

## No cloak and dagger stuff for detectives

Percy Parks and John Nelson tend to chuckle a bit when you ask them if their private detective business is anything like what's portrayed in movies and on television. "Not in any way," says Nelson. "It's an interesting business but there's no cloak and dagger stuff."

There are also no dirty trench coats or beautiful blonde spies hanging around the Hugel Avenue offices of the newly formed Great Lakes Investigations and

Security Company. Instead, you'll find a framed licence from the Solicitor General on the wall, two very tidy desks, and some filing cabinets and telephones, through which a great deal of the detectives' work is accomplished.

Parks and Nelson are former Ontario Provincial Police officers who saw a need for an investigation agency in our area, and they put their company together last month. "We're the

only one in the area," says Parks. The closest one is in Toronto. (So is Great Lakes Investigation. Percy Parks is in charge of their Toronto office at 133 Richmond Street West.) Parks was with the OPP for five and a half years, with two years in this locality. For a time he worked in the Special Services Branch, in Toronto.

John Nelson has nine years of experience in general police work with the OPP.

Together, they have built up contacts and techniques which assist their function as "evidence gathering machines" which is how they see their job.

Who employs them? "Companies, Lawyers, financial institutions and the ordinary citizen," says Nelson.

"Often we deal with borderline things," adds Parks. "Things that are not part of the police function. Anyway, police departments are so busy, and so are lawyers, for whom we often do research."

The official prospectus lists the following services: pre-trial investigations, services, locating witnesses, obtaining statements, tracing missing persons, photographic documentation, marital investigations, surveillance services, fidelity bonding losses, internal or external employee irregularities, security surveys and process serving.

Their capabilities include protection against eavesdropping with electronic "sweeps", as long as such a sweep is not in conflict with any police agency.

Great Lakes Investigation is in touch with international agencies like InterTel, and they feel that their

service facilitates investigation on a world-wide basis.

The service is totally confidential and so is the evidence they gather. When the men were asked if government agencies could make use of their files, the answer was a blunt and emphatic "No."

Both men were reluctant to specify what their fees were, because they say that although fee rates are based on the area that they serve, they usually depend on circumstances. "We talk it over with the client," says Percy. "Let's just say that it's reasonable."

According to Parks and

Nelson, there is no more personal danger in detective work than there was in the regular line of police work. "The big difference is that we aren't allowed to carry firearms. And we are under no burden to prove guilt or innocence. All we do is collect evidence."

So far the staff of Great Lakes Investigations and Security consists of just two, but there are plans to expand, especially in the area of security.

Meanwhile, Parks and Nelson continue to project their undramatic image of two friendly, handsome and well groomed gentlemen — a far cry from Columbo.

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## Tiny Tay Agricultural Society plans Fall Fair

Directors of the Tiny Tay Agricultural Society met at the Midland YMCA on March 31, 1976 with the new President for the coming year, Mrs. Betty Runney, presiding over the meeting.

Minutes of the last regular meeting were read by secretary-treasurer followed by two delegates giving a brief report of activities and discussion held at the Ontario Agricultural Societies Annual Convention in Toronto in February concerning horse shows, interest in Fairs, entertainment, grants, and highlights of other Fairs in the province.

Previous and new exhibitors this year should note additions and changes of rules and regulations regarding the certification of health certificates being made mandatory for animal entries. Also, the note about interruption of judging (weather conditions, etc.) and the

distribution of prize money has been revised. Membership fees for this year's Fair, Sept. 17 and 18, have been set at \$2.50 as well as the two day entry pass. Be sure and purchase your two day pass and save as regular adult tickets will be sold for \$1.50 daily, students 75c and senior citizens and elementary school children no charge.

Food booths have been designated to the area at the west end of the arena inside the premises.

Due to a large majority of the Fairs population working and the enthusiasm shown over last years Horse Pull Contest held Friday afternoon, this activity has been scheduled for Friday evening instead of afternoon so we hope to see everyone there to participate in the viewing of the new event.

The list of committee chairmen and their members for the coming year was revised.

Bob and Rodney Jones were present representing the North Central 4-H Calf Club and expressed a new idea to create interest on the Fair grounds. They felt that the public should have the opportunity to see some of the activities, projects, and displays of the rural youth and local 4-H clubs, so this coming September look for a corner in the Midland arena filled with creation of 4-H members such as hand-made halters.

## Port McNicoll bylaw discussed

Port McNicoll landowners will be given the opportunity to express their views on the proposed zoning bylaw for the village at a public meeting on April 29.

At its regular meeting last week, the village council decided to send a copy of the bylaws, a summary of the contents, and an explanatory letter to all landowners—giving residents the opportunity to digest the information before the public meeting. Those with objections to the bylaw are asked to submit them in writing to the council. The deadline for objections is May 14.

The Port McNicoll zoning bylaw has been in the works since 1967, although there have been changes made since that time.

The public meeting is being held for the benefit of anyone concerned with the effects of the bylaw, including residents, those who live on the boarder of the municipality who would be affected, real estate companies, developers, and churches.

Port McNicoll reeve Bruce Dockray estimates that the document could go to the Ontario Municipal Board for approval following the May deadline for submissions.

## church directory



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF FLOS  
WINTER SCHEDULE OF MASSES  
MSGR. Vincent Foy J.C.D.  
Phelpston 7:30 p.m. Sat. 9:00 a.m. Sunday  
Elmvale 8:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. Sunday

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
IN CANADA  
Minister: Rev. Sydney McDonald BA  
Phones: The Church 322-1411, The Manse, 322-2453  
Elmvale Church: Christian Education, 10 a.m.  
Christian Worship, 11 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
St. John's — Elmvale  
Minister: Rev. B. Gazzard  
Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Nursery during Service)  
Phones: Church 322-1472, Manse 322-1522  
Wyevale United Church: 11:30 a.m.  
Waverley United Church: 10:00 a.m.  
Rev. Allan J. McLaughlin,  
Minister

SALVATION ARMY  
Capt. and Mrs. Roy Figley  
The Salvation Army are meeting in the Youth Hall at the rear of 251 2nd St., Midland.  
9:30 a.m. — Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 a.m. — Sunday Morning Meeting  
7 p.m. — Sunday Evening  
Tues. 7 p.m. — Prayer and Bible Fellowship  
Wed. 2:00 p.m. — Ladies Meetings.  
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