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"Information is the hallmark of democracy"

Warden Stewart is off to super start

REEVE ART STEWART of Penetanguishene, Simcoe County's new warden, revealed last week his calendar this month is a full one with only three free days.

Those who elected Stewart as warden knew he'd do a good job and that his schedule would be a full one.

In the short time Warden Stewart has been at the helm he has demonstrated a super understanding of how county council ticks and that's why he has named key North Simcoe politicians to chair certain key county council committees.

Prelates have hit nail on the head

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC Bishops of Canada, in a blistering critique of government and business solutions for the nation's economic woes, calls unemployment in Canada "immoral" and we heartily agree.

The prelates say, for instance, the needs of the poor must have priority over the wants of the rich, as they slam the government's 6 and 5 wage restraint program.

The prelates also agree, making capital and the survival of the fittest the rules of the game, violates the basic moral principles laid down by Christ in the Gospels.

The church leaders are to be praised for their stirring plea for greater social justice in Canada.

They've taken a courageous, if not risky, stand, but nonetheless a proper one.

Now let us hope their call for a re-ordering of values and priorities will be heard in Ottawa where our nation's leaders can do the most good.

The MacRae family wins our applause

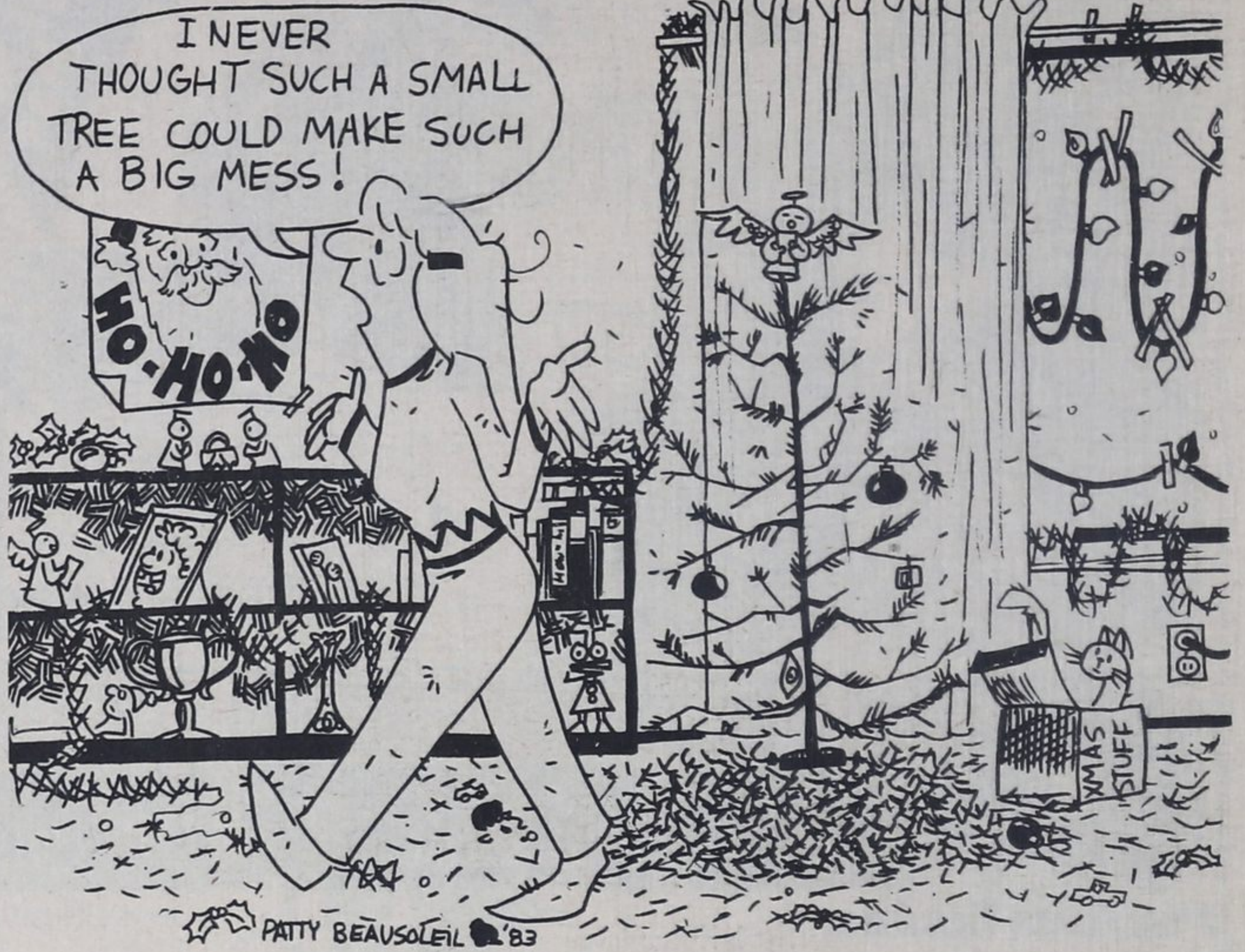
FOR THE PAST seven years, John and Joyce MacRae of Tiny Township have delighted people of all ages, from both far and near, with their special tribute to Christmas...3,000 coloured Christmas lights bedecking trees and bushes on their property just west of Midland.

From a few strings of lights seven years ago, their tribute to Christmas has grown and grown.

This year, the couple added a registry so visitors could sign in and sign in they have!

Hundreds of names appear on the registry of happy people who have driven out to see the MacRae's Christmas lights and to hear the Christmas music.

John and Joyce MacRae win our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for keeping the spirit of Christmas alive in this unique and joyous manner.



Letters

Our brother's keeper

Dear Editor:

A fleeting kiss on the cheek; a swift and nervous hug; the hint of a tear in the eye of a helper; a young girl bringing the proceeds from her private caroling efforts as a contribution towards her sharing with others; a young man, unsolicited, who appears at our door and gives enthusiastically of his time; a young mother who makes the effort to pick up the telephone and say thank you to everyone who helped make her Christmas meaningful.

This and countless other small incidents is what this past Christmas in Huronia was all about.

Twenty-five years ago in the City of Toronto I was able to take part in the distribution of Christmas hampers. The response of the recipients and the obvious need of most of the families, struck chords in my heart that are still vibrating.

The last three years it has been my privilege to direct the operation here in North Simcoe.

I say privilege, because the citizens in this area have allowed the Salvation Army to be the instrument of their sharing and caring.

From the pennies placed by children in the bubbles at Zellers, A&P, and Woolworth's to the large donor who sends his cheque through the mail or drops it off in person; from the small "army" of people who showed up to pack the hampers in record time to the countless hours spent standing on the "kettles" by our own dear people; from the

generosity of Camp Borden and expertise of St. John's United to the many groups and individuals who shared from their pockets, their cupboards, their toy boxes and most importantly from their hearts; the spirit in the midst of our recession and depression has been Sharing and Caring.

A few years ago the Salvation Army used as its motto the words—"Heart to God and Hand Man". We in the Salvation Army realize that although this is our motto it is the generosity and trust of many ordinary people that enables, and indeed energizes us to keep pace with the ever increasing demand and need.

This is never more obvious than it is in this beautiful area of Huronia.

It is very difficult to find the right words to say thank you without it sounding almost redundant.

The best way we can show our appreciation is by reassuring you that we, The Salvation Army, will continue to work on your behalf to alleviate the hurt and pain of your neighbours and friends. We do so only in the strength of Jesus Christ our Lord and our Redeemer.

Lt. Ray Braddock,
Midland Salvation Army

Thanks for publishing events

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Midland Horticultural Society I would like to express our thanks for your kind assistance in publishing our coming events in your newspaper during 1982.

This service has assisted greatly in making our activities known to the people of Midland and area.

May we extend to you an invitation to attend our annual meeting and pot luck supper at Calvary Baptist Church on Monday, Jan 24, 1983, at 6:30 p.m.

Midland Horticultural Society,
Heleena Cheatley
Corresponding Secretary

\$23.5 million..nothing to sneeze at

Ontario colleges, universities and school boards will receive \$23.5 million under Ontario's job creation program. Colleges and Univer-

sities Minister Dr. Bette Stephenson announced last week.

Dr. Stephenson said that under BILD the Colleges of Applied Arts

and Technology will receive a total of \$8.6 million. The amount will allow the colleges to undertake \$7 million in new labour intensive

capital projects. One million dollars is planned for allocation for training under the Ontario Career Action Program and \$600,000 will be used for some capital projects which had not received final approval for funding earlier.

The universities, including Ryerson Polytechnical Institute and the Ontario College of Art, will receive a total of \$10.9 million. Of this amount \$5.6 million will be used for new or accelerated short-term labour intensive job creating projects. The remaining \$5.3 million will be used to fund certain capital projects which had also not received final approval

for funding.

The province's school boards will receive \$4 million, which when coupled with the board's contribution, will generate a total of \$5.3 million for short-term job creation projects.

Dr. Stephenson said that the projects, which are made possible by the Supplementary Employment Stimulation initiatives announced by Treasurer Frank Miller in November, will include renovation or maintenance of buildings and upgrading of buildings and facilities to meet occupational health and fire safety standards and some energy conservation projects.

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