

Readers' comments

Free water and ice cubes offered for a hot campaign

Dear Mr. Bradley:
Re: Seventh Line Action Group

It gives us great pleasure to be able to offer our help in the forthcoming election.

We would like to make

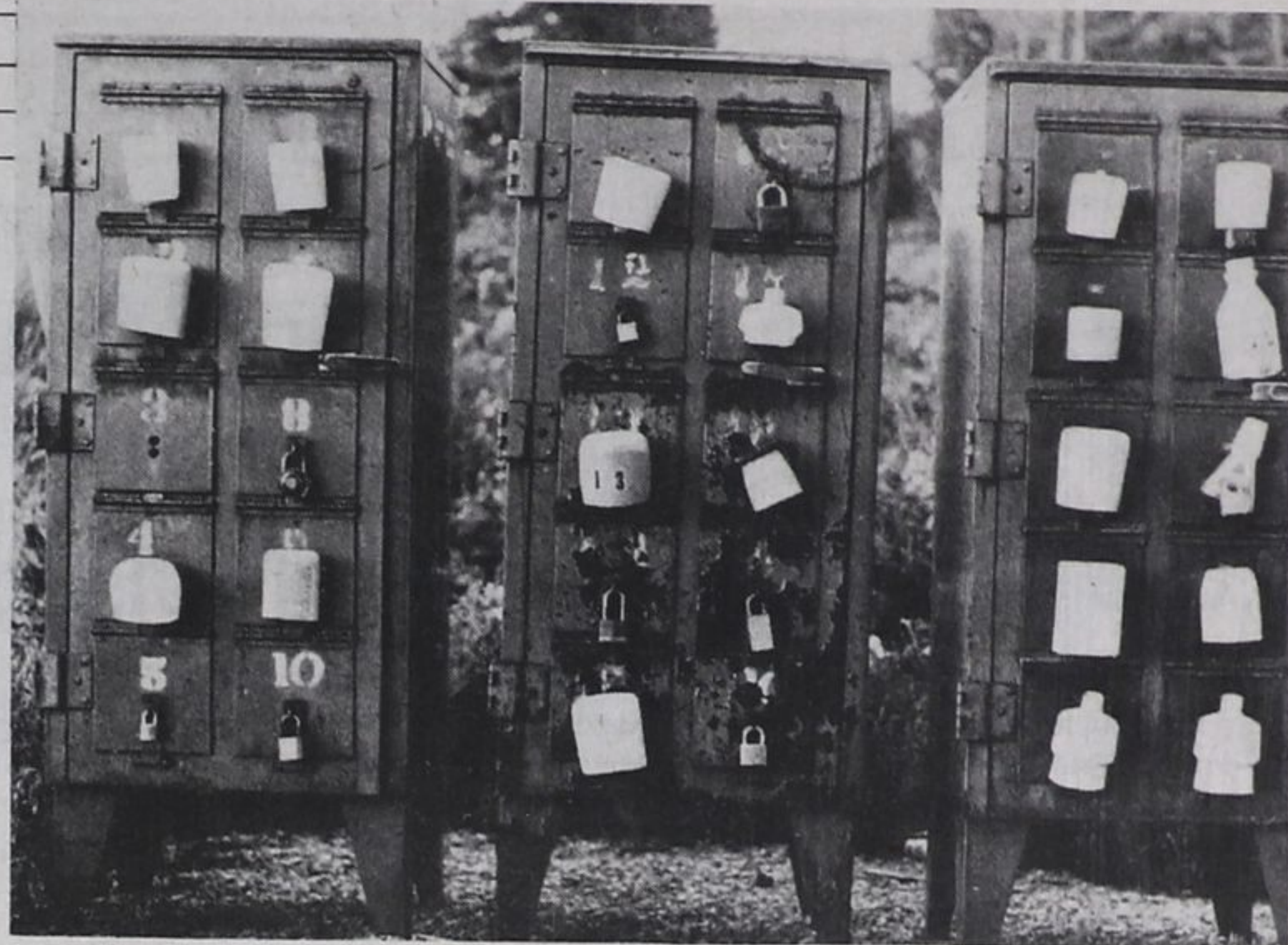
available to you for campaign purposes, water and an unlimited supply of ice cubes. You may of course wish to check with your district officer Mr. Ian Gray, as to the purity of our product as we have been

unable to obtain complete water test results from him.

Frank and Kay Frantzen have requested their water to be tested. They own the closest well to the waste disposal, at this site. Their request has been ignored.

The past has shown the media to have been the only hope in achieving any recognition.

Yours very truly
S.L.A.G.
Seventh Line Action Group (Innisfil Township)



A local idea that caught on

Those green boxes which Canada Post is now using for its suburban service customers are popping up everywhere. They have become a fact of life for many who live just outside the town line. But what do you do on a day when freezing rain jams the lock? Someone out in the Portage Park area had a practical idea

that caught on: greenbox-handle canopies, made from discarded bleach and fabric softener bottles. Soon, everyone caught on and now the whole set of greenboxes is decorated. With another season of -40 C weather coming up in only three or four months, will this novel idea spread across Canada?

The rural Canadian post office is an endangered species

Dear Editor:

Rural Canadian post offices remain in jeopardy. Despite assurances from some MPs and public relations officers of Canada Post, Donald Lander (President of the Corporation) and the Hon. Harvie Andre (minister responsible) stand firm behind their plan to close, amalgamate and privatize Canada's 5,221 rural post offices over the next 10 years. No rural post office enjoys immunity from this plan.

Rural Canadians have organized in all parts of the country over the past eight months to protest this plan and to offer constructive, co-operative suggestions to the government and to Canada Post. We call our group Rural Dignity of Canada. Our name speaks for our cause. Rural Dignity is a grassroots association co-ordinating the efforts of concerned citizens

and giving life in Ottawa to the issue of rural post offices. We are a collection of farmers, fishermen, teachers, merchants, service clubs, clergy, mayors, community development workers and "ordinary" villagers. We have no formal membership and no political affiliations.

In the short time since we came together in December, 1986, Rural Dignity has proved an effective voice for rural Canada. Our accomplishments include:

- being instrumental in having the Standing Committee on Government Operations re-convene and re-examine Canada Post's corporate plan;

- presenting a brief and holding over two hours consultation with this committee;

- ensuring that this committee heard from mayors

and MPs of areas already affected by the plan;

- establishing local committees in all 10 provinces;
- being granted a national charter for our organization;

- holding public meetings, giving interviews to the media, making presentations at the invitation of provincial federations of municipalities, mayors' associations, conventions of various groups, etc.;

- responding to Canada Post's public relations campaign;

- initiating and co-ordinating a consultation process between citizens, municipal representatives, an MP, and Canada Post which resulted:

- in the recovery of two cancelled rural routes in Eastern Quebec. This is to date the only instance in the country where lost service has been restored.

We have made significant progress, but we have a long way still to go. Canada Post's plan to close approximately 1,700 rural post offices and privatize the remaining 3,500 assumes a steady decline in the life and economy of rural Canada. In effect, Canada Post is banking on our death. This could become a self-fulfilling prophecy: reduced services discourage new investment and are already creating hardships for existing small businesses.

We believe in the future

of Rural Canada. We care as much for what happens over the next 10 years as for what happens today.

Weekly newspapers are intimately connected with Rural Canada. Your columns chronicle our births and deaths, our successes and tragedies. Your pages allow us to speak with one another and are vital in creating and maintaining local identities. As you are aware, weekly newspapers enjoy free distribution within a 65 kilometre radius for up to 2,500 copies. When villages fail, so do regional newspapers.

We believe that our united efforts will allow Rural Canada not only to survive, but to flourish. Will you join with us in making this a reality?

Yours truly
Cynthia Patterson
Co-ordinator,
Rural Dignity



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Proceeds to Native Awareness Week

Weekend paper does a fine job

Dear Editor:

I would just like to thank Huronia Weekend Editor Laurie Watt for her excellent coverage of many of our activities this season and especially that of our fortieth anniversary.

She has taken the time to really get to know many of the new exhibits and pro-

grams being offered by the museum and for this we are very grateful. As well, her accuracy and content are much better than any competitor.

Again, thank you for your excellent coverage.

Yours sincerely,
James Hunter
Director

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