

Not connected with imposter

Air Cadets canvass in September

Dear Editor:

Recently an article appeared in your newspaper stating that an ex-air cadet was charged with fraud resulting from his can-

vassing homes in the Midland area. He stated he was collecting money for charity.

As Commanding Officer of 724 Midland Lions Air Cadet Squadron, I wish to make a

few comments regarding this incident. The young offender that has been charged was a member of the squadron for approximately eight months and has been out of the organization for more than a year.

Air Cadets do not go door to door canvassing for charities. Our cadets have a tag day every September and at this time they only canvass on the main street and in front of local businesses. Before this happens, I send out letters to the towns of Midland and Penetang as well as the merchants involved, requesting permission to do this.

Every December to February, all Air Cadets in Ontario hold an Air Cadet Lottery and at this time, some cadets do go door to door selling their tickets, but every person who buys a ticket, will get to fill out the ticket and will be given the ticket stub as proof that they did buy it. This is a lottery that is run with per-

mission of the authorities and a lottery licence is issued for this event.

Although 724 Squadron does help out charities if called upon, I wish to once again state that we do not go out to solicit money from the citizens of the town. We receive our funds from our sponsor, The Midland Lions Club and from the Canadian Armed Forces.

It is unfortunate that an individual would use our name in order to defraud the public but I wish to let all the people of Midland know that 724 Squadron was in no way connected with this person.

If at anytime, anyone has any questions regarding any fund raising that the Squadron is involved in, they may contact me at 526-2141.

Yours truly, D.G. Elwell,
Captain,
Commanding Officer

Curing water woes

Water woes are the theme of North America's summer of '88. From the Pacific all the way to Ontario, lack of H2O is causing all kinds of nasty problems.

In the West, it's devastating crops and ruining farmers' lives. Here in Central Canada, the effect is not so severe -- especially since we have been blessed in the past week with several showers. But ever looming restrictions on outdoor watering test the patience of the population. Swimming pools have lower levels; lawns and gardens turn a distinct shade of brown.

The answer many United States communities (and a growing number of Canadian) have discovered is simple. Let people use all the water they want, as long as they pay for it. So instead of having a flat rate and allowing people to go to town, a pay-per-use system is implemented.

It can't help but work. Big users would shell out big bucks; the little guy who conserves and uses the liquid wisely would end up saving, because he isn't subsidizing the wasters.

With more money in hand, municipalities can afford to pay for better water delivery systems.

Some local communities are turning to this system in hopes of ending the syndrome we in Midland suffer from so regularly: water restrictions. Earlier this month we learned how fragile that system can be, when a lumber yard fire nearly depleted supplies.

It's an idea whose time has come.

Family Life Center appeals to business

Dear Editor:

This year is the first endeavour of the Catholic Family Life Centre's corporate appeal. So far, about one third of the total goal of \$10,000 has been raised.

The Family Life Centre is a non-profit agency providing individual, marital and family therapy to anyone irrespective of religious, marital, or financial situation. With the reduction of outpatient services by the Community Services team at the Pentanguishene Mental Health Centre recently, the centre is the only agency in North Simcoe which offers counselling services.

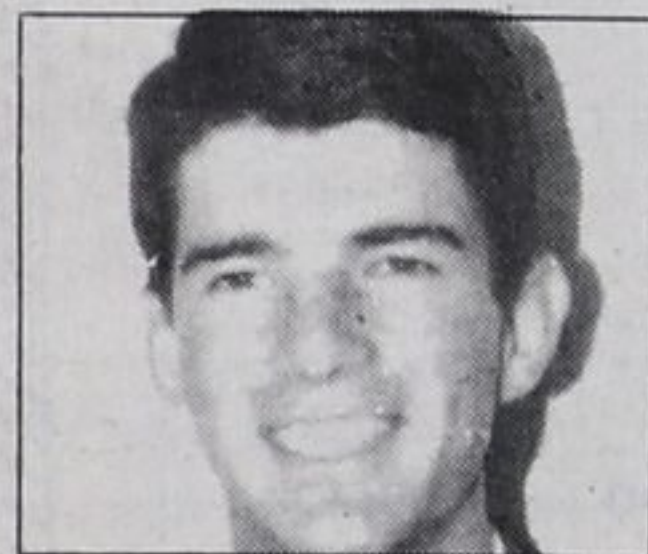
Besides the corporate appeal, the centre is appealing to provincial and municipal sources for the urgent need of generic counselling services in the area. The public and politicians should be made aware of the lack of this kind of service locally.

The corporate appeal is part of the annual mandate of the centre to raise local funds. This year monies raised will be utilized for

much needed audio-visual equipment for clinical and educational purposes, as well as for computer software.

The centre gratefully acknowledges the following businesses, industries, and individuals for their contributions towards our goal so far. Donations are still being accepted: Day Specialties; Knights of Columbus No.2004; Tiny Township Katepayers Assoc.; Fitzgerald Real Estate; Hacker, Gignac and Rice; TRW Decor Products Division; Mink Insurance Ltd.; Dr. David Hurst; Village Square Pharmacy; Nicholls Funeral Home; Mitsubishi Electronics Industries; Martyrs' Shrine; Waltec Sinkware Division; Nebs Business Forms Ltd.; Techform Products Ltd.; A and D Hamelin Construction; Jennings Lodge.

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As I See It

by David Krayden

The social event of the season

If you weren't invited, you missed the social event of the summer last weekend.

Jane Locke (nee Sanelli), the circulation manager for this newspaper, was married on Saturday.

I have not attended a great many weddings in my lifetime. I suppose I don't know too many people who get married. Usually when members of my family go through the ceremony I am too far away to attend or I can't find the time to be there.

I have missed a lot of weddings because of that.

Although I don't know Jane's husband very well, I have had an opportunity to work with Jane for 10 months now as the editor of Penetanguishene Citizen. You can find her working at the Main Street office. Not only does she look after the circulation for the newspaper but she answers my calls when I'm not there and sells classified ads as well.

Jane has to deal with the circulation of the newspaper, and all that entails. It's a big job.

She is also a pretty thorough message-taker too. We use these little pink slips at the Times and Citizen: you know -- who called, when, for what reason.

The circulation manager must have a secret desire to be a reporter because her messages are generally measured in paragraphs not sentences. Usually, I only have to clarify a few points by calling the person back because Jane has already asked all the relevant questions.

She put just as much work into the organization of her wedding. Nothing half-way for Jane.

The ceremony was held on the Georgian Queen, which was anchored at the town dock in Penetanguishene. Although the skies were threatening -- there were even a few drops of rain -- the sun eventually beat the clouds

for exposure time. Almost 200 people converged on that boat.

The bride was driven down Main Street in a horse-drawn carriage. There was standing room only for the ceremony and at the exact moment when the bride and groom kissed all those in attendance released a helium-filled balloon which they had been given while boarding the boat.

Unfortunately, a few balloons burst before the "I do's" were said, engendering some embarrassed side-glances.

The reception was held a few blocks away at the Legion.

The food was wonderful, except I wish we had of eaten about two hours earlier. By the time the first course was ready I was prepared to run to the nearest Burger King.

Thankfully, there was a generous allotment of wine at each table.

I was sitting with my date, a couple from

Buffalo, New York (he was a cousin of the groom) and a husband and wife who now live beside the Locke household but are originally from Great Britain.

By the time the evening was only an hour old, we were all speaking like old friends.

I discovered that life in Buffalo was as dismal as I thought and the English countryside was not as pastoral as previously perceived.

By 11:30 p.m. people had begun to dance. The music, ranging from easy listening country to current top 10 seemed to please everybody. I have to say that especially enjoyed doing The Twist since I rarely get an opportunity otherwise.

I had so much fun that I can't wait until I get married one of these days.

Best wishes to the newlyweds who are on their way to Hawaii as I write this.

Letters

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