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"In the beginning...there was a chord"  
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"This was called a Barbershop Chord."  
Last weekend we travelled to London Ont. to attend a concert to which we have been invited for several years, since my sister is a member of the London Chapter of "Sweet Adelines Inc." For those who may not know, Sweet Adelines is the female equivalent of Barbershop Quartet Singing.  
S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. means - The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America - Their purpose is to preserve the old songs for generations to come and to add to their repertoire, the new songs which in time will be old songs to future generations, to experience and share the thrill of creating and singing spine-tingling chords in harmony. There is a great measure of complete enjoyment in Barbershop concerts, jokes, dances and just plain good fun, round out their programs which appeal to all ages.

The London concert presented the most pleasant evening of entertainment I had experienced in a long time. The costumes were brilliant and beautiful, befitting the era each medley of songs represented. The vitality and charisma of their director won everyone.

"The Gentlemen's Agreement," the 1971 international barbershop quartet champions, now professional, were "fantastic". Their harmony, pure blending of chords, their showmanship and humor easily won a standing ovation from the packed audience of at least 1,000 people. No one wanted them to stop singing as the auditorium constantly roared with applause. Even our seven-year-old missed not a note, nor a joke as the joy of their presentation reached all ages.

Locally, for four years a few men dedicated to Barbershop singing have been meeting in Midland. Their membership has risen to a chorus of thirty-five. To form a quartet within a chorus requires a great deal of time and commitment, and Midland's chapter has three quartets.

Their first annual concert "Parade of Harmony" takes place at Midland Secondary School, this Saturday April 5, at 8 p.m. Featured will be "The Easy Four" from London, "The Combined Operation," novice quartet champions from Ontario district, "The Queen City Harmonizers" the Toronto chorus and Midland chapter's sponsoring group, "The Whistlers" from East York a comedy trio, "The Top Heavy Trio" a comedy group, and our own Midland quartet "The Midnights".

You can be assured of a wonderful evening packed full of fun and song. You will leave feeling lighthearted, humming the tunes you loved best. Let's fill the MSS auditorium in support of our Midland chapter of Barbershop Singers.

**Husband-Wife Relationships**  
Three sessions, St. Paul's United Church, Midland April 6, 13 and 20th, 8 p.m.

**Ste-Marie Accommodation**  
Needed for summer students staff. Call Heather Butchers or Doug Cole, at 526-7838.

**Midland Times Questionnaire**  
Be sure to fill out the questionnaire in the last section of the Times in the two previous editions. It is important that we express our opinions to help the staff to put out an even better paper. Call the Times at 526-9369 for forms or information.

## North Simcoe obituaries

# Brian John Ferris of Midland dies from long illness

**Brian John Ferris**  
The death occurred recently of Brian John Ferris, age 7, at his home on William Street in Midland. Brian leaves his parents Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ferris, brother David at home, grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ferris of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Charlebois of Victoria Harbour. His great-grandparent, Mrs. Agnes Bates lives in Midland.

After resting at the Nicholls Funeral Home in Midland, funeral services were held Monday, March 31, at 11 a.m. from St. Mark's Church in Midland. Rev. Rod Barlow and David Long officiated.

**Henry Charlebois**  
Mr. Henry Charlebois died recently at St. Andrew's Hospital in his 78th year.

A resident of Charles Street in Midland, Mr. Charlebois leaves his wife Julia Rivers, sons William

and Martin of Hamilton, Ernest, Jack Frank Leo, and Morris of Midland, and daughters Lillian (Mrs. Tom Bell) of Penetanguishene, Margaret (Mrs. Tom Stewart) of Penetanguishene, Mrs. Edna Dempsey of Hamilton, and Bernadette (Mrs. Peter Bowen) of Midland.

A carpenter by profession, Mr. Charlebois served in World War I.

After resting at the Nicholls Funeral Home in Midland and a funeral mass at St. Margaret's Church on Monday March 31, he was buried at St. Margaret's cemetery in Midland.

**Imelda Marie Arpin**  
Port McNicoll resident Imelda Marie Arpin recently passed away at St. Andrew's hospital in Midland. She was 76.

Mrs. Arpin, predeceased by husband Eli Arpin, leaves sons Leo of Port McNicoll

and John of Toronto, brothers Oscar Bertrand of Tweed, and sisters Mrs. Lucile Dale of Toronto, Mrs. Carrie Brazeau of Florida, and Mrs. May Dugas of Montreal.

The owner of Arpin's Confectionery in Port McNicoll, Mrs. Arpin resided at the Nicholls Funeral Home in Midland, before services from Sacred

Heart's Church in Port McNicoll on March 26. Interment was at St. Margaret's Cemetery in Midland.

**Philip Joseph Tobey**  
Philip Joseph Tobey of Honey Harbour passed away suddenly on Wednesday, March 26, in his 58th year. Beloved husband of Evelyn Dufour, Mr. Tobey

leaves son Edward of Honey Harbour, daughters Lorna (Mrs. B. Bajari) of Markham, Stella (Mrs. W. Seidel), Leslie, Edith, (Mrs. K. Vessair) and Elliott, all of Honey Harbour. Mr. Tobey is the son of Mrs. Mary Dault

of Midland. Brother of Mrs. Margaret Hopkins of Orillia, Charles, Mrs. Madeline Tobey, and Mrs. Violet Cousineau of Honey Harbour and Michael Dault of Midland. He will also be remembered by five

grandchildren. Services for Mr. Tobey, who rested at the A. Barrie Chapel in Midland, were held at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Honey Harbour on March 31. Interment will be at St. John cemetery.

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WAVERLEY	7:30	12:12	5:25		7:50	12:26 4:40
WYEBRIDGE	7:35	12:18			7:45	12:20 4:35
MIDLAND	7:40					4:30

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## Four boys, two girls recent arrivals at St. Andrews hospital

Four boys and two girls are the most recent arrivals at St. Andrew's hospital in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vaillancourt of Wolfe Street in Penetanguishene are the proud parents of a boy, born on March 26 at the hospital. A boy was also born to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Juneau of Fourth Avenue Port McNicoll on March 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Tadeusz Jedrzejks, of Sixth Street in Midland are now the proud parents of a baby boy born on March 27.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bourgeois of Victoria Harbour on March 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Elliott of Victoria Harbour became parents of a son on March 30.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sibbald of Smith's Camp, Midland.

## 3 at PGH

There were three births recorded at the Penetanguishene General Hospital this past week:

Gingras - to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gingras of 101 Robert Street Penetanguishene, a baby girl on March 25.

Granziani - to Mr. and Mrs. Mario Granziani, Box 479 Penetanguishene a baby girl on March 27.

Mealing - to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mealing of RR 3 Penetanguishene a baby boy on March 30.

## Swimmer does well

Scott Slemmons, 10, of Greenville, Texas, the grandson of Mrs. A. Bremner of Port McNicoll and the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. James Bremner of Midland, won five Texas State championships in swimming competition earlier this month. Scott, who worked out with the Keegos last summer, while in this area, broke a 1968 record for the 50 yards fly with his time of 35.3 seconds. He also won the 100 free style with a time of 1:09.5, the 50 free style with a time of 30.9 and the 50 back with a time of 37.2, and finished first with a time of 3:00.3 in the 200 I.M.

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