



### Inspecting the guard

The curator of Fort York, Charles Bourque, inspect the Fort York guard and the guard from the Historic Naval and Military Establishments at the Establishments Saturday. The Fort York guard was paying a return visit to the Establishments guard who

marched to Fort York two weeks ago. The two historic sites have a connection in that Bourque is a former manager of the Establishments. Organizers blamed a less than terrific turnout on Saturday for the military displays and demonstrations on the

beautiful weather which lured many tourists to the beaches. The Fort York guard wears the standard British Army uniform of the period while the Establishments guard wears the uniform of the 24th Regiment of Foot.

Photo by Peter Kraiker

### Strict supervision in 1976 audit

## County auditors on 'probation'

Simcoe County Council has placed its auditing firm under a state of probation. The move came as a result of the firm's (Jarrett, Gould and Elliott of Toronto) fee of the County's 1975 financial statement which was more than \$5,000 over its estimate. The firm said it requires \$18,535 for the 1975 audit: \$13,150 in regular fees and \$5,385 in extras. The auditors claimed further that even at the \$18,535 price they are writing off \$5,456.

In 1974 the price for a complete audit was \$11,625.

The County's Finance Committee, chaired by William Gibbins, met with Al Jarrett, a representative of the firm, to discuss the increase: especially the additional accounting costs.

They received a letter from the firm stating "Summary of accounting work necessary to finalize accounts over and above audit work, 230 hours at \$22 equals \$5,060.

Jarrett also said the firm completed a new provincial statement costing \$325.

July 12 the Finance Committee passed a motion to inform the firm they would recommend to County Council that the extra billing for accounting work not be paid.

Jarrett replied to their letter July 15 expressing his surprise the committee expected the firm to write off \$10,516 on an account of \$23,991 adding it would be difficult for the firm to continue as the County's auditors under the circumstances saying the county's accounting records are inadequate for auditors financial statement presentation.

He suggested the Finance Committee approve a maximum fee of \$20,000 for the 1976 audit: \$6,850 more than their estimate for 1975, adding if the County's books were in better condition and "we are able to reduce our time accordingly, we will bill the lesser amount," meaning it will fall back on its 1975 estimate.

The Finance Committee included in its report to council that the auditing firm seemed determined to receive "much larger fees one way or another, either this year or next," and added that through interviews with department heads supposedly involved, the committee decided to recommend to council that the proposal of Jarrett, Gould and Elliott not be accepted.

It further stated "We are prepared to accept this firm's resignation."

The Finance Committee met once again with representatives of Jarrett, Gould and Elliott, on the firms request, August 16.

Al Jarrett from Toronto and Ken Jackson, senior man in their Orillia branch office, said with certain changes being made in the accounting work pattern at the county level, a substantial saving in auditing hours could be effected.

Jarrett added that he was willing to accept \$13,150 for the 1975 Audit and proposed an amount of \$14,400 as the 1976 audit estimate providing his firm was successful in carrying on as the County's auditors.

The Finance Committee then recommended retaining the firm for the 1976 County audit with the cost not to exceed \$13,000 unless justified, and passed, by the Committee.


The auditing work will be transferred to the Orillia office under the supervision of Ken Jackson and the auditor's position with the County will be reviewed again next year.

The recommendations were accepted by council after a heated debate in which the audit firm was accused of bringing in students to do the accounting work and

charging the county for the work of more experienced people.

No track of the number of hours or qualifications of people doing the accounting was kept by the county in the last audit.

Gibbins said very strict supervision of all work by the firm in their 1976 audit will be initiated.



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## Inquest into Cordes' death will be held next month

The inquest into the suicide of Kenneth Cordes will be held next month in Penetanguishene.

Dr. J.P. McKay of Parry Sound will be conducting the inquest which will be held in the Municipal Building on September 24.

Ontario's Chief Coroner Dr. H.B. Cotman made the decision to hold an inquest into the 27-year-old Penetanguishene man who died of self-inflicted gun shot wounds following the disappearance of 14-year-old Cindy Knowlton.

Cordes was found dead in his home two days after he told the police that he had driven Cindy Knowlton to a bar in Wasaga Beach.

The decision to hold an inquest came one month after Penetanguishene coroner Dr. Les Binkley decided there would be no inquest into the death of Cordes. Such an inquest would be unnecessary, he said, since the cause of death was certain.

The Cordes family indicated they wanted the full story and decided it would be in the

best interest of everyone to go over all the facts in public.

Cordes' mother called for an inquest as far back as mid-July, stating she felt Cindy's disappearance and her son's death were closely linked and that an inquest "would present the only way to find out just what happened that Tuesday night," (the night Cindy disappeared).

Ontario Provincial Police Inspector Tom Lennon who headed the Knowlton investigation, agreed with the Penetanguishene coroner that an inquest was unnecessary. According to Lennon, Cordes' suicide was not related to the disappearance of the girl but to "other factors."

These "other factors" will be brought to light at the inquest next month.

Dr. McKay said although he may give out the details as to the date and place of the inquest it is too early to say what course the investigation will take.

"Better we shouldn't discuss an inquest before an inquest," said McKay.

### Needs more tests

## Buttineau remanded

The man accused of the murder of Emily Dorsey in April was remanded again in Penetanguishene court Thursday, this time for 30 days of observation at the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry in Toronto.

Ronald Theodore Buttineau has been undergoing testing at the Mental Health Centre in Penetanguishene since his last court appearance on June 24.

He was arrested in late April, after a month-long investigation by the Penetanguishene Police department and members of the Ontario Provincial Police Criminal Investigation Branch from Toronto. The investigation began after the discovery of Dorsey's body by her sister Anne Johnson at Dorsey's Don Street home on April 4. Buttineau will appear in court again September 16.

### No tenders called for

## Arnott is awarded contract

Arnott Construction company will receive the contract for renovations to Centre Street under the Neighbourhood Improvement Program, (NIP), without the calling of tenders.

The decision, made by council Monday night, would allow the construction crews, already doing NIP renovations to Poyntz Street near Centre, to simply carry on to the Centre Street project.

Public Works Committee Chairman Art Stewart said in a report to council that the town's public works department was originally intended to do the Centre Street work, but the work would cause a burden on the department at this time. In addition, some of the work calls for a level of expertise which the department does not have.

Of the 14 items on the list of projects to be carried out on Centre Street, the town already has unit price quotations for nine from Arnott, from the tenders for Poyntz Street.

The town already has conditional approval from the Ministry of Housing for the extension of the Poyntz Street contract to cover Centre Street, and the town's consultants, Ainley and Associates, have indicated that

Arnott's price is just a little bit lower than their estimate of the cost of the work.

NIP coordinator, Steve Fournier, said part of the reason for not calling for tenders for the Centre Street project was the time element involved. He said one of the most important considerations in running a NIP project is keeping the momentum. If the town called for tenders for the work, it would cause a gap in the work and the project would lose momentum. Since the Arnott price is acceptable to the NIP steering committee, he said, the work could continue onto Centre Street without costing the town more money and without causing a break in the implementation of the project.

The work on Centre Street will include the placing of asphalt gutters, random rip-rap, and sod, and would involve laying new storm sewers.

## Planner appointed

A new face will appear at the Penetanguishene Planning Board this fall in the person of Penetanguishene Secondary School teacher John Bayfield.

Bayfield's appointment to the board, effective September 1st, comes as a result of the resignation of Doug Theakston. The proprietor of the Commodore Hotel, Theakston is resigning because his business has been preventing him from attending meetings of the board for the past few months.

Bayfield, who teaches geology and environmental science, was born in England, and was educated at the University of Birmingham. He taught at the Excelsior School in Kingston, Jamaica, and at Thistleton Collegiate Institute in Etobicoke before coming to Penetanguishene in 1969.



John Bayfield

### In recognition of service

## Presentation made

Town council and Alcime Legault finally got together Monday night and he was presented with a silver beer mug in recognition of his service to the town of Penetanguishene.

Legault had originally been scheduled to receive council's token of appreciation at a

meeting held last month but somehow the wires got crossed and Legault was unaware that he was expected at the meeting.

Legault retires this year after working for the town's Public Works Department for 10 years.

## Town hall parking lot to be paved

The most hotly contested issue at the meeting of the Penetanguishene Town Council Monday evening was the question of

whether to pave the parking lot behind the town hall.

The issue came up as a result of an offer by

a company, already doing paving work in town, to do the job for \$1,500, a figure much lower than council had expected to pay for the job. But no money had been budgeted for the job and in order to have it done while the company is still in town the money would have to come from reserve funds.

Reeve Lionel Dion pointed out that a reserve fund is not intended to be used for routine projects, which should be budgeted for. He said it should be saved to be used in case of emergency.

Dion went on to compare paving the parking lot with buying something you don't need just because it's on sale.

The council disagreed with him, however, and only two other councillors, Mary Rogers and Ron Bellisle, voted with him against the motion.

The rest of council felt the price was too good to pass up and if they missed their chance now, they would not get a chance to pave the lot at that price again.

### Mondays and Thursdays

## Schools will get free ice time

The Penetanguishene Arena, Parks and Recreation Board Wednesday evening approved a plan whereby the three public schools in town will be given free ice time at the Penetanguishene Arena this winter.

The plan calls for skating time for the schools between 2:00 and 3:30 every Monday afternoon, and from 10:30 to 12:00 Thursday mornings two weeks out of six.

Recreation coordinator Ron Marchildon, who drafted the proposal to the board, said in the proposal that the times mentioned were not booked at present, and that, since public skating time is at a minimum, the proposal

would be a good way to allow the children of the municipality to get in some extra skating. He said it would help "to continue our good working arrangements with the Simcoe County Board of Education as they allow the use of their buildings for our recreation programs. This is one way of paying them back."

Marchildon said the program should get under way about the middle or end of September. He said he wanted to have the ice in for a couple of weeks before allowing that many people on it and said the ice should go in about the beginning of September.

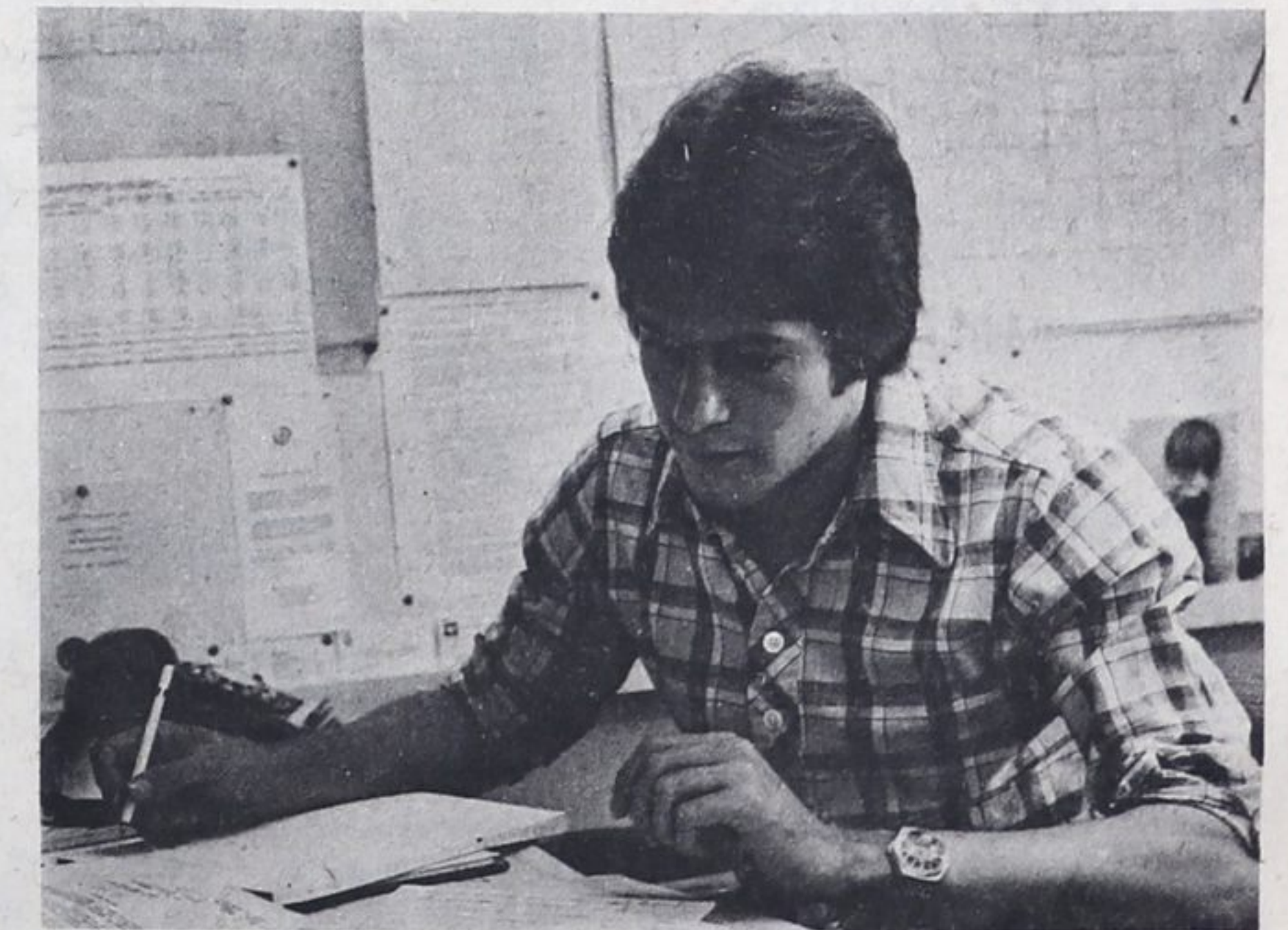
### "Dear Abby" in Citizen

A new feature begins this week in The Penetanguishene Citizen.

In response to requests from our readers, the feature "Dear Abby" will appear weekly in our newspaper.

Always popular in papers throughout Canada and the United States, "Dear Abby" offers readers advice on topics ranging from marriage, dating, to the most unusual problems readers may encounter.

"Dear Abby" appears on page 27 this week.



### NIP coordinator Steve Fournier

Neighbourhood Improvement Program coordinator Steve Fournier has just had his position confirmed for one year with the acceptance of a report by council Monday

night which recommended entering into a contract with him. Fournier had previously had the status of a student, with a corresponding salary.

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