

# Editorials

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## Have a heart

THE LOCAL HEART FUND DRIVE is only halfway to its goal today, the last day of Heart Month.

Although donations have been generous, they have been too few. In the absence of a door-to-door canvass in this campaign, many people who usually contribute to the fund simply forgot about it this year.

Please don't forget. Dig out an envelope, fill it generously and send it in to one of the following Penetanguishene locations: The Toronto Dominion Bank, the Bank of Nova Scotia, the Huronia Credit Union, the Water and Light Office or the Municipal Office.

Some day your heart, or the heart of someone you love, may benefit from your donation.

## A token of our pride

A TRIBUTE TO BRIAN ORSER, who has brought honour to his home town of Penetanguishene through his figure skating talents, was announced at Penetanguishene Town Council on Monday evening.

The new, large community hall at the Penetanguishene Memorial Arena will be named the Brian Orser Hall after our Olympic Silver Medal winner.

It's a token of Penetanguishene's pride in a fine athlete whose hard work and talent has won him international recognition.

## Try again later

A RETURN TO WINTER WEATHER this week may have pleased skiers and snowplow operators but it was a letdown for others who were hoping spring had arrived early this year.

Among the disappointed were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stevens of Church Street who spotted a robin in their yard last Friday.

"My wife saw it first," said Mr. Stevens, "and I got out the field glasses to make sure it was a robin and not a grosbeak. There it was, perched in an old apple tree, fat and healthy-looking."

Let's hope it was healthy enough to make the long trip back south where it'll have to wait until spring is really here.

## Experiences

### in the marketplace adds to consumers' education...

Most Ontarians feel their experiences in the marketplace have improved in almost every consumer area since 1980, but many feel there's still room for improvement.

This is the overriding theme of Ontario Consumer Issues 1983, a survey released today by Dr. Robert Elgie, Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations.

The survey, while primarily designed to test consumer attitudes, also found that unemployment, inflation, government spending and education are the personal issues that most concern Ontario residents.

The survey, third in a series commissioned by the Ministry since 1978, was written by Prof. Mel Moyer of York University's administrative studies faculty with the assistance of the Ministry and a market research firm.

The survey involved 997 interviews conducted across the province between July 21 and Aug. 20, 1983. An additional sampling of 103 interviews with Ontario Francophones was also included.

## Bicentennial happenings

Every parade has one. And this year, more than 50 local parades will have one too.

It's the Bicentennial "Celebrating Together" float, complete with a huge three-dimensional red, yellow and blue Bicentennial logo. Just in front of the logo is a large cannon firing colourful streamers backed by Ontario flags. Children love parades and birthday parties, and this one is no exception. In every host community they can be found flanking the float. Add the three-petalled white

The main objective was to determine shifts in consumer attitudes and their awareness of emerging issues.

Some of the highlights include:

—Ontarians lack awareness of consumer protection measures. The Ministry is especially concerned because the survey shows that disadvantaged consumers are the least informed.

—Most consumers support raising the legal drinking age from the present level of 19.

—There is broad support for the government's role in censoring films. The survey also found widespread support for increasing the Ministry's role in censoring films, video cassettes and Pay TV.

—There is growing concern about a perceived erosion of privacy, particularly related to computers.

—Consumers are becoming increasingly demanding of business about redressing their complaints, but they feel optimistic they will receive better treatment in the marketplace in the future.

trillium, Ontario's official flower, and the widely recognized "Ontario-Yours to Discover!" logo and you've got a picture of a province celebrating its 200th birthday.

The float has already been to several communities. It is booked for Kirkland Lake on March 3, and the Listowel "Irish Paddfest" on March 17. It will return to Toronto for the Canadian Cancer Society Daffodil Day Parade on April 6. Further engagements will be announced in the coming months.



**NEWS ITEM:** March is expected to come in tomorrow like a lion or a lamb!

## Cancer study for Tiny Twp.

Dear Editor:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of correspondence received from the Honourable Monique Begin, Minister of National Health and Welfare regarding the cancer study requested by the Tiny Township Ratepayers' Association.

This study was requested as a result of the concerns of our Association and numerous individuals and families with the very harmful effects of the aerial dumping of pesticides in Tiny Township.

Your assistance in making the contents of these letters known to the public would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly  
TINY TOWNSHIP RATEPAYERS'  
ASSOCIATION  
Anthony Patrick Lancia  
President

Mr. Anthony P. Lancia,  
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Dear Mr. Lancia:

Thank you for your letter of January 9, 1984 in which your Association expressed its desire for assistance by the Department of National Health and Welfare in resolving questions concerning the prevalence of cancers in Tiny Township and Simcoe County.

This is to inform you that as a result of your request, the Non-Communicable Diseases Division of the Laboratory Centre for Disease Control has begun an analysis of cancer statistics to determine whether there might be any unusual cancer prevalences or trends in these localities. A report on this study will be forwarded to you as soon as it is completed, probably before the middle of March, 1984.

By now you may have received from my colleague, the Minister of Agriculture, some comments on the aerial spraying of pesticides in these areas.

I trust that those comments and assistance which the Non-Communicable Diseases Division may be able to offer in this matter, will be able to adequately address your concerns.

Yours truly,  
Monique Begin

## Praise for Patty

Dear Editor:

Patty Beausoleil is, without doubt, the most innovative cartoonist your newspaper has had.

I have watched this young lady from her start with the paper and have been most impressed at her creative evolution.

One never realizes the time and effort in producing one cartoon. The effort in committing pen to paper in a humorous fashion is very time-consuming and mindboggling at times. After many tries in deciding what could be funny, something finally evolves.

## Writer is optimistic

Dear Editor:

I wish to thank the members of our newly for-

## Skating carnival was a delight

Dear Editor:

Just a note from a Sr. Citizen to express heartily, "Congratulations" to countless numbers of Directors, Instructors, Stage and Lighting hands, Costume makers, Mothers, Fathers, Volunteers, Participants, etc. who contributed to our delight and enjoyment with Midland's recent Figure Skating Carnival.

It was superb!

And it is also a delight to see the "Budding Stars" and enjoy thoroughly the performances of the "Guest Stars" along with Huronia's "Brian Orser" who thrills all of Canada, as well as many people throughout the World, not only with his skating dexterity, but also with his wholesome personality.

—K.A. (Ken) Cowan  
Midland

It really makes a difference when the editor has a rapport with the cartoonist to make the cartoon abreast of the daily happenings. It is obvious you have that rapport.

Patty creates a breath of fresh air and has given me many a chuckle through her visuals.

As a former cartoonist for the Midland Times, I hope you appreciate her and remunerate her accordingly. I hope you realize what a talent you have at your own newspaper.

Yours truly  
Ruth Fowler  
(Ruthi)

med conservation club for their support they have shown to me at the last general meeting.

We are now affiliated with the Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters Incorporated. Due to health reasons I will be absent for a short period, however, your next general meeting will be March 8 at the Perkinsfield school at 7:30 p.m.

I'm optimistic that our club can achieve our goals.

Yours in Conservation  
—Ray Lalonde  
President

## 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.

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