

Association grants under fire

The giving of \$269,000 to the French Canadian Association of Ontario has been criticised by Simcoe East MPP Al McLean.

McLean says the Liberal government is giving a special \$100,000 grant to help the Association start a fund raising campaign. The rest of the money will be used by the Association to buy and renovate a building.

McLean says he is representing his constituents. More than 90 per cent of Simcoe East residents who responded to a recent question in a McLean newsletter said no to expanded bilingualism in Simcoe East.

"That is the voice of the people of this riding and nothing personal on my behalf. In a democracy, the majority rules, in Simcoe East, the majority spoke out in a loud, clear voice."

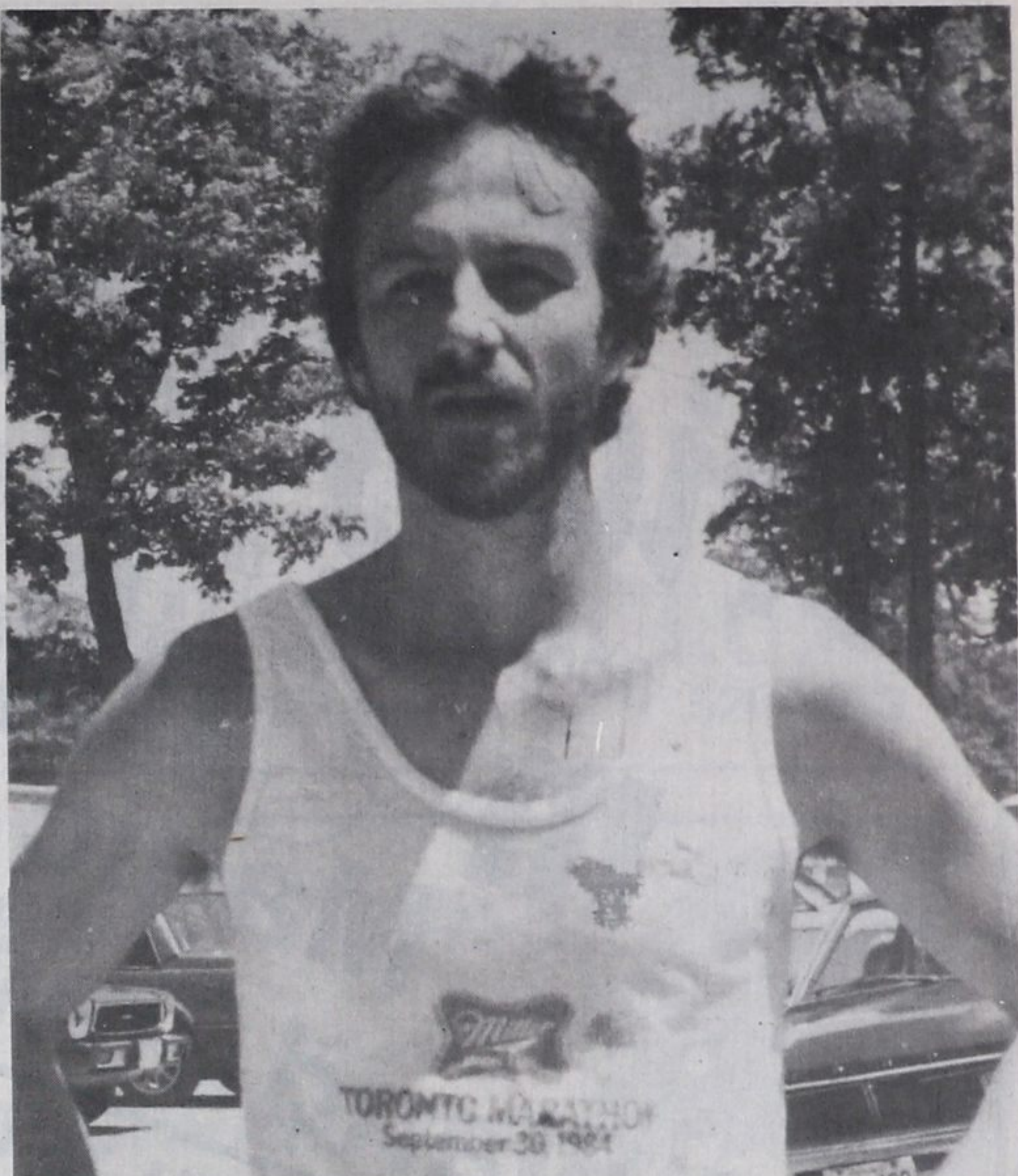
The MPP said that such a sum of money could be spent on more important needs. "As you know I wish our Franco-Ontario friends well in their cultural endeavours. Premier David Peterson has promised to make Ontario officially bilingual by 1990 and I am afraid this is a \$100,000 step in this direction. It would appear a bit on the extravagant side to give any group \$100,000 just to undertake

a fund raising drive. I know of many organizations that would very quickly convert such a grant into instant help for the community, the needy in the community. In the face of urgent need for hospital facilities and in some areas, the food bank situation, I would urge the government to consider the priorities."

McLean called the government's decision a genuine case of priorities gone awry. "Granted, this group has made rich cultural contributions to our province but the need for such an infusion of funds must surely not precede our need for in-

creased health care facilities."

The French Canadian Association of Ontario "is dedicated to the preservation and development of Franco-Ontarian culture and language, works to enhance the community's visibility and profile. Its efforts cover such areas of Ontario life as labour, communications, health, social services and sports as well as educational, legal and constitutional matters. I would be very distressed to learn that anyone suffered in this province for a lack of any of these services... in the language of the majority," McLean concluded.



Running for Fun

David Shaw, 29, of Victoria Harbour won the YMCA's 10.3 km run Sunday with a time of 36.58 minutes. Shaw says he's participated in the YMCA annual 'run for

fun' before and stays in shape by running marathon races. Shaw was winded at the finish line but quickly recovered for watermelon and juice at the YMCA.

New gift shop at Sainte-Marie

A newly-designed gift shop in the foyer of Sainte-Marie among the Hurons has recently opened its doors after more than two months of construction and renovation. After the relocation of offices, construction of the 1,000

square foot store began early in March.

Called Images, the newest expansion to Sainte-Marie offers the browsing visitor books, prints, wooden and basket ware, woven goods and many other items. Pro-

ceeds from the sale of these goods will go toward supporting educational programs at Sainte-Marie.

According to Shirley Whittington, public relations officer, the delays and setbacks of the construction on the store did

not affect the expected completion date. The last nail was pounded on May 18.

The new addition features track lighting, seven display windows, increased shelf space, added storage bins and an enlarged counter for the sales staff.

Suzi Lucas, one of the designers of the new store, will be responsible for the purchasing of goods for the store. With a background in art study and the antique business, she says everything sold in Images is related to the site through history or geography.

"We want the store to be an extension of the experience visitors have on the site and in the museum."

In the short time that the store has been open, it has enjoyed a warm response, according to Lucas.

Images, operated by the friends of Sainte-Marie, is staffed by Solange Odesse and Charlie George. It is open during site hours and in the evening during special programs or events.



The cutting edge

On hand for the opening of the Ste. Marie store, 'Images' were (left to right) Tim Lalonde, Manual Worker; Mike Duval, Maintenance Carpenter; Gord Paul, Electrician; Mike Puddicombe, Maintenance Carpenter; Dave Hudson, Maintenance

Supervisor; John Barrett-Hamilton, General Manager Huronia Historical Parks and Suzi Lucas, Store Supervisor.

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