

Editorials

A grand chap

FUNERAL SERVICES were held last week for long-time Midland resident Frank Whiteman.

The well known Mason, Y's Men's Club member, Justice of the Peace and station agent at Midland, Emsdale, Marysville and Fenlon Falls was quite the fellow.

He took a keen interest in everything he did.

The World War I veteran was a former Governor of Y's Men's International and was active in a host of important fund-raisers during his days.

We shall miss seeing Frank Whiteman walk from his 433 Elizabeth St., Midland, home to the local police station where he conducted his J.P. work on a regular basis until a few short months ago when he became too ill to conduct his duties on a more frequent basis.

Frank Whiteman was an institution in Midland, a grand fellow and a chap we'll not soon forget.

You are needed

TODAY'S the day.

Yes, today's the day you're being invited by the Huronia Branch of the Red Cross to roll up your sleeves and to give from the heart your "gift of life."

From 12 noon to 8:30 p.m., blood donors, hopefully, will be turning out in record numbers at the Yonge Street Civic Centre in Midland.

Today's goal is 350 pints of blood.

For those who have given blood dozens of times and for first-time donors, remember those who will be receiving your blood donations will be healthier for it.

Yes, today is the day to "give the gift of life."

Wonderful exploits

NORTH SIMCOE is certainly blessed with many top athletes.

At present Penetanguishene figure skating sensation Brian Orser is competing in the World Figure Skating Championships in Switzerland.

Recently, Russ Howard's Penetang rink won the Ontario Tankard and just missed capturing the Brier by inches.

And Angela Schmidt Foster of Midland continues to wow 'em on the international cross-country skiing circuit.

These extraordinary athletes were all once buds of promise.

They have since grown to flowers of fulfillment we can all be proud of as we continue to cheer their exploits.

Being a good sort

STARTING THIS week, elementary school pupils in North Simcoe will start bringing their recyclable garbage to school as part of a contest to be sponsored by the North Simcoe Waste Management Association.

It's an effort by the association to teach young people "to be a good sort."

But there's more.

Aside from major cash prizes that will be up for grabs, the project's goal is to get the whole family involved in setting aside recyclable garbage that can be picked up on a regular basis.

Drinking and driving

IN EARLY December 1985, the province's law makers recognized the public's outcry over the slaughter on the highways caused by drinking drivers.

With the introduction of Bill C-18 (also known as The Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1985) new offences, stiffer penalties, and greater authority the Ontario Provincial Police gained valuable, and long overdue support in their efforts to keep the roadways safe.

Under Bill C-18, a motorist can now be charged with dangerous or impaired driving causing bodily harm (maximum 10 years imprisonment), or dangerous driving causing death (maximum 14 years imprisonment).

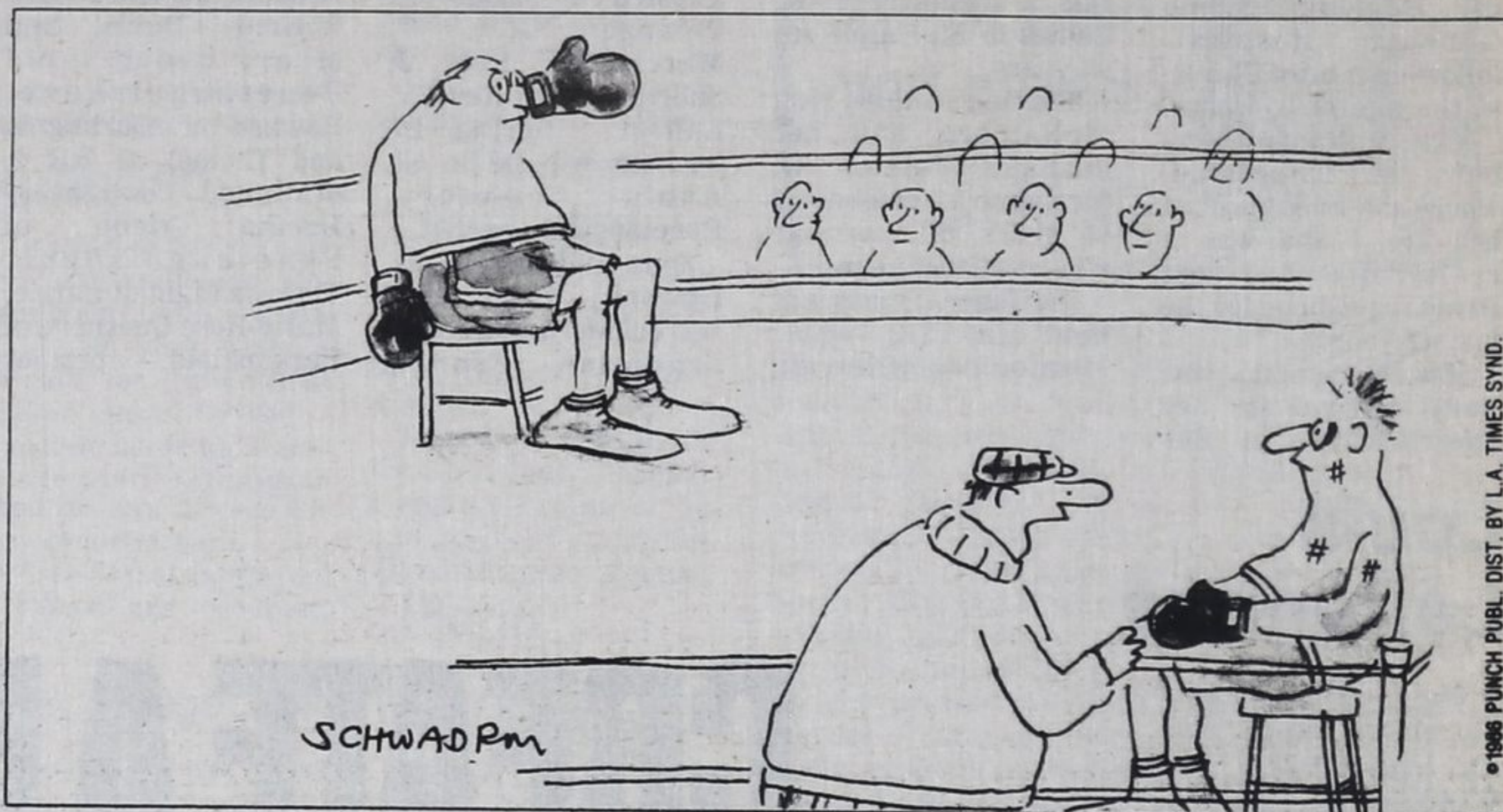
A minimum first offence fine of \$300 has been introduced for impaired driving, and police officers can now demand blood samples (for alcohol content testing) from motorists, and even obtain a warrant to collect blood from an unconscious person.

Stiffer laws, reflecting the growing public awareness of drinking and driving as a tragic crime, must be especially welcome among the dedicated members of volunteer organizations like MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), and the local MSS and ESPSS chapters of SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving).

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Punch



"You gotta change your strategy, kid. Go for his mid-section and stay away from his nose."

Letters

Expo 86 tickets soar to 10 million

Dear Editor:

British Columbia Premier Bill Bennett announced today that the 1986 World Exposition has now sold and received full payment for 10 million - 73 percent - of the budgeted 13.75 million visits.

The purchaser of the 10 millionth visit - Richard Rozman of Fullerton, California - received a telegram of congratulations last Friday from Expo Chairman Jim Pattison, inviting him, his wife and two children to be the guests of honour at a special event celebrating the occasion.

The Rozman family received royal treatment as they arrived at the Vancouver International Airport earlier today. Members of the RCMP were on hand to escort the family to a special ceremony at the Plaza of Nations on the Expo site. Premier Bennett and Expo Chairman Pattison were both present to welcome the Rozmans.

"It gives me great pleasure to welcome the Rozman family to Expo 86," said Premier Bennett. "The sale of the 10 millionth visit more than two months before opening day is a remarkable achievement. This Exposition is going to be a

tremendous success, both financially and in terms of attendance."

While the budget of Expo is based on 13.75 million clicks of the turnstile, it is expected the attendance will actually go much higher.

The Rozmans received a special one-week holiday package to Vancouver as well as an Expo Rose, especially cultivated for the Exposition by the Minter Gardens in Chilliwack. Following the ceremony, they were treated to a sneak preview of the Expo site via monorail.

Expo 86 tickets have now been sold in more than 30 countries, in every Canadian province and territory as well as in every U.S. state.

A ticket to Expo includes free admission to all pavilions, plazas and theatres, unlimited use of the monorail, two skyrides and an intra-site ferry system. 14,000 live performances have also been planned from May 2 to October 13 when more than 90 nations, states, provinces, territories and corporations will gather in Vancouver, British Columbia for Expo 86.

-Expo 86 Media Relations

Canada Shipping Act amendment

Dear Editor:

The following letter was sent to Mr. Doug Lewis, P.C., M.P., Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Ont.

I am writing this letter to express my displeasure with the possible implementing of Bill C-75 (a bill to amend the Canada Shipping Act).

It does not seem fair that additional tax should be indiscriminately placed on all boat owners, whether it be a canoe or 80' yacht.

I am sure, that yourself, living in a riding which sees a lot of boating traffic is aware of the following statistics:

1. Over 13 million Canadians go boating each year (53 percent of the population).
2. In pursuit of their boating pleasure, they spend over 2.5 billion on goods and service.
3. Of the 2.5 billion spent, about 20 percent is on boats and equipment, and about 8 percent is on approximately 400,000,000 litres of fuel.
4. This generates over 100 million in federal sales and fuel tax annually.
5. Duties and federal sales tax on imported equipment add another 10 million to the federal treasury each year.
6. Total employment in boating is over 46,000

person years.

7. In terms of usage, safety has increased dramatically. Estimated fatalities per 100,000 boats have fallen from 16.5 percent in 1975 to 7.51 percent in 1983, a 220 percent improvement in safety in the past eight years.

8. The Criminal Code of Canada, sections 233 and 243 have excellent provisions for dealing with dangerous or impaired boaters. The penalties prescribed in the code are severe and can include removal ones right to operate a vessel. Is more Law necessary?

It indeed seems absurd that every single boat including sail boards and canoes be levied an annual fee to off set the cost of Coast Guard providing navigational aids and other service, such as ice breaking, regardless of whether these are provided in your area or not.

A canoe on Midland's Little Lake Park will pay, as will the 30 foot sailing boat on Georgian Bay.

I would ask that careful consideration be personally given before voting on this bill, which will effect over 53 percent of the voting public.

Yours truly,
Ian C. Ross
Sales manager

Paper, sports editor praised

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Business Women's Section of the Midland Curling Club I would like to thank The Times for their excellent coverage of our Business Women's Ontario Trophy Curling Finals.

Arnold Burgher did a wonderful job over the whole weekend.

Thanks again,
Nancy Deenen
Convenor

Letters

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