

# Editorials

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## V-E Day, May 8, 1945

KAPUT. That was the only word which appears on the front page of the May 9, 1945 edition of The Maple Leaf, a newspaper produced with the Canadian Press News Service for Canadian Forces in action.

The special victory edition describes cease fire orders given in Europe the previous day, May 8, V-E Day.

It was Prime Minister Churchill who gave the world the official announcement earlier that week, pronouncing an end of the war in Europe during a broadcast from London.

In a five-minute flurry of signatures, the Nazi surrender was completed with the cease fire everywhere in Europe going into effect at 0001, Tuesday, May 8.

Not since 1918 had the sounds of unpent happiness rang round the world as loud speakers on that May 8, 1945, date began to suddenly blare out the news...VICTORY IN EUROPE.

## The road to freedom

ON THIS the 40th anniversary of V-E Day, we can't help but agree with U.S. President Ronald Reagan that he may have, Sunday, reopened old wounds by visiting a German Military Cemetery at Bitburg which contains the graves of 48 soldiers from the SS.

However, we can only hope his most controversial act will pave the way for understanding and compassion and begin a healing process that is probably 40 years overdue.

That isn't to say we should ever forget the holocaust; the human wreckage.

However, if our world is ever to enjoy a better collective future, we must begin to put behind us, once and for all, the hatreds that have haunted generations of humans because of so many falling in the struggle, giving their lives, so that others might have freedom.

## Rae's decision makes sense

PREMIER FRANK MILLER will have an opportunity to form a government now that NDP leader Bob Rae has stated his party will not enter into a coalition agreement with the Liberals. The NDP, which holds the balance of power at Queen's Parks after the election Thursday of a minority government, will instead see how the Liberals and Conservatives react to issues which the NDP deems to be priority items once the legislature is recalled.

Rae's decision makes sense for the party and for Ontario voters.

Though more Liberal votes than Tory votes were cast in the election, the voters elected more Conservative MPPs. Arguing that the Liberals automatically deserve preference over Conservatives, as has been suggested by some observers, since they got more votes, runs counter to the long established parliamentary practice of having the party with the most number of seats get a chance to form a government.

It's a practice that has worked satisfactorily in the past.

## Obituary

### Susan Henderson

The late Susan Henderson of Peek-a-boo Trail, Penetanguishene, died suddenly in Huronia District Hospital on April 27, 1985, at the age of 31 years.

Miss Henderson was born and raised in Toronto and spent many summers at the family cottage in Peek-a-boo Trail before becoming a permanent resident of the area some nine

years ago. She had been employed at K-Mart in Mountainview Mall for the last couple of years and was also an avid bowler.

Her funeral mass was held in St. Ann's Memorial Church, Penetanguishene, on May 1, with Rev. L. Dignard officiating. Followed by cremation. Paul Dusome, Steve

Letourneau, Robert Kinsman, David Robitaille, Robert Walker, and Philip Natale were her pallbearers.

Her parents Theresa & John A. Henderson of Peek-a-boo Trail, her brother John, sisters Nancy Chapman & Patricia Oben, nephews Brett Chapman, Jason & Justin Oben, and niece Natasha Chapman survive her.

## Camera Records for History Signing of Surrender



Very much on the short side of this table, German representatives of the Doenitz government sign the documents agreeing to the complete and unconditional surrender of the German armies fighting in Europe. Col-Gen. Gustaf Jodl, German Chief of Staff sits with his back to the camera (centre) and faces the Allied chiefs as he signs. Gen-Admiral von Friedeburg, on Jodl's left, seems more interested in what is going on under the table than the final collapse of Germany.

## Special camp program

Dear Editor:

Well it's that time of year again.

The Asthma Society of Canada is sponsoring our 10th annual summer camp for children with asthma. We are going to Camp Couchiching for 10 days--Friday, June 28--Monday July 3. Kids ages seven to 15 inclusive are eligible.

The fee for this period for the campers with asthma is \$292. However, to enable every child with asthma to attend camp, financial assistance has been made available through donations to the Asthma Society Of Canada.

Taking part in a regular camp program has the beneficial effects of building confidence and reducing the sense of isolation often associated with a chronic disease such as Asthma.

The Asthma Society Of Canada feel that an adequately equipped and supervised camping experience away from home for children who cannot attend other camps, is a very worthwhile

project.

Anyone who knows of children who would benefit from this camp experience or who have asthma and wish further information, should contact immediately:

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## Banana Republic

Dear Editor:

Last night I observed the Banana Republic "type" meeting of the council of Tiny in "action". Ratepayers were ejected for an unannounced closed meeting at 8:00 p.m. One ratepayer objected to being evicted from such a meeting to prove a point similar to council's stance on the school levy.

Mr. Lancia steadfastly refused to vacate chambers and received verbal abuse and degradation as to his motives and suffered civil liberties infringements. The council then initiated a special council motion enabling them authority to clear the chambers between 8:30 and 10:00 p.m. When council went into a committee of the whole and included their appointed ADHOC dump committee, then the procedure was questionable.

They then illicit the help of two police cruisers and a motorcycle officer to enforce their new bylaw of 10 minutes old, but were informed by the officer that they had no jurisdiction over municipal bylaws and left.

How consistent is it for members of the Tiny Township council and their ADHOC dump committee, particularly the likes of Mrssrs. Lackie, Butler, and Mr. McCollough, to complain about secrecy of the NSWMA and then commit the same offense that they previously complained about.

These actions on the part of council are disgusting to Perkinsfield residents and are a threat to our democratic process in our community and the citizens of Perkinsfield deserve better treatment.

Yours truly,  
-Gary Posey  
Perkinsfield

## No booze in parks

Dear Editor:

Everyone who visits a Provincial Park is entitled to the most peaceful holiday possible. To this end, we are attempting to ensure that all visitors understand their responsibility to others and do not cause disruptions through loud music and excessive noise.

In addition, alcohol will again be banned from selected parks for a short period at the beginning of the 1985 camping season. This is an attempt to ensure the peaceful experience that most campers expect in Provincial Parks.

In the Huronia District, total alcohol restrictions will be in force from Friday, May 10 to Monday, May 20, inclusive. The parks affected will include Awenda, Bass Lake, Earl Rowe, McRae Point and Six Mile Lake. Other parks with alcohol restrictions include Arrowhead, Balsam Lake, Darlington, Emily, Killbear, Serpent Mounds, Sibbald Point, Bon Echo, Ferris, Fitzroy, Presqu'ile, Rideau River, Silver Lake and Sandbanks.

Failure to observe the regulation prohibiting possession of alcohol means that violators can be evicted from parks; all wine, beer and spirits that is in their possession can be confiscated; and offenders can be charged under the Provincial Parks Act, either by police or by park officials.

After May 20, 1985 the consumption of alcohol will be governed by the rules which normally apply to Provincial Parks. That is, a camper who has purchased a camping permit may, along with any guests, consume alcoholic beverages on their campsite.

We regret that some of our visitors will be inconvenienced temporarily, but our main intent is to preserve Provincial Parks as peaceful recreational areas for campers.

-John Winters  
District Parks Supervisor

## Letters

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