

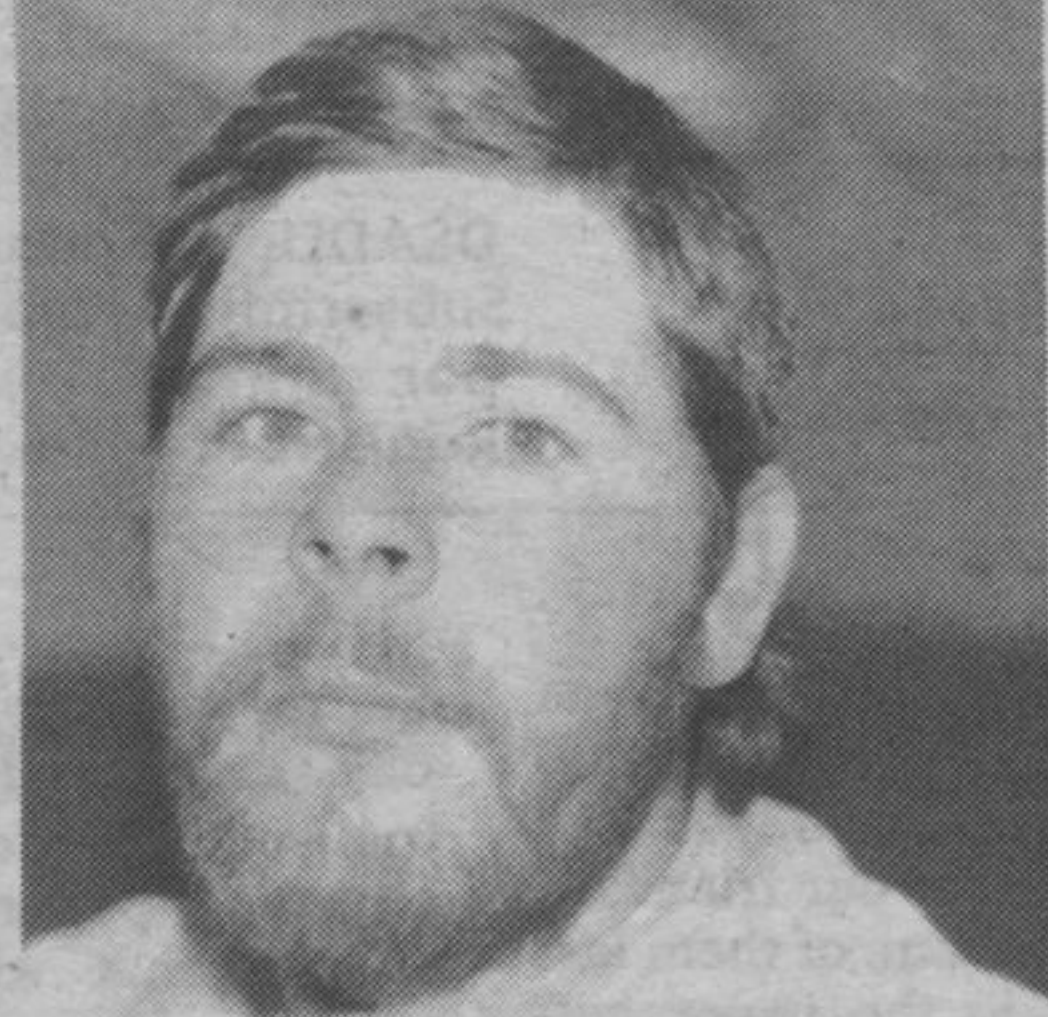
# Your Opinion . . . Question . . .

*With the election still taking top billing in conversations — what are your feelings on the results?*

## Terrace Bay



**Jeannie Randle** - This is not what we wanted. I think with this big a majority it may create more problems than the country can handle, opposition will not have a very big voice, if any. The one good thing is that Mulroney is for small business.



**Don Tychoniak** - I am optimistic - a change is as good as a rest.

## Schreiber



**Bob Kragero** - Too big a majority. When you get a government with big power, they will run the whole show, a lesser majority would be much better. There had to be a change, though!



**Debbie Bourguignon** - Too big of a majority - they can walk over all of us now. The Lib., & N.D.P. will have very little to say, they can't stop the P.C.'s now even if they combine. They all do what they want to anyway!

# "Uncle Tom's Cabin" museum

The honourable Susan Fish, Minister of Citizenship and culture, and Mr. Andy Watson, M.P.P. for Chatham-Kent, announced recently that the Province of Ontario has committed \$100,000 towards the purchase of the "Uncle Tom's Cabin" museum. The announcement was made from Queen's Park at the launch of a booklet titled "An Enduring Heritage: Black Contributions to Early Ontario", published by Dundurn Press in conjunction with the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin served as a beacon to those who sought freedom through the Underground Railroad. Today it stands as a tribute to all those whose search for a new life brought them to our province and who in turn have helped build a society that welcomes people of all races and creeds," said Ms. Fish. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" museum complex, located 2 km (1 m) west of Dresden, Ontario, consists of six heritage buildings and two cemeteries. The buildings relate to the life of

Reverend Josiah Henson, a former American slave who escaped to Canada in 1830 and established the British American Institute as a refuge and rehabilitation centre for runaway slaves who came to "Upper Canada" in the 1800's via the legendary Underground Railroad.

Kent County Council, in pursuing the purchase of this property, has secured an option to purchase, which expires on September 30, 1984, and has committed \$40,000 to this co-operative enterprise.

"The future of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" museum has been of the utmost concern to me and the people of Kent County. I am proud that the Government of Ontario is working in partnership with the council and local community members who want to see this site preserved and maintained in Ontario for the benefit of residents and tourists alike. I would like to add special thanks to the Honourable Larry

Grossman for his sensitivity and understanding the unique nature of this project and for responding quickly to the request of the Minister of Citizenship and Culture for the necessary funding," Mr. Watson said.

"It is especially appropriate that we make this pledge," the Minister added, "not only because we are celebrating together this our Bicentennial year but that this is also the 150th Anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the British Empire."

it's neat to Pitch-In!



# TAXATION!!

Death and taxes, it is said, are the only inevitable things in life.

One form of taxation with which all homeowners become rapidly acquainted with is the property tax.

Property taxes are largely used to fund municipal government services and education. In Ontario, roughly 80 per cent of school revenues come from property tax.

The amount you pay in property taxes is determined by the property assessment undertaken by the provincial government.

Assessors describe all properties in their jurisdictional area and assess their market value. To qualify as assessors, individuals must take and pass an assessment course at a community college or a related programme in a university.

Assessors have the power to enter a property at any reasonable time to obtain all information necessary in assessing a property. You can be fined \$100 for refusing to provide information to an assessor plus \$10 for each day the payments are not made. The Assessment Act does not specify the criteria to be used in determining a property's market value. However, known land values for the area, cost of construction, recent selling prices of similar properties, and typical rents are usually taken into account along with the information the

assessor gathers from inspecting properties.

Value can be determined by estimating the replacement cost of the property, but this is not the only method used.

Average levels of value are established for each classification of building over a period of time. These values are adjusted according to such variables as building size or improvements made.

Naturally, every building cannot be inspected every year. Once an assessment is found that is close to the current market value, it can be adjusted according to market trends.

Crown lands, churches, cemeteries, public schools, religious seminaries, charitable institutions and some other special properties of this nature are exempt from taxation. There is an Ontario tax credited granted to all Ontario taxpayers and additional tax credits are available for the elderly.

A notice of assessment is sent to all property owners at least 14 days before the return of the assessment roll. An information slip is sent showing the last day the assessment may be appealed as well as places where the roll may be examined and any significant or unusual changes may be discussed with the assessors.

Common complaints about assessments are that they are too high or that a person has been

wrongly included in or omitted from the tax roll.

Appeals may be taken to one of the 31 Assessment Review courts in Ontario. These complaints are to be sent in writing to the assessment review registrar for your area.

Both you and the assessor must present your case to the court. The assessor must explain how he arrived at his assessment. You must explain the nature of your complaint.

A written notice of the court's decision is sent to the assessment commissioner as well as to all the parties involved.

The decision of the court may be appealed within 21 days of receiving notice. Appeals regarding such things as assessment overcharges are heard by the Ontario Municipal Board. Legal complaints are handled by a court.

Taxes that are not paid on the due date are subject to a one per cent penalty on the first day after they are due. This one percent penalty is imposed again on the first day of every month until the taxes are paid. The Ontario Real Estate Association recommends that you investigate all taxes you will be responsible for paying on a property before you buy it. Your local real estate broker is available to help you on this and other related matters.

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