

# Not trying to fool anyone

Dear Editor:

In a recent newspaper article I was quoted (quite accurately) as saying, "The public perception is that ... taxes are not being raised enough to meet future needs."

Unfortunately, many people misinterpreted my words.

What I said was that the people of the town are saying that perhaps the quality of services in the town has not been sufficiently maintained and there may be a bigger bill coming unless there is more careful management.

Naturally I would like to prevent a rise

in taxes (who wouldn't?) and to this end I would work very hard to find other sources of funding and maximize both provincial and federal special assistance.

As Abraham Lincoln once said, "You can fool some of the people all of the time, you can fool all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time."

I do not ever intend to try to fool any of the people any of the time.

Yours truly  
Gwen-Anne Walker  
Candidate, Ward 1

# Fluorescent trees are domino pattern

Dear Editor:

If you stroll around Midland you may notice a number of the larger trees have a fluorescent "X" painted on them. These trees are soon to be visited by a tree surgeon who will either save them or declare them beyond hope and have them removed.

It is unfortunate that so many of the same species of trees were planted along our streets with such regularity, since this has in effect allowed environmental damage and disease to run a domino pat-

tern through them.

During the current federal and municipal political campaigns, as space for signs grows scarce, I hope that the candidates and their support groups recognize the dilemma that the trees are in and refrain from using them as a post, further complicating their survival chances.

Sincerely Yours,  
Steven Kaasgaard,  
Midland

# Paper provided good coverage

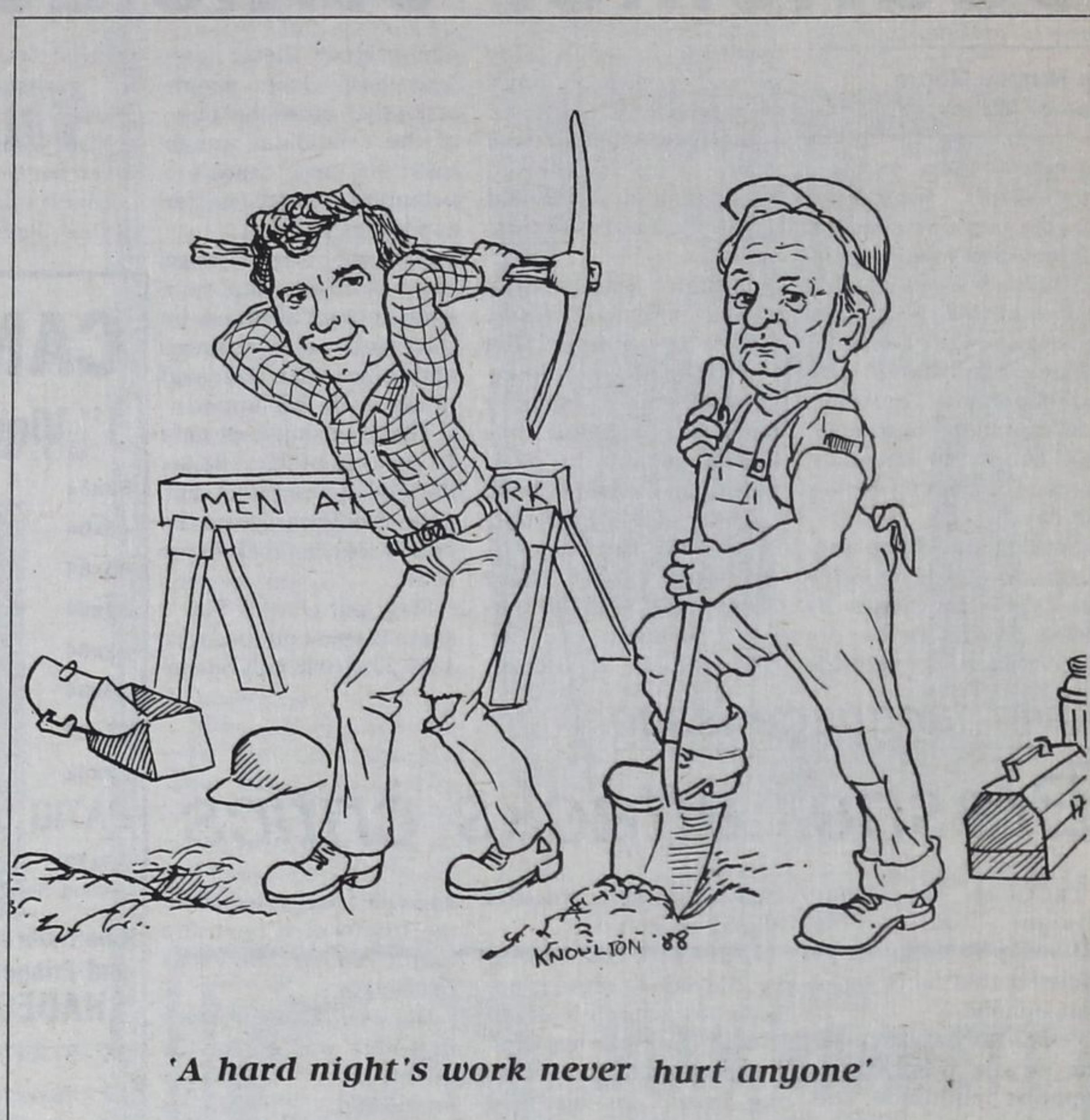
Dear Editor:

As our lawn bowling is over for another season, I would like to express the thanks of our members for your coverage, pictures and write-ups of our many sports events.

We have had many favorable comments from your readers and look forward to your

continued publicity of our activities in the years to come.

Sincerely yours,  
Nellie Atkinson,  
Secretary,  
Midland Lawn Bowling Club



# Prevention is better

Dear Editor:

On Oct. 22, 1988 a number of our community dental hygienists held a table clinic at the Mountainview Mall to mark the end of the first national Dental Hygiene Week. The theme was "smile for life" and the response from the public was excellent and showed a general interest in prevention of dental disease.

Sister Joan Whalen, the director of the Penetanguishene General Hospital, visited the display and was pleased to see an emphasis put on primary prevention. She stated the importance for all health care workers to focus on prevention which is less expensive to all.

Beside thanking Sister Whalen, I would like to thank the other hygienists involved - Barb Jodridge, Shelley Hamelin and Shelley Brown - for their time and help at the display. Also thanks to Withers Home Electronics for the video equipment and to Dr. David Scanlon, F.J. Horner Co. and Butter Co. for the over

300 free toothbrushes and containers of floss given away.

Sincerely,  
Diane Burns R.D.H.,  
President,  
Simcoe County Dental Hygiene Society

# Generous donations

Dear Editor:

The First Penetang Scouting Movement would like to thank the people in the area for their generous donations during the annual Apple Day recently.

We want to thank the businesses in town for letting our boys stand in front of their establishments. A very special thank you Jerry Light for letting us use the Village Square Mall for our headquarters.

Again, thank you for your support.  
Debbie Coxson  
Public Relations



# Risky business

by Robert Risk

# We're back in town again!

As this is my first column in the Penetanguishene Citizen, I'd like to let you know that this town has already reminded me of something very important I've been missing - a friendly environment.

I've recently moved here from the big evil city (Toronto) where avoiding eye contact on the street is the rule and not the exception.

Here, you're very likely to meet others who will smile or nod as you walk around town.

In Toronto, doing this will usually get you a dirty look or worse, which hardly makes your day more pleasant.

I wrote that I was getting used to the

friendliness again because I lived in St. Albert, a small city just north of Edmonton, a few years ago.

I was there for three years and in that relatively short space of time, met my best friend Rob as well as others who added so much to my life.

I often reflect on those individuals and experiences because they help me make decisions, often important ones.

My friends from there had clear perspectives and sound advice, which they wouldn't hesitate to give if I asked them.

In Toronto, this wasn't as common, which

I blame on the atmosphere in which people live - it's simply moving too fast, which causes them to miss the important things.

After only a few weeks here, I see more smiles, get "hello's" from people I've never seen before and for some strange reason I look forward to my daily walks in my new neighborhood.

Sure there aren't as many theatres, restaurants and nightclubs, but there isn't as much crime, noise, dirt and confusion. I'm sure I got the better part of the trade.

Anyhow, this probably isn't such a novel situation to those of you lucky enough to have

lived here for years. What I'd really like to tell you is that the Citizen office has a reporter in it who's itching to hear what you have to say.

Whether it's an election, a special event, complaints or a scandal that deserve attention, I'll be happy to listen.

I'm interested in this community and want to help others know what's happening in it. I can only find out so much on my own, so I'm counting on you to help fill in the blanks.

Show some more of that warmth I've been seeing and drop by the office at 74 Main Street or give me a call at 549-2012.

# Letters

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