



Removing trees on Highway 27

Ministry of Transportation and Communications crews were cutting down trees late last week on Highway 27 near the entrance to Penetanguishene. The trees were

removed so Bell Canada can move its lines back from the road, and so that the road can be widened, and the curve at the bottom of the hill can be made more gentle. Work on

the highway will begin later this fall or early in the winter.

Staff photo

Local businessmen will meet to discuss downtown revitalization

Downtown revitalization will be the topic of a meeting to be held in the Town Council chambers on Tuesday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m.

The director of the Merchants' Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Glen Bryant, said the meeting will be open to all the merchants on Main Street, as they would all be involved in any revitalization plan which may come out of it.

A representative of the Ministry of Industry and Tourism, Robert Pollock, will also attend the meeting. If those present at the meeting endorse the plan, which would include a compulsory tax hike for those merchants in the designated revitalization area in order to pay for any renovations to

the street, the Town Clerk, Yvon Gagne, would then send out registered letters to all those involved, whether they had attended the meeting or not. If less than one third of them object to the plan, it would be implemented.

Bryant said he was all in favour of the plan and thought it would be very good for the town. He said it would be of great benefit to shoppers, but added "I wouldn't be interested if it didn't benefit me."

He said he would like to see a number of changes on Main Street, including new Christmas lights, park benches, and possibly flower planters along the street. He said some of the money collected for the plan could be used for collective advertising,

shopping directories along the street, and such promotional efforts as sidewalk sales.

Bryant said "A lot of the merchants don't have the time, or are at the age when they don't have the interest to change everything around." He said he thought the plan would encourage those who would not attempt to get anything going on their own, to take some action, and get involved.

He said "the whole thing is teamwork. With this setup we're all acting together."

He went on to say it would be impossible to recreate a University Avenue or a Bloor West Village in Penetanguishene, but said, "the idea is just to get together and put the money where it's needed."

Reps to go to Queen's Park

Chamber forms lobby

The Penetanguishene Chamber of Commerce will join with other Chambers around the province to attend a meeting next Wednesday with Ontario Premier Bill Davis and the members of his cabinet in Toronto.

The meeting is being held to discuss tax reform legislation.

Chamber manager Lou Shaw said Monday that the action to be taken by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce was a result of a mini-meeting held in Barrie a couple of weeks ago. At that meeting it was decided that each individual Chamber should set up an executive committee composed of members of the chamber, city council, businessmen's associations and the private sector. In future, any proposed legislation, or other problems involving private business and the government will be dealt with by this committee. The Ontario chamber will send questionnaires to these committees across the province, and in turn, the committees will get in touch with as many local businessmen as possible to determine their reaction. In the past this type of thing was done in a fairly haphazard manner, and often was not done at all. The establishment of the local committees should make the whole process more efficient.

In Ontario, there are 180 communities with Chamber Charters representing 40,000 business establishments, and also representing 1,200 corporations and a vast number of citizens.

According to a report on the mini-meeting, made by Shaw, for the first time in history,

the Chamber will have a voice in provincial affairs, with the committee gathering opinions and forwarding the results to Toronto to be presented to Queen's Park.

Shaw said in the report, "The Ontario Chamber of Commerce in Toronto has set up a Task Force to handle every problem in the utmost efficient manner possible, with every established Ministry in Ontario."

The first example of the action of this plan is the meeting in Toronto. Along with the 180 Chamber of Commerce representatives expected, there will be representatives of city councils, and members of the business sector.

Shaw said Monday, "This is the first time a

coordinated effort has been made to get concerted chamber action across the province."

The executive committee in Penetanguishene will be composed of Art Stewart, Glen Bryant, Len Maheau, and Lou Shaw.

Shaw also announced on Monday that a general meeting of all the membership of the Penetanguishene Chamber of Commerce will take place sometime in September or October. The meeting will include a dinner and dance, and the exact date will be announced in the near future. The Chamber has been unable to conform the date until it finds a suitable location.

Swine flu immunization in October

Simcoe County will begin a program of swine flu immunization in October, assistant medical officer for Simcoe County Dr. Peter Watson said Monday.

The vaccine will be available to persons age 20 to 50, for the elderly and frail and the chronically ill. Those age 50 to 65 will be excluded from the immunization program because they are immune to the disease, said Dr. Watson.


The vaccine will be distributed throughout the county, with clinics to be held in shopping malls and in some of the large industrial plants.

Simcoe County has been allotted 95,000 doses from the government and the vaccine should arrive in the county during October and November.

"The vaccine comes from some European countries like England and also from Australia but is distributed by Connaught Laboratories in Toronto," said Dr. Watson. Although the vaccine is distributed free it will cost the county money to hold the clinics.

The vaccine is free to all those persons within the age bracket specified.

The clinics will be announced in the local media as soon as the program is officially organized, said Dr. Watson.



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Fear fires from campers

Medonte residents protest musical concert

Medonte residents are up in arms over a proposed musical concert this weekend.

Robert (Pete) King, a Medonte resident and David Pridham of Mount Ste. Louis, planned a two day bluegrass and country music festival on King's 65 acre Medonte farm. King, a native of the township, has owned the land for five years.

The organizers planned facilities for concert goers from Friday night through Sunday night. According to Medonte Reeve Ingram Amos this is what is worrying King's closest neighbours.

Amos said the majority of the calls he has received were from neighbours with land adjoining King's who were afraid of possible fires from the campers.

A petition has been circulated throughout the township to stop the concert.

King said that the only ones objecting to the festival were people from outlying areas, not his neighbours. He said his neighbours only expressed a fear of possible property damage but that he had alleviated this with the purchase of \$200,000 liability insurance adding however he doesn't expect any problems to come up.

"I was talking to one of them (neighbours), last night and they were all for it, (the concert)," King said.

King has a security staff of ten men headed by Jack Argyle who, he says, was an MP for 20 years as well as one of the organizers of the Emergency Measures Organization.

In spite of this King said he is forced to put up a \$3,000 bond for Ontario pro police. He must also, by order of a Township bylaw, have a \$200,000 bond to cover liability and purchase a \$500 license from the township.

"It's, (the bylaw), meant to keep this sort of thing, (open air concerts), out of the township basically," King said.

Amos agreed the bylaw was strict. It was passed in the early 1960's to keep out a ponderosa which had been planned for the township. The ponderosa had been held the previous year in Orillia and Amos said it was a disgrace so the council passed the bylaw which ultimately sent the ponderosa to Toronto.

Keeping the ponderosa was successful Amos said, "but we had a lot more time to work on it."

A meeting was called last night for the council to examine the petition. "I understand it has about 100 names on it," Amos said.

Though saying he would like to have the matter settled at the meeting, Amos said they might have to wait 48 hours to see whether the concert organization can meet health board requirements.

Don Guthrie, a Toronto Lawyer with a country home two miles from the festival

site, is one of the chief forces behind the drive to keep the concert out of Medonte. He has had the property, in which he lives weekends and throughout the summer, for 11 years.

"My basic complaint is there is no location in this township which can properly accommodate this type of concert," he said emphasizing the need for fire protection, sanitation, police water etc. "If it was going to be held in Molson Park in Barrie, great, but the site in question..."

"I know it very well; it's a farm on a little sideroad."

Guthrie said it is a broader question than just facilities.

"There is a potential for the attraction of undesirable types. It's just something we don't need. This is a rural, scenic area."

Guthrie said that Woodstock NY held a

rock concert. "They invited 5,000 people and got 200,000. We don't want that."

King said he thinks people are afraid of a rock concert affair such as the famous Woodstock concert. He hastened to add that this is not rock. It is planned for amateur (Canadian bluegrass and country music talent. King, 32, has had his own group for several years.

Amos said he could understand the concert on a day basis, "but overnight?" he asked.

Amos, who lives about five miles south of the concert site, said most of the calls he has received just don't feel the concert is a good thing for the township. He feels with the planned overnight camping it means fires and that there just aren't the accommodations for a large number of people.

Some of the uneasiness is caused by the

novelty of the festival.

"It's never been in Medonte before," Amos said. "I only heard about it for the first time two weeks ago today (Tuesday)."

The town council can halt the concert merely by refusing to grant it a license, Amos said. If the organizers want to fight council's decision they would have to take it to court and Amos added there just isn't enough time.

King said he hoped for about 3,000 people over the two day festival; 1,500 each day. "We need that many to break even," he said.

The outcome of last night's meeting was not known at press time. A report will be carried in next week's issue of the Lance. Times.

Citizen.

Ombudsman will come to Midland

Officials from the office of Ontario's Ombudsman will be conducting a public hearing in Midland on September 30 on one of three stops in central Ontario.

Director of Communications for the Ombudsman Office Ken Cavanagh, former TV and radio broadcaster, announced the hearing date in Midland last week.

Area residents are invited to bring their concerns, complaints, and comments to the hearing. Between six and eight interviewer/investigators will be on hand to deal with problems or questions.

No appointments are necessary and the Ombudsman staff will be dealing with concerns on a first-come-first served basis.

A number of public-private hearings of this type have already been undertaken by the Ombudsman office in order that the office makes itself felt in regions other than the urban regions in southern Ontario.

In the public section of the meeting, the audience is given a general outline of the Ombudsman's jurisdiction and the public is invited to make suggestions as to how best they perceive the Ombudsman can discharge his mandate.

The private aspect of the hearings provides an opportunity for complainants to meet, in a private setting, with members of the Ombudsman's staff, who will commit their complaints to writing or advise them on the spot if the subject-matter of the complaint is obviously one beyond the Ombudsman's jurisdiction.

Close to 1,000 of the Ombudsman's current file of 4,600 complaints have been generated from these regional public-private hearings.

Ontario adopted the office of the Ombudsman in the spring of 1975 with the passing of Bill 86 — an act to provide for an Ombudsman who would investigate ad-

ministrative decisions and acts of officials of the government of Ontario and its agencies. Arthur Maloney was appointed Ombudsman for Ontario in 1975.

The Midland hearing is to take place in the Midland Municipal building on September 30 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The following day a similar hearing will be held in the Barrie City Hall.

Closed for Labour Day

The last holiday of the summer is upon us!

In observance of Labour Day across Canada, our advertising, circulation, and business offices will be closed on Monday, September 6. The newspaper will appear as usual on Wednesday morning.

But in order that our staff gets a break too, the deadline for classified or display advertising is moved up until 5 p.m. on Friday afternoon.

The editorial offices will remain open all day Monday. For editorial staffers, it's literally labour day. All editorial deadlines remain at 5 p.m. Monday afternoon.

Have a nice holiday! It's the last one until Thanksgiving.

Inducted into Sports Hall of Fame

Phil Marchildon, who pitched for the American League athletics during the 1940's, was installed in the Sports Hall of Fame over the weekend at the Canadian National

Exhibition in Toronto. Originally from Penetanguishene, he commanded a salary of \$15,000 a year which, in the 1940's, was pretty high for an athlete.

'Babe' Marchildon is honoured in Toronto

A native of Penetanguishene was inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, Saturday. Now in the hall of fame is his first original major league contract.

Phil Marchildon, referred to in an article in Maclean's Magazine in 1948 as the "Peerless pitcher from Penetanguishene", received the honour for his years of pitching for the American League Philadelphia Athletics.

In 1947, at the height of his career, Marchildon scored an amazing 19 wins to nine losses for the Athletics, who finished in fifth place that season.

"Babe" Marchildon first caught the attention of Canadian fans in 1942, when he moved from the bush leagues in Northern Ontario to the Athletics. Marchildon, at 29, piled up 17 victories in his rookie year.

He made an early exit from baseball when

he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force, and was shot down over Germany on his 27th mission as a gunner.

On his return to Philadelphia, five years after the war, he was greeted by 35,000 fans — 10 times the number who usually turned out for Athletics games. In the next two years, Marchildon pitched his team to victory 32 times.

The major league career of the "Babe" was soon to end, though, as what doctors referred to as a delayed reaction to his wartime experiences caught up with him in 1948. His career ended in a case of chronic bad nerves and loss of pitching control.

His career began to spiral downward with moves to ever-lower minor league clubs.

Today, the "Babe" is a 62-year-old father of two, who lives in Etobicoke.