



Midland mayor welcomes guests

Midland Mayor Harold Boyd was on hand on Monday to welcome a small group of touring Swiss and Austrian travel agents. Despite gloomy skies, the

group and hosts enjoyed a picnic-style cookout in Little Lake Park in Midland.

Staff photo

Enjoy Little Lake barbecue

Midland the first stop for touring travel agents

Five mobile homes driven by travel agents from Austria and Switzerland pulled into Little Lake Park on Monday and if the Ontario Ministry of Tourism has its way, there will be many more European tourists exploring Ontario this summer.

Midland was the first stop on a familiarization tour that will take the group to a number of Ontario's provincial parks and into various historical areas.

"Previously," said Ken Hawker, development consultant for the Ministry, "these tours have been arranged on a fly-and-drive basis. We think the mobile homes are a good idea, and one which we're anxious to see catch on."

One visitor - a Swiss travel agent, commented favourably on the beauty of the province, and on the "magnifique" high-

ways. "The speed limit is a lot lower here than it is at home."

At the moment, the German mark is high on the international exchange market, which makes travel abroad attractive for citizens of that country. The Swiss franc is high too. "In fact," said the agent, "it is as cheap to go away for a vacation as it is to stay at home."

The visitors were impressed with the vast spaces in the Ontario landscape. "At home, we always seem to be running into a mountain, or a

building of some kind," said one visitor, indicating the spacious park grounds with a wave of his hand.

According to the travel agents, few Europeans are planning on visiting Canada for the Olympics.

"We will have excellent television coverage at home," he said, "and that's where most of us will watch them."

After a barbecue luncheon of hot dogs and hamburgers the group

toured the Midland dock area and Ste. Marie Among the Hurons, and

then left for Huntsville, where they spent the night.

Separate school board announces staff changes

A recommendation to accept a tender for the purchase of a van was accepted at the regular meeting of the Simcoe County Roman Catholic School Board on June 16.

The van was purchased from Courtesy Ford Sales in Midland at a price of \$5,277 plus seven per cent sales tax. The van will be put into use as soon as possible.

Another tender was struck to call for fuel oil tenders to service the schools for the coming school year.

In other business, all except for one vacancy all teachers to be working in the separate school system have been hired. F.J. Macdonald, Director of Education reported that many boards had been trapped by over-staffing and then the expected and normal number of resignations did not materialize. About 25 new teachers have been hired, seven out of teachers' college and the remainder were experienced.

In Midland at Monsignor Catholic School, Mr. Frank Vellings will be replaced by Miss J. Columbus. Mr. Tim O'Halloran will be transferring from Victoria Harbour to Midland and Gary Deckert from Midland will go to Victoria Harbour. Henry Wozniak will replace Mrs. June Marchand.

Mr. G. Trustwin will be an addition to the St. Theresa Catholic School staff in Midland and will be teaching senior sciences.

A 1977 grants input meeting was held in the Ministry of Education

regional offices on June 9. Members from the area separate school boards were in attendance to donate ideas for next year's grants.

Representatives expressed concern over grant cuts this year with particular reference to debentures and transportation.

It was suggested that small incentive grants coming to separate schools, such as Community Education and Experience '76 grants, be thrown into one pot for use in other areas.

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