

Letters

Dear Editor:
 Today being a beautiful sunshine day, I decided to take a few pictures of our New improved King Street, to send to my daughter in B.C.
 My walk took me down to the Town Dock, where I haven't been for a few years.
 What a delightful surprise, it was beautifully laid out, in cavalades of flowers, benches, and seats where one could sit and watch the water, which was a beautiful navy blue that day. And the little parkette, that used to be a patch of weeds now, also had flowers and a seat, and table.

Floating exhibition

Trent-Severn Waterway
 Box 567
 Peterborough, Ontario.
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Dear Editor:
 Parks Canada's Trent-Severn Waterway's floating exhibit will be visiting your audience's area in the near future.
 The floating exhibit, part of the Trent-Severn Waterway's Summer Interpretive Programme, is housed on a barge and depicts the lumbering history of the area and its development along the Trent-Severn Waterway. Rich in history and

Doctors' after-hours service imperfect

Dear Editor:
 Over the past several months many letters have appeared in this paper relating to the availability of a doctor in Elmvale in the evening or on weekends. This is another such letter. It would appear that this is the one way individuals have to voice their concerns. We tend to sit back until we are directly involved. Such is the case here.
 This past Sunday our 19-month-old daughter sustained a cut to the head that required stitches. When the accident happened we immediately called the three doctors in town. We received a recording at all offices telling us to contact Penetanguishene General Hospital. After calling the hospital we were told that a doctor was available in town and the supervisor would locate him and get back to us. Ten minutes later, we received a call from the hospital telling us that they had been unable to locate a doctor in town and we would be required to bring our daughter to the hospital for treatment. Upon arriving at Penetanguishene some 20 minutes later, the nurse at emergency examined our daughter and confirmed that stitches would be required. A doctor was then called. For the next 45 minutes we attempted to keep our daughter content in the emergency waiting room, during supper hour, waiting for a doctor. Finally, a doctor, unfamiliar with our daughter and our family, arrived and gave her the required stitches. The treatment took approximately 10 minutes.
 It seems ridiculous to us that we were required to drive the distance to Penetanguishene; wait 45 minutes in emergency for an unknown doctor to apply stitches when we have three doctors living in the Village of Elmvale and the matter could have been attended to at any of their offices with a minimum of inconvenience to everyone concerned.

It further irritates us that a doctor was not available when we arrived at the hospital after

O'Hara to speak to our Rotarians

John O'Hara, president of Penetanguishene Chamber of Commerce is to be the guest speaker today at the Rotary Club of Penetanguishene's noon luncheon.
 He is to explain the role of the C. of C. and the possible cooperation between the Chamber and the local Rotary Club.

Rose hands out a bouquet

All this came about because people cared. The Horticultural Society.
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 There are not many towns that have a Bay like we have, that people can sit beside and relax. Many thanks to The Horticultural Society Members for their work and care.
 I remain.

Sincerely
 —Rose Bonner
 Midland

scenic beauty, the Waterway attracts over 1.2 million users annually.

The exhibit will be located at either a public dock or close to one of the Trent-Severn locks in your community. There is no admission charge and the general public is cordially invited to visit our exhibit.

For further information do not hesitate to contact me, by mail at the above address, or by telephone at (705) 939-6078.

Yours sincerely,
 —Joycelyne Daw
 Community and Public Relations,
 Coordinator.

having called ahead. Most of you can appreciate the frustration of keeping an injured youngster quiet for such a length of time in unfamiliar surroundings.

In closing, we would just like to say that we thank God that this was not a matter of life and death! It seems that we are now living in a small community with a majority of the doctors practising in city style. We hope that more individuals will express their concerns to their respective physicians. Hopefully, if enough individuals speak up now the current practice can be amended to better provide the medical attention that is required after hours.

—Scott and Debra McLean,
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