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"Love joins our present with the past and the future."  
by Eileen Smith

The greatest joy for us was to greet many senior citizens, residents of homes, the handicapped, foster children, those referred by social services etc. to whom complimentary tickets were given.

The businessmen of our area communities were most generous in turning back tickets to Contact to distribute, or giving their tickets away to many who may not otherwise have been able to attend.

The box office sales were minimal compared to those who came with tickets in hand, and attendance swelled to 1350.

The arena was very warm but parents and children stayed and enjoyed the performance. The audience responded to the music and the loveable animals with constant applause, particularly to the antics of the scarecrow, and the cowardly lion.

We were told by the production people to expect no more than 500 to 800 people, but we were thrilled and surprised when our attendance numbered 1350. General comments were "the children loved it", senior citizens said "it was beautiful", some parents said "it was hot" which the arena was, but audience reaction generally indicated enjoyment.

It is true that a travelling production such as this takes the greatest share of the profit, but we did clear about \$400. One must understand, however, that our real reward was the fantastic support of the business community which made it possible for Contact to distribute tickets to a lot of appreciative people.

Our deep gratitude to all who contributed to its success. Mrs. Doreen (Tiny) Pinkney of our Contact Referral Board did a fantastic job, especially with the bookkeeping.

Huron Office Supplies of Midland and Fitzgerald Real Estate of Elmvalle were our ticket outlets. A vote of thanks is due to Brian Mohan and his staff of the Midland Arena Gardens who were so pleasant and helpful.

As usual, my Contact staff, Marg Davies and Mary-Ellen Jones and our volunteers gave strong support. This newspaper and CKMP radio were most generous in their publicity for the show. To Bill McInerney of Sacred Heart School, our appreciation for providing office space.

One observation I would like to make is that, with all the musical and dramatic talent in Canada and certainly in the Huronia area, it would be great to see a Canadian performance materialize and go on tour as these American theatre Arts students are doing.

**Social Services Luncheon**  
Regular monthly luncheons will begin again on Tuesday September 16. Please note that the day has changed to the third Tuesday each month, rather than Wednesday. The time and place are the same—Brooklea Golf and Country Club, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The purpose of the luncheons are for anyone who works with the problems of people to meet together. Each month a presentation is made by a service which creates closer interagency relationships and a clearer understanding of the assistance each service has to offer.

Our September speaker is Glenn Moore, a counsellor for the Simcoe County Board of Education. His office will be in Midland Secondary School this year, and he will be speaking on the topic of school dropouts.

Please call Contact by Friday, September 13 if you plan to attend.

## Minor soccer tags raise over \$750

Midland's minor soccer players raised approximately \$750 in their annual tag days held on Friday and Saturday last week. The money will be used to finance equipment and travel for the boys.

League officials were very pleased with the results and expressed their appreciation to both the boys who collected the money and to the generous people who donated to the cause of minor soccer in the area.



by Penny Copeland

## Anxiously awaiting those Paris concoctions

With the end of summer I am anxiously awaiting the autumn issues of Vogue and the like to see what the Paris connoisseurs of fine fashion will have lined up for us ladies in their fall previews.

Will we be wearing last year's earth colours, the year before's classic navy and red, or will we once again return to the pastel shades of baby pink and powder blue?

I have often wondered if there is a huge male syndicate at the top masterminding women through our pitiless downfall of vanity to buy the many styles they create and repeat.

Why men design women's clothes remains a mystery to me. Surely they have no idea what a woman's needs in clothes are. In fact, they seem to be under the impression that every woman is five-foot-nine-inches tall and weighs 125 pounds.

Still, we do succumb to their styles. To this I must plead guilty for I certainly do not fall into the model category, being five-foot-one and weighing 105 pounds soaking wet.

Nevertheless, I am not one to be out-of-style.

My craze to be in style began at an early age, inflicted on me by my mother who chose to dress me in pink as op-

posed to the blue my brother had previously worn, regardless of the fact that his faded blue rompers had a few more miles of crawling left.

In public school, I chose patent leather shoes and later go-go boots over the conventional oxfords of my peers. Then with the coming of age I switched from knee-socks to nylons. How I flouted my long(?) sleek legs at Sunday school, paying no heed to the preacher's biblical spoutings.

Then came the 35-inch bellbottom pants, which made me look like a bottom-heavy hour glass and later regressed to flairs.

And, finally, the mini skirt. My mother with a discerning eye shortened my dresses an additional three inches. Certainly she had always had lots of practice in shortening my clothes, my height always being a problem.

Time passed and the Mexican trend set in with the advent of the gauchos. For weeks I was afraid to frequent the beach taco stand for fear I would be mistaken for a gimmick the proprietor had dreamed up. Just about the time I was brave enough to wear them in public, they were out of style and along came the maxi.

Not to be behind times, I dashed out and bought a maxi coat, giving me the appearance of a Russian Kossack weathering the harshness of winter. In the heat of early days in fall, I would sport my coat, sweating madly beneath the full-length coat.

Then with unexpected practicality came blue jeans, a serviceable article of clothing that could be worn by anyone. Praises be sung to the youth who latched onto them and made them a lasting trend!

Penny Copeland is a staff writer with Markle Community Newspapers.



## Special anniversary pageant

This little visitor to the Museum of the Upper Lakes at Wasaga Beach plugs her ears in anticipation of the firing of the eight pound carronade during the special anniversary pageant last weekend, marking the 161st year since the British schooner Nancy was sunk there during the War of 1812. The Historic Naval and

Military Establishments guard, seen firing the carronade, also entered into a mock battle with the Upper Canada Rifles, a group dedicated to portraying the Canadian militia as it was in the early 1800's.

Photo by Harrison, Museum of the Upper Lakes.

## Victoria Harbour news

# Thanks to Ted Savage for summer dances

by Lorraine Kindy  
As of July 30th, 1975, the Victoria Harbour Credit

Union moved from its location in Waubaushene to the Medical Centre in

Victoria Harbour. The Office Hours are Wed. from 6-9 p.m. and Friday from 6-9 p.m. There are approximately 385 members and Mr. Charles Wyatt is the secretary - treasurer. They are always interested in new members.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robichaud had lots of company over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. T. Holiday and family from Clarkson, plus Mr. and Mrs. Ed.

Peper of Etobicoke and also Mr. and Mrs. John McMeekin and family and Mr. and Mrs. C. Rowe and family.

Mr. Ivan Brousseau and family from North Bay were down to visit Mr. and Mrs. Joel Brousseau.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans attended a wedding in Agincourt for their nephew David Atkinson. Eleanor Levec, Joan Evans and Karen Finley

are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans at present.

We were sorry to hear that Mrs. Chapman passed away, she was the mother of Tom Chapman. The funeral was held on Friday Aug. 15.

Mrs. June Walker held an engagement party for Mary Lee and Fred Potz. Mr. Potz's mother from Germany was able to visit Canada and attend the engagement party. Mr. and Mrs. Irving Shuter and son from Switzerland

also attended. Mr. Andrew Bocher Senior and Mr. Andrew Bocher Jr. are building the new home on Richard St. beside Mrs. Springthorpe.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Arbour of Weston spent weekend with Mrs. Lawrence Arbour. Capt. and Mrs. Ivan Burns of St. Catharines visited with Mrs. Gervais. Mrs. Elsie Dennison of Worthing, England is visiting her brother Harry Hunter at Caswell's beach.

A bus load of senior citizens from Victoria Harbour attended the annual Simcoe County picnic at Springwater Park and museum. Afterwards they toured the County administration building. The local Lions club donated the cost of the bus.

This summer has seen quite a few dances held in the Harbour for the older teens and for the under fourteen group, thanks to the leadership of Mr. Ted Savage and the young peoples club in the Harbour and the Legion.

## Donate in memory

Tiny Township council voted to give a \$25 donation to the Pine Ridge Women's Institute of Wyevalle in memory of the late Mrs. Dorcas Grier. The donation was agreed upon at last Thursday's council

meeting. Mrs. Grier was the wife of Howard Grier who sat on council as deputy-reeve during the 1973-74 term.

Howard Grier lost his seat to Hilda Sibthorpe in the last municipal election.

## Letter to the editor

# Young writers need a local medium

A few articles appearing in the Times dealt with the state of Canadian Literature. In a broader sense, this concern stretches to emphasize the condition of Canadian Culture. The fear of losing, or of not finding, a distinctly Canadian way of thought, and of doing things, has been circling Canadian Literary Journals, and also hit the news media via the thrust of Canadian Nationalism. But I must congratulate the Times for displaying this sad situation, locally.

There are very minimal odds in favour of a writer ever becoming successful. It appears that the added burden of being a Canadian writer only makes success almost invisible. A recent survey of Vancouver students, conducted by the Committee for an Independent Canada, has shown that: 97 per cent asked could not name a single Canadian playwright, 61 per cent could not name three Canadian authors.

Obviously, Canadian writers are not read by Canadians. A glance in the book stores, and of the magazine racks, indicates who is

being read. It seems that the majority of Canadian readers desire the foreign and not the familiar.

But the problem is well known. It is a secure feeling, to know that people in such a small community care about our literature. It can be compared to being in Italy and finding a few people who speak English. It is a good feeling.

I can imagine the frustration that young writers of prose and poetry must feel in this locality: Unbelieving eye nailed to a book: Our poetry is the come of a Keats in Rome but displays a death wish in this dead land a town snowed in.

Yet, I am sure that young writers are tired of the endless eulogies. The people concerned may be sincere in words but they miss the point that a writer's work must be pumped into print. It must be read. Perhaps you, and other experienced writers in the area, could provide a forum for modern poetry and

prose, for local writers.

Somewhere, someone, on some level, must take the responsibility of the eventual Canadian disaster. Better, someone will prevent it. I believe it necessary to become individual and to develop a distinct personality. Move toward John A. Macdonald's dream...

I sit the river runs by again again in rock interruption the concept slips my grasp chlorine-free through wilderness and points of empty on a map my space is divine erosion and cement still damp my immediate surface undiscovered my landlord Manitou my threat Brebeuf's one day I'll slit this skin the red will stain the sun Thank you

Yours sincerely,  
Paul Bingham.

## To discuss market outlook

# Beef association to hold meeting

by Alan W. Scott

The Simcoe Beef Improvement Association has arranged a market outlook meeting for Wednesday, August 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Roof Garden Room of the Continental Inn.

Charlie Gracey of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association and Graham Hedley of the Ontario Beef Improvement Association will be on hand to comment on the foreseeable beef market. As well, it is expected that someone from the packing industry will also be on the program.

Beef cow men will be able to obtain details on the beef calf income stabilization program, and application forms and information leaflets will be available at the meeting.

D.H.I.A. Farm meeting  
The East Simcoe Dairy Herd Improvement Association farm meeting will be held on Wed-

nesday, August 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Vespra View Farm of Ralph and Leighton Smith. Members will have the opportunity to view and discuss the Smith operation, to participate in a cow evaluation competition, and to enjoy a social time with fellow members.

Details are available from Art Joslin, and President Gerry Moran.

**August sale of station tested boars**  
The August sale of station tested boars will be held at the test station at New Hamburg on Thursday, August 21 at 8 p.m. Seventeen boars have been selected on the basis of performance and physical soundness from the total of 65 boars which were in the test group.

**Monthly visit of milk marketing board fieldman**  
Milk Marketing Board fieldman Ed Duncan will be visiting the Elmvalle

agricultural office on Friday, August 22. Dairymen who wish appointments should arrange them as soon as possible.

# Hurononia Community Calender

- Wednesday, August 20 to Sunday, August 24
- Annual Barrie Fair will be held at the Barrie fair grounds, located on Essa Road at Highway 400.
  - Thursday, August 21
    - Monster bingo at 8 p.m., Creemore arena, with \$1,800 in cash prizes.
  - Thursday, August 21
    - The Simcoe-East Progressive Conservative Association nomination meeting in the Odd-fellows Hall, Midland, at 8 p.m. Guest speaker will be The Hon. Frank Miller, Ontario Minister of Health and M.P.P. for Muskoka.
  - August 18 to August 22
    - August 25 to August 29
    - The Orillia Kinsmen are now taking registrations for their upcoming Kinsmen hockey school in Orillia. The school is for players of all abilities from age seven to 15 years. Applications at all sports stores in Orillia. For further information call 325-1373.
  - Saturday, August 23
    - General meeting of the Woodland Beach Property Owners, at the Ship-A-Hoy, Woodland Beach - 10 a.m.
    - Thursday, August 23
      - The Nurses' Alumni are holding a garage sale, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 356 King Street, Midland. All manner of interesting articles will be for sale, so don't miss it! All proceeds go toward the new District Hospital.
    - Friday, August 22
      - Industrial show at the Orillia Community Centre, in conjunction with Orillia Industrial Week.
    - Saturday, August 23
      - In the village of Coldwater, "Chester Martin Day", at the Coldwater and District Community Centre.
    - Sunday, August 31
      - Concert, Midland Arena. With Myles and Lenny. Also Scubaleo Caine. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets in advance or at the door.
    - Saturday, September 6
      - The Severn Bridge Fall Fair. The parade will form up at the Morrison Public School grounds on Muskoka Road 13 at 12:30 p.m.
    - Saturday, September 20
      - The Coldwater and District Men's Hockey League is holding a beer festival, starting at 8 p.m. at the Coldwater Community Centre. Music by Jim Macey. Tickets available at the Community Centre or any Hockey League player or phone 549-2367.
      - The clothing depot at Waverley School will be open on Wednesday evenings only, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., until further notice. There is a good supply of ladies and men's wear. Donations of children's clothing are now needed. Contact Mrs. Jean King to pick up donations, if necessary. (835-5164).
      - Organizers are invited to publicize their upcoming events free of charge by calling the Times Community Calendar editor at 526-9369 or drop your message into the Midland Times office at 289 King Street (upstairs).

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