

# Editorials

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## Hard work

ROTARY CLUB of Penetanguishene members demonstrated once again this past weekend that when it comes to organizational skills, they have few peers.

The wrap-up to the Great Penetang Rotary Fish Hunt was the biggest to date, enjoyed by big crowds Saturday and Sunday - and it was the result of countless hours of planning by club members. It seems that any project the service club sets it members loose on comes up a winner.

Projects like the Fish Hunt, the boat draw, and the Canada Day Rotary events are evaluated after they are over to see whether they should be repeated the following year. The reason is each one requires a formidable amount of work by members who volunteer their time for free.

In Penetanguishene we are indeed fortunate that members of the club are willing to expend so much energy on projects that are enjoyed by thousands of area residents and by visitors from beyond.

## Nation's oldest pilot

IT IS SAFE to say, Tommy Williams of Woodstock, Ont., was the legend in his own town.

He died last Thursday in hospital just three months short of his 100th birthday.

Born in Ingersoll, Williams was best known for being Canada's oldest pilot. He gave up flying his Fleet 21M biplane back in 1971 when he was then 87.

But his claim to fame centres around his World War I military flying with the British Royal Flying Corps.

During his two-year stint he was shot down three times (once by the legendary Red Baron, Manfred von Richtofen).

Williams, a true flying ace with 14 kills to his credit, logged a total of 199 missions during the war which included at least 400 minutes of intense combat.

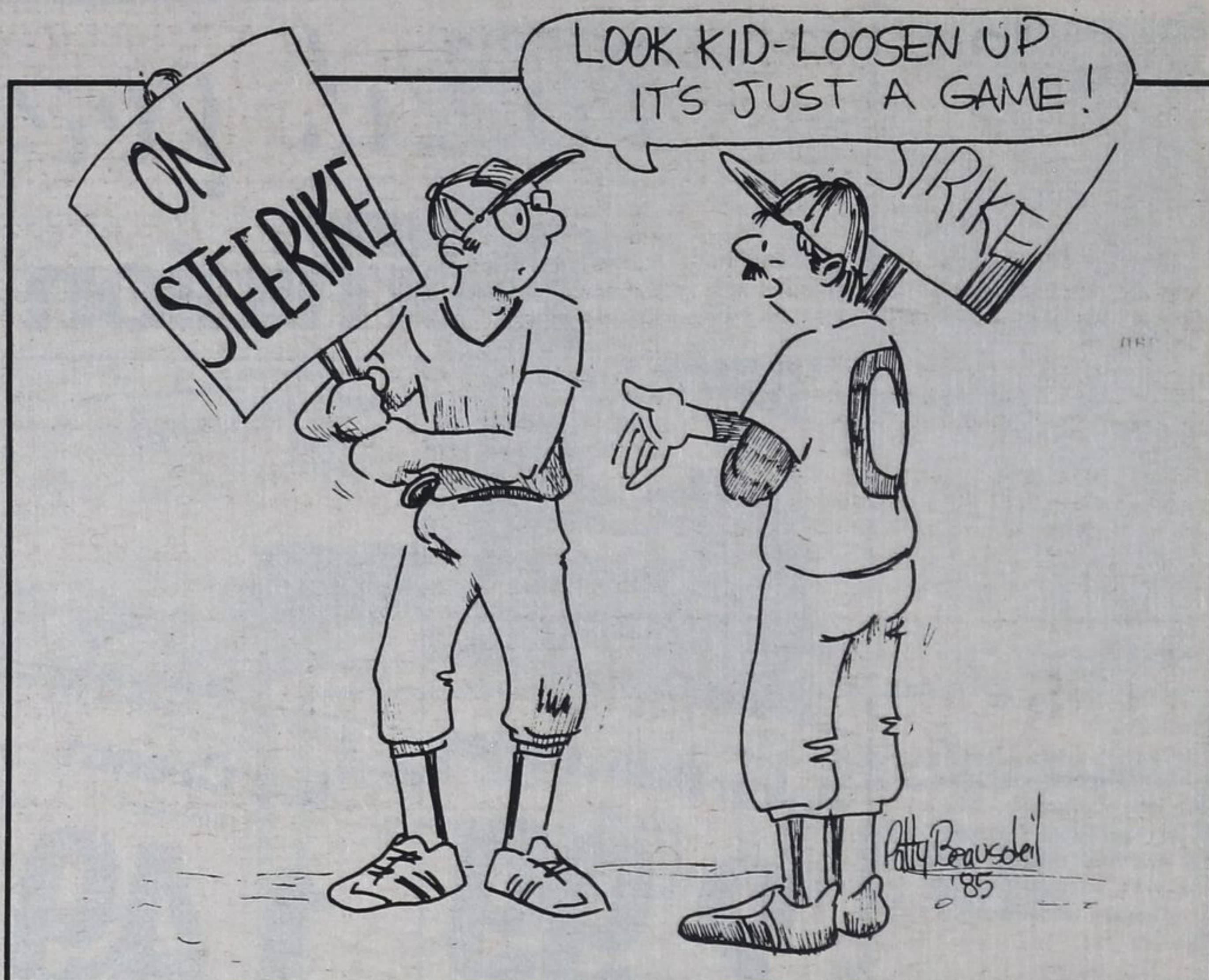
A gentleman in every sense of the word, the late Tommy Williams lived life to the fullest.



### 'How your ancestors did it'

Trish Hines shows youngster visiting Historic Naval and Military Establishments in Penetanguishene during Liberty Days Saturday how weaving was done in 19th century

days. Audience participation in interpretations of various 19th century activities is a popular feature of annual Liberty Days.



## 40th annual reunion for RCAF types

Dear Editor:

There are no doubt readers of your newspaper who would be interested in knowing of the forthcoming 40th Annual Reunion of No. 6 Service Flying Training School, R.C.A.F., Dunnville, Ontario, and I would appreciate it if you would provide a news item in a coming issue of your newspaper.

The publicity we have received in the past has resulted in the attendance of several "first timers" each year, and has made it possible for us to hold this rather unique reunion annually since the war ended in 1945.

Such notice could be in the following form:

### Airforce Reunion In Dunnville

For the past 39 years Royal Canadian Air Force personnel who were stationed at No. 6 S.F.T.S. during the war have gathered in Dunnville to celebrate their station reunion.

This year marks their 40th get together which will take place Sept. 20, 21 and 22.

The event kicks off with a reception on the Friday evening and a golf tournament will be held on Saturday morning.

Our grand patron, Air Chief Marshal Sir David Evans, former vice-chief of the defence staff for

the United Kingdom, will be our guest of honour and will take the salute at the memorial service on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 21.

Conducted in memory of the 47 Commonwealth, American and Canadian personnel who made the supreme sacrifice while serving at Dunnville from 1940 to 1944.

The parade will be led by the band of 150 Hamilton Squadron, R.C.A.F. and the memorial service will be preceded by a formation fly-past of wartime Harvard aircraft led by Norm Beckham of Woodstock, Ont.

A dinner-dance will follow at the high school on the Saturday evening.

The weekend winds down on Sunday morning with an outdoor "flapper and banger" breakfast at the Riverview Motel.

All veterans of No. 6 and their spouses are invited. If not on the mailing list please contact Frank Scholfield, 646 Alder St. W., Dunnville, Ont. N1A 1S5, TEL. (416) 774-5480.

Your co-operation will again be appreciated and will help to make our reunion another great success!

Yours very truly,  
-Frank Scholfield, Adjutant-General

## Geldof for President?

Dear Editor:

On Saturday, July 13, up to 1.5 billion people throughout 160 countries were joined in brotherhood with the Live Aid concerts in Philadelphia and London.

A feeling of warmth and humanity emanated from the scenes as hundreds of artists gathered to help the starving.

When it was all over and done I found myself left with, not the good feeling of seeing so many

nations united for a cause, but with a bitter question.

Why had this starvation gone on so long with little or no organized aid effort by governments?

Why had this all been left for an Irish "new wave" performer, Bob Geldof and his fellow artists?

Since the weekend Mr. Geldof, dubbed "Saint Bob" by the British press, has been nominated for a Nobel peace prize and British Knighthood.

It sounds as though the governments see this step to solving another world problem as pretty important.

So why hadn't they done anything earlier, and what are they doing now.

Viewing everything in perspective, it seems as though the wrong people are in power. Maybe certain change would elevate many more world problems.

Maybe world peace will come when we realize that what we need is a Prime Minister Geldof or a President Jack Nicholson.

Some artistic thinking from the heart seems to be our only possible future.

Tim Reed  
Scarborough

## Encouraging words for HDH Board

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the column in the "Huronian Weekend".

In these times of restraints and pressures on hospital services, it is nice to read your encouraging words in your column "Thinking Out Loud".

I think, along with you, that we are very fortunate in this area to have the excellent service both hospitals try to give.

Thank you again.

Yours sincerely,

HURONIA DISTRICT HOSPITAL,  
-Hilda M. Sibthorpe,  
Chairman, Board of Directors

## Letters

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