



### Throwing darts at mini-carnival

Pat Garratt throws darts at balloons to help raise money for Muscular Dystrophy at a mini-carnival held last Friday on Church Street. The carnival was organized by a young local girl who thought she should help out a worthwhile project. For further details see page 2. Staff photo

## Development strategy sent back to committee

Simcoe County Council yesterday failed again to adopt the Simcoe Georgian Task Force development strategy. County council, faced with fighting excessive annexation of land in the Barrie area, found itself without a basis for its arguments when two reports of the planning committee were not adopted. Both were referred back to committee. The second report of the committee led to a discussion of the adoption of the Simcoe Georgian area report. Innisfil representatives argued against adopting the report, contending that it tended

to be harmful to both Innisfil's and the county's interests. His proposal to send the report back to planning committee was adopted. Midland Reeve Moreland Lynn and Mara representative Peter Forbes each spoke in favour of adopting the strategy in principle. Further details of county council developments will be carried in full in next week's newspaper. Further details of county council developments will be carried in full in next week's newspaper.

## Barrie men charged with rape and indecent assault

One man has been charged with rape and another with indecent assault following an incident last week in MacDonald River, about 10 miles north of Waubesa. The two men were involved with the rape of one woman and the assault of another. The girls were ages 15 and 16. Charged with rape is William Charles

Theakston, 27, of Barrie and the other man, also from Barrie is 27-year-old Theodore Edward Ambury. Theakston has been granted bail by the Bracebridge court. Both men were apprehended shortly after the incident.

### Police report

#### Busy Weekend

Penetanguishene police had an extremely busy weekend, with nine speeding charges laid, a number of thefts investigated, and one accident.

#### Break and enter

Allan Dorion, 18, of 2 Anne Street in Penetanguishene, was charged with break and enter, with intent to commit theft on Sunday, August 15 after he was caught breaking into a residence on Main Street.

Police were notified at 8:30 a.m. Friday that sometime between then and midnight the night before, someone had broken into the Corpus Christi School and stolen five fire extinguishers with a total value of \$200, and a fire hose nozzle with a value of \$80. In addition, a fire extinguisher was set off in the school causing willful damage. The incident is still under investigation by Constable Arthur Lizotte.

On Saturday, August 14, a break, enter and theft was reported at the Bayfield Park Store. The store is owned by Mrs. Joe Reynolds. She reported that \$72 worth of candy was stolen sometime between 12:30 a.m. and 10:05 a.m., when the loss was noticed.

This incident is also under investigation by Lizotte.

#### Theft

Mrs. Brunton, of 280 Fox Street reported to police that a sign had been taken from in front of her house sometime over the weekend. Constable Whiteside is investigating.

#### Vandalism

Corpus Christi School was again the victim of a window breaker this weekend. Windows worth \$30 were broken over the weekend. This is the third weekend in a row windows have been broken at the school.

#### Accident

Constable Michael Brady, investigated an accident Saturday at 11:25 p.m. on Robert Street West in front of the Pen Theatre. The accident involved two cars, one belonging to James Hayward, of Richmond Hill, and the other belonging to Allen Cartier of Perkinsfield. The Hayward vehicle sustained \$25 damage while the Cartier vehicle received \$200 worth of damage. There were no injuries and no charges were laid.

#### Impaired driving

Constable Tiffen laid two charges of impaired driving over the weekend. In the first incident, he observed a car being driven erratically down Robert Street at 3:40 a.m. on Saturday. He subsequently charged Cleo King, of 10 Robert Lane with impaired driving, refusing to provide a breath sample, and driving while disqualified. In the second incident, he observed a car driving excessively fast, and erratically, south along Highway 27 just outside town, on Sunday at 1:58 a.m. He charged Edward Vernon, 27, of Third Street, Port McNicoll, with impaired driving, and excess alcohol.

## In principle

# Board okays site for apartment

The Penetanguishene Planning Board approved, in principle, the construction of a multiple family dwelling on Highway 27 at the entrance to town, at its regular meeting Monday night.

The board was considering a proposal by Toronto builder Natale Pin, to build an apartment on that site.

The proposal has been before the board since this spring, but a number of problems have delayed a final decision on it. After having been referred to a committee of the whole twice by the board, the proposal was finally acted on Monday.

Committee chairman Ray Baker recommended to the board that it make a commitment to Pin to rezone the site for a multiple family dwelling provided he revises his plans to comply more closely with the board's ideas on such things as density, access routes, aesthetics, and the burden on the town which would be caused by the need for improved sewer facilities.

The board passed a motion to that effect, with the provision that the commitment would be void if revised plans were not forthcoming by the end of the year.

One of the major concerns the board has had with the proposal has been the location.

The members have wondered whether a high-rise apartment building would be the right thing to have as the first thing visitors to the town would see when entering via Highway 27. The board has been in agreement that the town is in need of housing of that type, but many of the members have been of the opinion that it should go somewhere else.

With the passing of the motion the board has, in effect, decided the building can go on Highway 27. The stipulation that the plans had to be prepared before the end of the year came as a result of the board's reluctance to

make a commitment to rezone the area which could hang over the heads of the board members for years.

The next move is up to Pin. If he is still interested in building the project, he can get the go-ahead simply by redesigning it to conform to the specifications of the planning board, as set out in a report by Baker.

Baker told the board "I'd like to see them (Pin and his architect Aldo Riva) back. They've been most helpful. But with a modified plan."

Pin has been notified of the decision, and will receive a copy of the report soon.

## Downtown renewal presented to planners

The Penetanguishene Planning Board listened Monday night to a presentation by two men from the Ontario Ministry of Industry and Tourism regarding downtown revitalization.

The two men, Ted Silverberg and Don Garrett, showed the board slides of towns in Ontario which have undertaken downtown revitalization programs successfully in the last few years.

Silverberg and Garrett, who were invited to the town by local businessman and Chamber of Commerce director Glen Bryant, explained the concept, which was first successfully employed in the Bloor West village in Toronto. The plan, as put forward by their ministry, calls for cooperation between the local businessmen and the municipality to provide for the beautification of downtown shopping areas in order to prevent the flow of business from downtown areas to suburban shopping centres.

In other places where the plan has been implemented, park benches, litter disposal units and flower planters have been installed on the streets, along with decorative lights and even colour coordinated phone booths, in some cases.

The men pointed out that in these towns the downtown areas have begun to attract more and more shoppers, and that small business revenues, and consequently town revenues from taxation, have risen.

The plan calls, initially, for a meeting of all downtown merchants, and members of town council, to discuss whether or not there is a commitment to the revitalization of the downtown area, and whether or not everyone wants to implement the plan.

Following this meeting, if response is

favourable, registered letters are sent, by the town clerk, to all the businessmen in the affected area telling them the plan will be implemented unless one third of those affected object to it.

If a one third protest materializes, the plan is scrapped, but if it does not, the plan goes ahead.

The plan involves an assessment of each business, with a surcharge being collected from the businessmen, on their regular business tax forms. This money is then used by a committee composed of businessmen and town councillors, to make improvements to municipally owned property within the designated revitalization area. The money cannot be used for renovations to private property, such as store-fronts.

However, Garret and Silverberg pointed out that if a general atmosphere of revitalization prevails in the area, store owners who allow their premises to deteriorate will begin to stick out and will make any necessary repairs themselves.

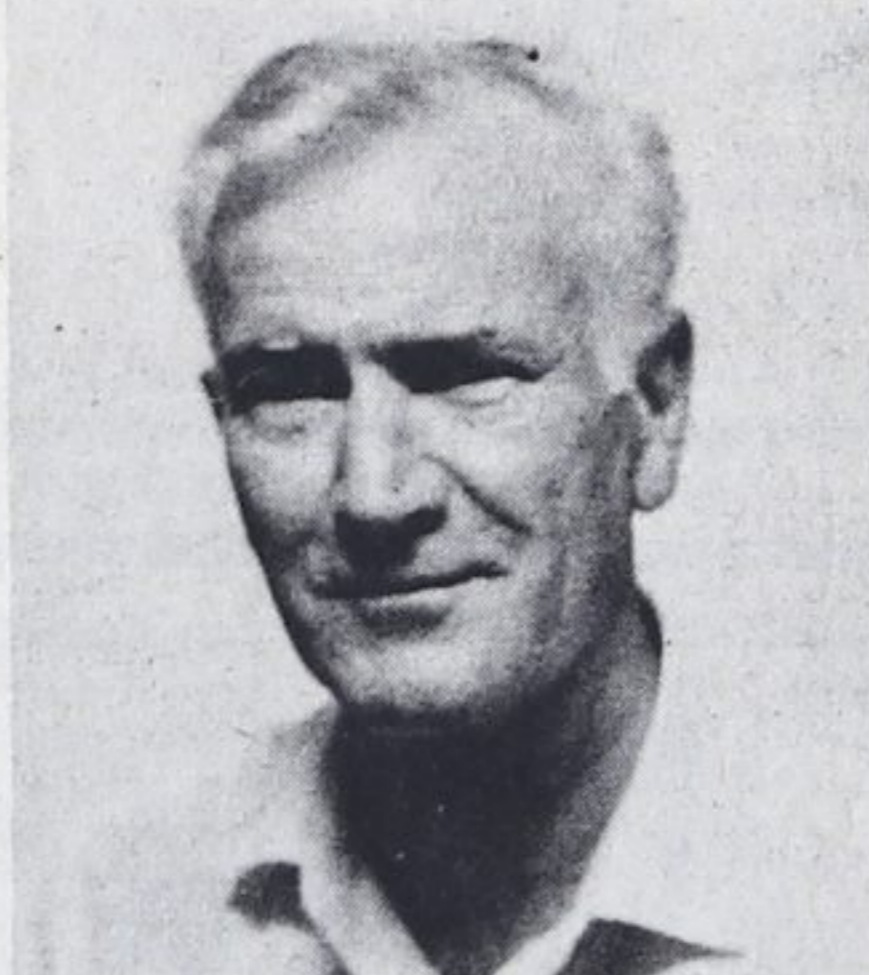
The money can also be used for promotion of the area. Included under this would be such things as sidewalk sales, parades, carnivals, newspaper and radio advertising, or promotion buttons for store staffers to wear.

Although the plan does not directly come under the authority of the planning board, several local businessmen are on the board, and several more attended the meeting. The proposal was well received at the meeting, and a general meeting of store owners, for the purpose of discussing possible implementation of the plan in Penetanguishene, will take place in the near future.

### From Community Newspapers Association

## Award for columnist

Bill Smiley, whose column appears each week in this newspaper, was honoured this weekend by the Canadian Community Newspapers Association. His column, which appears in more than 135 weekly newspapers, was named best in a weekly newspaper.



Bill Smiley

## C of C reps go to meeting

Two representatives of the local Chamber of Commerce will attend a meeting tonight, of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce in Barrie.

Chamber president Peter Shirriff, and General Manager Lou Shaw, will attend the meeting, which will take place at the Continental Inn, to discuss Chamber of Commerce activity in this area.

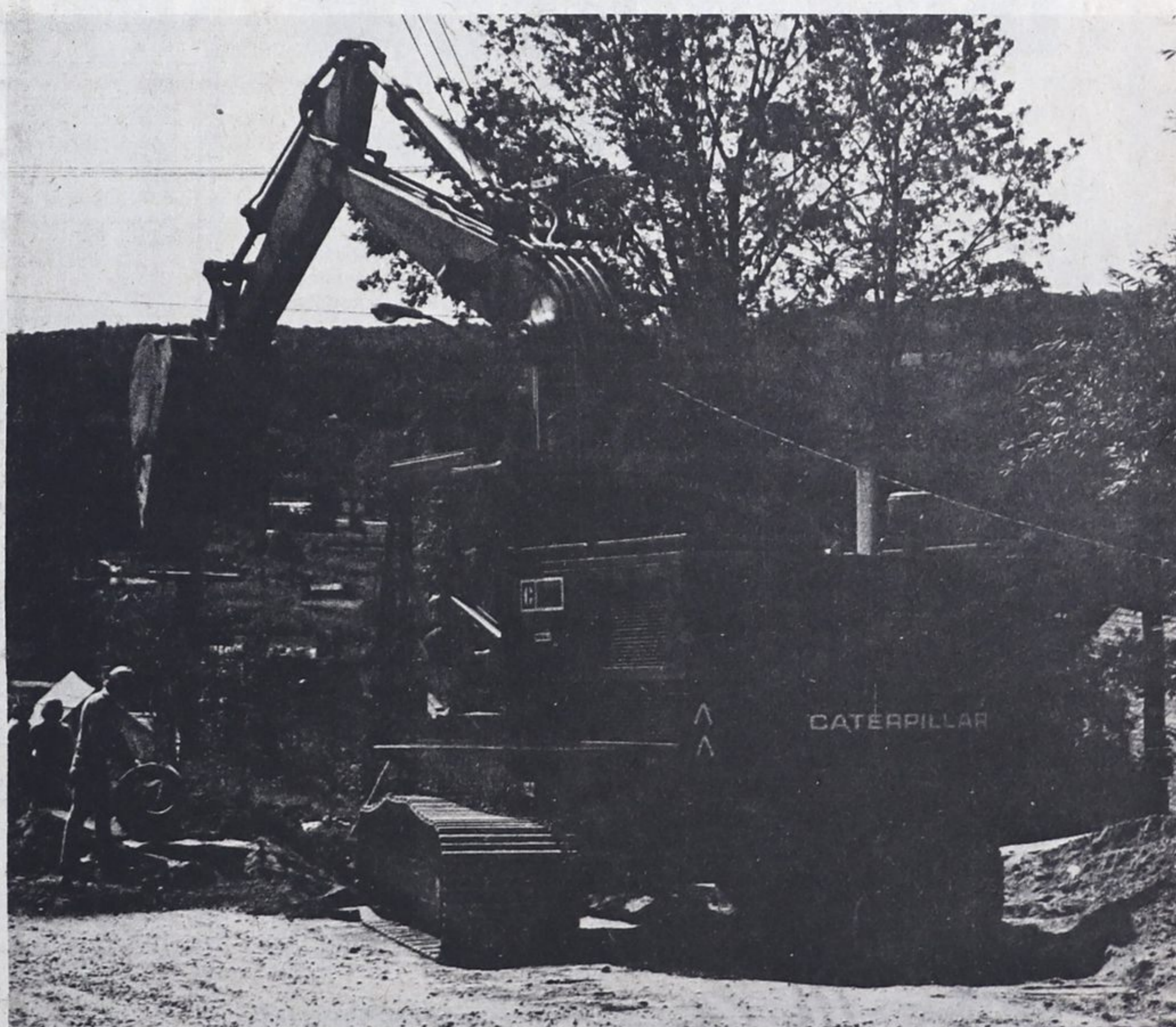
## Twin ice rinks will be built in Midland

The Midland Board of Park Management and Arena Commission has accepted a proposal for a new twin ice surface arena complex which would seat 2,500 and be completed in October 1977.

The proposal was presented to the board last week by Chairman of the Arena Committee Jim Malcolm.

In his report Malcolm told the board he felt the arena to be the prime objective and he did not want to jeopardize the future building of the structure by talking of moving the fire department and so on.

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### Construction on Poyntz

Construction is well underway on Poyntz Street as this picture shows. The crews from

Arnott Construction, in Collingwood, are in the process of adding gutters, sewers and six

new fire hydrants. Work should be finished in about a month.

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