

"Information is the hallmark of democracy"

A team effort - that's what it is

MORE THAN 1,100 people jammed into Midland arena not long ago to attend Midland Y's Men's Club's annual elimination car draw and dance.

Last Wednesday more than 200 men and women attended Midland Rotary Club's seventh annual civic luncheon.

And over 400 others took time out the same day to attend a Red Cross Blood Donors' Clinic in Penetanguishene.

You can bet too thousands will attend Midland Rotary Club's annual July 1 dockside garage sale, weather permitting.

It's worth noting again, these events just don't happen. They take hours of planning, lots of volunteer help and then 100 per cent support from the general public.

That's the spirit

WHILE THE Salvation Army in Canada and Bermuda prepares to march, this year, into a second century, the Midland Salvation Army has been marking its 97th anniversary of waging war on needs of every kind: physical, mental, spiritual.

It has been the motto of the Salvation Army down through the year that "Where there is a need . . . there is the Salvation Army."

Members of the Salvation Army are a special people with a great ministry. They have a right to be proud as they continue to bring hope and help wherever they are needed.

The Salvation Army, 100 years of caring, that's the spirit.

Blood donors win our admiration

LAST WEEK'S Red Cross Blood Donors' Clinic at Penetanguishene Legion was a smashing success.

Of the 408 people who turned up to give "the gift of life," a total of 354 pints of blood was collected.

Members of the Huronia Branch of the Red Cross are already making plans to host their next clinic. It will be staged at the Yonge Street West Civic Centre in Midland on Wednesday, Sept. 15.

To all those who donated blood and to those who worked behind the scenes to make last week's clinic the success it was we say, well done.

Past achievements make us 'people proud'

ONTARIO AS a province has had a fairly short history comparatively speaking, but nevertheless has packed in a lot of good living.

Times change and customs vary, but our people always seem to stay the same -- loveable, courageous, stalwart, and ever optimistic. It is in the people and their accomplishments that Ontario's strength lies, from the farmer who gets the crop in on time, to the scientist who improves the health of people all over the world.

On July 1, we will celebrate the 115th Birthday of Confederation with a loving look back at the past, a hopeful glance at the future, and hearts which are not only province proud, but people proud as well.

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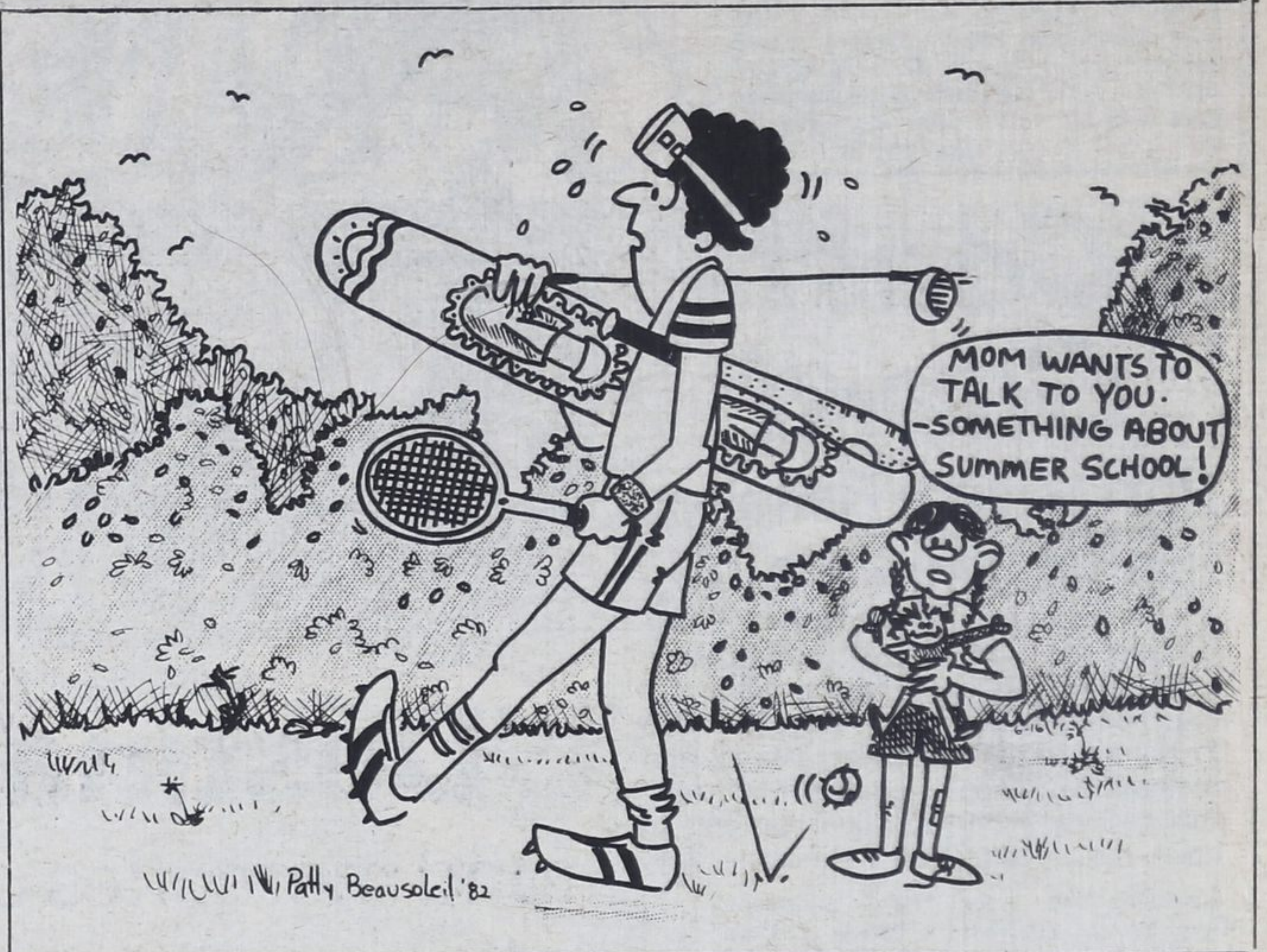
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Letters

Our readers say...

Crampton pleads his case

Dear Editor:

The following letter was sent to Doug Lewis, MP, for Simcoe North, House of Commons, Ottawa:

I have been a taxpayer and voter for twenty-three years. I have served in the regular armed forces and have been law abiding. No big deal, to use the vernacular. However, I feel as if I've "held up my end" as a citizen of this great country.

At a time in life when I should be collecting the usual amenities including preparation for retirement, I find I am coming up far short of my expectations. I am un-employed with U.I.C. benefits long expired.

I have looked literally coast to coast for a position in my chosen field. I have looked for any kind of work locally, including the most menial of positions. There is nothing. I have been to the Canada Manpower offices in Barrie to explore the

possibilities of re-training.

I was most disappointed to find out that a great deal of the courses offered are not recognized, and that there is a twelve to eighteen month "standby" list for the more worthwhile programs! What sir, am I supposed to do for twelve to eighteen months?!!

Clearly, my options are exhausted and I grow more concerned and angry day by day.

I would at this point, seriously consider re-enlistment in the armed forces except for their appalling age discrimination policy. I ask point blank . . . can you find me a job? I have enclosed a personal resume.

Yours truly
—W. Peter Crampton
c.c. Orillia Daily Packet & Times
The Barrie Examiner
The Midland Times
The Elmvalle Lance

Sets the record straight

Dear Editor:

Recent widely publicized accounts regarding an Ontario Funeral Director's misappropriation of "Trust Funds" and "Memorial Donation Funds" certainly tarnishes the image of all Funeral Directors.

May I make two points very clear to those we serve in the Midland Area.

Our "Pre-Paid Funeral Trust Funds" are held and bonded by The Funeral Society of Ontario (Fraternal) and Ontario Funeral Service Association, and are insured by Canada Deposit

Insurance Corporation.

Secondly, I stand by my policy of accepting cheques only, payable to "the Charity of Your Choice" as a Memorial Donation. It is, after all, the only secure way to ensure your money goes into the bank account of that charity. Your returned cheque "paid" also acts as an excellent receipt.

Thank you, I remain,

Yours truly,
Wm. Dean Nicholls,
Funeral Director,
Midland, Ont.

It was for a good cause

Dear Editor:

Every year in Canada, more than 250 men, women and children lose their lives in boating accidents.

Many of them would be alive today if they had been better informed about safety procedures and if they had taken time to plan and prepare for emergencies that might arise.

Water can be a dangerous environment; wise boaters treat it with the respect it deserves.

This is the message the Canada Safety Council will be bringing to Canadians during National Safe Boating Week, July 1-7, and it is a message I heartily endorse.

We have a wealth of fine recreational waters in this country and an increasing number of Canadians are enjoying pleasure boating.

I urge all of you to "think safety" when planning your boating activities. Know the proper procedures, be ready for emergencies and, above all, be careful.

I join with the Canada Safety Council in wishing

you all a safe and happy boating season.

—Jean-Luc Pepin
Minister of Transport
Canada

What's Your Opinion?

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