

# Editorials

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is the hallmark of democracy

## This area was put on map again

A TOTAL of 48 people attended a Prayer Breakfast at the Midland Salvation Army Citadel, Saturday, to help kick off the Army's two-day Congress '83.

Later in the day, at MSS, 75 Salvationists took part in a Seminar in Scriptures.

That evening between 500 and 600 people attended a musicale at MSS while 75 teens later enjoyed a rally at the citadel.

Sunday's figures were much the same for Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, Holiness Meeting, Family Praise and a Community Evangelistic Rally.

Lt. and Mrs. Raymond Braddock, commanding officers of the Midland Salvation Army, and their team of workers win praise for planning and hosting this major event right here in the Heart of Huronia.

The Braddocks are highly regarded Salvationists who should be roundly applauded for a job well done.

Congress '83 managed to attract hundreds of families to Midland for the weekend...and from all reports many of these families plan to return to this area again and again.

## Martin continues to serve Canada well

AS WE TOLD YOU in this newspaper last Friday, the beauty of our national capital is due, in part, to the efforts of local chartered accountant Alan Martin.

The Penetanguishene-Elmvale businessman has been serving on the National Capital Commission for more than two years.

The NCC oversees all new construction and location of all new government buildings in the Ottawa-Hull area.

Although Martin, who resides in Moonstone is a busy man, he still finds time to serve his country and his capital by sitting on this important commission.

As a former Liberal parliamentary secretary, Martin brings a great deal of zeal and energy to this post.

## A council in chaos, that's Town of Midland's

MIDLAND LAW-MAKERS should do themselves a favour by attending a Penetanguishene council meeting to see how town business should be conducted.

With more than two years to go in its term, Midland council is steadily showing signs of falling apart at the seams.

Almost every council meeting in Midland plumbs new depths of chaos.

Midland council is becoming a laughingstock. Until the bickering and backbiting stops, the welfare of the town as a whole will continue to take second place.

So far none of the heated exchanges at Midland council meetings have reached the stage of fisticuffs but don't be too surprised if you hear there's been a dandy barroom brawl during a regular sitting of that council.

Midland council has become so factionalized that it's truly a wonder any town business is done at all.

## A REPORT: Cemetery arrangements on practical preneed basis

The rapid increase in inflation over the past decade has made it very difficult for many families to meet their living requirements, especially those living on fixed incomes.

One of the expenditures that everyone has to make one day is the purchase of cemetery interment rights and other related products and services.

In the past, the decision to purchase cemetery interment rights had frequently been put off until a death had occurred in the family. The need to immediately purchase these rights caused additional stress to the already traumatic experience of having lost a loved one.

Today, more and more cemeteries are

making it possible for people to purchase their interment rights before the need arises. As a result, many families are taking advantage of this service and realizing the many benefits of a before-need decision.

Examples of some of these benefits are:

The decisions are made by families, in a

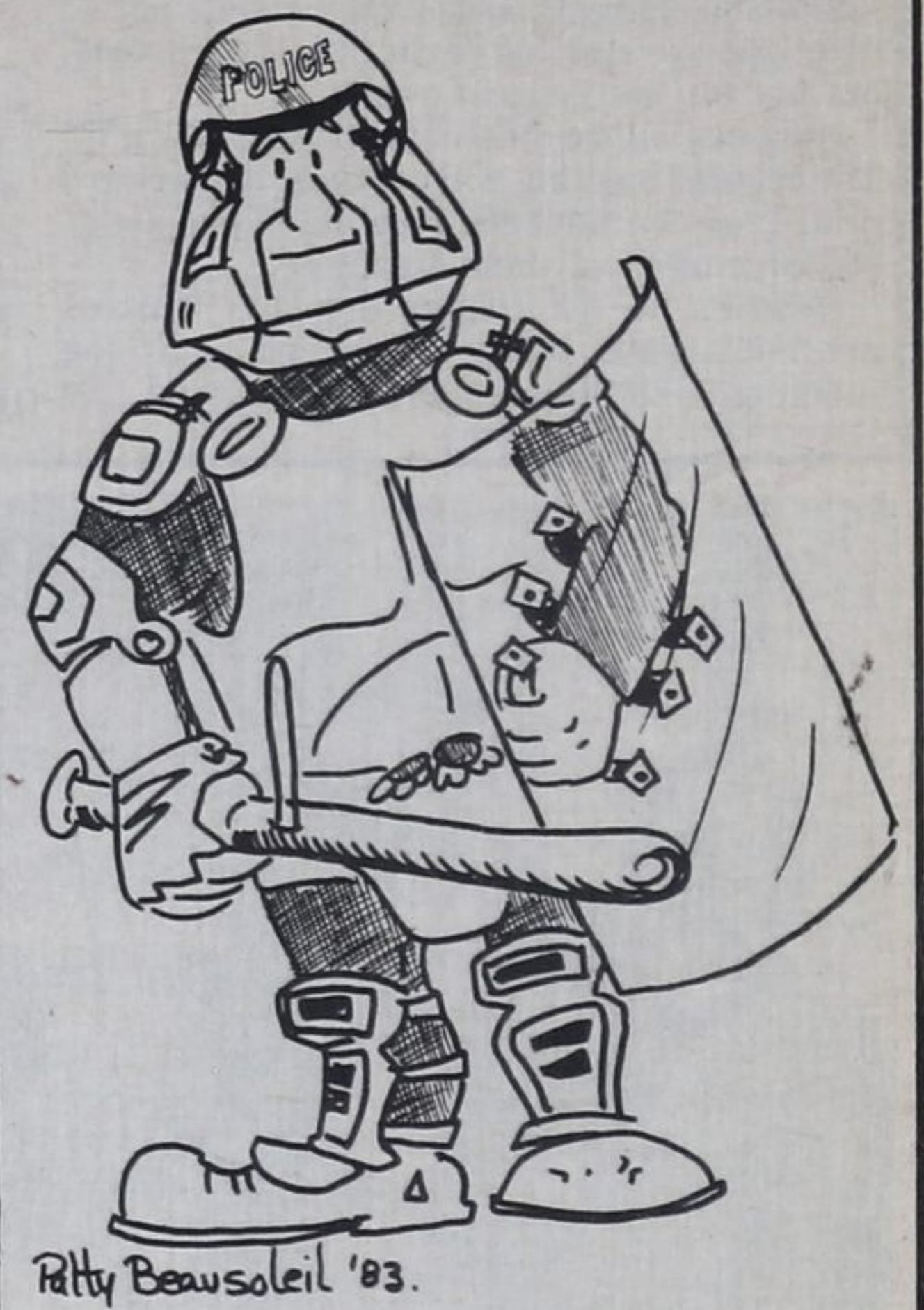
relaxed atmosphere rather than under emotional distress.

Costs are fixed at today's prices and thereafter remain unaffected by the inflation spiral.

Costs may be paid from current income rather than cash payments from savings, thus conserving life insurance to benefit the

living and protecting the family against financial services.

The Ontario Association of Cemeteries, a non-profit organization, encourages all families to investigate the advantages of purchasing cemetery services on a pre-need basis at the cemetery of their choice.



'As they say: history has a way of repeating itself!'

## Letters

The Penetanguishene Citizen welcomes Letters to the Editor. They must be legible, signed (by hand), and carry the writer's address and telephone number for verification. Pen names are not allowed and anonymous letters will not be published. Letters published by this newspaper do not necessarily reflect the opinion of this newspaper, its publisher or editor.

## Wants local press on the attack

Dear Editor:

Midland-Penetang have been attracting a lot of out-of-town publicity recently, not all of it good. And none of it sparking any rebuttal, so far as I have seen, from our local press.

The Globe and Mail with its heading Sacrifice of trees draws attention to the "destruction of acres of 200-year old trees at the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland", in connection with next year's visit of Pope John Paul II. It goes on to describe "mindless desecration which the Pope himself would not have condoned."

Another reference is to the supposed pollution of Little Lake by dropping-in and down visiting geese, with a tongue-in-cheek suggestion that alligators be imported to handle the situation.

Indeed the illustration of a horde of the repulsive reptiles so its readers will be in no doubt about the answer for the Simcoe County Medical Health Officer. How is it that the big city dailies go unchallenged?

There may soon be publicity of quite another kind. Those who have read my controversial

OPEN GANGWAY, the story of the \$5 million VE-Day Navy riot in Halifax, will know that I have been struggling to extract the still secret evidence of that terrible affair.

Under the new alleged Freedom of Information Act, I have just had an application to view the politically embarrassing evidence blandly refused.

The next step would be to apply to the Commissioner for (no) Information, failing which I am permitted to take the Federal Government to Court! What a David and Goliath scenario! But without David's faith that all would come out right!

The crux of the matter is that the public assumes Freedom of Information now freely available, providing it does not endanger Canada.

This right should be of concern to all Canadians and particularly to the media, but it will take a lot of editorial scolding to waken citizens to the fact that they have been hoodwinked with legislation which appears to be so much window dressing!

Stanley R. Redman

## Did you live in Tottenham?

Dear Editor:

1984 is Centennial Year in Tottenham!! A cordial invitation is extended to all former residents of the area to come and participate in the various events scheduled throughout the year.

Several special weekends are planned including a Reunion Weekend July 6-8, with a host of exciting activities. July 7 could be your best chance to meet old friends and make new ones.

A welcoming committee will be hosting a "meet your friends" social in the afternoon followed by a buffet dinner and a dance.

If you lived here, shopped here, went to school or church here, we would like to see you again. Your presence will help to make our year a memorable one.

For further information, please write to: The Centennial Committee, P.O. Box 310, Tottenham, Ontario, L0G 1W0.

Sincerely,  
Ralph Hatton,  
Reeve,

Village of Tottenham

## Here's my concern

Dear Editor:

I am appealing to anyone concerned, to voice their opinion concerning Welfare.

To my knowledge, anyone on welfare finds it very humiliating, and detrimental, also very inconvenient and impossible to find a landlord who will be understanding enough to rent their apartments.

I don't blame them one iota!

It is all due to the methods in which the welfare department treat or serve their customers.

The checks are issued in two payments neither checks large enough to pay the rent.

No landlord wants their rent in two payments and up to six days late.

This method should be revised and changed.

I would like to hear the voice of anyone concerned.

Thanking you sincerely,  
Mrs. Gertrude E. Major

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