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In an attempt to provide better coverage of Lafontaine, and of the social scene in Penetanguishene, the Citizen is looking for a Lafontaine correspondent, and a social correspondent in Penetanguishene. If you would like to be considered for either of these jobs, please call David Ross at the Citizen, 549-2012.

County council holds inaugural meeting

It was "standing room only" on Monday afternoon at the County Council Chambers in Midhurst. Hundreds of County residents had come to watch the unique ceremonies accompanying the election and inauguration of the 1977 Warden of Simcoe County.

The 53 councilmen holding a total of 70 votes represent the 33 municipalities in the County. In an open roll call vote those representatives elected Tecumseh Reeve Allan Glassford to the top County office of Warden. Glassford was solemnly escorted to the diocese where Judge J.A. Clare,

County Court Judge and local Master of Supreme Court administered the oath of office.

The new Warden retired to don the tri-corned hat and stately robes that are the badges of his high County post. He returned to accept the chain of office, gavel and Warden's keys from the ex-Warden Orville Hughes.

Judge Clare addressing the assembly praised County of Simcoe for their concern with the preservation of historical artifacts of the area. Describing the close relationship in the past between the County Court and County Council when they shared not only the

Spends \$55.1 million in 1976

School board stayed within budget, figures show

It takes a good deal of care and organization to look after a \$60.6 million budget. Simcoe County residents will be pleased to know that their Board of Education is just as keen about careful spending as the average ratepayer.

At the inaugural meeting of the Simcoe County Board of Education, Wednesday, January 12, a summary of operating expenditures for an eleven month period ending November 30, 1976 shows that the

Board has kept well within its budget. Actual expenditures total \$55.1 million.

An unaudited statement of total operating expenditures for 1976 will be submitted at the Board's January 26 meeting.

With estimated revenue of \$63 million for the 1977 fiscal year, the Board of Education passed Bylaw B-1, allowing newly elected Chairman

William Brown and Board Treasurer to authorize bank loans not exceeding \$25 million in the aggregate.

Director of Education, Jack Ramsay explained to the press that the loans are obtained at the bank's prime lending rate and that all Boards of Education throughout the province adopt a borrowing expenditure.

"Municipalities normally deliver the first portion of their grants on or about the 31st of March," Ramsay explained. "The provincial government also delivers grants over the course of the year. Borrowing is standard procedure."

While the Board paid close to \$75,000 in interest for 1976 loans, portions of Board revenue are continually invested to offset borrowing expenses.

The Board usually finishes a fiscal year with a small surplus.

Two reports presented at the inaugural meeting

indicated that the Board plans to "save" approximately \$80,000 in the areas of lighting and classroom paper expenditures.

By enacting an energy conservation program, the board has removed 20,300 fluorescent light tubes for an annual financial saving of \$58,000 in electrical costs. In addition the Board secured a one-time saving of \$15,000 in fluorescent tube replacements.

While classroom paper expenditures totalled \$240,839, this price tag is 1.9 per cent less than that of 1976, signalling a

saving of approximately \$5,000.

Adult Rehabilitation Centre
The Board also agreed to allow students involved in the Adult Rehabilitation Centre (ARC) programs to be registered either with a school for the trainable retarded or a nearby secondary school. Students who are

registered at ARC, who are under the age of 21 and who have been certified as "Trainable Retarded Students" will be kept on the registers of Schools for the Trainable Retarded.

Students registered at ARC, who are under the age of 21 and who are eligible for the secondary school system, will be considered part-time

secondary school students receiving their education in facilities provided by ARC under agreement with the Board. Their names will be kept on the registers of nearby secondary schools.

The move will raise the Board's grant ceiling and consequently provide reasonable funding for the program.

Board requests pornography curbs

If residents of Thornton are looking for porn, they needn't look any further than the village's general store.

According to Bruce Cumming, a Simcoe County Board of Education Trustee from Thornton, "the store has one of the finest arrays of this kind of literature that I've ever seen."

Cumming made the statement to convince fellow trustees that the Board should support a recommendation by Prince Edward County Separate School Board to petition the government to curb widespread pornography.

His motion passed with only one trustee abstaining, Frank Prothero of Tottenham.

Manpower looks into unemployment problems

About 900 young people in the Midland area are out of work - and Canada Manpower wants to know why. The centre is conducting a survey of local employers to find out their hiring policies regarding youth.

Questionnaires were sent out about January 10 and are now trickling in, says Manpower manager Don McNeen. The rest of them should be returned during the next few

weeks. The centre will then know how important factors such as appearance, motivation and lack of education are in the attitudes of employers to job seekers in the 16-24 age bracket.

With the information gained, Manpower plans to hold seminars and individual counselling sessions with unemployed young people to help them find work, says Mr. McNeen.

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French election tomorrow night

Six new members of the French Language Advisory Committee of the Simcoe County Board of Education will be elected at an open meeting at Penetanguishene Secondary School tomorrow night.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., and any French speaking rate-payer who lives in Simcoe County will be eligible to vote in the election. French speaking residents of the county who would be eligible to run for a position on the Board of Education itself, are eligible to run for a spot on the committee.

Nominations are not being taken in advance, but will be taken from the floor at the meeting. Meanwhile, at the last meeting of the Simcoe County Board of Education, held last Wednesday, the chairman of the board announced the names of the three trustees who have been appointed to serve on the committee. Alvin Gravelle, the trustee from this area, and Dr. Allan Fisher, from Barrie, have been reappointed, and Mary Erichsen-Brown, of Collingwood, was also appointed to the committee.

Erichsen-Brown, a newly elected trustee, will fill the spot on the committee vacated by Darryl Mackenzie, who was the trustee for Collingwood before he decided not to seek reelection on December 6.

The French Language Advisory Committee reports to the board on matters which involve French language education in Simcoe County.

same building, but the same chambers. Judge Clare commended Council for their actions in retrieving from the County Court building now under demolition, so many original furnishings. "It is another indication of the high regard of the history and traditions that the County hold," Judge Clare said. "No other county has shown such concern."

Provincial M.P.P. Arthur Evans and George McCague and Federal M.P. Dr. P.B. Rynard brought greetings and congratulations to Warden Glassford and the 53 Council members, 22 of whom are commencing their first term.

Midland Mayor Moreland Lynn and Penetanguishene Mayor Vince Moreau were among the honoured guests as were 18 former Wardens of the County. John Drinkwater, 91 years-of-age and Warden in 1936 was the eldest present.

The Warden of County Council is elected annually from among its members who govern the affairs common to area municipalities.

Library gets grant

The Tiny Township Public Library in Midland has been awarded a \$2,000 Wintario grant, the Ministry of Culture and Recreation announced last week.

The Children's librarian, Eileen Goodburne, said Monday the money would be spent on talking books, paperbacks, and Canadian publications.

She said the talking books and paperbacks are already at the library, but are not on the shelves yet because there is clerical work still to be done on them. The Canadian books, which she said will be for both adults and children, are on order.

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