

Editorials

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is the hallmark of democracy

Emancipated people

FORTY YEARS AGO, on Aug. 15, World War II came to an end with V-J (Victory in Japan) Day.

This Thursday will mark the 40th anniversary of yet another great world war to end all wars.

Four decades have past since V-J Day and with them the silencing of thousands upon thousands of voices that had shouted menacing unison, "Sieg Heil" and "Banzai" by a louder chorus across the land, "Freedom."

Almost acceptable

THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY of the end of the Second World War comes around in two days. The Second World War undoubtedly ended when it did because of the decision of U.S. President Harry Truman to atom bomb Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The United States would have won that war, without atomic weapons, but not as quickly, and not without more U.S. dead and wounded not to mention enemy losses.

The Soviets were on the verge of entering the war against Japan. The setting foot by Soviet troops on Japanese soil is one of those might-have-been turns of history cancelled by a previous event.

Did Truman have the Soviets in mind when he gave the order to kill tens of thousands of Japanese civilians? Or was he thinking only of saving the lives of his own people?

Was Hiroshima and Nagasaki the price the world required for 40 years of nuclear peace? The thought that those deaths contributed to the intervening lack of nuclear war almost makes Truman's decision acceptable.

Bramah's Ontario

BILL BRAMAH'S ONTARIO is the title of a new book to be released tomorrow at the Toronto Press Club.

Written by Global Television's roving reporter, Bill Bramah of Tiny Township, it explores Ontario's unique towns and its people.

Bramah, a former CKMP radio announcer and Midland Secondary School teacher has put literally hundreds of Ontario communities on the map with his roving reporter reports for the Global Television Network.

You can bet much of Bramah's work on his first book was done right here in Huronia where you can usually find him at McDonald's (having a coffee) working on scripts for future shows.

Ball fans booed

BY NOW THE Great Baseball Strike of 1985 has been forgotten by the fans in the onward surge to a first pennant of local favourites the Toronto Blue Jays.

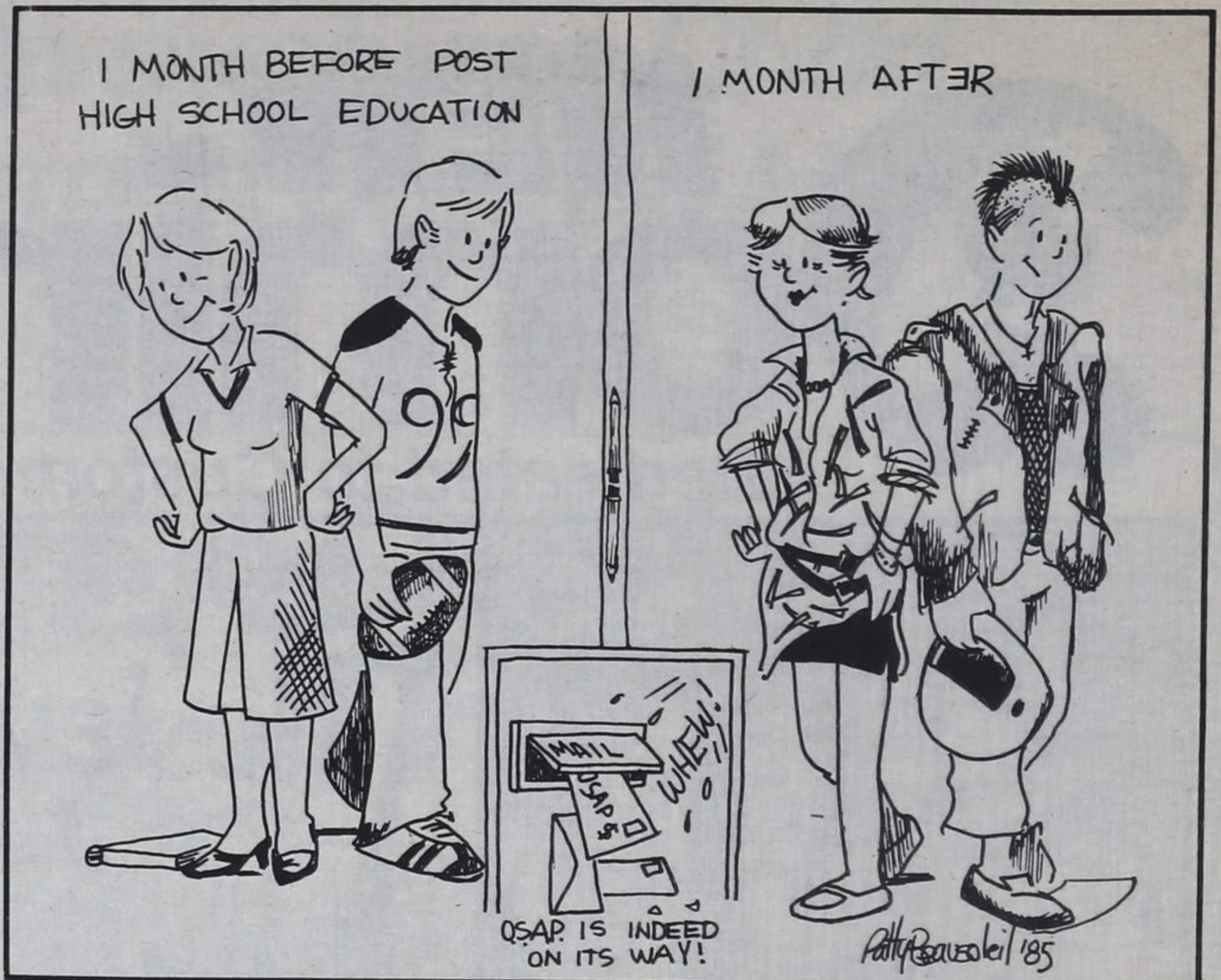
The hypocrisy of the fans who booed the players for daring to strike was amazing. Canadians have a marked liking for so-called Conservative government. Still, the protest against a group of men who were trying to increase and protect their income was not logical.

A Toronto television sportscaster shared his opinion that the players were lucky that the strike was so short.

Once the strike started, the owners had the opportunity to crush the union, he said.

More plausibly, the baseball team owners either couldn't afford a strike, or they could afford a strike, but wanted the income more. Baseball team owners for the most part voluntarily pay players the very handsome salaries they do receive. In some cases, team owners compete for the privilege of creating millionaires.

Anyone except a baseball player who didn't take advantage of an opportunity for a bigger salary would be considered unusual, to say the least.



Bouquets all 'round

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Penetang Chamber of Commerce, I would like to take this opportunity to thank your newspaper for the excellent coverage received re: Summerama weekend. It no doubt helped a great deal to draw the large crowd which converged on our town during that time.

Our many thanks to the following people who donated towards the prize money for the boat races: Canadian Legion Branch 68, Penetang Bottling Company, Mitsubishi Electronics Industries, Maloney's Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Stewart's Gulf, A.C.F. Grew Ltd., Panorama Motel, Agnes M. Gray, Culham Insurance (Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Murphy).

Special mention to the Molson Ontario Breweries Ltd., the Barrie Powerboat

Association, the Friar for donating all the ice for the refreshment tent, L.K.D. Marion for the sound system, Huronia Communications and Security for the walkie-talkies, the Lion's Club, Search and Rescue Patrol, O.P.P. Harbour Patrol, St. John's Ambulance and to the members and to the members of our Board of Directors who worked so diligently to make it all happen.

As with previous Summeramas (as well as Winteramas), the Legion came through again not only financially, but with manpower and moral support. For this we are most grateful.

A verbal bouquet to all the aforementioned people - we couldn't have done it without you!

Sincerely
Joyce Sauve
Secretary

Lawn bowlers' invitation

Dear Editor:

We of "The Midland Lawn Bowling Club" are thrilled with the coverage and publicity which "you" and your "Sports Men" are according us in your publications, "picture-wise," "headlines," and "accounting."

It is most gratifying, and appreciated.

We invite you and your employees (and spouses or fiancées to come down to our excellent "green" and lovely location, and enjoy "free sessions" of lawn bowling whether or not you are an experienced bowler, or require instruction.

You need only smooth, flat-soled shoes, or sock

feet.

We will supply the bowls. And we are still offering "free bowling and instruction sessions" from "teen-age" to "whatever."

We feel certain that you will enjoy it, and at the same time experience fresh air and exercise by "Midland's Lovely Little Lake."

Call - Pres. Ray Goodenough - 526-2480, Ken Ellis - 526-5294, Ken Cowan - 526-5196.

Sincerely,
-Ken A. Cowan
(Publicity & Membership Chairman)

Two claimed

Malfunctioning propane refrigerators, producing carbon monoxide fumes, have been blamed in the deaths of two Ontario men in separate incidents over the past six weeks.

Jeffrey Jaworski, 22, of Kenora, was found dead in his parents' cabin near Ignace, Ont., on July 18. On June 15, Felix Smith, 70, of St. Catharines, was found dead in a cottage near Matheson, Ont.

In both instances, investigators with the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations Fuels Safety Branch determined that a malfunctioning propane refrigerator had produced the carbon monoxide.

Lethal quantities of the colorless and odorless gas can be

produced by propane refrigerators if the burner flame is not properly adjusted or the flue passage is blocked by carbon deposits, scale or other debris.

"These recent, tragic incidents underscore the importance of having propane refrigerators cleaned and adjusted every year. The units shouldn't be started at the beginning of the season unless they have been serviced," said Monte Kwinter, Ontario Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations.

Carbon monoxide generated by malfunctioning propane refrigerators killed four people in 1984. In the past decade, 38 Ontarians have died in accidents related to propane refrigerators,

which are widely used in cottage country or in remote areas of the province where electricity isn't readily available.

Mr. Kwinter said his ministry, in co-operation with the Propane Gas Association of Canada, has produced and distributed a warning letter and a decal which can be affixed to propane refrigerators as a permanent reminder of the need for

proper maintenance and servicing. The ministry has also issued periodic public warnings, stressing the importance of proper maintenance and servicing of propane refrigerators.

"We hope that the decal and increased public awareness of the dangers of neglecting proper maintenance of propane refrigerators will help ensure that more deaths do not occur," said Kwinter.

Letters

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