

Schools present program proposal

Teachers and pupils from two schools made special presentations to the Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board, at last Wednesday's meeting, on "Education Outside the Classroom".

Monsignor Castex Separate School, of Midland made a presentation of their grade 6 Winter-Week program which is part of their general Education

Outside the Classroom program.

Present were Principal Larry Bowers, grade instructor Mrs. L. LaFrance and several pupils. Audio and visual aids were used in the joint presentation.

Mr. Bowers stressed that each activity was inculcated into the regular school program. Week-long activities varied with a study of the Wye Marsh in the winter time, a study of fur trapping and a close look at a beaver pond. In addition considerable emphasis was given to survival in the outdoors during the wintertime. This survival included sessions in winter fire-making, cooking with only the use of foil and the building of survival shelters.

The Monsignor Castex site lends itself to activities in Education Outside the Classroom because there are five acres of bush around the school.

Mr. Bowers told the Board he hoped that the wooded area would remain intact when improvements to the school were made. "The outdoors is another classroom to us," Mrs. LaFrance added, "and it is much more practical to use it than to try bringing the outdoors in."

Cost of the Winter week program was \$85. The money was raised entirely from school projects.

St. Bernard's school of Orillia was represented by Principal James Canning and staff

members E. Low, M. Misinchuk and several school pupils.

Their presentation outlined the grade 8 students traditional three-day trip to Ottawa last year.

"It began as a trip to Expo and then developed into a trip to Ottawa via Kingston," Mr. Canning explained.

In recent years the school has enticed Foley Separate School to join in the venture.

Highlights of the trip are a study session of rock formations in Kingston; a look at Old Fort Henry, a special meeting with the group's MP for Simcoe East, Dr. Rynard, and a tour through the House of Commons, Senate and the Parliamentary Library.

The Board's many questions demonstrated their great interest in the ventures and the pupils reactions to them.



Tired, but happy

A little tuckered out after the flight from Toronto to Amsterdam, Midland Oldtimer Murray Yorke and wife Pat were among the first to check in at the Hotel Okura. The Midland Oldtimer crew spent a week in Holland, par-

ticipating in the first annual International Oldtimers hockey tournament and seeing the sights. After winning two, tying two, and losing one game, the Midland group returned to home territory on Sunday night.

Local residents to present brief to task force

A group of French-speaking residents from the Penetanguishene, Lafontaine, and Midland area will be presenting a brief at the final public hearing of the French Language Health Service Task Force in Toronto on Friday.

The task force, appointed by the province of Ontario, is studying health services offered French-speaking residents of Ontario and will report to the Ministry of Health. The group has been asked to determine whether or not the quality or services offered French-speaking Ontarians is affected by language. The group will be making recommendations to the provincial government.

"There is no doubt that problems do exist," explains chairman Dr. Jacques Dubois of Welland. Problems, which are often different according to the locality, were discovered through research and during 11 public hearings held in different parts of the province.

The task force has received about 150 written submissions and interviewed some 160 individuals in public hearings. "We are very interested in receiving the people's complaints and their recommendations," advises Dr. Dubois. "But, our mandate terminates at the end of April and we must close the fact-finding period in two weeks. The March 26 hearing is the final opportunity offered the public to air their views."

The French-Language Advisory committee of the Simcoe County Board of Education in its brief to the task force, stresses the educational needs in the post-secondary health sciences for francophone

graduates of secondary schools in Simcoe County. Presently, the only courses available to French-speaking graduates of secondary school are through Algonquin College in Ottawa, the University of Ottawa and St. Laurent College in Cornwall.

Courses for audiologist and speech therapist, chiropractor, dentist, dental assistant, doctor of medicine, optometrist, pharmacist, physiotherapist, x-ray technician, medical secretary, and psychologist are not available in the French-language in Ontario.

The committee points out that although some courses are available in French in the province, the cost of travel and accommodation to attend such distant colleges discourages prospective French-speaking applicants from Simcoe County.

"The availability of post-secondary French-language health courses in this region would be of great importance in encouraging our elementary school graduates to follow the courses offered in French at the secondary school level," the brief states. And the committee recommends the implementation of governmental bursaries and scholarships in order to motivate students of French-language secondary schools to follow French-language health courses.

"The ideal goal would be the offering by the ministry of all courses in the health services in the two official languages," the committee states. "Our aim is to give to the Francophone student of Ontario, the equal opportunity of continuing his education in his own language," the brief concludes.

Tay council meets

Attends to regular business

At the regular monthly meeting of Tay Township March 11 general accounts totalling \$17,802.52 were approved for payment in addition to Sunnyside Water at a total of \$200.50.

Councillor O'Hara objected to the account from Windland Associates planners noting the work did not warrant payment because several areas of the township were omitted from the proposed official plan.

Road school
Tay road superintendent John Comber will be attending Road School at the expense of the Township.

Sewer service
Ian Miller, a Port McNicoll resident, approached council regarding sewer service for the lot he's preparing to build on. Council advised him he should present a plan to council for consideration and would receive a letter from the Tay office with regards to a sewer system.

Change times
A proposed by-law by councillors Rhem and Moore to establish a new time and date for regular council meetings was objected to by councillors Hill and O'Hara. Reeve Charlie Rawson declined to cast the deciding ballot at this meeting.

Speed zones
Another by-law to provide for speed zones within in the township was passed through

Library service
It was decided members of the Tay Property Committee meet with members of the Midland Library Board to discuss service to Tay residents. The Chairman of the Victoria Harbour - Tay Union Library Board will be asked to attend.

Speed limit
The Ministry of Transportation and Communications will be asked to post a 35 mile per hour speed limit sign on the Old Sturgeon Bay Road at Waubashene.

Public meeting
Windland Associates planners requested a public meeting be held to discuss the joint sewage project for Robin's Point and Victoria Harbour. The meeting is planned for 10 a.m. April 17.

Quarry road expansion
Due to quarry road expansion council approved two properties be expropriated. Council agreed to closing the road between Lots 10 and 11 in Concession 14 and between the Port Severn Road and the Road between Tay and Matchedash Township.

Old Fort brigade
The sum of \$500 will be advanced to the Old Fort Fire Brigade by Tay Township to start them on several projects. Councillor O'Hara explained his plans for operating the Old Fort Fire Brigade and for dealing with fire agreements with Midland and Port McNicoll.

Next meeting
Next meeting of Tay Township council will be held at 9 a.m. April 8.

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Lectures on parks

Naturalist visits schools

Public school students from Honey Harbour to Midland are being treated to professional lectures on National Parks and on the Georgian Bay Islands National Park.

Michelle Comeau, a Georgian Bay Park naturalist, has been touring most area schools in recent weeks giving brief slide talks and fielding questions from students in Kindergarten to Grade eight.

All but one public school in the Midland to Honey Harbour area have or will be visited by Michelle. Schools were invited to arrange for a park lecture by Georgian Bay Islands Park early in January and the lectures will be completed at the end of March.

It is hoped the lectures create an awareness for the local park and inspire a greater understanding of national parks in general. Michelle hopes the lectures will affect the attitudes of the park's younger visitors before they come to the park.

So far, the response to the lectures has been good and the students receptive. "Even the young ones," says Michelle, "have questions and offer stories."

Themes of the lectures vary with the age group of students.

Michelle Comeau has been speaking a primary schools in the Midland area about the Georgian Bay Islands National Park and other national parks across Canada. She's an interpretive naturalist at the Georgian Bay park.

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will be held at both St. John's school in Waubashene and St. Mary's school in Victoria Harbour on Monday March 29, and Wednesday March 31 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

To be eligible for school this September, children must have been born in 1971. Please bring proof of age with you to the registration at the schools.

Sister Fay Edmonds