



### Cafe chantant includes...

Once again it was Cafe Chantant time in Penetanguishene over the weekend. The Cafe was held in Laboureaux Hall in St. Anne's Church on Saturday night, and performers played to a full and appreciative house.

Vola Carriere and Andre Boileau were two of the Cafe's performers Saturday evening. The two vocalists got lots of support from the audience, on both French and English songs. **Staff photo**



### ...cooking?...

And who should visit the Cafe Chantant last week but Mme. Benoit, presenting her novel recipes with a style that is characteristic of the famous Canadiane chef alone. Rumours to the effect that Madame Benoit was actually Martin Lalonde with a wig on are not to be taken seriously. **Staff photo**



### ...and of course singing

Andre Boileau led the audience in singing a medley of French folk songs that got all of the members of the audience clapping and singing. M. Boileau's singing ability was matched by his expert guitar playing. **Staff photo**

## Will help avoid problems

# Urban growth guidelines adopted

The Tiny Tay Peninsula Planning Board last Thursday night adopted a set of guidelines which should ease the problem of planning urban growth areas in the two townships.

In a report to the board, Urban Policy Committee chairman Gil Robillard said a major problem faced by planners is the question of how to plan areas which at present are outside the borders of urban municipalities, but which will in future inevitably be absorbed by these municipalities. The real problems occur, he said, when the growth areas begin to grow within the non-urban municipality, the township, and have their own servicing standards which may or may not be compatible with those of the urban municipality which will eventually have to assume responsibility for them.

The committee has suggested in the past that growth should be channelled into "urban growth areas". In the report presented Thursday, it suggested that before any urbanization occurs in these urban growth areas, the municipalities involved should lay out a framework to plan and service it.

### Urban spillover

Robillard illustrated his presentation with diagrams showing the stages of urban spillover outside an urban municipality as it should occur. The first stage occurs when the urbanization is easily accommodated within

the urban municipality. The second stage occurs when it becomes obvious that because of growth the urbanization is filling the town, and will soon spill over one of the town's borders into an adjoining non-urban municipality. The third stage involves the two municipalities getting together, preparing secondary plans for the area to be urbanized, and making agreements on joint servicing. In the fourth stage the area is serviced, and in the fifth stage it is developed.

Robillard suggested to the board that in order to determine exactly what problems would crop up in such an urban spillover, a pilot study should be undertaken, in which some area of concern in the board's planning area would be looked at in detail, using the guidelines laid out in the report. This study would be the basis for the formation of a framework which all municipalities encountering the problem in the future could use to iron out their difficulties. He suggested that the area chosen for the pilot study should be a complex one, so that the study would encounter as many problems as possible, and would therefore be useful in as many future instances as possible.

The guidelines include preliminary concerns, such as base mapping and reconnaissance of what the existing facilities and topography in the urban growth areas are, detailed studies of how the servicing could be done, what form the development should take

and where the money could come from to accomplish it, and finally the implementation stage, including the formulation of development strategies, and amendments to the township's official plan and zoning bylaw.


The board has yet to decide where to undertake the pilot study, but Robillard said the next step is to present these guidelines and the pilot study concept, to all the board's member municipalities. He said so far a number of them have expressed interest, and he hopes he can arrange to make presentations to them in the near future.

Midland mayor Moreland Lynn told the board it was not lacking in areas in which to undertake the study. "There are places where spillover happened 15 years ago, and we still haven't done anything about them,"

he said. He added that the board should ideally know where urban spillover should occur, but at the moment, there are a number of places where it already has.

Robillard said it wasn't the job of the Urban Policy Committee to go around solving problems for municipalities involved in urban spillover, but merely to give them a means of dealing with the problems themselves. "All I hope is that the Urban Policy Committee will go around and turn the lights on," he said.

According to Robillard, each municipality will, in the end, have to determine whether it will use a particular method of dealing with its problems. He said, "The municipalities have the problem. We will get them together and give them a check list to make sure they don't miss anything."



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## Canada Manpower Summer operation to begin

The Canada Manpower's Student Summer Program will get underway shortly in both Midland and Penetanguishene with the opening of student offices in each of the municipalities, manpower officials announced on Monday.

doors in mid March and the Penetanguishene office will open early in May. Sonya Mount recently hired to coordinate the student offices, will be visiting local employers to seek their support for hiring summer students and is already interviewing and registering students seeking summer jobs who want to register in advance.

The Midland office is expected to open its

## Children's Aid Society budget up 20 per cent

The Simcoe County Children's Aid Society will approach provincial authorities with a \$1.5 million dollar budget for 1977, representing a 20 per cent increase over last year's final approved total of \$1,395,839.

The more than one million dollar increase in operating costs will be necessary if the society is to carry out much needed improvements in the level of service offered, to children under its jurisdiction, CAS Director Don Jackson said on Monday.

Although actual budget figures are up 20 per cent, Simcoe County's share of the CAS budget will increase only by 2.2 per cent from \$172,089 in 1976 to \$175,999 in 1977.

The budget will now go to the society's member municipalities of Orillia, Barrie and Simcoe County for their approval prior to being forwarded to the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Eight per cent of the 20 per cent increase is based on increased costs and salaries because of current inflation factors. The salary section of the CAS budget is presently in the hands of the anti-inflation board for its approval, though Jackson feels the budget does meet A.I.B. guidelines.

The remaining 12 per cent have been allocated for new and improved programming. "If we do have to cut this budget, we won't be able to offer the levels of service

needed," Jackson said, explaining restrictions imposed last year meant improvements in service required in 1976 were not put into effect.

### Better foster home rates

High on the Children's Aid Society list of priorities is an increase in boarding rates for foster parents and group homes, to bring them into line with rates being paid by neighbouring children's aid societies. For children up to five years the Simcoe CAS pays \$97.03 a month to foster parents and has requested a 28 per cent increase to \$124.20 per month.

Foster parents tending children between six and twelve years of age could receive \$147.30, up almost 30 per cent from the present \$113.45, while rates for teens over 13 years could go to \$179 per month from the present \$131.40 if the budget is approved by community and social services officials.

Jackson emphasized that increases to foster parents and group homes are necessary if sufficient accommodation of this type is available as needs for foster homes increase.

The society is also looking for approval to hire an additional three to four social care staffers. Three social workers to work in the family services area are needed, Jackson explained, to relieve the unusually heavy

caseload now being carried by the CAS's social workers. Staff cuts made necessary last year because of budget cutbacks have seriously affected the amount of attention given each case, a situation Jackson hopes to alleviate with the hiring of more personnel.

"A fourth staff member would do court liaison work and would make our services more accessible to the county courts," Jackson said.

The Children's Aid Society has no indication yet of the future of an experimental program to better deal with child abuse, proposed by the society at the end of 1976. If funding for this program comes through, the society will reduce its budget request by two workers, Jackson pointed out.

Budget increases are also needed to open up at least an additional two group homes for teen-age boys, the need for which will become acute as new legislation referring "unmanageable" boys to children's aid societies rather than to training schools comes into effect.

"I think our requests are fair and legitimate," Jackson said, "but I don't know if we'll get it." (\$1.5 million). Jackson emphasized the ministry can cut back budget figures even though appropriations have been approved by individual municipalities.

## In Georgian Bay Festival

# P.S.S. students take home drama awards

A production of "Mother Courage and her Children", by Bertolt Brecht, picked up three awards for students of Penetanguishene Secondary School at the Georgian Bay Drama Festival held in Bradford at the end of last month.

The most promising character actress award went to Elizabeth Copeland, who played the role of Mother Courage, and the most promising actor award went to Richard Robillard, who played a number of roles, including a recruiting sergeant, an old colonel, and a soldier.

In all, 16 students worked on the production, 10 as actors and actresses, and six in the stage crew, taking care of such things as props, makeup, lighting and sound. The play went into rehearsal in November of last year, and the students, under the direction of

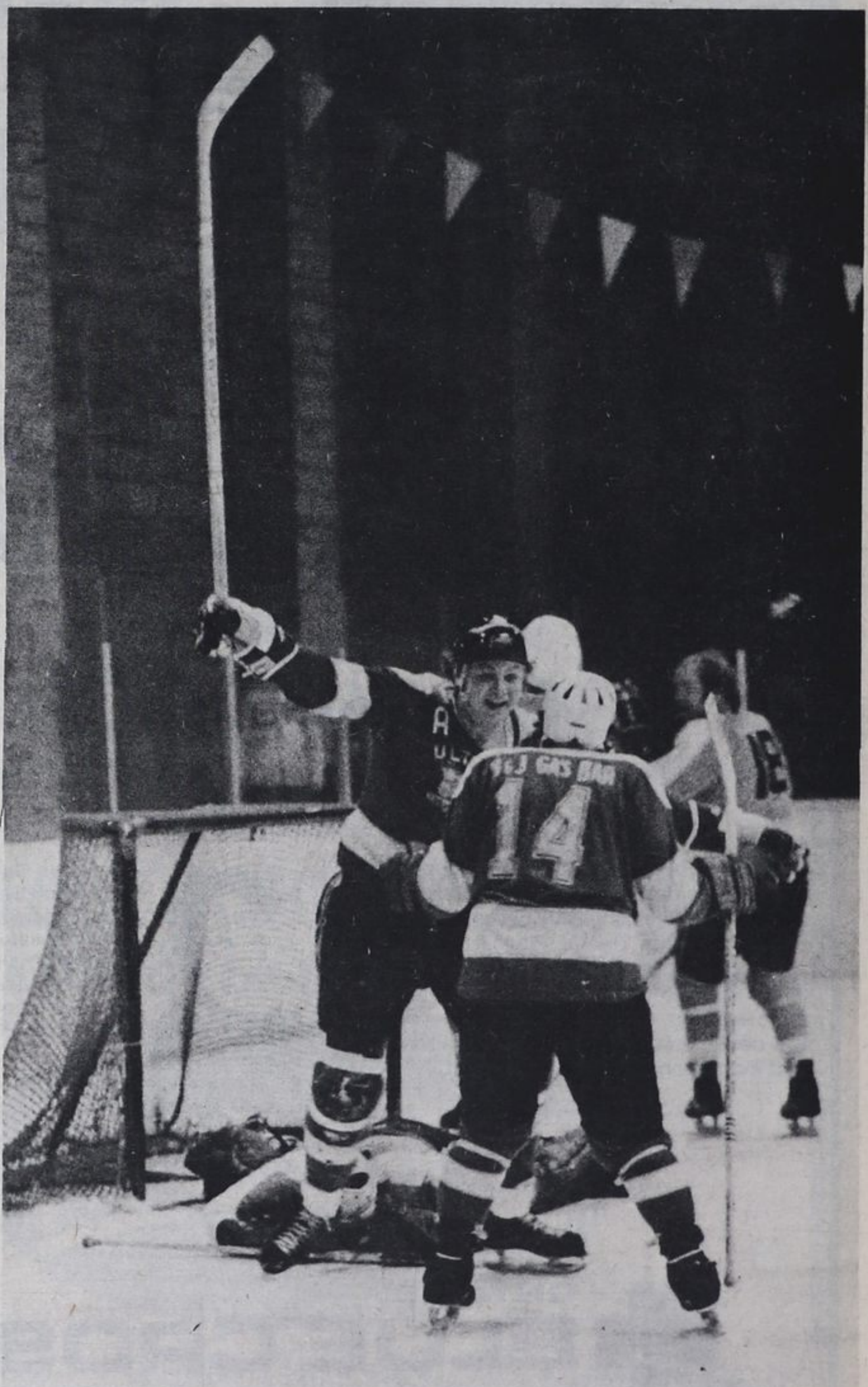
teacher John Norton, worked two nights a week on it.

The third prize picked up by the production was an award for best props. Grades nine and ten students of Jake Pigeon and Max Wagg helped out, making some of the larger props for the play.

Twelve schools took part in the festival, and each school was allowed to put on a one-act play, not to exceed 50 minutes in length. Brecht's play was cut down by Norton to fit into the 50 minute time limit.

About 15 awards were handed out at the festival.

The other students at P.S.S. got a chance to view the play in what Norton called "another run-through for us", and he said they enjoyed it.



### They won!

B and J's Terry Dahmer raises his arms in jubilation after his shot trickled in behind Hindson's goaltender in Recreation Hockey league action this week. The tying goal set

the stage for B and J's come from behind victory in overtime at the Penetanguishene Arena. For full details see sports page. **Staff photo**

## Local girl enters Miss Quarterama Contest

A Penetanguishene girl is one of 25 contestants who will be taking part in the "Miss Quarterama '77" contest, to be held this Friday at the Coliseum in Toronto.

Germaine Quesnelle, who also



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competed in the Winterama Queen contest held last month, will be representing the Huronia Ridge Riders in the contest, which takes place in conjunction with Quarterama '77, the Ontario Quarter Horse Association's annual four day quarter horse show.

Germaine is a 17-year-old student at Penetanguishene Secondary School, and the other contestants are all between 16 and 20 years of age. The judging will be done on the basis of the contestants' attractiveness, conversation ability, intelligence, grooming, ladylike behaviour, and 50 per cent on their horsemanship.

The winner will present the trophies and ribbons for the duration of the show to winners of each class, and will reign throughout the year at various Quarter Horse shows and functions. She will receive the use of a two-horse trailer for one year, 500 pounds of horse feed, boots, a stallion service to Leo Skipdeck (owned by Mel Randall of Glanworth, Ontario), a \$1,500 saddle, a horse cooler blanket, a transistor radio, and other prizes.

All of the contestants will receive a variety of gifts including horse feed, subscriptions to Canadian horse magazines, boots, shirts, panty hose, make-up bags, and other prizes.