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# News

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## Opinion

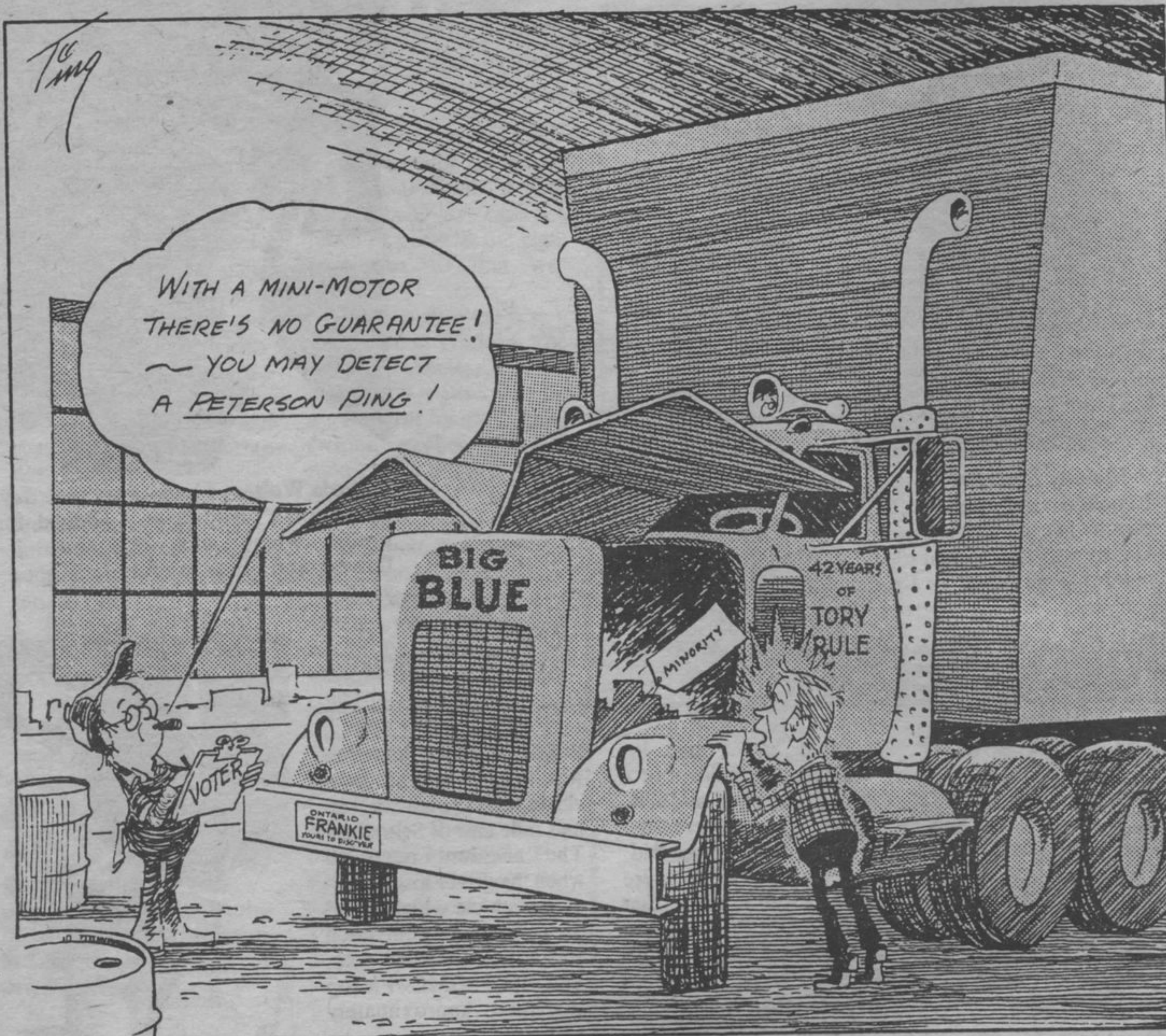
### Lake Superior Board of Education

The Lake Superior Board of Education, serving Manitowadge, Marathon, Terrace Bay and Schreiber is undoubtedly the most controversial Board operating within our midst, these days. Recently, Chairman of the Board, Mr. Mike Reid, made a suggestion to the Board that perhaps a review of the operation of the Lake Superior High School may be in order. I think it would be a good idea to review and study our high schools, every few years.

The Education System is something we can not ignore. The policies and procedures take years to read, or get around. Certainly we must make the system as easy, straightforward and as rewarding as possible for the student. Boards, Committees, PTAs, etc., can become that much more in touch with student values and expectations and of their tax dollars and quality of education, by completing reviews and census. I'd be willing to make a bet, that if all teachers throughout the four High Schools in our District were invited to write letters to a "study committee", most of them would. They must have a lot of things to say for the secured continuing quality of Education in their schools.

To me it doesn't pose as a political mish-mash, as some might say. To forgive, to forget and to start again is one of life's challenges. The Students, let's hope, will come out on top and the teachers not far behind. It is so important to a Board, especially this School Board to have a direction from the taxpayers and the students and school staff. When most of your feedback, for what ever reason, comes infrequently, sporadically and more often than not with hostility, it is difficult to remain calm, patient, and impartial. The very fact that the Board is responsible for the Public Schools and the High Schools in four very different communities, can be seen as a draw back. The more people you have to please, the harder the job.

It may be time soon for Terrace Bay and Schreiber to look into a Taxpayers Association. Our towns are growing, we no longer know everyone, an association of this type could prove to be very significant and worthwhile. They could keep in touch with Mr. Grossman, Mr. Bernier, Mr. Penner and Mr. Pouliot for us. We could get our questions answered and make some progress.



## Letters to the Editor

### A Thought for the Week

We forgive too little; forget too much.

- Mad. Swetchine.

District Manager  
Ministry of Natural Resources,  
P.O. Box 280, Terrace Bay, Ont.

Dear Sir;

Reading your "Public Notice" regarding the Black River Forest in the Terrace Bay News has prompted me to write this letter to your department.

I agree that certain areas of our forests have to be cut so that our paper and saw mills can

keep running. Also for fuel for wood burning stoves. I understand that there are designated areas for this purpose.

What I don't agree with is the way the "cut" was allowed to be handled in the Firehill, Nipigon area. You have allowed complete destruction in one of our most scenic areas. Stumps and small trees are strewn everywhere. All of this is visible to the eye as the trees are cut right to the



edge of the highway. All that is left to those who care, are memories of woods that were once beautiful!

This kind of cutting should not be allowed and I would strongly urge that the Ministry of

Natural Resources see that the contractor responsible be made to clean up this once beautiful area. Is there anyone else out there who cares?

A concerned citizen,  
Mrs. F. Boucher.

## Arthur Black

### Newsy nuggets



Ah me ... it must be spring. I find it impossible to hold a thought for more than a few seconds. I think I sat down just now to write a column, but I can't remember the topic. What I'll give you instead is a crude little necklace of nuggets panned from the raging grey torrent of newsprint that smudges these fingers each week. Small stories in the news that didn't quite make the headlines.

The first item comes from the Middle East — about seven miles outside of Jerusalem. A good working title might be: WHAT HATH WALT WROUGHT?

Walt Disney, I'm referring to. We're all familiar with Disney World and Disney Land. Did anyone doubt that Bible Land could be far behind?

Yes, Bibleland. It's a hundred million dollar tourist attraction and it's under way right now. When it opens its polyurethaned St. Peter's Gates in 1987, visitors who've bought tickets will be able to command The Red Sea (a scale model, natch) to part. They'll have an opportunity to purchase a whole series of souvenirs based on tales from both The Old and The New Testament — and on the drawing board right now, what promises to be a real crowd-pleaser; autographed copies of the Ten Commandments, sold by a tall guy in a big, bushy beard.

You'll know him right away. He'll have a button on his robe that'll read "Hi! I'm Moses!"

From our The-Times-They-Ain't-A-Changing'-As-Fast-As-We-Thought Department — news of a brand new cookbook, from a somewhat unexpected cookbook author. The book is called *Barbecuing With Bobby* and it's written by ... Bobby Seale.

Yep. The old Black Panther hisself. An ex-member of The Chicago Seven, Bobby's traded in his leather jacket and black beret for ... well, for an apron that reads Come n' Get It.

Kinda puts a whole new slant on the Panther slogan 'Burn, Baby, burn' doesn't it?

Ah, but I can sense all you Born Again Woodstockian, Harrowsmithite, Seize-The-Time-

Blowing-In-the-Winders getting depressed out there. We can't have that. This is The Eighties, right? Where Good News is the only news we wanna hear?

Awright awready. Here's a Happy Face story news story about one of the most miserable institutions of modern time: Income Tax.

It seems that down in the U.S., the Internal Revenue Service has had a change of heart and decided to lighten up on a tax transgressor.

The criminal party in the case is Rohm and Haas Company — one of the largest chemical manufacturers in North America. The company was facing a late payment penalty from the IRS to the tune of \$47,000. It wasn't that Rohm and Haas had tried to avoid paying its taxes. Oh no. The

company had sent in a check for more than four million bucks, \$4,488,112.88, to be precise.

But that was the problem. According to the IRS ferrets, Rohm and Haas really owed \$4,488,112 and ... ninety-eight cents.

Rohm and Haas was a dime short. Accordingly, the IRS slapped Rohm and Haas with a \$47,000 fine.

Well, it only took five company lawyers and a half a year of legal wrangling, but finally the Internal Revenue Service dropped the late penalty payment against Rohm and Haas.

The IRS didn't apologize of course. No sense in being downright wimpy.

Makes you want to think twice before you open your Revenue Canada Refund envelope, doesn't it?