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"Information is the hallmark of democracy"

## Airport in need of better lighting

WE WERE sorry to learn Huronia Airport's night licence was suspended by the Department of Transport some months ago during a routine annual inspection of the tri-municipal airport in Tiny Township.

Seems the problem has something to do with inadequate runway lighting.

NOTAMS (Notices to Airmen) have also been published advising of the DOT's action. So until the matter is corrected it is illegal to use the flying field at night with its current lighting system which for some unknown reason continually blows runway light bulbs that dot both sides of the airport's long, paved north-south runway.

It may seem that the occasional bulb not in service wouldn't be grounds to lift the airport's night licence but that's just what Transport Canada has done and it will stay that way until the matter

is corrected.

There's no doubt those who know the history of the lights will agree the eight-year-old system needs upgrading.

The airport commission, we are told, has set aside \$8,000 but \$40,000 is needed to have a new system similar to a recently installed one at Parry Sound.

A provincial grant would go a long way in helping to resolve the matter when it comes to the commission finding the where-with-all to fund the project.

For obvious reasons the airport becomes less attractive to private and commercial pilots who wish to use the facility after dark.

And knowing it is illegal to use the field at night with its inadequate lighting should be sufficient incentive for the commission to upgrade the system before there's a serious accident or before someone is fined for using the runway after dark under the current set-up.

## A fund-raising venture of interest

WE COULDN'T be happier for officials of Centre d'activites francaises in their quest to buy the old Penetanguishene Post Office from the federal public works department.

A fund-raising campaign is to be mounted soon to raise the majority of funds needed to buy the building the Centre d'activites francaises has been operating in and from during the past number of years.

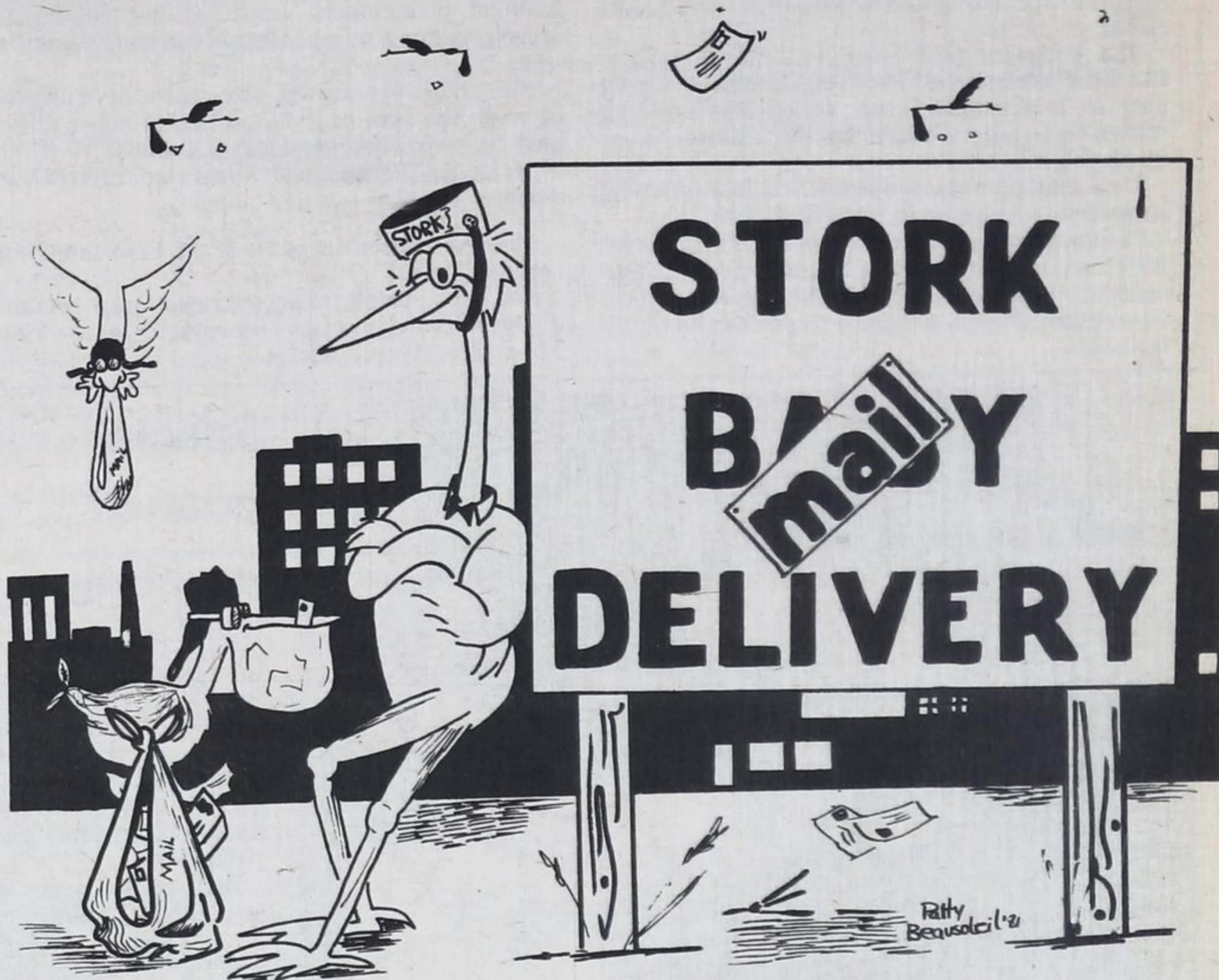
It hardly seems possible that the centre has been in existence for past eight years.

During that time the interior has taken on a somewhat new look however plans call for the renovation of the entire building by next summer.

The goal is to offer more activities to Penetanguishene and area citizens.

We agree with centre officials, the building on Main Street should be a vital social and financial asset to the town.

It is hoped the up-coming fund-raising venture will be a success so that that goal can be met.



## Letters

Our readers say...

### Summer Festival co-ordinator reflects

Dear Editor:

The first annual Penetanguishene Summer Festival is already past history but the week was such a great success that we are already making plans for next year.

All 63 scheduled events were well attended for the first year and the favourable comments, enthusiastic participation and pleased visitors are all excellent indications that next year should be even better.

The entire community should take a moment over the next few weeks to thank all clubs, businesses and groups that helped make the week a success. A special thank you should be extended to the following dedicated workers who spent

seven weeks planning behind the scenes: John O'Hara, Phil Duval, Bob Klug, Grace McCabe, Joyce Sauve, Lorraine Brousseau, Carol Ealey and Pat Ladouceur. Without their daily work behind the scenes for seven weeks before the festival, the week's activities would not have materialized.

We would also especially like to thank The Times / Citizen for its enthusiastic support of our first festival. Your efforts on our behalf were directly related to our success.

—Diane Greenfield  
Co-ordinator  
Summer Festival 81

### French centre says thanks

Dear Editor:

Thank you for all the pictures and articles of interest in your newspaper concerning our first annual "Festival des Quenouilles". Coverage of events like this one is what a true community newspaper is all about.

—Basile Dorion  
Director  
Directeur-general  
Centre d'activites francaises

### 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. Letters published by this newspaper do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the newspaper, its publisher or editor.

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### Parent's night at day camp

Staff and children of Tiny Township's day camp held a parent's night earlier this week for which they planned skits, songs and various other types of amusements for the parents. The children

showed displays of leatherwork, kites, scrapbooks and egg carton caterpillars as made by the children with about 30 parents in attendance.