

"Information is the hallmark of democracy"

A good lesson

THE NINE GIRL Guides in the audience at the monthly meeting last Monday of Penetanguishene town council in quest of education in matters of a civic nature received a good lesson.

Reeve Art Stewart, who chaired the meeting in place of an absent, ill mayor, assisted by town clerk Yvon Gagne, and the rest of the council, efficiently dealt with one delegation and a thick agenda.

A person looking through the agenda could see how much work goes on between council meetings by members of council, town staff, and appointed officials, with the result that council meetings, barring last minute emergencies and complicated matters presented by members of the public, run as quietly and efficiently as a good watch.

William Geere, present at Monday's meeting, during which he was formally appointed emergency plan co-ordinator for the town, is an example of the person who volunteers his time to contribute to his town. Much credit for the lengthy interim emergency plan submitted and approved by the council was given to Mr. Gravelle.

Who can see the end?

CHAPTER ELEVENTY-ELEVEN in the ongoing political soap opera of education in Penetanguishene is on tonight's entertainment schedule.

Is there anyone in the viewing audience today who will admit to thinking that when Ecole Secondaire Le Caron was born, the child of political expediency of the provincial government, that it was a signal of The End?

In tonight's episode, an argument will be made with the school board by Le Caron's student council president that the board has to consider a French Language Advisory Committee recommendation. Le Caron students won't go to ESPSS. The board may consider the request that Le Caron shop students be allowed to go to another location, if convinced this interpretation of the Education Act.

But will the board pay any attention? What will the students do? Tune in next week.

A ray of sunshine through the dark days

TAY TOWNSHIP and Port McNicoll firefighters were kept hopping last week quelling three major house fires.

Tay's No. 1 (Waubaushe) was aided by Tay's No. 2 (Old Fort Road) in snuffing out one of two major conflagrations in Waubaushe within 24 hours of each other.

Friday, Port McNicoll firefighters were summoned to extinguish a stubborn house fire in almost their back yard.

All three firefighting brigades win full marks from preventing these fires from spilling over to other residences in the immediate area of the above three blazes.

And despite the fact these fires caused well in excess of a total of \$100,000 damage, no lives were lost and no one suffered any sort of injury...and for this we can all be thankful.



Letters

Concerns from TRAP meeting

Dear Editor:

On Friday, Jan. 7, 1983, I attended the TRAP (Tiny Rate-payer's Against Pollution) meeting at the Perkinsfield school.

Being a property owner adjacent to the dump, I was amazed at the method being used to bring wide-spread public attention to the pollution problem. The use of a man such as Dr. Cummins whose qualifications are in genetics not in hydrology or chemistry, those need to solve the problem, throws suspicion on the motives of those involved with TRAP.

Dr. Cummins, according to his introduction has been involved in similar situations in B.C., Hamilton and Stouffville, apparently for no fee at all. This leads one to believe that Dr. Cummins is only here to get personal publicity and build a reputation for himself.

During his speech he used statements obviously designed to scare people such as referring to wet clay as slimy grey mass like human brains and referring to the water plume as moving like a hand with all fingers spread and also that the plume was moving like a locomotive towards Georgian Bay.

These are definitely not statements, that a qualified PhD in any subject would use in a proper technical report on any subject.

Dr. Cummins also stated that he was working for Trap for free, but when asked to share his findings with township officials he replied that for a fee of \$1,000 a day he would be happy to.

According to Dr. Cummins there is a good chance that many people in Tiny Township will get cancer from this Industrial Pollution and if they do not, their children will. These are definitely unproven scare tactics.

I seriously doubt if this type of so-called expert can lend any credibility to any organization and can only do much harm to the community. Already due to the unfavourable publicity, land values in the Perkinsfield area have dropped and some people are taking a second look at this area for vacation purposes.

I would like to suggest that in future the press and the members of TRAP work quietly together with the appropriate officials to get the problem solved. We the people of the entire area do not need a lot of adverse publicity to run down the area but need constructive suggestions and co-operation to solve this problem as quickly as possible with factual information from qualified people from the appropriate fields.

Pauline Bowe
Kitchener, Ont.

Source separation project

Dear Editor:

We are soliciting your support and assistance to implement a viable program - recycled materials being discarded.

Since 1981 research has been carried out and we are optimistic that our company could be an asset to the communities of the North Simcoe area, and to help keep it a litter free environment. The Ministry of Environment supports recycling however the program must be justified and feasible as well as self sufficient.

We are a member of the Recycling Council of Ontario who demonstrate interest and put on workshops, seminars and newsletters to keep us informed regarding the market value etc.

The company will operate independently, however, we are seeking sponsorship, co-operation and support so that we may implement an on going program pursuant to the Ministry of Environment Guidelines. There are various types

of grants to assist with Start-up Programs and Businesses. We are asking you to support this worthwhile program by giving us a letter of support.

The program is a two-fold operation and a pilot project will be underway to generate revenue and to create employment - scrap metals, newspapers etc.

Should you wish more information, please contact the writer. I would also be available to make a presentation should it be required, to explain the guidelines.

Yours truly,
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Dear Editor:

Many thanks to Miss Bonnie Reynolds and the Midland Public Library for providing an interesting and educational evening for the Big Little Sisters of Huronia.

The girls enjoyed the story and films that Miss Reynolds so kindly provided.

—Sally Kitching
Big Sisters of Huronia

What's Your Opinion?

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