

"Information is the hallmark of democracy"

## The world hasn't gone mad...yet

IT HAS BEEN reported that only a week before an attempt was made on the life of Pope John Paul the pontiff told members of his Swiss Guard, "Whoever loses his life for my own sake will find it again. The Lord himself has promised it."

Pope John Paul at the time had been expressing his hope that violence and fanaticism would remain outside the walls of the Vatican.

However it wasn't to be a week ago today when he thwarted an assassination attempt.

It has been said due to his robust vitality that he was able to withstand the shock of being shot several times.

And as both the mighty and humble throughout the world reacted with shock and expressions of hope that he would survive the shooting, words of his premonition were being repeated in news dispatches from Rome.

Pope John Paul has shrugged off death threats before, has braved mobs that on occasion have nearly overwhelmed him and will no doubt when he is restored to good health again go out

amongst his flock as he again travels around the globe.

But there have been other popes who have narrowly escaped assassination or who in fact have met violent ends.

Saint Peter, venerated by Roman Catholics as the first pope was crucified upside down in Rome in 64 or 67 AD and his 14 immediate successors also were believed to have been martyred.

And during the history of the Roman Catholic Church at least 16 or 17 other popes have died by poison, the sword or other unnatural causes.

However since the Renaissance most popes have fared better, and most have died in bed of natural causes.

But as long as there are mad men on the face of this earth, no public figure is safe.

As long as there are those who are incapable of respecting the lives of others we fear there will be other attacks.

The world hasn't gone mad as you might expect after reading new accounts from Rome and Belfast, only a few poor souls who believe the only way to solve an argument is with a gun, a gasoline bomb or a stick of TNT.

## Where would we be without 'em

A BRITISH sociologist recently told a group in Toronto, "Mother still knows best".

Addressing a group of child care workers, the professor was quick to stress that both child care workers and doctors should always assume a mother is correct about her child's health until she is proven wrong.

The professor observed, the wisdom of a mother has been under-estimated since professionalism in health care has increased.

A British study, she said, illustrated that mothers know when something is wrong with their children even though they may not be able to

identify the medical cause.

We can't disagree with the professor's observations.

How many times can you recall in your life-time that your mother asked you, "What's wrong?"

You can't fool moms when you come in late at night and you certainly can't kid them when you are a bit under the weather.

So we are pleased there is someone on the face of this earth who feels mother's have worth, who feel's mothers have wisdom and who have an instinct to know when all is not well.

Thank heavens for mothers ... just think where we'd be without them!

## The Penetanguishene Citizen

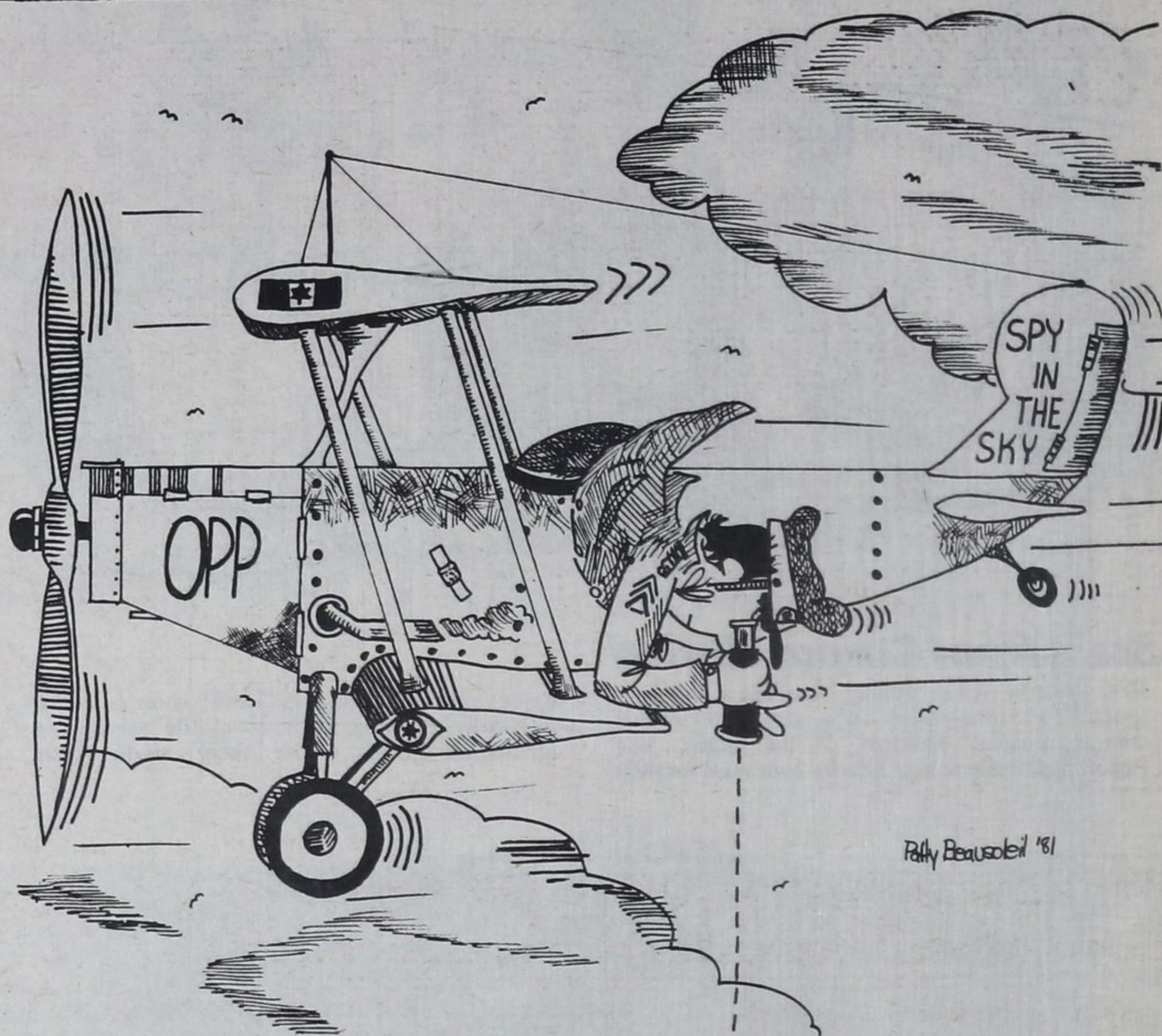
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NEWS ITEM: OPP's spy(s) in the sky back for another season

## Letters

### Our readers say...

### Agricrew '81

Dear Sir:

Agricrew an Experience '81 Program sponsored by the Youth Secretariat and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food is underway in Simcoe County this summer.

Interviews have been completed and crews will soon be hired. Crews will be eager to start work on June 22 and will be available to Aug. 14, 1981.

There will be three Agricrews operating in Simcoe County this summer. They are available to farmers at a cost of \$90 an eight hour day to help with various tasks such as harvest, painting, fencing and general clean-up.

The crew members supply their own lunch, drinks, transportation and are covered by Workmen's Compensation through the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Agricrew benefits both local students and farmers, and is only a phone call away.

For more information or to book Agricrew contact your local O.M.A.F. office.

Cheryl McArthur  
Agricrew Co-ordinator  
Simcoe County

### McNamara wins scholarship, trophy

Trophy winners from Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School following their participation in the recent Midland Music Festival are Teresa Puddicombe, Ann McNamara, Charlie Cote, Claude Quesnelle,

Patsy McNamara and the members of the ESPSS Brass Quintet.

Patsy McNamara also won a scholarship in addition to a trophy for her performance on the piano.

### Some employees have 25 years

Sixteen employees at Penetanguishene General Hospital have recently reached various high levels of service with the hospital, four of the 16 having been at the hospital for 25 years. Peggy Bush, Agnes Dupuis, Beatrice Lambie and Flora Beausoleil, all nurses have been employed at PGH for 25 years.

Ten years have been served by Kathleen Arbour, Marlene Jackson, Sharon Schepers, Gilberte Gachie, all nurses; Joan Asselin, x-ray; Edna Genier, Agnes Puddicombe, housekeeping.

PGH employees with five year's service are Robin Gibson, Clara Ritchie, nurses; Jeanne Best, physiotherapy; Richard Dusome, housekeeping; Shelly Dahmer, lab; and Colette Desroches, dietary.

### Chris Craft gutted by blaze

Fire early Saturday evening gutted a wooden Chris Craft boat on shore at Baymooring Yacht Club in Penetanguishene, town Fire Chief Ted Light said yesterday.

The fire in the 35 foot boat destroyed the interior, including the cabin, causing an estimated \$30,000 damage.

Chief Light said that no one was working on the boat at the time, however, painting had been done in the afternoon.

He suggested the source of the fire might be found in the electrical wiring.

## What's Your Opinion?

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