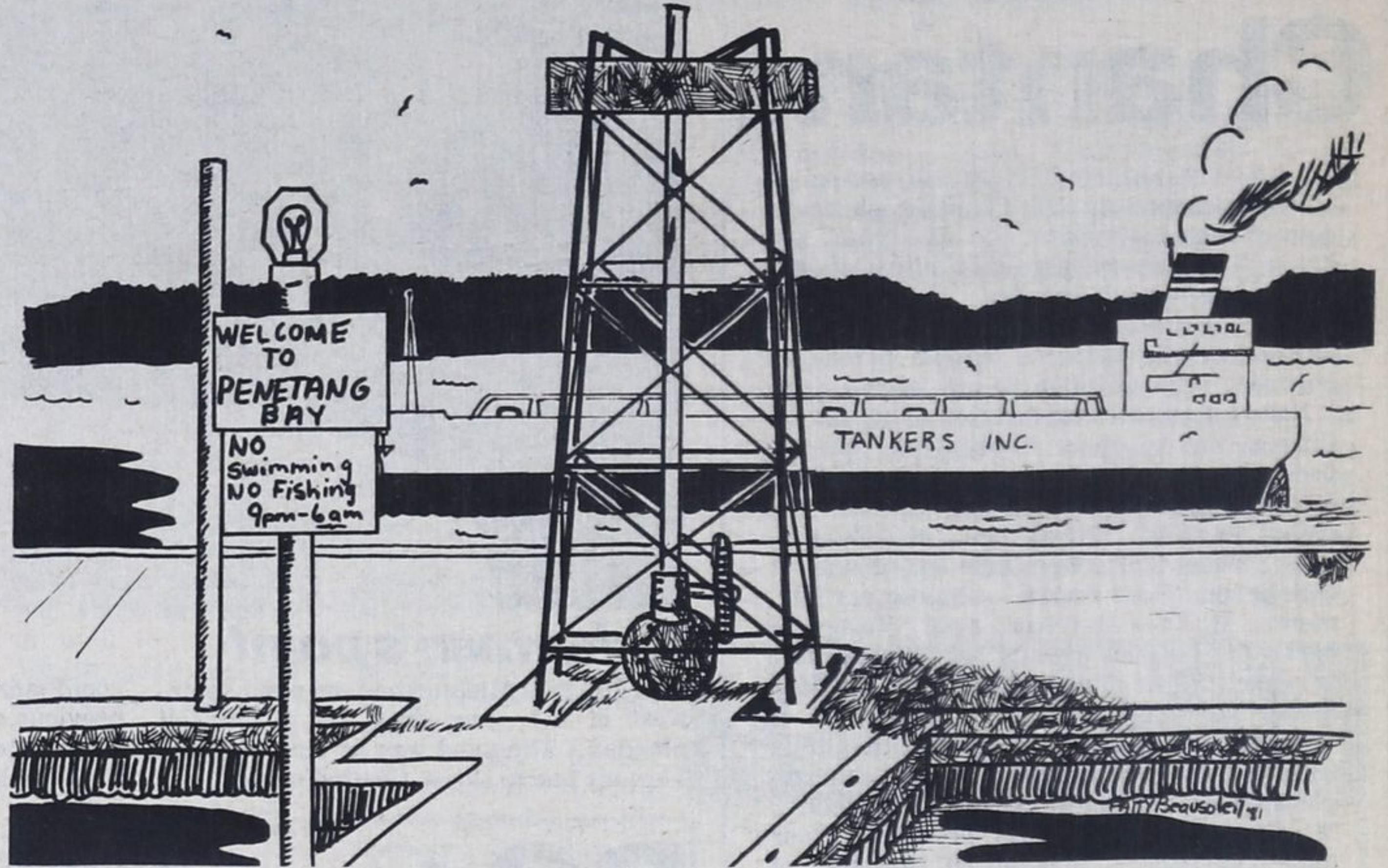
provides patients in the program with a realistic, industrial setting.

Before workers are considered for the community work program, they must first perform successfully for two months in the MHC's workshop.

We applaud the program, we praise those behind the project and we are proud of the fact that both Town of Penetanguishene and MHC are being put on the map as a result of this rather unique business.

Overstrand owner Al Simpson is also to be complimented for employing the group of MHC patients who have been very much part of this unique business.

So the next time you see bundles of that shiny purple and yellow colored grass-like cellophane remember chances are it was produced in Penetanguishene.



'I said oil spill, not let's set up an oil well'

## Letters

Our readers say...

### Red Shield Appeal brass named

Dear Sir:

The Salvation Army, Midland, is very pleased to announce the following members of the "Red Shield Campaign," 1981 for Midland, Penetanguishene and surrounding areas.

General Chairman - Nancy I. Keefe; Honourary Chairman - Moreland A. Lynn; Business Chairman - Mary Gibson; Industrial Chairman - Neville Keefe; Treasurer - Jack McCague; Residential Chairman - Nel Peever; Publicity Chairman - Douglas Reed; Assistant Campaign Director - Joan Schirmuly.

On behalf of the Salvation Army I would like to

thank these leaders of our community for volunteering their time and talents towards making this year's "Red Shield Campaign" a real success.

The month of May is traditionally "Salvation Army Month" throughout Canada and we are looking forward once again to this opportunity of presenting to the public the work of the Salvation Army in this area.

Yours respectfully,  
Raymond Braddock  
Lieutenant,  
Campaign Director

### Writer offers suggestion

Dear Sir:

After watching on CBC-TV, channel 4 Cable, on April 3, about the medical plan and doctors saving that they are underpaid, I have come up with an idea.

First, I agree with the specialist medical man that he required the best of training, which takes in several years of his young life. Secondly, I agree that the number of hours doctors work per week, is many.

I wonder if there was a course in medicine that would give the lesser required years of training for doctors that would be able to treat simple cases much like first aid, maternity cases, and other simple cases.

This would eliminate a lot of pressure on the more serious cases, like heart ailment and surgery, and other similar ailments.

There are so many people treated by the very

### MPP says thanks

Dear Sir:

Although I would have preferred to express my thanks personally to each and every one who in any way contributed to my re-election on March 19th. I hope this message, by way of the media, will find its way to those whom I did not, or could not reach on a personal basis.

To those who voted for me, to those who contributed some part of their time to my campaign, to those who by word or deed lent their support and encouragement, even in the smallest way - I extend my warm appreciation and sincere gratitude.

In addition, to those members of the news media who reported on the campaign: my special thanks for the coverage!

In sending this message, I also wish to take the opportunity to re-affirm my commitment to the citizens of Simcoe Centre and to assure all of my constituents of my renewed resolution to exercise my very best efforts on behalf of the well-being and progress of our community.

I hope that in the years ahead I will remain worthy of the confidence which has been placed in me and a representative of whom my constituents can be justly proud - a task which cannot be achieved without the continued support and help of the citizens of Simcoe Centre.

Yours truly,  
George W. Taylor, QC, MPP Simcoe Centre

skilled physician that an ordinary first aid nurse in a plant often can do as well, if not better.

For instance, during the war I was employed by a large plant of engineering. When I got a hair permanent at a local hairdresser I received, as she called it, a hairdresser's burn (or pull).

She sent me to her doctor somewhere in the block. I went to him and after about 10 days, that sore became so sore that it affected the turning of my head, the neck was so sore and it seemed to be what I would call, like a boil.

Someone at the plant told me to go to the plant first aid nurse. This I did and as I sat in her medical (similar to a dental chair) chair, she pressed the core out of that infection, sprinkled boric acid, a white powder into the sore, then told me to buy boric acid powder from the druggist and apply some of it daily.

During the war there was no medical or drug plan like now. So for about the price of 65 cents, doing what the nurse told me to do for about a week, the sore had diminished and in another week the sore had healed up, leaving a scar that is there to this day, perhaps as proof.

As you can see, even the long trained doctor didn't heal it but the plant registered nurse did. This is what I mean by less trained physicians that would be willing to accept less pay, and do the simple job well.

They could thrive on half the doctors expect these days.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Moreau  
Box 382, Midland, Ont.

## What's Your Opinion?

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