

Editorials

Information-honestly, openly and freely shared-
is the hallmark of democracy

Positive support

HURONIA AIRPORT was a busy place over the weekend recording a total of 150 movements (landings and take-offs).

The tri-municipal facility in Tiny Township also became mecca for 30 Air Cadets from Brampton flying in 12 planes who made the airport their base of operations for a period of time over the weekend.

Last week, the airport entered the big leagues. The first plane to clear Canada Customs at the airport took off Thursday afternoon bound for Detroit.

Aboard the airplane was Midland-Penetanguishene industrialist Reinhart Weber who presented a \$10,000 donation to the airport to be used to improve navigational aids at the airport.

This is the kind of positive support the airport has needed since its inception.

Canada Health Day

CANADA HEALTH DAY: May 12 is an important day for Canadian hospitals. The pioneering English nurse, Florence Nightingale, was born on that date in 1820 and it is traditionally chosen as the date for Canada Health Day. That's the day on which attention is focussed on health care and the people who work and volunteer in hospitals.

Hospitals, of course, have changed beyond comparison since the days when Florence Nightingale ministered to the sick and wounded soldiers in the Crimean War.

We now have antibiotics, safe blood transfusions, vaccines and other life-saving treatments and preventive health measures. Doctors and scientists can successfully perform organ transplants and replace transplants and replace missing limbs with life-like mechanical devices. Canada Health Day reminds us of the tremendous, and constantly changing, advances made in medical and hospital care over the past decades.

The national program for Canada Health Day is co-ordinated by the Canadian Hospital Association in Ottawa and co-sponsored by the Canada Public Health Association. This year's theme is "Behind the Scenes in Health Care", and many hospitals across Canada will be opening their doors to the public to show what goes on in those areas not normally frequented by patients and visitors.

The way in which hospitals celebrate Canada Health Day varies from community to community. Some hold an "Open House", while others organize shopping mall displays, either individually or in conjunction with other hospitals, visits to local schools, hospital tours, television and radio interviews and special newspaper features.

Hospitals hope that these activities will help people get to know their hospitals better.

Hospital to benefit

It is safe to say this Saturday, Canada Health Day, will be a busy one for Penetanguishene General Hospital.

From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., to help celebrate Canada Health Day, PGH will be holding an open house.

Tours of the hospital are planned as well as an afternoon tea to which everyone is cordially invited to attend.

In the morning, from 9 a.m. to noon, members of the Richelieu Club will be hosting a "Health Walk for Penetanguishene General Hospital."

Proceeds from the walk will go to support PGH's capital equipment fund, a hospital official confirmed yesterday.

Meanwhile, members of Elmvale and District Lions Club will also be holding a Walk-a-thon and Bike-a-thon for PGH.

Organizers will be taking registration for this walk-a-thon and bike-a-thon at the Wyevale Ball Diamond from 11 a.m. to noon.

Trees and pupils

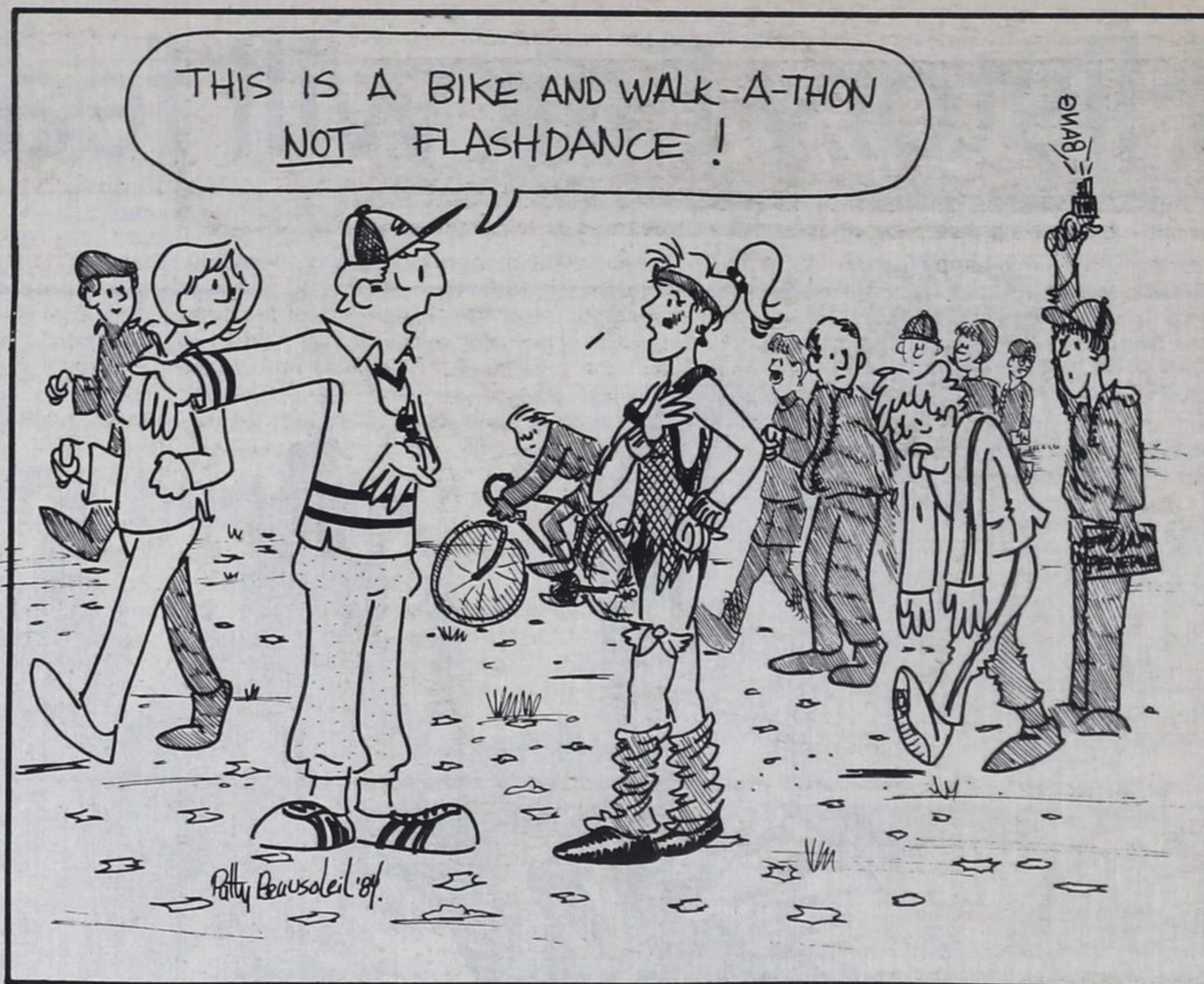
HATS OFF to the staff and pupils at Medonte West Central School.

Monday afternoon, the folks there hosted two important projects.

They took part in Arbour Day while at the same time marked Ontario's Bicentennial.

On hand for tree-planting ceremonies were Simcoe East MPP Al McLean and his wife and Reeve Ingram Amos of Medonte Township.

Not even gale force winds could chill the warm welcome all received at the school.



Annual Big Wheelie

Dear Editor:

It's that time of year again when CONTACT plans its "4th ANNUAL BIG WHEELIE BIKE-A-THON" in order to raise funds for our important work.

As you are aware CONTACT is the major source of telephone referrals to Community Services in the Midland and North Simcoe area. The BIKE-A-THON is our major fund raising event and we need your participation to make it a success.

This year we are very excited about the prospects for the Bike-A-thon and are hoping to involve whole families by offering various options for participation. At this juncture, it is our plan to have the usual 20 kilometre ride, a shorter individual route, and a relay.

However, the success of this expanded event depends on involving greater numbers in the actual organization as it will require a larger number of check points, and therefore, more people to man them.

As you can appreciate the expanded programme requires a greater number of check points and people to man them; we are therefore asking for assistance at the organizational level and would very much appreciate anybody interested calling us at 526-9333 at your earliest convenience.

The following are the suggested start times from

the McDonald's parking lot: 1. At 9 a.m. the individual 20 km route. 2. At 9:30 a.m. the individual short route. 3. At 10 a.m. the relay.

Additional forms are available at the Contact Office or by telephoning us.

In the past we have only asked for a representative rider who would collect pledges from both your group and the community at large, but we are hoping that with the new options, these will greater numbers participating and at least one organizational assistant. The relay would require a four-person team, with a manager who would insure that riders and bicycles arrive at the four relay points and pick up the competitor who is at the end of the run. We'd like you to consider challenging other businesses or your staff or union VS management to meet or beat pledges in any of the events.

There will be a PHONE-IN information programme on CHANNEL 12 CABLE Wednesday May 2, 1984 7 p.m. at which time such challenges can be issued SO LET'S HAVE SOME FRIENDLY COMPETITION FOR A GOOD CAUSE.

We look forward to your participation and cooperation in helping to make this our most successful BIG WHEELIE yet. Thank you for your support.

—CONTACT Board of Directors

Taking effective measures

Dear Editor:

Sulphur dioxide emissions and the effect that they have on the environment are of great concern, not only to people whose livelihoods depend on a healthy environment, but to all of us who feel that our natural heritage should not be defiled.

The acid rain problem has now become a major issue in North America, and the people of the United States and Canada are demanding solutions.

Meeting those demands will require awareness of the problem and the technical means by which it can be addressed, understanding of the enormous

financial resources required to implement effective action, and cooperation among the diverse economic and political elements of our societies.

We, at Falconbridge, have taken effective measures to drastically reduce sulphur dioxide emissions.

It is our hope that the success we have achieved will serve as an example of how industry can protect the environment and of what is being done in Canada to reduce the threat of acid rain.

—Bill James, Chairman

Chain letter annoys reader

Dear Editor:

I am sending you a letter I received in yesterday's mail. I've been told it is illegal to use the mail for such trash.

But if everyone receiving a chain letter sends out 20 copies at 32 cents each the post office makes \$6.40. Not bad.

If all the people mentioned were so lucky or losers, why not print their address, so we receivers could write to one or all and find out if there are any such persons, also such enormous sums of money won or given to these people. None from Canada.

The letter I am enclosing comes from Penetanguishene. Looks to me like the sender is not too bright to say the least.

I think the sender may be using the office paper and stamped envelopes.

I hope they know these letters can be traced by the type.

It can also be from some student's binder. I am

not superstitious. I do not take threats.

I may be an older person but I can still use my cane on chain letter sickies. There should be a law passed to deal out some kind of punishment dealt out to these people.

Yours Truly
Mrs. P. Lowes

Letters

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