



Nine days to Spring

Winter still maintains her grip on the Huronia area. But in a short time winter scenes like the one above will melt into a babbling brook. The official arrival of Spring is only nine days away.

Photo by Tom Grand

Will almost double town's power supply

Work begins on new power station

On the site work began at the new \$67,000 Scott Street substation in Penetanguishene. The planned 5,000 KVA substation is to be built on Scott Street just off of Poyntz Street.

On Monday concrete poles were delivered to the construction site. Officials at the Water and Light Commission expect the transformers will be moved to the site on Thursday. Then baring delays because of the weather workmen should be able to assemble the substation within a couple of weeks.

However, completion of the construction phase of the substation won't leave it operable. First of all Ontario Hydro's overhead lines must be connected to those at the substation. Arrangements to connect the substation in with Ontario Hydro lines have still to be worked out. If Ontario Hydro has difficulty in getting easements for its line to the substation the final hookup of the substation would be delayed.

The eventual addition of the 5,000 KVA substation will almost double Penetanguishene's intown power supply. Presently the town receives its power from two 3,000 KVA substations: the old Fox Street substation (near Don Street), and the Robert Street East substation (close to the industrial court).

A spokesman for the Penetanguishene Water and Light Commission Ernie Lalonde indicated the new substation is badly needed when he stated that "we've been pretty well operating at full capacity (with the existing substations)." The new substation will, he said, give the town a reserve capacity for future development and take some of the load off of the existing substations. It should

improve the service to the west end he said. When the new substation is hooked up there will be a redistribution of power in the eastern section of town around the industrial court and the Brule Heights subdivision. Presently one substation supplies both the industrial court area and the Brule Heights subdivision. Because of increased power supply from the new substation officials at

the Water and Light Commission plan to put the industrial court and the Brule Heights on feeders from different substations.

Although the contract price of the new substation is \$67,000 the total cost of putting it in operation will be roughly \$100,000. The additional costs will come mainly from the new feeders which will be required to hook the substation up with Ontario Hydro.

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Developers stay

A report on the planned High Point Mall last week under the heading "People doubt area can support mall" which stated that the developers of the mall will sell it shortly after construction is finished was incomplete.

Spokesman for the developers, Ken Crawford, said last Thursday the report that the developers plan to sell the mall is correct, but claimed that the developers would still retain a large financial interest in the mall. Crawford also indicated that nothing has yet been signed by the developers to turn ownership of the mall over to another group of investors.

Penetanguishene's 100th birthday

Centennial committee prepares for a big party

"It's a proud town. It's been very good to me and I really believe there's no better place to live in the world" explained Penetanguishene's centennial committee chair, Doug Dubeau when asked earlier this week why he agreed to take on the job. On Tuesday, June 29th, Penetanguishene "the land of the white rolling sands" celebrates its 100th year as an incorporated

municipality. On that day, 100 years ago, a tiny settlement of 841 people was incorporated into a village headed by a reeve, Phillip Spohn, a clerk and four members of council.

Since then the tiny settlement has done a lot of growing, seen a lot of life, and as Dubeau says "it's time for a party."

And a party, a week long one, is just what

Dubeau and his centennial committee is planning. As the former chairman of Penetanguishene's 1967 Canadian Centennial celebration, Dubeau knows how to make the most of an event. "We had lots of fun last time ... everyone was happy" he says and then dives into plans for this summer's celebration. His enthusiasm is catchy, and if 1967's celebration was something you get the impression that Penetanguishene's Old Home Week will be something and more.

\$2,000 draw starts

The first visible sign of the centennial committee's work occurred this week with the release of the centennial draw tickets for a total of \$2,000 in prize money. Funds from the ticket sale will be used to promote Old Home Week activities.

Most of the events are still in the planning stage but here's a partial list of some of the activities the centennial committee is working on. Keep in mind that the committee is open to and is actively seeking additional suggestions and help.

A series of three dances at the Royal Canadian Legion on March 22, April 26, and May 31 will be held to raise money for the centennial committee. People are encouraged to dress up in costumes of the late 1800's but if yours isn't ready yet, modern dress is acceptable. The early bird draws for \$100 will be made at each of these dances. Gil Robillard's four-piece band will supply the music.

A parade down Main Street will kick off Old Home Week on June 28. Trophies will be awarded for the best floats in different categories. After the parade everyone can head to the Community Centre where the German Club will be putting on a big show with a German dance band, souvenirs, performances by acrobats, and German food. And there is more. The Lions Club will hold a street carnival on June 28.

Flea Market planned

On Monday the "Flea Market" opens at the baseball field behind St. Ann's Church. The Flea Market will feature a craft display. Antiques will be sold along with homemade bread, vegetables, fruits and preserves. Joyce Sauve is in charge of organizing the Flea Market which will run from Monday June 30 to Saturday, July 5. The Catholic Women's League of St. Ann's Church will serve pancakes throughout the week from the Knights of Columbus Hall, just beside the old baseball field where the Flea Market will

be located. Soon brownies, guides, scouts and cubs will be selling bumper stickers with the message "Come home to Penetanguishene." The stickers will cost 50 cents.

Big splash by the Bay

A big splash down by the Bay is planned for Dominion Day, July 1. Dubeau said the centennial committee hopes to use the waterfront to hold water skiing competitions. Sailboat races, kite flying, bath tub races, a swim across the Bay and speed boat races are other possibilities he said. The whole event will be capped off with a fireworks display down by the town dock.

A representative of Grew Boats Limited indicated on Monday, that the company would like to assist in putting on some sort of water competition. Grew Boats would consider supplying the boats to pull the skiers he said.

The Penetanguishene Secondary School Dance Band will also be involved in the centennial celebrations. Organizers hope to book the band for June 30th at the Community Centre.

Choir to put on show

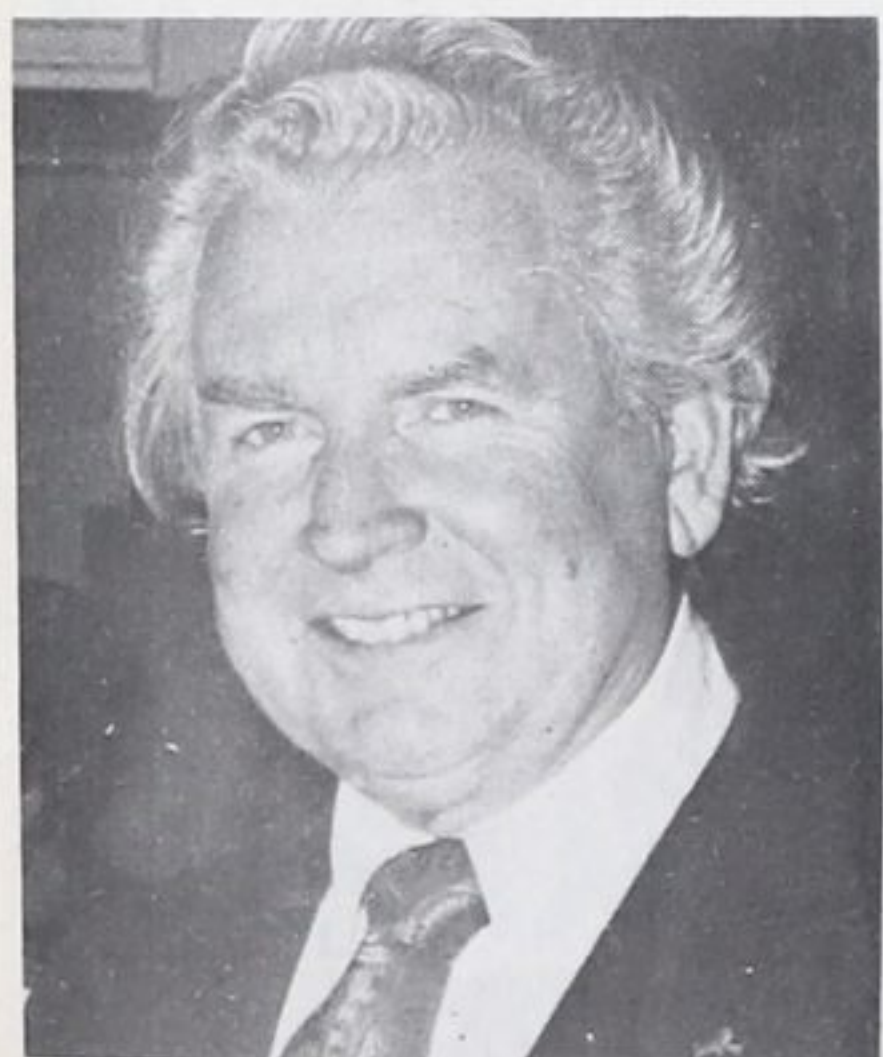
On July 2, St. Ann's Church choir will be putting on a special show at the Pen Theatre. Organizers hope to hold an appreciation dinner on Thursday during which former and present residents of Penetanguishene could get together to strike up old acquaintances and make new ones. The mayor of neighbouring municipalities, and other government officials will be invited to attend the dinner.

Nothing definite is planned for Friday, but Dubeau hopes the Naval and Military Establishment's will agree to put on some kind of special show on that day. Then on Saturday there'll be the windup dance with the \$1,000 draw at the Community Centre.

And that's for starters, because the centennial committee is counting on more ideas from the public. Already a group has suggested an antique car parade which it is investigating the possibility of holding. Since the various area baseball teams will be in full swing in June, a special tournament could be held then to coincide with Old Home Week. Dubeau stressed that the centennial committee is open to suggestions and offers of help. "If people do this, Old Home Week can't help but be successful." Persons having suggestions should phone Doug Dubeau at a reasonable hour at 549-2586.

Assistance to low income home owners

Tiny receives \$11,928



Art Evans MPP

It wasn't much money, and fell far short of the amount asked for, but every little bit helps.

That was the situation Saturday when a thankful reeve of Tiny Township, Morris Darby accepted a cheque of \$11,928 from provincial member of parliament for Simcoe Centre, Arthur Evans, at the Penetanguishene Curling Club.

Evans was at the Penetanguishene Curling Club on Saturday for some serious business and some sport. He didn't do bad in either, presenting the \$11,928 cheque to Darby and then skipping his rink to a fourth place finish in the Simcoe County Annual Recreation Department bonspiel.

But back to the \$11,928 cheque. The money was granted through the provincial ministry of housing Ontario Home Renewal Programme. According to Evans

OHRP is designed to help fix up older houses. Tiny Township had originally applied for between \$48,000 and \$50,000 but because of the large number of applications from other municipalities Tiny's grant was reduced. "We didn't have enough money in the programme to cover all the applications from within the province" claimed Evans who added that \$10 million had been set aside for the OHRP.

Under the programme home owners earning \$12,000 per year or less can apply for assistance. The prime objective of OHRP is the repair of faulty structural and sanitary conditions and the upgrading of the plumbing, heating and electrical systems of residences. Exterior painting along with required repairs will be considered eligible. Additions to houses are not covered by this programme.

Application forms can be obtained at the Tiny Township municipal office. Once all the applications are in, a committee will be set up to recommend which of the applicants should get grants. Reeve Darby said grants will be distributed to where there is the greatest need.

Applicants will have to pay a certain portion of the OHRP funds granted to them back to the municipality. The amount will depend on the individual home owners financial status. A certain portion of the OHRP funds will come in the form of forgivable grants.

Reeve Darby said the loan portion part of the programme was well set up because all the money eventually comes back to the municipality for redistribution. "This helps to build up the fund locally to assist more people" Darby said.

Although the \$11,928 is not much money, and will only assist in improving four to six homes it's a start and as MPP Evans said because of the high cost of housing it's better to fix up your old house.



Centennial tickets on sale

Two 10-year-old girls Claudette Quesnelle (left) and Joanne Belcourt examine one of Penetanguishene's Centennial tickets which go on sale this week. They're wondering what they could buy with the \$2,000 in prize money. There will be four draws for the \$2,000. The first three will be early bird draws on March 22, April 26 and May 31. In each case the prize will be \$100 in cash. The draws will be made

at centennial celebration dances which will be held on each of those nights at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall. On July 5, the final draw for first prize of \$1,000.00, second prize of \$500.00, and third prize of \$200.00 will be made. Tickets should sell fast so get them while they last. Cost of the tickets is \$1 apiece.

Staff photo

But still must pay area board

Midland turns thumbs down

In what amounted to a vote of non-confidence in the Tiny-Tay Peninsula Planning Board, Midland council Monday night rejected a motion to authorize the payment of its \$30,829 share of the area board's 1975 budget.

Leading off the attack on the area board's budget, councillor Sam Ancio declared he could not support the budget nor the amount of Midland's contribution. The ward 4 councillor questioned the salary structure for the board staff and called for a complete review of the budget.

"I am at a loss as to what value they are," added councillor Miles Blackhurst. The only thing the area board has done for Midland, he told the meeting, was the Heritage Drive study — "which we rejected". He complained of overlapping and duplication occurring among planning boards. "I just don't think we're gaining indirectly or directly" from Midland's membership in the board, he said.

Agreeing with both Blackhurst and Ancio, councillor Fred Jeffery said he "would also reject this expenditure", claiming the money could be spent for other purposes.

Although he has questioned the organization from the start, councillor Bill Orr, along with Reeve Moreland Lynn, voted to pass the motion. Considering inflationary factors he felt the budget was "quite reasonable" and suggested reviewing the budget with the board.

Board with attack recently

The area planning board has recently come under fire from Midland council and its planning staff for its Heritage Drive land use study. Many claim the study was not compiled under the terms of reference established by Midland and Tay township. Reeve Lynn said it was "understandable" that Midland councillors were expressing their displeasure with the area board.

However, the board's 1975 budget "is not out of line in terms of an annual percentage increase", he told the meeting.

Lynn added that it was easy to fault the board, and that he himself had sometimes questioned the validity of the board in its

operation. He said he could see the establishment of a county planning agency in the future and the phasing out of the area board. "In that context it might be a good idea to keep the show on the road for a while," he added.

Besides, the Tiny Tay planning board "gives us a certain clout of respectability in the planning field," he said.

Even with council's rejection of the budget, the town of Midland may be forced to pay its share to the board. If other member municipalities, representing more than 50 per cent of the total area population, accept payment of their share of the budget, Midland is bound by agreement to accept the budget.

In fact, Penetanguishene, Tiny and Tay townships, and Port McNicoll — municipalities representing approximately 60 per cent of the area's population — have already accepted the area board's budget. Victoria Harbour council met with planning director John Faulkner Monday night to discuss the 1975 budget.

In an interview Tuesday, Faulkner expressed his disappointment in Midland's decision. "Midland has more to lose than any other municipality in the area if it withdraws from the board," he said.

Although the area board has not done much direct work for the town, the board is involved in a great deal of area-wide planning "which will have the most affect on the future of Midland," he added. As a liaison body between the town and surrounding municipalities, Faulkner felt his board "is of the greatest value to Midland."

New OPP number

If you have reason to call the area detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, don't use the number in the phone book. The old number in the phone book, 526-7863 has been changed. The new number is 526-3761. So until the new number comes out in the latest edition of the Bell telephone book mark this number down in case you need it - 526-3761.

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Corpus Christi's math whizzes

Corpus Christi students are the winners of the first series of the Fastmatics competition involving area schools from Penetanguishene, Midland, Victoria Harbour, Port McNicoll and Elmvale. On Monday, Penetanguishene Secondary School math teacher Paul Dion presented each of the students with a slide rule. Dion and the

students' coach Sister Alicia Martin stand with members of the team (left to right) Lisa Robillard, James Rankin, Brian Brooks, Lorraine Gignac and Bev Beauchamp. Tonight on Cable 12 TV, the Penetanguishene-Midland outlet, two area teams will be shown in live competition starting at 6:30 p.m.