

Editorials

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Happy birthday MP

IT WILL BE a quarter of a century this Sunday that CKMP Radio first came on the air to serve Midland-Penetanguishene from the 1230 spot on your radio's dial.

Two long-time CBC Radio operator-engineers, Bruce Armstrong and Stan Tulk, were the brains behind the 250 watt radio station.

As CKMP prepares to mark its silver anniversary it is well worth mentioning some of the broadcasters who got their start at 'MP or who worked here for a time as they continued their upward climb on the ladder of success.

Grant Forsythe, Ian Brownlee, Tommy Shields, Ken Trew, Murray Eldon, Paul DeCoursey, Mike Cranston, Bill Bramah and Doug Johnston are some of the announcers who were employed at CKMP for a time and who have gone on to fame and in some cases fortune.

And how about those hi-reviewers Fred Hacker and Anne Gignac or Red Nicholls who played jazz.

They too got their start at 'MP as did Al and Nancy Jenson, Jean Stanway, Doug Settington and most if not all of the Armstrong kids including Jim and Arlene.

Simcoe County Board of Education's first chairman, John McCullough, was one of the radio stations first program directors.

So as CKMP wraps up its first 25 years in business, this newspaper wishes 'MP all the very best for the coming 25 years. Happy birthday CKMP!

Fish here first

THE OLDEST bass derby of its kind in Canada, the Little Lake Bass Derby, rolls into high gear this Sunday in Midland.

It's been decades since John Power, George Lott and others others first organized the initial bass derby in town.

Each year since then it has grown into a highly competitive 1st of July event.

And by the way, don't forget Penetanguishene Rotary Club's Fish Hunt.

It takes place all next month (July 1-29). Up for grabs will be four \$25,000 cash prizes along with more than \$10,000 worth of special prizes.

Both of the above events are very good reasons to fish first in North Simcoe.

Was a gentleman

THE HEADLINE read: Ex-NHL head Clarence Campbell dies. It was a shocker to learn of Campbell's untimely death the other day.

Clarence Sutherland Campbell died in a Montreal Hospital just short of his 79th birthday.

He had been admitted to hospital about a week previous with heart trouble.

It was he who was president of the NHL during the league's turbulent years, 1946-1977.

The former pro hockey referee and Rhodes Scholar, was a lawyer by trade, a military man and a gentleman in every sense of the word.

Campbell left his mark on the National Hockey League and for this the league can take pride.

Just the facts m'am

Penetanguishene Police Department's monthly activity report to town council giving a breakdown of police activity during May lists four reportable motor vehicle accidents.

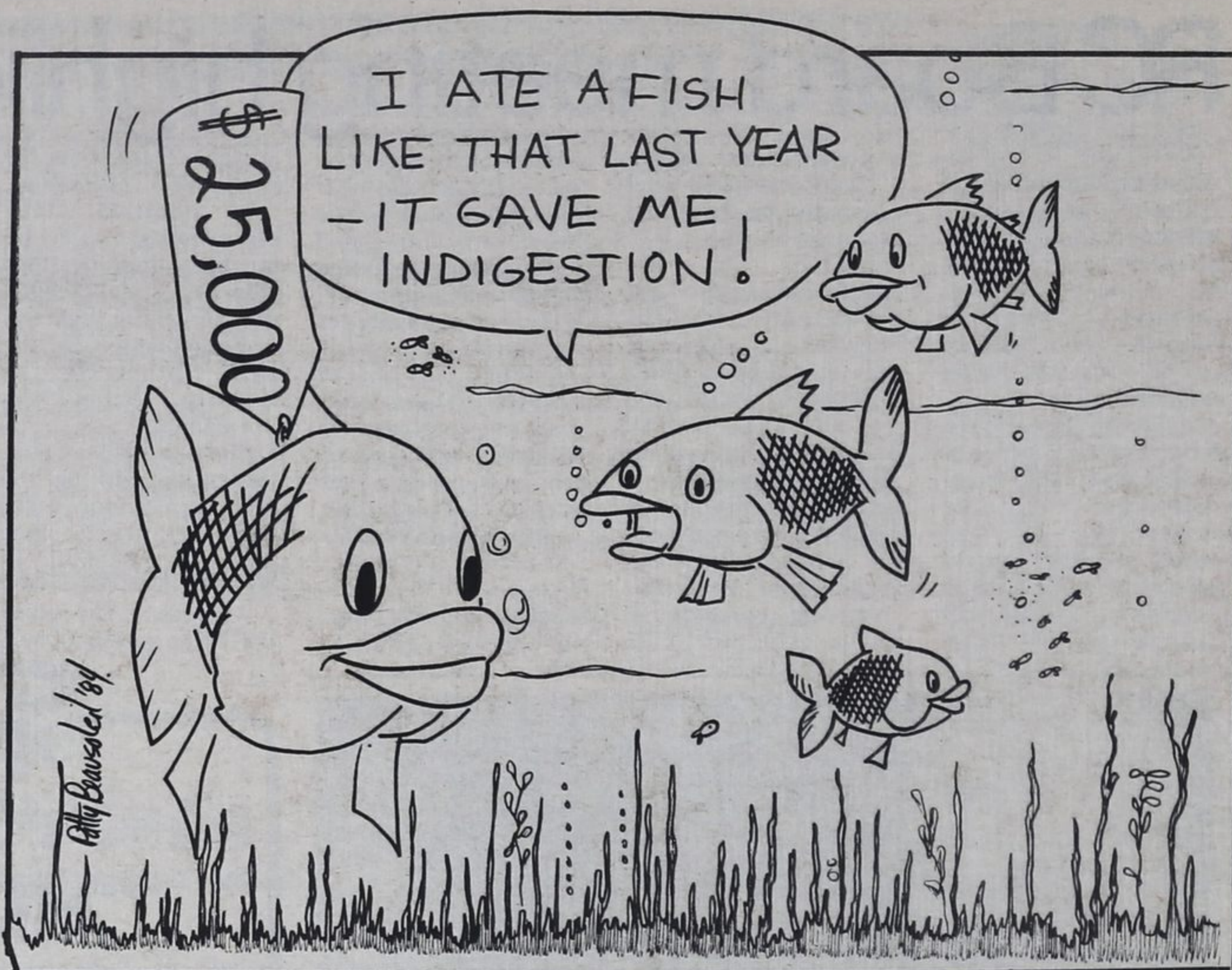
No injuries resulting from traffic accidents

were recorded for the month. Nine accidents were non-reportable.

The breakdown reveals that 18 Criminal Code charges and seven liquor licence charges were recorded in May. Fifty-nine charges under the Highway Traffic Act were listed.

One break-in at a store was reported. Thefts over \$200 totalled four while thefts under \$200 totalled 11.

Value of property stolen was \$12,119. Value of property recovered for the month totalled \$10,962.



What goes up must come down!

Dear Editor:

If you live within a 10 or 12 mile radius of Barrie, we thought you'd like to know that we may be dropping in on you (literally) during the upcoming Molson Canadian Hot Air Balloon Championships.

This colorful event takes place July 20 to the 27 and you could become a very important part of it. During the course of the races, balloonists will find it necessary to "come back to earth" and it may be your property they land on.

If and when they do, they will uncork a bottle of

champagne as is customary and share it with you. In addition, you will be given an entry form to fill out making you eligible for a trip for two anywhere. Air Canada flies!

The draw will be made at noon on Friday, July 27 after the final race of the championship.

Only landowners who have a balloon land on their property will be eligible.

If you have any questions or concerns about your property and the Molson Canadian Hot Air Balloon Championships please call 722-7555.

Come celebrate with us

Dear Editor:

On July 14 and 15, Markdale Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Heritage Days Festival to help celebrate Ontario's bi-centennial year.

A large event is planned beginning with a Midnight Madness Sale on Friday evening. As people wander around town on Saturday, they can enjoy watching musicians, dancers and can can girls perform. Artists, artisans and skilled craft people will be demonstrating their special talents in outdoor displays.

There will be face painters for the children, a pet show, colouring contests and decorated bicycle contest, not to mention the pony rides.

A special attraction will be the appearance of a native indian group to delight and inform with displays and demonstrations of their native music and crafts.

A baseball tournament, refreshment garden, antique and craft show and many other exciting events are planned.

A dance on Saturday night will top off a busy day where folks can dance to the music of a home-grown band, Hit and Run, who will feature our country music heritage.

Sunday brings a pancake breakfast, all-faith church service in the park and the continuation of the antique and craft show.

Markdale is located on Highway 10 just 130 Km northwest of Toronto.

Come - celebrate with us in Markdale.

- Catherine Hamilton
Co-ordinator
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Third annual homecoming

Dear Editor:

The Town of Lindsay will be celebrating its third annual Homecoming Weekend Friday, July 27 through Sunday, July 29.

The theme of this year's homecoming festivities is "Ours - A Heritage to Remember." This historical theme, which is also in support of the province's Bicentennial celebrations, will be the main focus of the weekend's activities.

Thanks for job well done

Dear Editor:

Midland Town Centre would like to take this opportunity to thank those who contributed to beautifying our main street last weekend.

The stain for the street furniture was donated by Skilja Design on King Street. This was very much appreciated.

The painting work itself was done by twenty volunteers from the Pentecostal Church in Midland. Thank you for your time and effort, you did a super job.

At the same time we wish to thank the Horticultural Society for another fine job with the flowers in the planters.

Again, thank you all for your time and effort, the Street looks great.

- Liz Downer
Manager
B.I.A.

Letters

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