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"Information is the hallmark of democracy"

Let's clear up doubts right now

FORMER Tiny Township director of parks and recreation, his wife and budding family have a right to know why their husband and family Dan Cousins was fired earlier this summer.

To simply say, "Dan wasn't going to fit into the rural community we have," is simply not good enough for Dan nor for us.

The man was sacked some months after his six-month probation period had expired...for reasons yet unknown to the man or to the ratepayers of Tiny Township.

We have supported Tiny in its bid to halt Midland from grabbing 2,600 acres of valuable real estate along Highway 93.

We have endorsed Tiny's right to pull out of the area planning board.

We are on the same wave-length when it comes to Tiny being concerned about on-going problems at Huronia Airport but we can't support Tiny's attitude concerning the firing of Dan Cousins.

The man does have a right to know why he was given the pink slip other than a reference contained in the Municipal Act.

His wife and young family have a right to know too.

Ratepayers have the same right since it was their hard-earned tax dollars that paid the man's wages while he was on the township's payroll.

Mrs. Bets LeMay: a wonderful woman

FUNERAL MASS was said Monday at St. Ann's Church for the late Mrs. Bets LeMay.

She passed away Aug. 6 at our hospital here following a lengthy illness.

Her husband Leo predeceased her. Mrs. LeMay lived all of her life in Penetanguishene and had worked for the Simcoe County Public Health Unit for 25 years as a public health nurse.

She was a wonderful woman with a heart of gold and we shall cherish her memory in our hearts.

A tough decision made by Eaton's

A 77-YEAR tradition, Eaton's annual Santa Claus Parade, is to be shelved because of a worsening recession in Canada.

The annual extravaganza, costing the company about \$500,000, has delighted generations of Canadians who have lined the parade route or watched the event on TV.

Eaton's can be proud that for nearly eight decades they brought joy and happiness to people of all ages from all walks of life.

It is our hope other groups, businesses and organizations will pick up where Eaton's has left off so that the tradition Eaton's gave birth to will continue for decades to come.

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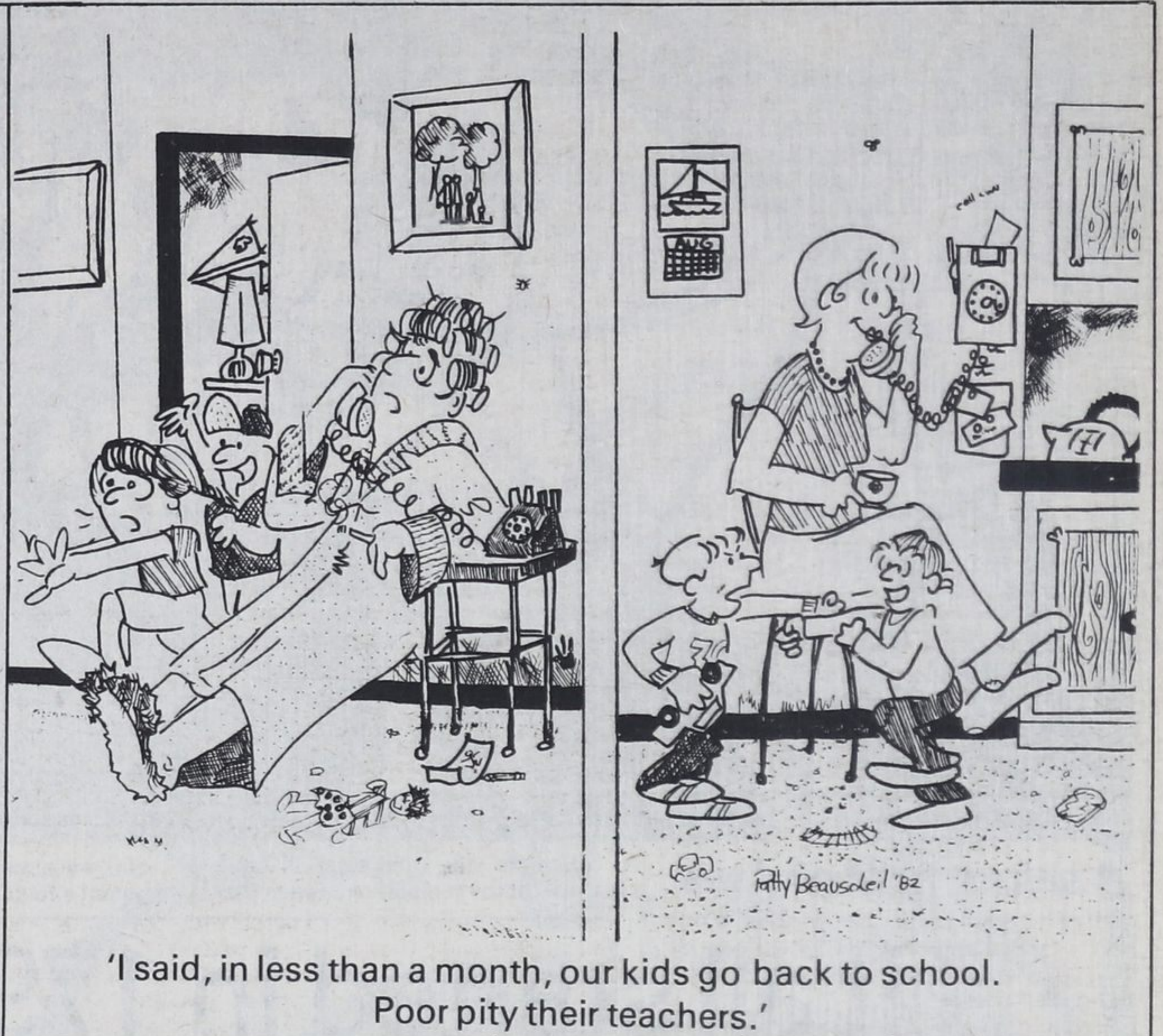
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Letters

Wants Ma Bell 'belled'

Dear Editor:
OPEN LETTER
Hon. James Snow, Minister,
Transportation and Communications,
Third Floor,
Ferguson Block,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Snow:
Yesterday, Bell Canada reported that its profits for the first six months of 1982 were \$303 million - 19 per cent above the same period in 1981.

By itself, that kind of profit increase is a serious matter because it comes from the excessive user rates and charges permitted by the C.R.T.C. last year. However, coupled with Bell's 105 per cent increase in its 1981 profits, it is licenced gouging of consumers to a degree unexcelled in modern times.

On October 1st of last year, I asked you to appeal the C.R.T.C. award which gave Bell \$440 million of the \$550 million rate increase requested. You said

'Fight the bite' has teeth in it

Dear Editor:
I want to thank the people of Ontario for their tremendous response to our "Fight the Bite" campaign against the seven per cent sales tax on low-priced meals.

Since June 14 when the tax took effect, we've received more than 150,000 coupons from the public supporting our opposition to this unfair tax. Many people took the time to write letters explaining their frustration with growing taxation and government overspending.

Workers, students and travellers told us that they eat in cafeterias, snack bars and budget restaurants because they can't go home for every meal. Other people told us that restaurant meals were a small treat for their families, their grandchildren or themselves. Everyone agreed with our position that these basic meals shouldn't be taxed anymore than groceries in supermarkets.

"Fight the Bite" has given the people of Ontario an opportunity to tell government that they're fed up with the growing tax burden. And the overwhelming support from the public has encouraged our association to continue to fight for a tax exemption on restaurant meals.

Keep filling out those protest coupons. When the legislature resumes this Fall, we'd like to show the government that this is one tax bite that consumers can't swallow!

Sincerely yours,
—Orville Rose
President

ONTARIO RESTAURANT AND
FOODSERVICES ASSOCIATION

you were making a review and "if it appears that an appeal is warranted, I will consider taking action at that time". You did nothing. Early this year, when Bell reported profits of \$559 million (25 per cent higher than ever before), I wrote to you requesting that you make application to the C.R.T.C. for orders providing one month's free service by Bell to its customers and preventing the proposed May 1st increase of eight per cent to Metro users. Again, you took no action.

Now Bell is asking for another overall revenue increase of 15.1 per cent, including a 25 per cent rate increase to residential users.

It's time that this telephone company was belled! By what rationale is this giant monopoly permitted to isolate itself from the depressed economic conditions of all other segments of society?

Governments have full authority over utility rates. Surely, you must recognize that the unbridled escalation in these rates is making a mockery of the inflation fighting posture of your government and the one at Ottawa. Now, the public will further judge your government's sincerity by your action or inaction on the current rate hike applications by Bell.

Specifically, I call on you to:
1. Make a public statement that the rate increases requested are unreasonable and should not be permitted.

2. Apply to the C.R.T.C. and the federal government for a minimum six month hoist of the hearings and implementation date on Bell's new rate application. Hearings should proceed, in fact, only when Bell's profits are down to the average of other companies.

3. Provide a massive defense of the consumers' interests whenever the hearings are held.

May I have a positive response from you on these requests.

Yours truly,
—Mel Swart, MLA
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