



Singing takes thought . . .



. . . but it's fun!



Six-year-old Carmen Desroches thinks she's got the phrase down pat, then she shows she has and, finally, grins with pleasure at having done such a fine job. The Grade 1 St.

Joseph's School pupil was taking part in the French instruction given every Saturday at St. Croix as part of the Community School Program. Sister Angeline Moreau said the

class lets the children have fun while they're learning the language and it becomes a living experience rather than a classroom one. Photos by Kevin Scanlon

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## Local lawyers faced long day in courtroom

Penetanguishene lawyer Al Rubens had a long day on Thursday as he took his turn as duty counsel in provincial court.

The lengthy court docket ran through six hours and there was still one trial which had to be put over to Midland court for Monday.

Clement Henry Juneau, 46, of Victoria Harbour, was fined \$200 or 20 days by Provincial Court Judge Len Montgomery.

Juneau's licence was also suspended on the impaired driving conviction.

Peter J. Pauze, 28, of RR3, Penetanguishene, was fined \$125 or 10 days for impaired driving and his licence was suspended for three months.

Jason W. Rowley, 63, of RR1, Port McNicoll, was fined \$175 or 15 days and had his licence suspended for impaired driving.

Adam Woloski, 52, of Victoria Harbour, was fined \$200 or 20 days and his licence was suspended for impaired driving.

Martin R. Lesaux, 20, of 16 Gignac Drive, Penetanguishene, was fined \$125 or 15 days and his licence was suspended for driving with excess alcohol in his blood.

Douglas Pelletier, 19, of Victoria Harbour, was fined \$150 or 15 days when convicted for driving with excess alcohol in his blood. His licence was also suspended.

Charles Dumont, 16, of Tiny Township, was fined \$75 or 10 days for driving with excess alcohol and \$25 or five days for driving a motor vehicle with an instruction permit while there was no licenced driver in the vehicle.

Ivan Bumstead, 28, of RR 1, Waubaushene, was fined \$175 or 15 days for impaired driving and his licence was suspended.

Ronald Desmasdon, 19, of Point au Baril, was fined \$200 or 15 days and his licence was suspended for failing to remain at the scene of an accident.

Edward Bekooy and Raymond W. Benedict, both of RR 1 Perkinsfield, were placed on 18 months probation and all charges against the pair were suspended.

Bekooy faced two counts of theft under \$200 and a single count of break and enter. Benedict was charged with break and enter.

John Michael Bowen, 17, of Midland, received a conditional discharge on his conviction for possession of marijuana. He was placed on six months probation.

Gary Clair Truax, 16, of Waverley, was placed on 18 months probation for break, enter and theft and an additional charge of attempted break and enter.

# NIP area clears first hurdle

Town council Monday night gave final approval to the West End Redevelopment Plan, the first step toward implementation of more than \$1 million in residential improvement.

This project which goes to the federal and provincial governments for their approval

next will be cost-shared by the town and the other two levels of government. The cost will be more than \$400,000.

The NIP area in the west end runs through a section including Robert and Poyntz Streets and bounded on the east and west by Scott Street and West Street.

Steve Fournier, NIP coordinator, said the town hopes the normal three-year program can be completed inside two years.

He said the aim is to complete the first four parts of the ten-part project in the first year. That would mean the purchase and development of a playground / park adjacent

to the proposed street west of Robert Street Lane, the reconstruction and improvement of Robert Street West, Poyntz Street, improvement of the Poyntz Street Hill, and the construction of a connecting street between Robert Street West and Poyntz Street, west of Robert Street Lane.

The remainder of the project would be completed in the following year.

Last April Penetanguishene was one of 33 Ontario municipalities which received recommendation from the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for a NIP grant.

The grants were designed to improve living conditions in predominantly residential neighborhoods which have deteriorated physically or socially.

The second phase will include the clearing of a house at 12 Robert Street Lane which is considered beyond the means of the program to bring up to minimum standards. The family will be relocated in another house owned by the town on Robert Street West.

Town officials are studying the possibility that the second house may be moved to another site in the future to make way for construction of the connecting road between Poyntz Street and Robert Street West.

Also in that second phase, landscaping improvements will be undertaken to the Gulf Oil property on Robert Street West, improvements for Poyntz Street Lane, reconstruction of Robert Street West Upper Road Lane between John and Scott Streets, construction of an asphalt sidewalk on Robert Street West from West Street to Robert Street Lane, drainage and lighting improvements on West Street, will be completed.

The financing of the town share of the costs will be carried through the current budget and the help of local service clubs and community organizations in raising funds for the Penetanguishene portion of the project costs.

## Cousin, brothers convicted

Two Port McNicoll brothers and their cousin were given jail terms in Penetanguishene provincial court Friday.

The cousin, 33-year-old Cameron Lizotte, was sentenced to six months definite and three months indefinite on a charge of possession of a stolen motor vehicle and 30 days for driving while his licence was under suspension. On a second conviction for driving while under suspension he was fined \$200 or 20 days.

His driver's licence was also suspended for 18 months.

The older of the two brothers, 24-year-old Arnold Lizotte, was sentenced to six months definite and three months indefinite for possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

Seventeen-year-old Charles Lizotte was fined \$50 or five days for possession of a

stolen motor vehicle. Facing three counts of break, enter and theft, he received a suspended sentence on the first two and was placed on an 18-month probation but he will serve 20 days for the third conviction.

Provincial Court Judge Len Montgomery, in passing sentence on the youth, said, "You seem to be following in the footsteps of your brother Arnold. You're just not going in the right direction."

Charles is one of 11 children, five of them still living at home with their mother who is on welfare. His 84-year-old father is in hospital.

Montgomery said he had to sentence the Lizottes to jail terms because "society has to be assured that the court's actions do not encourage others to do the same."

"The first concern of the court is the protection of the public and this cannot be overemphasized," the judge added.

Both Cameron and Arnold have previous criminal records.

Cameron was arrested two weeks ago for driving while his licence was under suspension when a policeman spotted him driving just outside Victoria Harbour. The officer caught him when the car ran out of gas.

The next day police were investigating a

## Council passes cleanup bylaw

Penetanguishene town council passed a wide-ranging building and property maintenance bylaw Monday night which carries a maximum fine of \$500 per day for violators.

The bylaw covers both interior and exterior aspects of all town buildings and has strict regulations for the appearance of the premises surrounding them.

If a property is found to be in violation of the bylaw people will be given 90 days to vacate the premises.

Councillor Mary Rogers, noting the bylaw was "long overdue", joked, "as long as they don't come in my house."

The passage of the bylaw gives the town a minimum standard from which to work in the Neighborhood Improvement Program area in the west end.

## Report finished

Chairman of the Simcoe-Georgian area task force Dick Beckett will present the final report of the task force to Darcy McKeough, Ontario treasurer on Tuesday, March 16 at 11 a.m. in the Queenston Room of the Macdonald Block, Queen's Park.

The report contains the task force's much discussed recommendation on growth and development in the Simcoe-Georgian area.

The task force, the brain child of the Ontario government was charged with designing a development strategy for Simcoe County for the next 30-40 years.

Public meetings have been held over the past two years and municipal officials have been discussing the task force for months.



## This Robert Street Lane house is slated for demolition Town seeks inspector to enforce new bylaw

Penetanguishene is looking for a building inspector and minimum standards officer.

Town council decided on Monday to advertise the position since the passing of the building standards bylaw and the increased activity in the Neighborhood Improvement Program project has created enough work to warrant the hiring of such a person.

Councillor Ron Bellisle, chairman of the protective inspection committee, pointed out that there is a potential of 62 residential units in the west end NIP area which could be eligible for loans under the Residential

Rehabilitation Assistance Program. A further 112 could apply in the east end when that area receives approval of a \$600,000 NIP grant.

"Needless to say that not all of those units eligible will apply, but we are confident that a substantial majority will avail themselves of this opportunity of a low interest loan with possible forgiveness," he said.

The loans under RRAP are expected to increase in the near future to \$10,000 from the present rate of \$5,000.

## Victoria Harbour car-train crash

# Narrow escape for four passengers

Four people escaped serious injury late Wednesday afternoon when the car they were riding in was rammed by a Canadian Pacific freight train and toppled over on its roof.

Isadore Arthurs, 25, Trevor Arthurs, 3, of Victoria Harbour and Velma Vents, 53, of Vents Beach were taken to St. Andrew's Hospital in Midland but were treated and released with minor cuts and bruises. Jason Arthurs, 4, was admitted to hospital but was reported in good and stable condition Thursday afternoon.

The accident occurred on the level crossing on the Vents Beach Rd., just north of Hwy. 12 near Victoria Harbour. The multi-car westbound freight clipped the front of Arthurs' 1971 Torino and flipped it 37 feet down the track causing \$2000 damage to the front, rear and roof. The car was northbound. Arthurs told Ontario Provincial Police Constable Frank Julling he didn't see the approaching train in time. A police spokesman indicated the track is not often used and because Vents Beach Rd. is private, there are no flashing railway signals.



The car after the accident

Photo by Irwin Zimmerman

## Summerama "in the wind"

A Summerama, organized by the Chamber of Commerce and Penetanguishene service clubs, is "in the wind", according to Deputy-Reeve Art Stewart.

Organizers are hoping to hold the summer carnival on the July 24th long weekend.

Stewart told town council Monday night that it could be a four-day event and that "council will be asked to participate".

Mayor Vince Moreau said he was happy to hear the news.

"It will be something to create interest in the town in the summer months," he said.

Moreau said it should be a success particularly after last year's Centennial festivities.