



\$3,000 donation starts campaign

That's a smile on the face of Herb De Jong, (centre) chairman of the Huronia Association for the Mentally Retarded fund-raising drive, who accepted a \$3,000 cheque from the Midland Lions Club on Friday night. Lions Club president Jim Lynn (left) and Lion Reinhart Weber made the presentation at the benefit wine and cheese party at the Midland Civic Centre Friday. The Midland Civitan Club, aided by the Lionettes, sponsored the 'do' in an effort to raise funds for a new facility for the Adult Rehabilitation Centre in Midland. Staff photo



Bowling team takes honours

Those are the smiles of winners! These three are part of the Adult Rehabilitation Centre bowling team that took part in a tournament recently held in Parry Sound. Bob Doreen, and captain Mel brought home an impressive piece of hardware — a trophy for the second triple high category in the tournament. Evening activities, including occasional bowling parties, are planned regularly for the ARC workers, who also enjoy swimming in the YMCA community pool every week and playing bingo in town. A total of 47 clients take part in the vocational, avocational, and academic program offered by the centre in Midland. Its sponsoring organization, the Huronia Association for the Mentally Retarded will be starting a campaign on Monday, May 17 in an effort to raise funds for a desperately needed new facility for the centre. Staff photo

MHC requires history researcher

The history of the Penetang Mental Health Centre dates back to the early Eighteen Hundreds, when John Grave Simcoe established the Naval Base on Asylum Point. The Centre is engulfed in the early history of Upper Canada and has become a tourist attraction of Georgian Bay. To date there has been very little literature available concerning the historical development of the Centre. Volunteer Service is seeking a person who has an interest in local history and who is willing to research the Centre and produce a booklet that would revive the historical background of the site and provide a tool for public relations. Resource material is available but scattered and would have to be compiled to produce a booklet. Anyone who would like to accept this challenge or a small group who are interested should contact Gary Westgarth the Volunteer Coordinator at the Mental Health Centre in Penetang at 549-7431 Ext. 248.

Provincial court news

Sandra Adamson, 24, 423 Hugel Street, Midland, was found guilty of impaired driving and fined \$100 by Judge L.T. Montgomery in provincial court in Midland Monday.

Pleaded guilty James A. Burgie, 18, 4th and 1st Streets in Port McNicoll, pleaded guilty to two charges of public mischief. He was sentenced to 15 months of probation and instructed to pay for the damages he caused to two windows on Main Street in Penetanguishene. Fined \$200.

Robert Hook of Pine Street in Waubushene pleaded guilty to a charge of income tax evasion and was fined \$200 by the court.

Placed on Probation Michael P. Cadieux, 16, of 173 Lindsay Street, Midland was sentenced to 15 months probation following his plea of guilty to two charges of public mischief. Cadieux is obliged to pay restitution for the property damaged.

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ARC campaign began Monday

With the aid of the Midland Civitans and the Midland Lionettes, the Huronia Association for the Mentally Retarded fund-raising campaign kicked off on Friday night.

The two local service clubs chipped in to sponsor a benefit wine and cheese party at the Midland Civic Centre in an effort to add to the campaign coffers.

Canvassers began knocking on doors in Midland, Penetanguishene, Victoria Harbour, Port McNicoll and Tay and Tiny Townships on Monday in order to raise money for a new facility for the Adult Rehabilitation Centre in Midland. The sponsoring body for the centre, the Huronia Association for the Mentally Retarded provides rehabilitation and assessment for handicapped persons.

The centre, which operates from a building on William Street, is bulging at the seams.

A total of 45 trainees are presently taking part in the program at the centre, in a building originally constructed to accommodate 24. Centre director Joyce Hamelin estimates that the number will rise to 70 in the next few years. The need for the enlarged facility is acute.

The first organization to officially make its contribution to the campaign was the Midland Lions Club, whose officials presented a \$3,000 cheque to campaign chairman Herb De Jong at the benefit wine and cheese party on Friday night.

According to De Jong, the public response to the campaign has been good. In particular, De Jong described the response by the Midland industrial community as very generous.

Of the \$250,000 cost of the new building, the Ministry of Community and Social Services is kicking in 80 per cent or \$200,000. But the remainder must be raised in the community.

After weeks of planning, negotiating for land with the town of Midland, reviewing architects drawings and plans, the reality of the new building is gradually becoming a reality.

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