

# Beaumaur Drive low cost housing meets opposition

A delegation of at least five people will appear before the town's committee of adjustment tonight at 8 p.m. in the municipal building to protest proposals by developers to subdivide 20 lots for the Beaumaur Drive subdivision.

Work on six semi-detached housing units in the south west part of town has already begun. The developer, Ves-Bar Developments Limited of Barrie, is seeking to subdivide 20 lots so that each of the semi-detached units will sit on two lots. In effect this will create 40 lots for 40 owners rather than having 20 people buy each complete semi-detached unit, one half for living in and the other half of the unit probably for renting. Don Roszmann, a spokesman for the

delegation, said that even though the Beaumaur Drive subdivision was zoned semi-detached not all of the lots within the subdivision meet the minimum lot size for a complete semi-detached unit.

The minimum lot size for a complete semi-detached unit is 10,200 square feet or 5,100 square feet for half of the complete semi-detached unit.

Roszmann admitted that the town's zoning bylaw, which was passed in April, exempted the Beaumaur Drive subdivision from frontage and area requirements for semi-detached developments but he added that shouldn't be allowed.

"We think they (the developers) should follow the bylaw (minimum lot size 10,200

square feet for a complete semi-detached unit)," Roszmann said.

Ten of the 20 lots, nine on Beaumaur Drive and one on John Street, have less than the minimum 10,200 square foot lot size and should be developed as single family residences Roszmann insisted. If the others went as semi-detached the delegation would not object he said.

A number of citizens along John Street are concerned that the population density in the area may be too high if the number of lots on Beaumaur Drive is doubled. "We're wondering if the services would be adequate," Roszmann said. "Already we're experiencing some problems with water pressure."

Commenting on the objections by Roszmann and others the acting secretary for the committee of adjustment, Ken Cousineau, said, "They'll be given a chance to air their opinion at the hearing."

If the committee of adjustment decides to approve the developer's proposal to subdivide all the lots anyone who objects has 21 days in which to launch an appeal. This would be done by sending a letter to Cousineau at the municipal office. From there the letter would be forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Board for a final decision.

Spokesman for the developers, Ron Kuncce and Jim Folio, at the site of the Beaumaur subdivision on Monday, seemed to be of the opinion that approval of their application to

subdivide the lots was a mere formality.

Developer Kuncce pointed out that the subdivision had been approved for semi-detached units by the town and the OMB with the passing of the town's new zoning bylaw.

"We're not building Ontario Housing (Corporation) type semis," Kuncce said. Instead he explained that three different models and at several different elevations will be constructed. "It'll be quite an attractive street when we're through," added Kuncce.

According to the 1966 subdividers agreement for the area the developers only have to build a gravel road. However, even though there has been no pressure from the town to improve the appearance of the

development the road will be paved. "We're going beyond the line of duty there," Kuncce said adding that the developers would try and leave as many trees as possible in the area.

Of the development which is slated to be completed in the spring Kuncce said, "Everyone's talking about no frill housing - we're doing it."

Each half of the semi-detached unit will sell at roughly \$30 to \$32 thousand. Six of the houses which developers have just begun working on are being released for sale.

"Customer reaction has been excellent," Kuncce said. Apparently it has. By Monday four of the six units had been sold and the foundations were not yet in the ground. The other two would be sold by the time this paper hits the streets Kuncce predicted.



## History comes alive

Six Members of the Historic Naval and Military Establishments guard dress in uniforms of the 24-regiment-of-foot-joined forces with Fort York Guard last Sunday in an annual military tattoo. Visitors witnessed military manoeuvres such as musket firing, and drill exercise canon firing, and as seen above a bayonet charge. Also present were six members of the

Upper Canada Rifles, and independent group dressed in buckskin clothing who band together to perform the fighting techniques used in Upper Canada during the early 1800's.

Photo by Harrison, Historic Naval and Military Establishments, Penetanguishene.

# OHC to start family housing survey

The Ontario Housing Corporation will soon be conducting a survey to determine the need for family housing in Penetanguishene according to a press release from Mayor Vincent Moreau.

According to the press release (see below) a research analyst from the OHC, the Ontario Government's Housing agency, will estimate the number of families living or working in Penetanguishene whose housing is inadequate or beyond their financial capabilities.

This is the second housing survey to be undertaken in Penetanguishene by the OHC in the last six months. In August the OHC started a survey to determine the number of senior citizens living in Penetanguishene whose housing was inadequate or beyond their financial means.

Results of that survey have not yet been compiled for release to the public.

The scarcity of rental accommodations and senior citizen housing was viewed as one of Penetanguishene's major problems in an eight page housing development policy which was adopted by Penetanguishene's town council in June. The report recommended an additional 20 unit senior citizen housing development and measures to provide more rental housing in the town.

The following is the mayor's press release explaining why the family housing survey was undertaken and what it could mean to low income families.

### Mayor's press release

The Ontario Housing Corporation will conduct a survey to determine the need and demand for family housing in Penetanguishene.

A research analyst from OHC, the Ontario Government's Housing agency, will estimate the number of families living or working in the community whose housing is inadequate or beyond their financial capabilities.

The demand in the area for housing on a rent-geared-to income basis will be determined from information gathered through an analysis of applications on file with the local housing manager.

The study, which begins shortly, was requested by Penetanguishene's town council.

# The Sheik faces an assault charge

National wrestling star The Sheik faces a charge of assault with intent to wound, following an incident at the Midland Arena Gardens on Monday, August 4, that left a Toronto man needing 35 stitches to close a facial laceration.

The 45-year-old native of Syria, who now makes his home in Williamston, Michigan, appeared at the Midland police station Monday morning, after the department had secured a warrant for his arrest.

Terrence Beadle, 43, suffered a gash that stretched from above his left eye and extended down his cheek, following what a police spokesman described as a slashing incident at a dressing room door.

The Sheik had successfully defended his U.S. heavyweight championship belt against Tony Parisi earlier that evening in the ring, with CKMP's Tom Shields acting as guest referee.

The 240-pound wrestler — who is also known as Edward Farhat, although A. Sheik is a registered name — is one of the sport's top showmen, and makes frequent appearances in Japan and Australia as well as North America.

He appears in the ring with his fez-topped

manager Abdullah Farouk, better known as The Weasel, clad in a pair of trunks with a camel insignia and curly-toed boots with a sword insignia.

Before each bout he faces the east and goes through a trance-like prayer rite.

But Monday, he appeared immaculately dressed in white suit and shoes and a blue and white polka dot shirt, trailing a scent of lotion and accompanied by an unidentified woman and solicitor Donald Bitter, Q.C., of Waterloo Ontario.

After a brief meeting with Midland police chief Ernie Bates, the terror of many a wrestling ring was released on his own recognizance after he signed a \$2,000 bond guaranteeing his appearance in Midland court October 20.

As he left, both he and his lawyer stopped briefly at the door of the Midland council chambers to watch Monday's criminal court session — and to see presiding Judge L.T. Montgomery in action on the bench.

A. Sheik, with greying hair and a scratch-marked face, looked solid and strong, but somehow smaller than when he appears in the ring.

Several police officers in the building for the court session mumbled that "he doesn't look that big" — but none professed a willingness to take him on in hand-to-hand combat.



## Students hold a bazaar

Irene Lau, 13, and her sister Andrea, 10, both students at St. Joseph's School in Penetanguishene, test a piece of the cake being raffled off at Saturday's bazaar for muscular dystrophy staged at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Penetanguishene. A group of students from the town got together on the weekend to sell their homemade crafts, along with donated goods, to help in the fight against the crippling disease.

# Steering committee will select NIP area tonight

A decision on which of Penetanguishene's two designated Neighbourhood Improvement areas will receive \$300,000 of the federal government's 1974 NIP monies will be made at a closed meeting of the NIP steering committee tonight at the municipal building.

One of the two designated areas - the west end of town from Centre Street to Park Street including Poyntz and Robert Streets or the Chatam and Sheridan Street area, will get the grant money for improving some services and to provide a neighbourhood park. A total of 50 percent of the funds come from the federal government, 25 percent from the province and remainder from the town.

Last Wednesday the members of the NIP steering committee, a town appointed body in charge of overseeing all facets of the NIP

program, made a grand tour of the two proposed NIP areas. Chairman of the committee, Ray Baker, said the block by block, street by street inspection was made to help the members make up their mind as to which area will finally get the grant. In the following year, if Penetanguishene succeeds in getting another NIP grant, Baker said it will probably go to the area which isn't chosen this time. "I see this (NIP) as an ongoing thing," Baker said.

Once the selection of a NIP area is finalized two major steps remain to be undertaken. Public participation comes in these two steps Baker said, which are planning on how to improve the area (i.e. constructing sanitary sewers, sidewalks, additional lighting) and the actual implementation of the program.

## At Decor

# Contract talks resume

by Paul Brent

Contract talks for some 300 employees of Decor Metals Limited plant in Penetanguishene will resume today.

According to Textile Workers Union business agent Elvio Dallorto, talks have centered on the wording of the contract, and on the issues of grievance procedures and seniority. The touchy issue of money has yet to arise in the negotiations.

Dallorto admitted that inflation rates are going to result in the union asking for a hefty wage increase and he does not expect immediate agreement on that question.

The union has applied for conciliation and an Ontario conciliation officer has been

appointed, but has not yet been called in with the two sides. According to the Labour Relations Act, the workers may legally go on strike 15 days after conciliation fails.

A week of labour problems earlier this year at Decor ended with the resignation of a number of maintenance staff. The union brought the subject up again in the talks but the company remained firm in not accepting them back, other than as new employees, without seniority.

Contract talks began on June 25, and Dallorto expects the money issue to be raised at the end of this month. The workers went on strike for two weeks when bargaining for their last contract 18 months ago.

# Election campaign begins

Incumbent Conservative member of parliament Art Evans already knows his opponent from the Liberal Party and by tonight he'll know who will be leading the Simcoe-Centre NDP's.

Last Wednesday Barrie social worker, Margaret Kelly, won the Liberal Party nomination to contest the Simcoe-Centre riding. Tonight the party faithful for the NDP will be meeting at Allandale Heights in Barrie at 8 p.m. to select their candidate for the upcoming provincial election. To date Paul Wessinger is the only announced NDP candidate although his bid for the nomination is expected to be contested according to a source in the Simcoe-Centre NDP camp.

If Wessinger wins the 37-year-old Barrie lawyer will be carrying the NDP banner for Simcoe-Centre in his first stab at provincial politics. This is also the first try at the provincial level for 50-year-old Margaret Kelly, a Barrie Social worker and the mother of 10 children. Kelly lost out to Janice Laking in a contest for the Liberal nomination for the Simcoe-North federal nomination in 1974.

Wessinger is an honours economics graduate of the University of Toronto where he also obtained his bachelor of law degree. After five years of practicing law in Toronto he moved to Barrie where he has practiced law for the past six years.

Currently Wessinger is on a second term as a Barrie alderman. He has served on a number of Barrie committees; the housing

committee, the planning board, the general government committee and the city development committee.

Margaret Kelly said that she has been very active in the Simcoe-North Federal riding (which includes Penetanguishene and Midland) and provincial Simcoe-Centre riding (includes Penetanguishene and Tiny Township, not Midland).

Kelly is a former Simcoe County Separate School Board trustee, past president of the Women's University Club, past president of the Parent Teachers Association (Barrie) and past president of F.I.S.H. (Friendship in Service of Humanity), a distress call agency. However, it was during her eight years as assistant director and co-ordinator for the Childrens Aid Society of Simcoe County that she learned the most about the county. "In this capacity I got to know the whole county," she said.

"A down to earth common sense approach as an alternative to the Queen's Park Bureaucracy," is what Kelly says she'll offer to the people. "I am offering nothing more than a straight forward, practical, economic approach to progressive government in this province," Kelly said.

And what does a straight forward approach to government add up to? "People in the riding should be able to tell me what is needed," Margaret says. "It's my duty to carry that to the legislature...on an ongoing basis for the whole term."

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# Citizen Capsules

**Tiny fisherman drowns**  
A 59-year-old Tiny Township commercial fisherman was found drowned Monday afternoon at the end of concession 13 half way between the mainland and Papoose Island. Dale Albert Burns, of RR 1 Perkinsfield, had taken his boat to the island sometime after leaving Mayer's Store at 3 p.m. He was spotted in the water at 5:30 by a boy walking on the beach.  
Ontario Provincial Police Corporal Bill Mohan said the body was fully clothed when pulled from the water, and the man's boat was found tied up on the island.  
Mohan said the fisherman, who had recently entered a partnership with another Tiny man named Brunelle, leaves a large family at Doe's Bay.  
At this time of year, fishermen are taking whitefish and trout from Nottawasaga Bay.

**Rape charge dismissed**  
A charge of rape laid against Mario Toutant, 25, of Hamilton, was discharged Monday in Midland provincial court following a preliminary hearing before presiding Judge L.T. Montgomery.  
The charge followed an incident in Midland May 4. Newspapers are not normally permitted to report on proceedings at preliminary hearings in Canada.

**Two hospitalized after MHC accident**  
Two Penetanguishene youths were admitted to the Penetanguishene General Hospital suffering from undetermined injuries following an accident early Saturday morning at the Church Street entrance to the Mental Health Centre grounds when a 1972 Datsun rammed into a tree. The accident occurred at 1:20 a.m.  
One of the youths, 18-year-old Gary Ladouceur, a passenger in the car was later transferred to the Toronto General Hospital.  
Ladouceur lives on the MHC grounds. The driver, 19-year-old Kenneth Forget of 19 Owen Street was still in the Penetanguishene General Hospital on Tuesday.  
A third youth, John Dupuis, 19, of 15 Church Street was taken to the PGH but not admitted.  
Police have charged Kenneth Forget with careless driving as a result of the accident which left the 72 Datsun a total wreck. Damage to the Datsun was estimated at \$1,500.

# The Week in Review

Presenting a face to associate with an institution - that's one of the reasons Therese Boutin, a liaison officer for Glendon College, visited Penetanguishene last week. For the other reasons turn to page two. On the same page you'll also find a report on the continuing story of an attempt by members of the North West Basin Parks and Recreation Board to stop the sale of a section of a parcel of land which they want to develop into a community recreation centre.  
The use of the wrong word caused all the troubles between the town of Penetanguishene and the owners of the White House. That's what the owners, the Bruntons claim as they explain just why they would like to rezone their property. See page three. Also on page three you'll find court news and the week's wrapup of police news.  
They're off and running in another provincial election. On page four we warn voters not to be led astray by catchword campaign slogans. Examine the issues carefully. Seek to find out the opinions of local candidates on the concerns of Simcoe-Centre voters. Hopefully then, you'll be able to make the best decision when it comes to marking your ballot on September 18.  
Huronia Community Calendar page five, Meals on Wheels - page six and the story of a

man who ended up in court after driving a three wheeled car page seven, round out the first section.

A wrapup of Georgian Bay Fastball League action leads off our second section sports - page nine. There you'll also find a report on Anne Merkle's quest for the Ontario Open tennis title, Penetanguishene's undefeated midge girls baseball team, the heart-breaking end of a quick season for Chalet Sports juvenile boys baseball team and other stories.  
A report from Contact page 10, French news and an outline of Glendon College course page 11, Ron Jones' comment on the struggle of farmers to gain control of their crops pages 12 and 13, classifieds pages 14 to 16 and the Library Report page 18, complete the second section.  
A feature on Louisbourg - a French fort at Cape Breton, leads off our third section on Huronia Lifestyles. Columns by Ray Baker and Shirley Whittington and an ongoing report on the history of film by Terry Dupuis highlight Huronia Life.