



What's a fair without candy floss

Cotton candy is a big seller at any fair and the Chamber of Commerce Summerfest was no exception. This vendor was kept busy

dispensing his wares to the many people who made the Summerfest a success. Staff photo

Summerfest was successful

The Summerfest held by the Penetanguishene Chamber of Commerce over the weekend was "successful in a great many ways" according to chamber general manager Lou Shaw.

He said the response by the people of Penetanguishene and the surrounding area was good and "We look forward to making it an annual affair."

Erick Rankin of the Lions Club, which ran the games of chance at the carnival in Waterfront Park said they haven't tallied up

how much they made on the games but said "We did fairly well."

Shaw said the German Canadian Club, which sponsored the beer fest and German slap dancers, had a very good response.

He said, "The over-all picture was a happy one."

The chamber will be sponsoring another Summerfest on the Civic holiday weekend which will feature a dance, a beer fest and a horse shoe pitching contest, as well as other proposed contests which have not been finalized as yet.



It's a long way down

There's nothing so lonely as being stuck at the top of a ride when it stops, but these two children didn't seem to mind. They were enjoying the fine weather and the Chamber

of Commerce first annual Summerfest over the weekend. The rides, contests and refreshment stands did a thriving business with many people who attended.

Tiny mill rate goes up

Higher school board taxes can be held mainly responsible for the considerably higher 1976 mill rate in Tiny township. The township has no control over the increase in school board taxes.

The actual township requirements are upped by less than three mills but the overall rate for public school supporters has increased by more than 18 mills.

The budget was presented to Tiny township council by finance chairperson Hilda Sibthorpe at the regular council meeting last week.

The mill rate for residential public school supporters is 123.59, 142.97 for residential separate school supporters. The commercial public rate is 140.37 while the commercial separate is 141.90.

The budget provides for a total expenditure of \$1,930,005. Reeve Morris Darby pointed out that approximately 75 per cent of this goes

outside of the township.

Clerk Guy Maurice agreed with the reeve saying the township's share is peanuts.

Sibthorpe pointed out that in dollars and cents, the increase for this year for a residential public school supporter is \$72.47 over last year. Of this, \$61.06 leaves the township for county and school board levies.

Garbage collection changes within the township have increased considerably this year. Last year's charge of \$11 has been upped to \$13. Summer commercial establishments will be charged the rates for 1975 plus 18.2 per cent to cover the increase on the contract.

Councillor Basil Dorion raised the only objection to the budget in reference to the amount of money designated to senior citizens. He said he felt there are so many other priorities but voted for the budget anyway.

School board to consider proposal tonight

School busing policy change suggested

Students in the Port McNicoll and Midland Bay Woods areas will receive transportation to St. Joseph's school in Penetanguishene next year if the recommendation of the area three committee of the Simcoe County Board of Education is accepted at the board's meeting tonight.

The committee has recommended a change in policy which would allow students to transfer from one bus to another to get to St. Joseph's.

The present policy on transportation states that "No transportation shall be provided by the Board to schools outside a pupil's normal attendance area."

The committee will recommend tonight

that this be changed to read "No changes to transportation or times shall be made to accommodate students attending schools outside their normal attendance areas but the administration must be satisfied that transportation arrangements do not create any undue safety hazard for the student."

This means that students wishing to attend schools outside their normal areas would be able to make use of any existing bus routes to get there. This does not mean that students will be able to attend school anywhere they want. The requirements and priority system under which students are now allowed to go to school outside their area would not change. But if they are accepted into a school outside their area, they would be allowed to make

use of any existing bus routes to get there.

In the case of the students living in the Port McNicoll area who wish to attend St. Joseph's, the students would take the bus which already takes high school students to Midland Secondary School and from there they would take the bus which already takes Midland children to St. Joseph's.

In this way transportation would be provided at no extra expense to the board and

with no change in the existing route systems.

The recommendation comes about as a result of a delegation to the Board of Education in June, asking for transportation for children from the Port McNicoll and Midland Bay Woods areas to St. Joseph's School. At that time Donald Sherk of Port McNicoll presented a brief to the Board suggesting a way of extending the present bus routes to St. Joseph's at minimal cost.

Town to borrow for Pollution Control Plant

Penetanguishene town council voted Monday night to borrow \$187,706.91 to build an extension to the Water Pollution Control Plant.

The town will receive \$250,275.88 from the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to be used on the plant, of which \$62,568.97 will be forgiven. This leaves the \$187,706.91 to be repaid.

Council voted unanimously to issue debenture for this amount, bearing interest at a rate of 10.375 per cent per year. The repayment time will be 20 years.

The payments will be made once a year and will be raised by town levy at a special rate over and above all other rates.

Under the bylaw, council will have the option of redeeming the debenture by paying off the principal and the interest accrued to the date of redemption, provided 30 days notice is given.

Awarded Contracts

Two contracts were awarded at the meeting, for work to be done under the Neighbourhood Improvement Program (NIP).

Council accepted the tender of Fitzgerald Limited real estate agency to act as agent for the town for the purchase of land in the west end for the construction of a neighbourhood park.

The project requires that the town acquire ten separate parcels of land in the area bounded by Centre, Robert, Park and Poyntz Streets. The cost of the purchase of these properties and the subsequent work done on the park will be shared by the town, the

province and the federal government.

Council also accepted the tender of Arnott Construction company for the reconstruction of Poyntz Street, also under NIP.

The cost of the work, as outlined in a report to council, will be \$95,388 and the work will include "the installation of an asphalt sidewalk, fire hydrants and storm sewer utilities; partial regrading of the hill area; random placement of maple trees; landscaping; and erosion control measures including staked sod and a retaining wall along Poyntz Street."

Work on this project should begin on July 19.

Cheque presented

A deputation from the Teen Dance Committee presented Councillor France St. Amant with a cheque for \$200 towards the lights for McGuire Park.

St. Amant told council, "I'm very proud of them to think that they would work so hard to raise the money for our ball park lights."

She said the fund now stands at about \$4,500. The cost of the lights will be \$7,800.

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Police wait for her memory to return

No more leads in Knowlton case

There remain many missing pieces in the puzzle surrounding the five day disappearance of 14-year-old Cindy Knowlton, but investigating officer Tom Lennon admits the Ontario Provincial Police have exhausted all their leads.

Lennon said they are fairly satisfied with Knowlton's story of amnesia and until she remembers more, all they can do is sit on the case.

Knowlton was missing from her Midland home for five days before she was picked up in Killaloe Station, a small town some 80 miles west of Ottawa.

Upon her return, Knowlton told police she

could remember nothing of the events of the past five days. Reports from her family doctor stated Knowlton was indeed suffering amnesia and had bumps and bruises on her neck and head.

Police interviews with Knowlton last week brought little new information to light. Staff sergeant of the Midland detachment of the OPP Len Doolittle said the girl could remember only parts of the happenings of the week before last. He said she could remember going to Killaloe Station but could not remember how she sustained the injuries to her head and neck.

Inspector Lennon of the Toronto

headquarters of the OPP said he has contacted the couple with whom Knowlton rode to Killaloe Station and he is completely satisfied the couple were in no way involved.

Lennon said there is really very little they can do with the case until Knowlton can give them more information. He said he does not know if and when this will happen as this falls within the medical and not detective field.

Lennon said the only connection they have linking the death of Kenneth Courdes, 27, of Penetanguishene, and the Knowlton case is that he was questioned and revealed to the OPP he had driven the girl to Wasaga Beach.

Two sentenced for break-enter

Two young area men were sentenced to prison terms in Penetanguishene court last Thursday.

Richard Beausoleil, 20, was sentenced six months on each of 21 charges of breaking and entering, to be served concurrently, and a further three months on a charge of possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking.

Michael Duquette, 17, was handed six months on each of 21 charges of breaking and entering to be served concurrently.

The two pleaded guilty to all the charges against them. The charges arose out of incidents which took place in Penetanguishene, Tiny Township, and Wasaga Beach. The possession for the purpose of trafficking charge resulted after Beausoleil was found with marijuana with a street value of between \$1,000 and \$1,100 in his possession.

In the pre-sentence testimony, Beausoleil's mother took the stand to testify that he had always been easy to control at home and was an honour student.

Reverend Sid Maddock of St. James-on-the-Line Anglican Church took the stand for Duquette, testifying that he was a coach in the hockey league in which Duquette played goalie and that Duquette had always had respect for the authority of the referees and had never caused any trouble. He said Duquette had received the award for "Outstanding Goalie" just a few weeks before the court appearance. Maddock testified that he was willing to find a place for Duquette to work for the Recreation and Parks Committee if the judge should decide to impose a sentence of community service instead of imprisonment.

The two will serve 18 months probation after the jail terms during which time they have been forbidden to associate with one another.

Clarification

This paper reported last week that the Police Department had hired a new constable, Michael Brady.

The Police Department does not hire people. This is the responsibility of council. At the time the story came out council had not officially hired Brady, but this was done at Monday night's meeting.

The Citizen regrets any embarrassment this premature announcement may have caused those involved.



Daycampers admire Keating dress

Liz Blackhurst, from the Penetanguishene Naval and Military Establishments, shows off her dress to the children of the daycamp

at Bayfield Park. The dress is of the style which would have been worn by the women in the home of James Keating, the Fort

Adjutant during the early 1800's. Staff photo

Experience '76 project

Establishments taken to day camp

Three women from the Naval and Military Establishments in Penetanguishene took a bit of history to the children at the day camp at Bayfield Park last Friday.

The three are making a number of such visits this summer. They went to Georgian Major last Wednesday, to Lafontaine Daycamp yesterday, and they will be at the Penetanguishene Library on Tuesday, July 20.

Barbara Stubs, who is in charge of the project, was dressed in the uniform of the 24th Regiment of Foot, and Rebecca Genier of Lafontaine and Liz Blackhurst of Midland, both taking part in the program as part of Experience '76, wore a sailor uniform and a dress of the style worn in 1837.

They gave the children a short talk about the clothes they were wearing after which they divided the children into three groups to

make puppets of soldiers, sailors and women dressed in the style of clothing the girls had modelled.

Stubs said Children's Workshops will be held at the Establishments at the end of this month and through the first half of August. These will enable the children who attend to learn about life at the Establishments during the early 1800's.

Airport problems discussed at meeting

by Sue de Stein

The Huronia Airport Commission met with its solicitor behind closed doors last night to discuss alternative solutions to the problems of operating the airport.

Commission chairman Don Johnston said Monday that commissioners will be meeting with lawyer Ted Symons "to see who the new operators will be" and to discuss further action concerning LemAir's refusal to vacate the airport premises.

The commission last week received notice, through its solicitor, that LemAir intended to contest the commission's decision to terminate the management-lease agreement.

Last month the airport commission found LemAir to be in breach of contract and served notice on the company that it was to vacate the airport no later than Wednesday

June 30.

In a letter dated June 28, LemAir notified the commission's solicitor that it did not intend to take its eviction notice lying down and it did not intend to vacate the airport premises. LemAir lawyer Gregory Evans of Orillia said in the letter that Lem Air is not in substantial breach of contract as claimed by the commission.

Owned jointly by the towns of Midland and Penetanguishene and the township of Tiny, the airport was operated under a five year management lease agreement by LemAir Ltd. The contract was in its third year.

Johnston said he felt there is little doubt that LemAir "is in violation". And judging by the contents of the letter from LemAir's solicitor, "I think the lawyer is just hearing one side of the story", he added.

LemAir's solicitor suggested in the letter that the commission itself was in breach of contract for advertising for new operators without servicing notice to LemAir.

"But LemAir didn't mention the previous letters sent to the company "referring to six or seven points in the agreement where LemAir was failing to meet its obligations. "We never received word from them", said Johnston.

After informing LemAir of its decision to terminate the pact, the commission began advertising for new airport operators.

A total of three applications were received by the commission, of which one has been rejected. But before signing a contract with a new operator, the commission will be listening to the legal advice of its solicitor.