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"Information is the hallmark of democracy"

It is better to be safe than sorry...

WE THINK Deputy-reeve Frances St. Amant was wise in declaring a conflict of interest at the last meeting of Penetanguishene council, as she has done on previous occasions, when a vote was held on the reconstruction of Fox Street between Robert Street East and Wolfe Street.

The deputy-reeve's home fronts on Fox Street that is to be improved.

Some of her colleagues voiced the opinion that she wouldn't be in conflict on the matter since the vote would not only affect her but all of the residents in that area of town.

Nevertheless the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, 1972, requires that all members of municipal councils and local boards "must disclose" any conflict of interest between their private (financial) concerns and the council or

local board(s) of which they are a member.

The act states that not only that a conflict must be disclosed but also that the individual must not take part in any discussion or voting on the matter.

If the conflict is not declared the individual can be removed from office and disqualified from running for a seat on a council or a board for up to seven years.

Some people may have thought Mrs. St. Amant's action was silly. We don't think it was by a long shot.

We believe her action was both wise and prudent contrary to what even some of her colleagues around the council table may have thought.

There's an old cliché that is worth remembering on occasions such as this: it is better to be safe than sorry.

Penetanguishene right to celebrate

SIX YEARS AGO, Town of Penetanguishene marked its 100th birthday as a village.

Next year it will celebrate its centennial as a town. In conjunction with next year's birthday party the town is looking for a volunteer centennial chairperson.

This person will, when picked by council, need plenty of help from our townspeople to make 1982 a happy, fun-filled centennial year.

If you'd like to offer your services we are certain town council would be overjoyed to hear from you.

Penetanguishene has

enjoyed phenomenal growth over these past 100-plus years thanks to the town's early settlers and their descendants.

The community is delightfully picturesque with its tree-lined residential streets, unexcelled harbour and historic tourist attractions.

You can bet the people of Penetanguishene will put on one big bash next year to celebrate their community's centennial as a town.

And why not...they (we) all have a right to be proud of Penetanguishene.

Co-operation is key

THE NEXT Simcoe County Mutual Fire Aid Association meeting is to be held in Penetanguishene on the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 16.

The town's volunteer fire department under Fire Chief Ted Light will host the session which will include a foam

demonstration next to the Knights of Columbus Hall.

It is expected most of the 30 fire departments in the county will send representatives to this session.

These sessions provide a super opportunity for firefighters from various brigades to come together.

The Penetanguishene Citizen

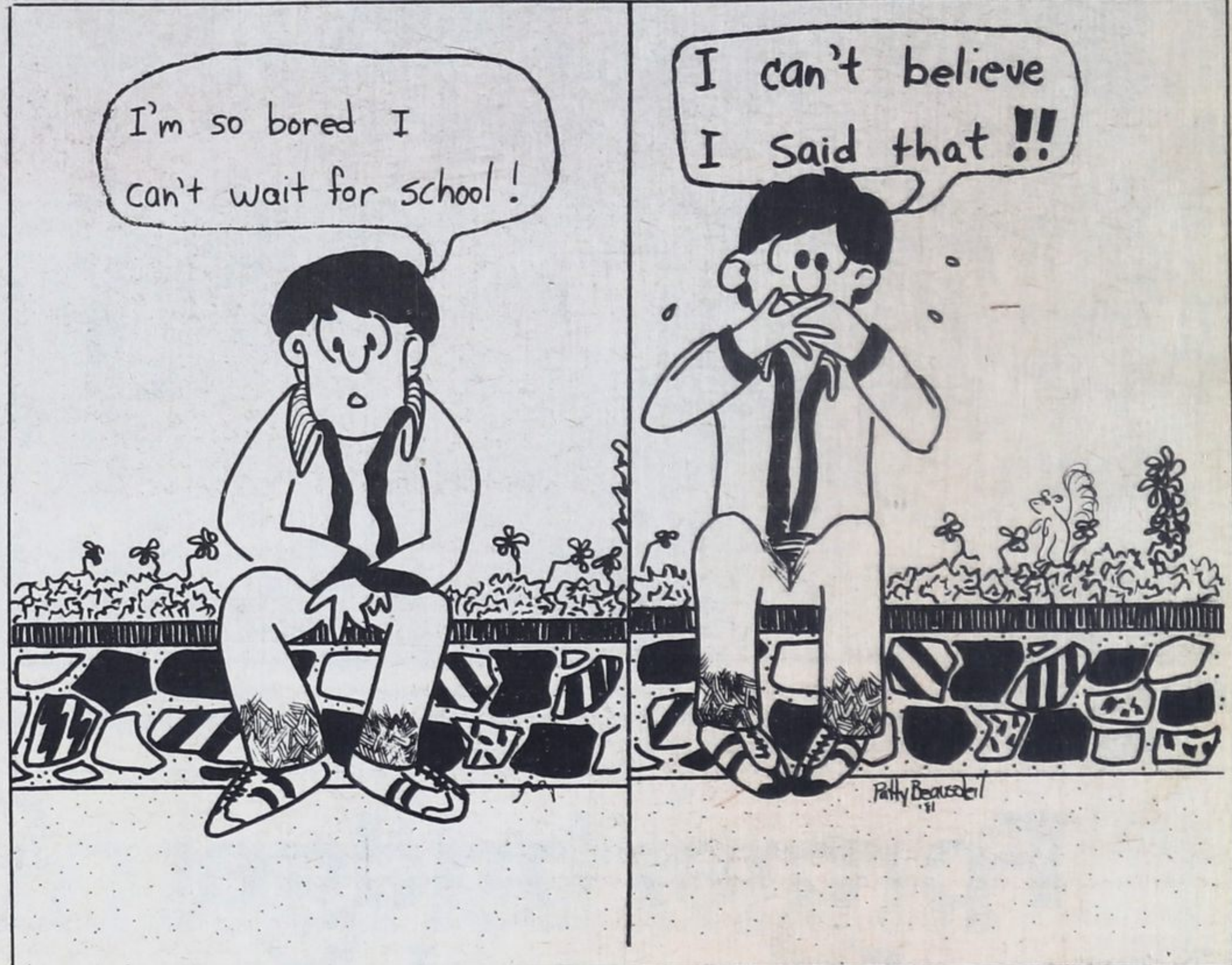
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Letters

Our readers say...

Battle's anniversary to be marked

Dear Editor:

The H.M.S. Nancy, a British schooner was destroyed in the Nottawasaga River by American forces during the War of 1812.

To commemorate the 167th Anniversary of this battle the Upper Canada Rifles will demonstrate musket firing and simulate a battle.

A batteau, a flat-bottomed rowboat, used by the British military on the Nottawasaga River during the 1800's will be on display.

We hope you will take this opportunity to discover Canada's past at Nancy Island Historic Site, Wasaga Beach Provincial Park on Sunday Aug. 16 from 1-4 p.m.

Yours truly,

—G.N. Babcock, Park Superintendent
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Says letter was refreshing

Dear Editor:

Many government departments are reluctant to challenge adverse media publicity on the timid tenet that the criticisms will perhaps go away if they keep their heads in the sand long enough. Foremost among the ostriches has always been Employment and Immigration Canada and its timorous predecessors. Not long ago a Director-General warned that "overreaction and untimely replies will do more harm than good. Hence," he

said, "I caution anyone who would want to respond to detrimental publicity."

In view of that attitude it is therefore all the more refreshing to read the letter by Don McNee, local Manager, dealing frankly with criticism of the Student Office.

—Stanley R. Redman
Midland

Trailer park staff praised

Dear Editor:

Recently, members of my family stayed at the Robert Street Trailer Park, Penetanguishene.

The cleanliness, maintenance and other services provided by the park was excellent, and the special attention and courtesy of the park manager Gerry Green and his staff was greatly appreciated.

Supervision of the park rules by the staff and frequent patrols by the Town Police made my family's stay in the park very comfortable.

Thanks again for such fine "Huronian Hospitality".

—Brenda Cote
Midland

Special thanks from 'taggers'

Dear Editor:

The Auxiliary to the Huronia District Hospital would like to take this opportunity to thank both the citizens of Midland and visitors who so kindly supported our Annual Tag Day and made it such a success.

A special thanks is given to Mrs. Jarman and her group from Victoria Harbour who gave their

time in helping our fund-raising event.

Sincerely,
—Yvonne Hook Publicity Chairman

Generous

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Elmvale and District Tennis Club I would like to thank the Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival Committee and the Elmvale Legion for their generous contributions towards the cost of a drinking fountain at our courts.

We would also like to thank the Village of Elmvale, who assisted free of charge in the installation of the fountain.

Katy Austin
President
Elmvale and District Tennis Club

What's Your Opinion?

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