



Bouncing around

A group of kids bounce around on an inflated rubber tube in Penetanguishene's Main Street Park last Wednesday. The dog ap-

parently didn't care for all the excitement and decided to abandon the scene.

Photo by Tom Grand

Skinny thief raids the LCBO

It took a skinny thief to haul away 42 bottles of liquor valued at approximately \$1,239 from Penetanguishene Liquor Control Board outlet sometime late last Thursday night or early Friday morning.

Skinny, because entry was gained through a south side window protected by steel bars spaced within nine inches of each other. According to an official at the LCBO the robbery was probably the work of two or three persons.

After breaking the window the skinny thief's partners probably boosted their light weight accomplice to enable him/her to squirm through the bars. Unke rear and front windows, the side ones are not equipped with an alarm system.

Once inside the thief carried out a selective robbery taking a bit of this and a bit of that. Everything was in forty ounce bottles.

The bottles were then passed outside the window to waiting arms below which carried them to the getaway vehicle parked at the other side of a six foot fence on a dirt road inside St. Ann's Cemetery. The cemetery, which is about 50 feet from the LCBO, runs parallel to the south wall of the building.

Police are still investigating the case of the skinny thief who made a big haul.

Parachuting mishap hospitalizes Orillia man

A 26-year-old Orillia man lies in serious but stable condition today in the Toronto General Hospital following a freak parachuting accident Saturday at the Huronia Parachute Club's Coldwater jump zone.

Bruce Cook, an experienced skydiver with 150 jumps to his credit, hit the ground at 35 to 40 feet per second, according to observers, after his equipment malfunctioned at 2,500 feet about 12 noon.

He suffered compound fractures to his left leg and left arm and underwent internal injuries from the force of the impact. He remained conscious until the ambulance arrived, but was given oxygen as he was rushed to Soldier's Memorial Hospital in Orillia after he began experiencing severe convulsions.

To upgrade neighbourhood

West end gets \$300,000 NIP grant

The west end of town from Centre Street to Park Street, including Poyntz and Robert Streets, has been selected to receive Penetanguishene's \$300,000 NIP (Neighbourhood Improvement) grant.

The decision was made at a meeting of the town's NIP steering committee last Wednesday and completes phase one - the selection stage - of the NIP program. All systems are go now for phase two - planning, which will be kicked off with a public meeting

at the Penetanguishene Curling rink "as early as possible in September" according to NIP steering committee chairman, Ray Baker. All west end residents will be invited to that meeting where the NIP program will be explained and where residents will be asked to consider ways to spend the \$300,000 to improve their neighbourhood. Baker stressed this point saying that "having explained the program to the people we will be relying on their input to help spend the money in the best way possible."

While last Wednesday's decision will undoubtedly bring smiles to the faces of west end residents it meant that their counterparts in the town's other designated NIP area at the eastern end of town - the Chatham and Sheridan Street district - will not be receiving any NIP funds this year. However,

if the town succeeds in getting another NIP grant for 1976 Baker said that east end "would be an automatic choice" for NIP funds next year. Baker stressed this was his personal opinion.

The decision to select the west end of town for 1975 NIP grant was an unanimous one.

In its circulation class

Citizen is judged best newspaper in Canada

The Penetanguishene Citizen has been judged the best all-round newspaper of its size in Canada for the second year in a row, in the annual competitions sponsored by the Canadian Community Newspapers Association.

At its convention in Saskatoon last week, the association presented the Citizen with the top award in the general excellence category, and gave it second place in the judging of front and editorial pages.

The Citizen placed third in the open competition for best sports pages, in a category won by The Mississauga News, the largest weekly newspaper in Canada.

In the general excellence category, the Citizen competed in Class IV, for papers with circulation of 1,500 to 2,499. Entries from British Columbia to Ontario were judged by a panel of independent journalists on the basis of news and editorial content, feature

writing, photography, advertising and general appearance.

The Citizen scored 79 of a possible 100 points, two ahead of its sister newspaper The Elmvalle Lance, which was competing in the same category.

The Midland Times, eligible to enter the competitions for the first time this year, placed second over-all in general excellence in Class II, for papers with a circulation of 4,000 - 8,999, as Markle Community Newspapers in Simcoe and Grey Counties swept 18 awards, more than any other newspaper group in Canada.

The Times took first place in the judging of both front pages and editorial pages.

The issues judged were from 1974. Other Markle winners included The Collingwood Times, The Thornbury Review Herald and The Wasaga Beach Times

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Citizen Capsules

Jesuit celebrates 50 years a priest

Worshippers and friends crowded the sanctuary of the Martyrs' Shrine near Midland on Saturday August 16 for a Mass of Our Lady which commemorated the Jubilee of Reverend Father J.S. McGivern, S.J.

Father McGivern joined the Jesuit order 50 years ago. He was ordained in Montreal, and continued his studies in Holland, Germany and Austria. He was decorated (MBE) by George VI for his 24 years of service as an army staff chaplain. Many of those years were spent in the heat of battle.

On Saturday's homily, delivered by Father Stanley, tribute was paid to Father McGivern for his work in three areas - his wartime service, his ministry at the Martyrs' Shrine and his contributions as a historiographer and researcher.

For the past 11 years, Father McGivern

has served at the Martyrs' Shrine in the summer months, and he is the editor of the Shrine Messenger.

During the winter, he is in residence at Regis College in Toronto and is the archivist for the Arch-Diocese of Toronto.

Saturday's Mass of Our Lady, which combined the beauty of the old liturgy with the freedom of the new, was enriched by the music of the St. Michael's Choir.

Father McGivern received messages of congratulation from historians and theologians, as well as from His Holiness Pope Paul VI, Governor-General Jules Léger and Ontario Premier William Davis.

The Superior General of the Society of Jesus in the World paid this tribute to Father McGivern: "It could easily be said that he made history."

NDP selects Paul Wessinger

Barrie city alderman Paul Wessinger, 37, will contest the Simcoe Centre riding in the September 18 provincial election for the New Democratic Party.

He was nominated at a meeting in Barrie August 13.

Wessinger, a senior partner in a Barrie law firm, is currently serving his second term as an alderman in the city's ward four. He topped the polls in the 1974 municipal elections.

"I've often thought of being a candidate in the provincial field," Wessinger said in his acceptance speech to a crowd of approximately 100 supporters.

Wessinger will be emphasizing in his campaign the spiralling inflation rate and the neglect of the individual by big business and bureaucratic government.

Uncontrolled growth will be another important plank in the Wessinger platform.

"The NDP has a commitment to ensure that growth is evenly distributed," Wessinger said. "Too much, too fast will diminish our quality of life here." The NDP candidate also emphasized that he was concerned about the depletion of valuable Simcoe County farmland.

On Barrie city council, Wessinger is vice-chairman of the city development committee, on the planning board, general government committee and the Bay study committee.

He was nominated by Rich Partridge, a former federal NDP candidate who has since been appointed as campaign manager. Partridge said that Wessinger has demonstrated his political abilities on the Barrie council and promises to be "a very credible candidate with an excellent chance against the other candidates."

NIP, RRAP and OHRP

Here's what those strange letters mean

All those acronyms (NIP, RRAP and OHRP) which have been flooding local newspapers, radio and television, could add up to a lot of money for residents in Penetanguishene, particularly those at the west end of town from Centre to Park Street including Poyntz and Robert Streets.

So while they may sound and look funny, as indeed they do, they translate into a lot of dollars and cents for town residents - and dollars, around 800,000 of them aren't something to be laughed away.

Acronyms, in case you didn't know, are words formed from the initial letter or letters of each of the successive parts or major parts of a compound term. Thus for NIP we get Neighbourhood Improvement Program. RRAP is the Residential Rehabilitation Program. OHRP is the Ontario Home Renewal Program. Altogether the three acronyms could

be worth in the neighbourhood of \$800,000 to Penetanguishene.

Here's a cost breakdown of the three programs and a brief explanation of what they are designed to do.

Penetanguishene received a \$300,000 NIP grant this year. The federal government provides 50 per cent of the NIP grant, the province and the municipality 25 per cent each. Last Wednesday the town's NIP steering committee awarded the NIP funds to an area in the west end of town from Centre to Park Street including Poyntz and Robert Streets.

The money can be used to improve conditions within the neighbourhood by providing sewers, curbs sidewalks or perhaps a community park. Exactly what will be done with the \$300,000 is unknown because it's up to the residents within the area to decide what projects they want to spend the money on.

RRAP also is for west end residents within the NIP area. Government officials call it a "Piggy back program" because it's tied to NIP. Specifically RRAP allows home owners in a NIP area to apply for low interest loans of up to \$5,000 to improve their homes. Repayment of the loans is geared to the need for up grading the dwelling, and the family's salary, with provisions for forgiveness of the loan in some circumstances.

Any household where the average family income after deductions is \$11,000 or less can qualify for a RRAP grant. All you have to do is apply for the money. With roughly 100 households in the west end considered eligible for RRAP that adds up to a potential yield of \$500,000 in government funds to improve houses.

Then there's OHRP. The Ontario Home Renewal Program can be piggy backed with NIP and RRAP but in-

dications from town officials are that this program which offers \$45,500 in provincial funds for house improvements, will be used in areas outside of the west end of towns. The idea is to spread the wealth around. Although OHRP doesn't offer nearly as much money as either of the other two acronyms it can mean significant improvements for up to 10 houses in Penetanguishene and that's a start.

The prime objective of OHRP are the repair of faulty structural and sanitary conditions and the upgrading of the plumbing, heating and electrical systems of residences.

NIP, RRAP, and OHRP may sound funny but they're as good as money in the bank for the home owner who knows what to do with them. For information on any of these three acronyms visit the town's NIP/RRAP centre - the Chamber of Commerce building at the corner of Water and Owe 1 Streets.

Charlebois is selected town's west end NIP rep



Armand Charlebois

By now most residents in the west end of town from Centre Street to Park Street including Poyntz and Robert Streets - know that their neighbourhood has been selected to receive a \$300,000 NIP (Neighbourhood Improvement Program) grant.

But most of them probably are confused as to the significance of the NIP grant. They have the money, but how should they spend it?

To help west end residents understand the purpose of the NIP grant, the town's NIP steering committee - whose job it is to assist and advise in

the overall co-ordination of the NIP program - appointed former town councillor Armand Charlebois as the west end resident on the NIP steering committee. The appointment was made last Wednesday.

Charlebois, who in addition to being a former

member of council, is a former member of the town's planning board and is still active as chairman of the town's safety committee admits "I found it (NIP) a little confusing before I got into it." However, Charlebois is into NIP now. His job will be to represent the west end residents,

familiarize them with NIP and find out what improvements they want to make to their neighbourhood.

"I hope they ask enough questions so that they'll be able to form their own opinion of what they want" whether it be improved roads, sewers, sidewalks,

playgrounds, or curbs, Charlebois said.

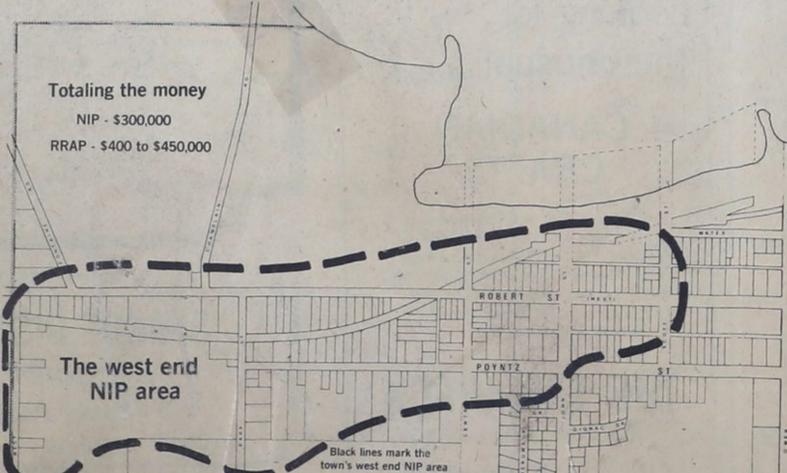
To find out what residents want the steering committee has plans to put out a questionnaire asking people what kind of improvements they would like to see in their neighbourhood.

While NIP comes as a

\$300,000 blessing, to the west end the final cash input into the area will be considerably higher because of funds which will be made available from the RRAP (Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program).

The distinction between the two programs is that NIP funds are to be used to improve the appearance of the neighbourhood while RRAP monies are aimed at upgrading residences within the NIP area.

That's what makes NIP so important Charlebois said. To be eligible for RRAP funds a home owner must live within a NIP area. Under the program families with household incomes of \$11,000 or less (after various deductions) are eligible for combination grant and low interest loans of up to \$5,000 to improve their homes. Repayment of the loans is geared to the need for upgrading the dwelling, and the family's salary, with provisions for forgiveness of the loan in some circumstances.



Kelly opening campaign centre

Liberal party candidate for Simcoe-Centre Margaret Kelly made a quick visit to Penetanguishene on Monday to prepare for the official opening of a campaign centre here this afternoon.

The Liberal campaign centre will be located at the back of Mayor Vince Moreau's Insurance office. The entrance is from Peel Street.

Councillor Frances St Amant, Raymond and Cecile Marchand will be responsible for the staffing of the office, which Kelly said for

now will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. six days a week. As the election campaign moves into the closing weeks the office hours will lengthen Kelly said.

The campaign office will serve voters in Penetanguishene, Elmvalle, Flos and Flos Townships. The phone number for campaign headquarters is 549-8022.

New Democratic and Conservative Party have yet to announce whether or not they will be maintaining a campaign office in Penetanguishene.

The Week In Review

With the selection of a NIP area the Neighbourhood Improvement Program now moves from the realm of the politicians and planners to the people. Speaking on NIP the program, acting co-ordinator Steve Fournier said "if given the opportunity to tackle something people can solve their problems."

For a further report on NIP turn to page two. Also on page two is a story on the continuing controversy between members of the NWB parks and recreation committee and Tiny Township council.

The Town Police report runs on page three. Severances for lots in the Beaumaur Drive subdivision were recently granted by the committee of adjustment - see page three. Liberal candidate for Simcoe-Centre Margaret Kelly uttered some fighting words against the Davis government during a recent visit to Penetanguishene see page three.

The people must work with the planners if NIP is to achieve its objectives in the west end of town. See the Citizen Comment - page four. On the same page look at alternative methods which could have been used to

combat Penetanguishene's infamous mini-oil spill.

A story on children's programs, page five, back to school features, page six, seven and eight, French news and another angle on Penetanguishene's infamous oil spill, page nine, followed by area news, pages 10 and 11 round out the first section.

Ann Merkle's Ontario open tennis victory last week and her attempt to take the Canadian National championship this week lead off sports on page 13.

A wrap up of GBFL playoff action, page 13, a story on a coaching development program planned for Penetanguishene and other Simcoe County Communities page 14 round out the sports.

Wedding pictures and a look at Open House at the Huronia Nursing Home are on page 15. Pages 16 to 18 are classifieds. Huronia Community Calendar is on page 19.

The Feds say yes but 10,000 Ontarians are denied full benefits by the province. Read about it in our third section - Huronia Life.