



Safe at home

Patty Beausoleil slides safely in to home plate in Monday evening's Senior Girls House League Softball action. Her team defeated the opposition 43-10. In other house league action Monday night, team two in the junior girls' division defeated team one 20-17.

Staff photo

Congratulations extended to the people of Midland

First, may I offer my congratulations to the people of Midland and their fund raising committee for running a very successful Arena-Thon over the weekend. I hope that this project and its success is the first of a long line of successful projects that will see all the required monies raised and allow the new Midland Arena to be built without any undue delays.

Recreation scene

by Ron Marchildon
Penetanguishene Recreation Coordinator

Minor Softball will begin this week and I must thank all those people who volunteered as coaches, umpires, convenor, etc. You have made this year's minor ball program a success. I would still like to hear from someone who might be interested in coaching, managing, etc a Bantam girls team which could be entered in the Georgian Bay Midget League and qualify to play in the P.W.S.A. playdowns in August. If anyone is interested please do not hesitate to call me. Still with Minor Ball, we still have some lifesavers

left which we would definitely like to sell as soon as possible. Anyone who would like to support minor ball is asked to buy a package for \$1.00 at the municipal office. Your help would be appreciated.

A reminder to parents, friends and relatives of children playing house league softball, that the finals will be held on Saturday, July 9, 1977, commencing at 9:00 in the morning. We would like to see the ball park filled to capacity for all these games and also see it filled with adults and children for the game immediately following the house league finals when the Philadelphia Hobos play the first place team in the Georgian Bay Fastball League commencing at 8 p.m. Bring the whole family for a real fun night. Advance tickets at a reduced price can be purchased at the Municipal Office.

Also at the Municipal Office registration forms are available for this year's Day Camp program again being held in cooperation with the Simcoe County Recreation Department. Registration is on a first come, first served basis with a limited enrolment. Swimming registration forms will also be available in the next few weeks, please register your children early for both programs.

Weed killer could also kill fish

by Bryan Berriault

The Little Lake Park's Commission has applied to the Ministry of Environment for the 'okay' to use a chemical called Tiquat or Reglone A to kill the weeds in the recreation area of the Park.

At a meeting last winter it was stated that the weeds posed a problem that could cause damage to life or limb of the people using this area of Little Lake. As anyone who has swum (God Forbid) in this area knows, the weeds are very much a problem and this may be a way of getting rid of a few. The chemical when used right will only do a specific piece of real estate. If however there should be wind or turbulence in the water the chemical could be carried to other parts of the lake.

Fin, Fur & Feather

To some this may be a good idea but if carried to the present spawning beds of the existing population of bass we could lose the eggs. The chemical kills the weed and to the understanding of the Park's Commission, the weeds just settle on the bottom to decay. This would kill the eggs since the eggs do require oxygen and the male fish of the species to agitate the water above the nest.

The Park's Commission is hoping to do this within the next few weeks which coincides with the spawning run of the bass. Incubation periods on the eggs last from three days to two weeks depending on the temperature of the water.

While at the meeting with the Parks Commission and after talking with Bill Bowker I came away with the feeling that they should look into some of the possible side affects that may be caused with the use of chemical controls. I have been assured by the Parks

Commission that the chemical will in no way harm live fish. This treatment will only be good for the one year but what of the eggs? Will they be harmed and are they not our future breeders?

At the same meeting I brought up a paragraph which appeared in a report put out and studied by the Ministry of Environment which read "It would appear that bacteriologically Midland Park Lake is marginally acceptable for body-contact recreation, and that minor increases in the existing bacterial levels could make the Lake questionable for body-contact recreation." This report was done in 1975. What has happened to the lake in the past two years?

As some of you may know the Conservation Committee of the Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers had been talking to the P.U.C. about the possibility of opening the reservoir for public fishing. The Ministry of Natural Resources had offered to stock speckled trout if the property was opened to the public. After two letters to the Chairperson I finally received a reply. The Public Utilities Commission feels that the water may be needed in the case of an emergency. What's happening to all the money being spent on new wells to fill our water supply?

Just a few things to look for. Like most anglers I enjoy reading a good book relating to fishing or hunting. Barry Penhale has a book out called "A Stringerful of Memories". I've read the book and found it humorous and informative. It's the kind of book you just enjoy reading.

If you happen to be in a sports' shop check the new spoons Mepps has on the market. We have all used the Mepps spinners and now we can use their spoons. Along with their spoons they have put a Mepps on the market with a single instead of a treble which they hope will help fishermen avoid a few of those nasty snags when fishing those tight areas where lunkers always seem to lurk. Just a note on the Mepps, in the 1976 Field and Stream Contest Mepps had 37 winners. Success speaks for itself.

Arena-thon raises \$31,000 for new Midland arena complex

There were pledges on behalf of dogs, eleven month old babies, pledges and challenges from those on unemployment insurance, men with receding hairlines. Someone pledged a nickel, many gave between \$5-10, a few came through with \$1,000 and or more.

But by 6 p.m. Sunday the Midland arena-thon had netted a staggering total of \$31,218 in pledges and or donations, \$13,000 more than the target and thousands more than any arena-thon organizers had ever dreamed possible.

"It was fantastic...beautiful...I still haven't found the right word..." sighed a still ecstatic Dick Ivens, chairman of the arena-thon Monday evening.

"We hit \$18,000 about noon on Sunday. When we went over everyone said - 'oh, \$24,000 - \$25,000 if we're lucky' - but this, well it's just super, just super!"

The over \$31,000 raised will be matched two to one with Wintario funds, kicking the fund-raising efforts for a new Midland arena off to a surprising start.

"If all projects run like this one, our \$250,000 (fund-raising objective) is easy to reach, no problem," predicted Ivens optimistically.

Scared at 9 a.m. There was one time, Ivens admits, when he was "scared" that the \$18,000 target may be too high. "Things really slowed down between 2 a.m. (Sunday) and 9 a.m. - we kind of levelled off at \$11,000 and I wasn't too sure we would make it."

"But everyone else was optimistic, they kept saying sure we're going to make it, and then things really got rolling."

The \$7,000 needed to 'go over the top' was pledged and donated in the three hours from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday, and by 3:30

p.m. the big white letters on the blackboard blared \$25,000 - and counting.

Ivens estimates that between 18,000 and 20,000 pledges were made and the total tally which should be available in the next week or two could easily top \$32,000.

"Tom Shields said on his sports comment that this just goes to show you how sports minded this town is," Ivens enthused. "They (area residents) want this arena. The community really pulled together on this one."

"It was an incredible experience...and it wasn't planned that way," said CKMP's Robin Geoffrey who, along with Gord Walker, chairman of the fund-raising steering committee, exceeded most of the 24 hour arena-thon. "It just all came together as we went along...this morning I wanted to do a 'be nice to' piece but I couldn't even begin to single out any one. It was just great."

'No hot fur flying Feet swelled during the 24 hour period, marathon rocking chair contestant Gail Tinney got seasick and had to combat her side-effects with Gravol, there were a few crank calls between midnight Saturday and 2 a.m. Sunday, some challenges were - 'a bit wacky' but through it all not one soul got irritable, - 'there was no 'hot fur flying' - said Ivens.

Instead someone challenged Gord Walker to sing the 'chicken song' in return for a \$10 pledge, a father challenged his son to smile on air, Ron Colborne audio production coordinator and manager at CKMP and Bill Johnson, who coordinated the visual production for Cable Channel 12, did two sessions of push-ups in the wee hours of Sunday to stay awake.

Surprisingly, many

pledges came from neighbouring municipalities as Port McNicoll, Victoria Harbour and even Penetanguishene which has its own arena. There were several donations from visiting Toronto

residents, and two from opposite corners of Canada: one from Victoria B.C., the other from Fredericton, N.B. But the majority of support came from Midlanders: service clubs, businesses, in-

dustries and thousands of taxpayers.

For Dick Ivens the actual arena-thon may be over but his work is far from completed. He and wife Mary Anne must now check through the list of

pledges, account for all donations and collect outstanding pledges. It's not an easy chore and you can help out by sending your cheque to: Arena building committee, P.O. Box 482, Midland.



Sports Calendar

<p>CHARBROILED STEAKS LUNCHES DINNERS ELMVALE</p>	<h3 style="margin: 0;">MURRAY'S RESTAURANT</h3>	<p>TAKE OUTS Shrimps Deep fried Chicken Fish & Chips Milk Shakes 322-1391</p>
<p>Gulf LORNE RANCE GULF STATION ELMVALE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Georgian Bay Fastball League The season gets underway this Sunday evening for the Georgian Bay Fastball League. All games will be played in McGuire Park, and two games a night will be played. Games will be played Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">House League Softball The senior girls' teams take to the diamond at Corpus Christi School tonight and next Monday, while the junior girls will be playing next Monday. The senior boys kick off their season with games next Tuesday evening, while the junior boys play their first games tomorrow night.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bill Clark General Contractor Landscaping - Excavating Sand and Gravel Supplies - Water Haulage ELMVALE Bus. 322-2545</p>
<p>BEST BUY Gas ★ Oil Batteries Tires Mechanic On Duty</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SEND US YOUR SPORTS NEWS!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANADIAN OUTDOORS SCUBA & HUNTING SPECIALISTS SALES SERVICE RENTALS 502 Dominion Ave., Midland 526-9521</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">G&G CONSTRUCTION Excavations - trenching - backhoe & loader Wyevale 361-1122</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">TRIPLE L PAVING LANEWAYS, PARKING LOTS -Guaranteed Workmanship- 10 Years Experience Call collect anytime 325-3181</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">UNION DELIVERY GRAVEL Screened Top Soil Septic Bedstone Crushed Road & Cement Gravel Telescopic Backhoe 19, 24, 36" Buckets Radio Dispatched Bernie Pilon Const. Elmvalle 322-1051</p>		