

Seven years of uncollected taxes written off

Close to \$9,000 in total

A list of unpaid taxes dating back to 1974 totalling \$8,583.16 has been written off by the Town of Penetanguishene.

Three of the 13 entries totalling \$7,105.52 are taxes assessed Huronia Park up to 1979 and not collectable.

The finance committee report notes that before the town acquired the park that the park was taxable, but that a clause in the town's lease with the party running the park stated that he was not responsible for paying the tax.

Beck property

The former Beck property was given to the town on the understanding that it would be

used as a park.

When the town leased the park to a third party for \$100 a year, the park became taxable. The town has since taken back the park when the lease ran out, and it is no longer assessed.

Most of the other taxes that make up the \$8,583.16 are business taxes that have proved to be uncollectable because the owner went out of business or left town.

Efforts to collect the unpaid taxes, first through the town's solicitor, and then through a collection agency, did not succeed.

Total

The town has also returned or written off a

total of \$2,672.54 of taxes from 1980. \$1,838.01 of taxes from 1980 were written off and \$834.53 of taxes from 1980 were refunded.

Twenty-eight applications to have taxes from 1980 cancelled, reduced, or refunded were received. The majority of the applications applied to businesses which have closed or moved.

The largest amount, \$324.96, was refunded to Bogda Detambel, of Midland, because a part of his local property was destroyed by fire in January, 1980.

Refund

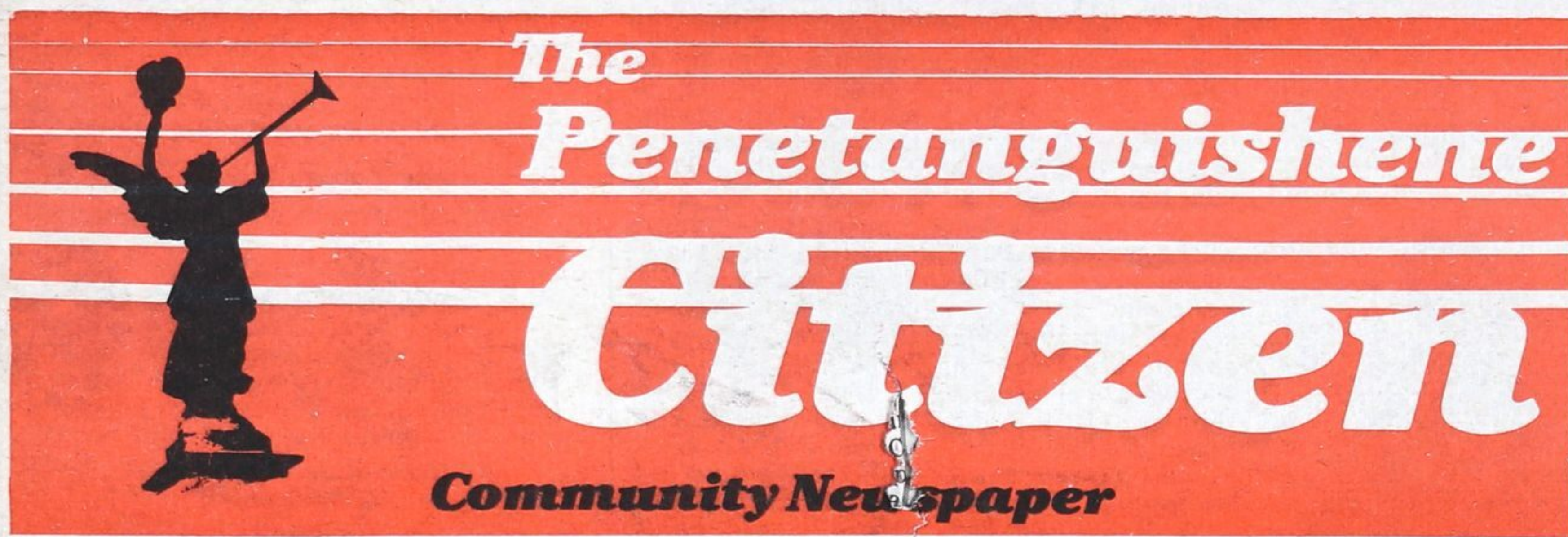
A refund of \$2.42 was granted to Don So Leung Lo, of 102 Main Street, following the

closing of Joe's Barber Shop on Oct. 27, 1980, and its conversion to a residence.

The other applications were for amounts of money falling somewhere between \$324.96 and \$2.42.

Homes and businesses are put on the assessment role in the fall and left there for a year. A refund is due a person for the length of time to the year's end after he has moved, or to correspond with a change of assessment between residential and commercial.

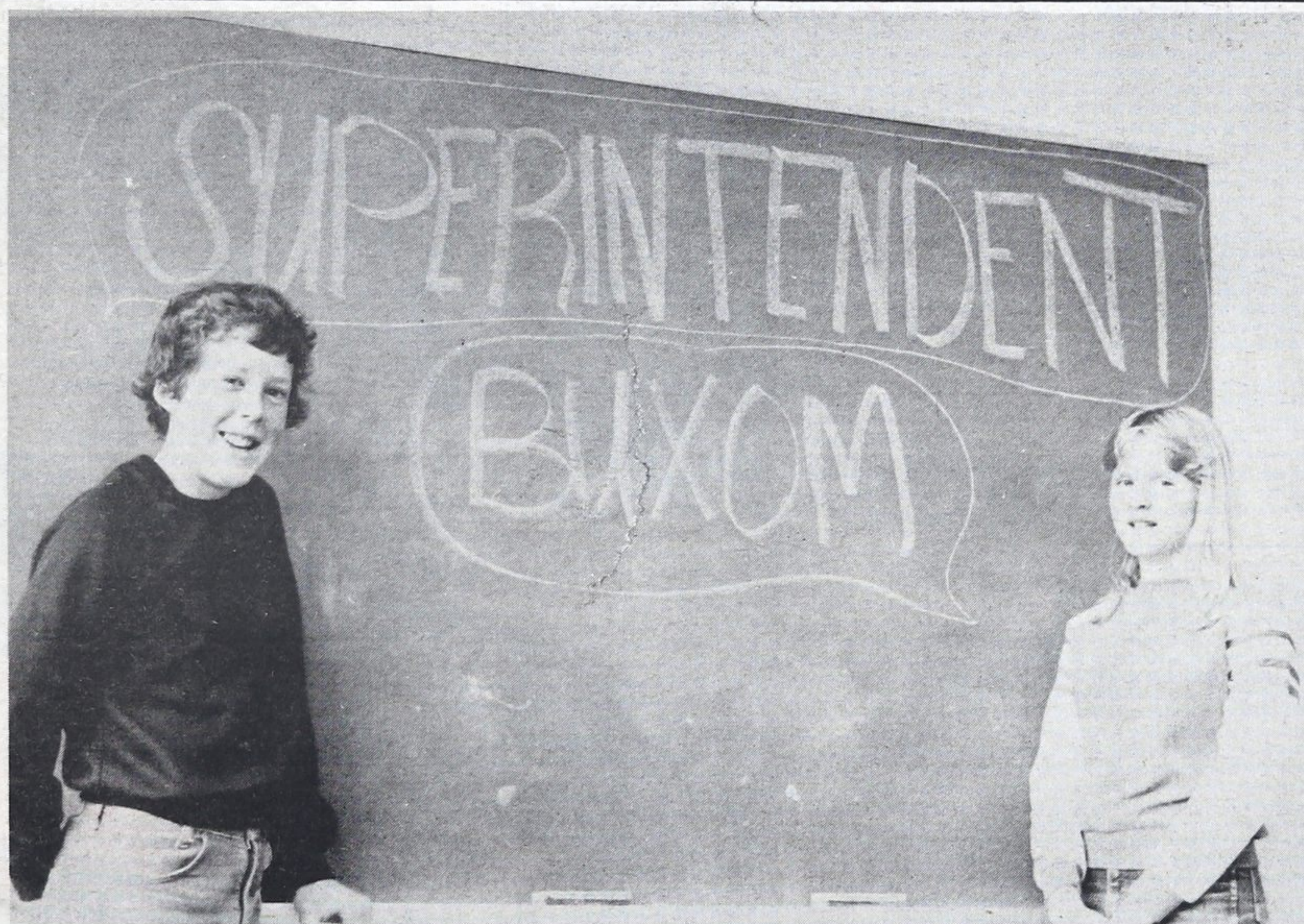
While about \$10,000 in taxes were written off this year, about \$18,000 was written off the previous year.



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Word wizards

St. Joseph's School students Peter Dion and Danielle Dupuis finished second and first respectively in last week's Area 3

spelling competition in Midland held as part of Education Week. Peter was second

in the intermediate section while Danielle placed first in the junior division.

ESPSS teacher's firing

June 29 start of hearing into complaint against SCBE

A complaint of discrimination laid against the Simcoe County Board of Education by a former teacher at Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School is scheduled to be heard in late June and early July.

Arny Iancu's lawyer, Janet Minor, attached to the Ontario Attorney-General's office, said this week Iancu bases his claim on the allegation that he was a victim of discrimination, because of his background, when he was fired from his position at ESPSS.

Iancu took his complaint to the Ontario Human Rights Commission and on May 21, 1980, the Ministry of Labour announced a hearing would be held.

Minor represents both the Ontario Human Rights Commission and Iancu. Iancu, a Canadian citizen originally from Rumania, is in Paris,

France, and will be coming to Ontario for the hearing.

Jim Stratton, director of compliance with the Human Rights Commission, said Monday that although the location of the hearing has not been set, that Barrie would be a likely location.

June 29 through July 3 has been set aside for the hearing. Iancu's location, in France, is the reason for the delay in the holding of the hearing, Stratton said.

Iancu will be coming to Ontario for the hearing without financial aid from the Human Rights Commission, he said.

Yesterday ESPSS principal Gilles Cing-Mars, who was the principal of ESPSS while Iancu was teaching there, said that he would not answer any questions about Iancu.

Citizen briefly

Tenders on SCBE agenda

Tenders in four different areas will be considered by Simcoe County Board of Education trustees this evening.

The four tender items fall under the new business section of the agenda for this evening's regular meeting of the board.

The board meeting begins at 8 p.m. in the Education Centre in Barrie.

Increase requested for Huronia Animal Control

Celestin Bidan, operator of Huronia Animal Control, has asked Penetanguishene council for a 10 percent increase per year when the present two-year contract with the town expires July 1.

He cites rising costs as the reason for the increase. The current contract is the third two-year contract Huronia Animal Control has had with the town. Bidan did not ask for an increase when the current contract was negotiated, he says in a letter to council.

In March, 49 complaints were answered and investigations conducted by the Huronia Animal Control Centre. Nine animals were redeemed or returned: seven dogs and cats were destroyed.

The town's 1981 contract with Bidan amounts to \$10,975.

ESPSS spring concert

The annual Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School Spring Concert will be held in the school auditorium on May 21.

The senior, junior, and dance bands, and the choir, will present music of various styles from Bach to rock under the sponsorship of the ESPSS music department.

Admission is \$2 for adults, free for children 12 and under. The spring concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Deer cause of car entering ditch

Paul Loughran, 27, of Burke Street, was slightly injured Sunday soon after midnight when his car went off the Old Fort Road in Tay Township, Midland OPP reports.

Loughran and a passenger, Fred Laurin, 23, of Midland, were taken to Huronia District Hospital in a private automobile. Laurin was also reported to be only slightly injured.

Police say the car swerved while northbound about three kilometres south of Highway 12 when the driver saw a deer in his path. The car went onto the east shoulder, crossed a private drive, and rolled onto its roof in the ditch.

Occurrences average for season

In the week ending May 11 a seasonal average of general occurrences, 147, were investigated by members of the Midland detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police.

Thefts, nine in number, lead the list as usual. Three cases of break and enter were the second largest category. One case each of attempted theft, attempted break and enter, assault, and wilful damage, were also recorded.

Sixteen charges were laid under the Liquor Licence Act. Five drivers were charged with driving while impaired and two drivers were found to be driving without a driver's licence.