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## May his seas never ever be rough again

IF THE GREAT ARCHITECT of the Universe enjoys sailing...we can assure you, he's just acquired a new sailing companion for his fleet.

Former long-time owner / operator of the Midland A. and W., Jim McConnachie, a former member of Midland Parks Board and an avid member of Midland Bay Sailing Club, died yesterday morning at HDH.

He was in his 46th year. Sailing was as much a part of Jim's life as his family was...they were both the love of his abbreviated life.

Jim McConnachie was a special kind of a guy...who took keen delight in sharing great fishing and sailing stories.

He loved Huronia as much as those in Huronia who knew him loved him. He shall most certainly be missed.

May his spinnaker always be filled with a strong wind and may his seas never be rough again.

## What day is tomorrow?

ILAP IS reported cancelled. ILAP is, or more accurately, it appears, was, a means by which Midland and Penetanguishene and area could have greatly benefited from a federal job creation program.

ILAP was an acronym for Industrial Labour Assistance Program. In practical terms, ILAP meant, for a number of other communities hit hard by unemployment, money made available to create jobs. Jobs are indisputably an item that the area needs.

For months the public has been left hanging waiting for news about the two towns receiving an ILAP designation, and for the sale of RCA. Now one shoe has fallen, with an awful thump.

According to the local Conservative MP, Doug Lewis, who reported that the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Regional Economic Expansion said in the House of Commons on Monday that ILAP was cancelled, an as-yet formless new policy has been suggested by the federal government.

Did this area not get one of the nine designations granted because it is in a Conservative riding? Is the government expecting that a gradual improvement in the economy will bail it out in this matter? Is tomorrow Thursday?

## Hats off to members of Penetang Legion

LAST YEAR, Penetanguishene Legion raised \$3,000 for the Midland Salvation Army as part of the Army's campaign to raise \$25,000 during its Red Shield Campaign.

This year our Legion said it would like to raise \$3,500 for the same cause.

Monday night, canvassers were out in full force in Penetanguishene and by 10 p.m. they had raised well in excess of \$2,800 with more doors to knock on the following day.

Penetanguishene Legion always comes through for the Salvation Army as was demonstrated again this week.

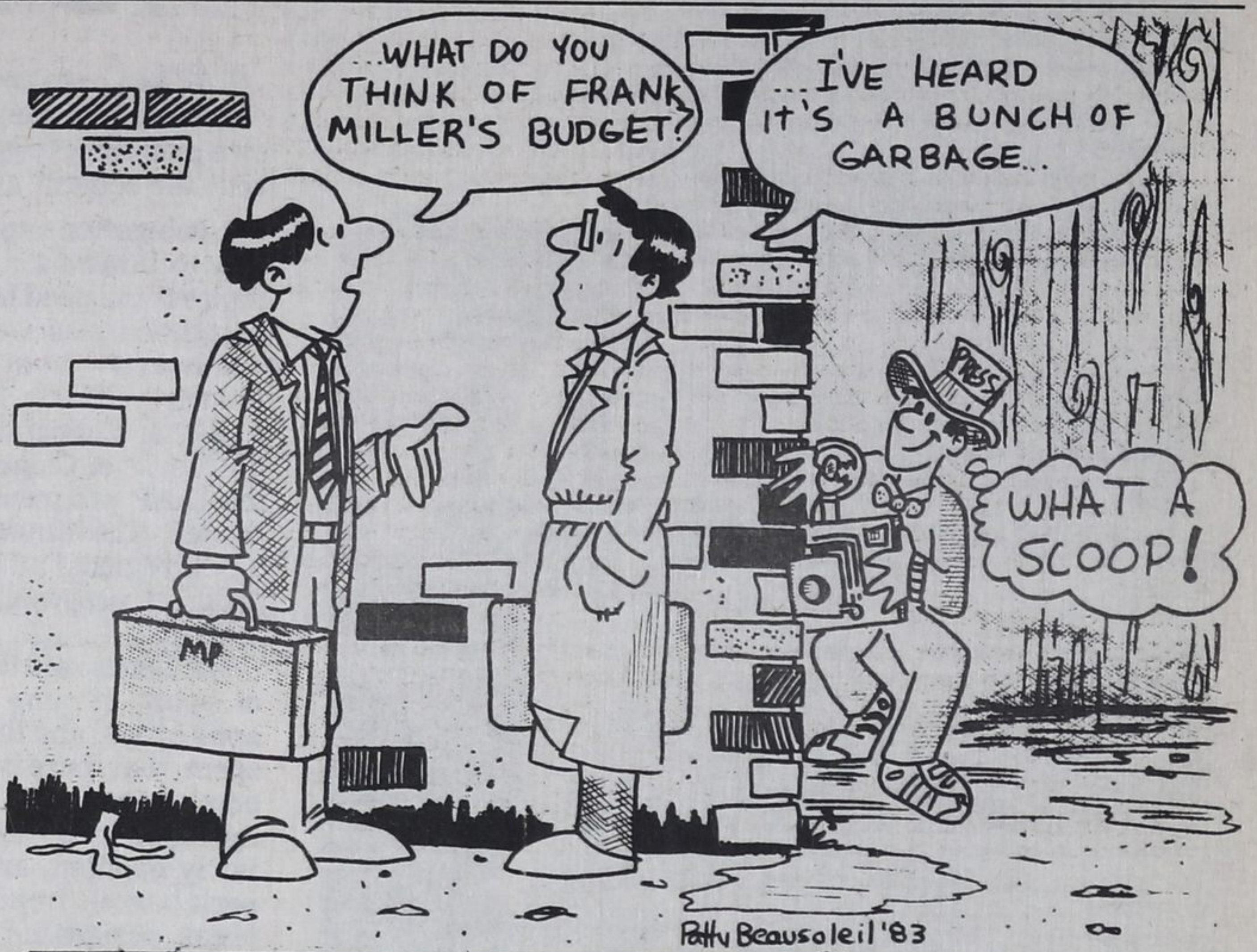
Those who blitzed Penetanguishene and area should take a well deserved bow for a job well done.

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## Letters

### Under the 'B'...bingo!

Dear Editor:

A letter to the editor and an article in last week's edition of The Free Press prompt me to air my views on the bingo issue and make a few points for your readers assessments.

In my opinion "bingo parlours" commercialize bingo and exploit groups who would raise funds by this method. These ventures are quite profitable for the owners or operators as illustrated by the magnitude of the investment that Mr. Smith is able to make in renovating the Roger Hunter building. His persistence in proceeding, in spite of the opposition he is encountering, further illustrates that he expects big profits with the help of groups who might join him.

Community benefits from this enterprise will only be a spin off and the size of the spin off will obviously depend on how many (bingo) players attend each bingo. Which leads up to the following point—

The carrot that Mr. Smith is dangling to entice groups is based on his operations in New Market and Vespra Township (Barrie). These areas have much greater populations than this area. I do not think that the bingo population here is large enough to make his operation so profitable for clubs and organizations who contemplate joining him. Remember he is talking 6-7 bingos per week and there are already at least 5 in the area at present.

Which brings up another point, what will happen to the attendance at other bingos? No doubt the

bingo parlour will offer better prizes to entice the bingo players away. Will some groups be so inconsiderate that they will seek licenses for evenings that other bingos are operating? If they do so they will jeopardize existing fund raising projects which are addressing community needs. I use one example of the Odd Fellows who depend on their Saturday bingo (since 1947) to support their building as well as aids for the handicapped.

Groups who might choose to operate bingo in opposition to others, would do well to consider that they would also jeopardize community spirited relationships.

Through all this, myself and my club (Civitan) appear to have a "Sour grapes" attitude and look like "dogs in the manger" but we feel that in opposing the bingo parlour we have the community interest at heart.

We would expect the attendance at our bingo to drop if Mr. Smith opens, however, we are in a competitive position and are not too concerned about settling for lesser proceeds for our trust account. The records for our bingo operations are at the municipal office for anyone to see. They will show that the only commercial enterprise that benefits from our bingo is the supplier of the sheets and equipment. We feel that the biggest slice possible of the bingo players dollar should go back into the community.

Jim Burtch, President  
Midland Civitan Club

### Protect the wacky

Dear Editor:

It is both philanthropic and praiseworthy that large funds are still available for the preservation of wild life and especially the duck. This is even more significant when the plight of our feathered friend is considered in other parts of the world.

In a leading European research institute, they have spent several years of research into doubling the size of the average duck egg, without giving a moment's thought to the inevitable pain that

would beset the poor creature. It was recently reported from the Far East that there has been a major breakthrough in the genetic production of a featherless duck, whose loss of speed in flight would be compensated by the increased speed in reaching the dinner table.

If this were not enough, consider current naval experiments in protecting harbour installations by way of a sonic implantation in our feathered friends, and the growing use of parts of the duck beak in the cosmetic operations of nose reconstructions.

Carry on Wild Life! Protect the Duck! and let our wacky world stay quacky!

Yours sincerely,  
B. Williams, Vegetarian

### Let's make it the largest

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Elmvale and District Maple Syrup Festival Association, I would like to thank you and your staff for the terrific coverage of this year's Festival.

It takes a lot of people to make our annual Festival the largest one-day event in Simcoe County and the second largest in Ontario.

Next year, the Maple Syrup Festival will be held on Saturday, April 24, 1984, and with your help and a lot of other dedicated people, let's make it the largest in Ontario and perhaps all of Canada.

Thanking you again, I remain,

Yours sincerely,  
"Don"  
Donald C. Thompson,  
Chairman

### What's Your Opinion?

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