



The quiet of winter

Winter blankets Ste. Marie park along the Wye River. Memories of happy summer outings lie shrouded by a blanket of snow. Picnic anyone?

Staff photo

Tiny council ushers in a new term

The first municipal meeting of the year is generally taken up with ceremony and formal speeches. Monday's initial meeting for the 1975-76 Tiny Township council included all of this and more.

The more was Reeve Morris Darby's statement on the need for local government and the preservation of agricultural land.

Darby told a packed council chamber of 60-70 people, that planning for the future, so that in the process of providing roads, housing, water and other required services "we retain as much as possible of our natural environment" and preserve our agricultural land "is my main concern."

He added that "perhaps the most controversial subject that comes up for discussion is that of planning and at times there seems to be duplication on this issue as most conventions, conferences, seminars, sponsored at the county, provincial, or local level have planning included on their agenda." "Many of the people that I meet and talk with are of the opinion that sooner or later our County will be taken over by a form of Regional government."

However, Darby said two provincial Ministers; John White, the Minister of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs, and Don Irvine, Minister of Housing, have stated that the province has no plans for regional government.

Darby noted, however, that the County is expected to come up with a form of restructured government which will still allow "some local input in planning our destiny."

During his previous term on council Darby claimed he received "a fair amount of co-operation with our neighbouring municipalities" but he stressed the "need for closer co-operation...in the area of land use planning."

Representatives from Penetanguishene (Mayor Vince Moreau), Port McNicoll (Reeve Bruce Dockray), Tay Township (Deputy-Reeve Ed Hill), and the outgoing Reeve of Simcoe County Earl Elliott offered their best wishes to the new council.

Two new faces appear on Tiny Township's 1975-76 council: Eugene Maurice, and Etienne Marchildon. While Maurice is a newcomer to municipal politics, Marchildon is a veteran of a decade of council work.

The new faces replace Deputy-Reeve Howard Greer who was defeated by Hilda Sibthorpe in the December election. Sibthorpe stepped up from the ranks of a councillor to successfully challenge Greer.

The other vacancy was created by John Lackie who abandoned his council seat in an unsuccessful bid to dislodge Darby from the Reeve's chair. Council meetings will be held on the second Thursday of every month from 10 a.m. to roughly 5 p.m. and again on the last Thursday of every month from 1 p.m. on, with a break for supper and resumption of the meeting at 7:30.

The meetings will be held

at the Tiny Township municipal offices.

A third monthly meeting will be added to the agenda at a later date if there is not enough time to get work completed in two Darby said.

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Tiny volunteers battle New Year's Eve fire

Volunteer firemen for Tiny Township had to turn out at 1:15 p.m. on Christmas Eve to battle a barn fire north of Penetanguishene.

The old barn owned by George Lynn burned too quickly for the fire department to save it. The blaze was put out but the building was totally destroyed. Some firefighters remained at the scene for a few hours to ensure that the fire did not start again.

According to fire chief Guy Maurice, who is also the township's clerk, no reason has been determined for the

fire. He said there were snowmobile tracks all around the building.

"We can only assume someone got careless and threw a match or something," said Maurice. "I have no reason to believe foal play (was involved)."

He said there will be no Fire Marshall's investigation unless the insurance company which covered the building demands one.

The barn was located near Bay Marine, on an unopened road allowance on top of a high hill.

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Jim Lynn

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Victoria Harbour clerk resigns for new job near London, Ontario

Victoria Harbour clerk-treasurer Don Eplett resigned Monday night at the new council's inaugural meeting at the village office.

After more than 11 years in his post, Eplett has decided to move to Mitchell, a community of 3,000 north of London, where he will be assistant clerk-treasurer.

In a telephone interview Monday afternoon, Eplett said "I think it is a move in the right direction," and added that "I think the village here probably needs some reorganization in terms of the administrative part of it." And from a personal point of view, he

said it was good to make a change to "open your eyes up" to different situations.

At 40, the father of three school-age children has lived all his life in the Harbour. After graduation from the Old Midland High School, he spent one year sailing on the Great Lakes before joining the family hardware business where he stayed for 12 years.

He said he had accepted the new position on December 20, 1974, and that his resignation is effective January 31.

Village reeve Theo Bernard said Monday that the move by Eplett was

"unexpected, and I have no comment except that he's going to a larger municipality. He is leaving in good standing, and it was his own decision."

The reeve added that the village will advertise for a replacement for Don Eplett,

and that "we will be looking for the best person available for the job, will consider experience," and said there has been no one picked behind the scenes to succeed the departing clerk-treasurer. "It is certainly wide open," he said.

Compensation for dog damage

Compensation for damage to livestock and poultry by wolves have been extended to cover damage by dogs as well. Local municipalities collecting dog

taxes will now pay farmers compensation for both wolf and dog damage. The Ontario government will reimburse the municipalities for wolf damage claims only.

The question of hybrid dogs or coyotes causing damage should no longer concern the farmer. All forms of compensation will be paid through a central source.

If your group needs these festive cast-offs for a project, you can leave your telephone number at Contact, 526-9333. They will put the people with cards to give away, in touch with people who need them.

Don't throw cards away

'Tis the season to haul down the Christmas cards, but the trouble is most of them are so pretty, it seems a shame to throw them away.

There are a number of agencies and groups in the area who can make use of used Christmas cards for crafts and recreation programs. Sylvia De Schiffart who operates the craft program for the residents of Georgian Manor in Penetanguishene, says that she can use them. You can pack them in labelled boxes and leave them at the Manor.

The Huronia Regional Centre (formerly the Ontario Hospital School, Orillia) can use a limited number of them in their recreation programs and so can Mrs. Dorothy Ogden, who is in charge of crafts for the retarded children at Huron Park School in Midland.

At the Mental Health Centre in Penetanguishene, Brenda Morcis says she can use "a limited number" of them for her occupational therapy program. You might check with her by telephone before you drop some off.

Many church groups use old Christmas cards for

youth programs and for overseas mission work. Before you dispose of your cards, a phone call to your church might provide the greeting cards with a useful future. The Messengers at St. Paul's Church in Midland is one children's group that

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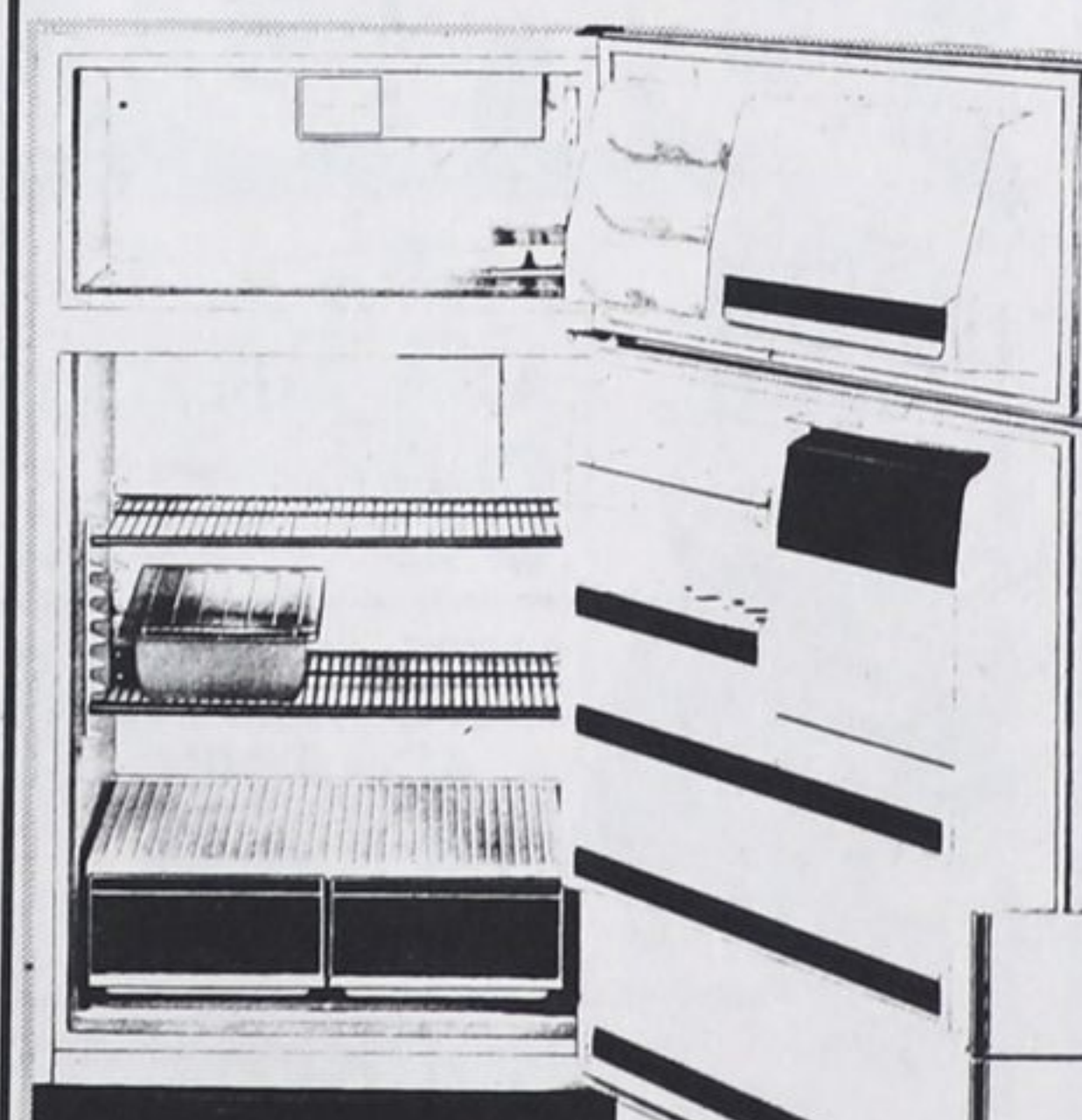
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Une assemblée des contribuables de langue française de cette région, dite no. 3, aura lieu à l'ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE DE PENETANGUISHENE à 7:30 HEURES MÊCRÉDI SOIR LE 15 JANVIER.

INVITE D'HONNEUR GERARD RAYMOND PRÉSIDENT

CONSEIL SUPERIEUR DES ÉCOLES DE LANGUE FRANÇAISE

Le but de l'assemblée est l'élection de six contribuables au comité consultatif de Langue Française du Simcoe County Board of Education selon le bill 72 (The Education Act 1974) section 256, articles 2 A, B, 3, et 4.

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