

Up and over

Corpus Christi student Ken Leclair just barely cleared the bar in his attempt to win the high jump contest at the school's track

and fields meet last Thursday afternoon. For result of that meet, see the sports page of today's paper. Staff photo

News briefs

Grade eights visit Ottawa area

More than 100 Grade 8 students from Corpus Christi School are now on their way back from a three day field trip to Ottawa.

They left at 6:00 Monday morning, and should return some time this evening.

The students have been travelling by bus, and the trip included tours of the Trent Canal, Old Fort Henry in Kingston, the War Museum, the Parliament Buildings, the

Museum of Science and Technology, and the Museum of Man in Ottawa, and an open pit mine.

History teacher John Turner said last week the trip was the culmination of the Grade 8 History program. He said the students had to pay only \$6.00 each for the trip, having raised the rest of the cost through various fund raising activities.

Police bike rodeo coming up

The parking lot of the Penetanguishene Village Square will be the site this Sunday of a bicycle rodeo.

The rodeo, sponsored by the Penetanguishene Police Association, is open to all boys and girls aged six to 13 years.

Joint band concert is tomorrow

The concert bands from Midland and Penetanguishene Secondary schools are busy putting last minute touches on their joint concert which will be held tomorrow, Thursday in the MSS cafeteria.

And if the MSS and PSS organizers get the community support they're hoping for, Midland's arena building fund will be enriched some more as all proceeds from the evening's entertainment will go to building the arena.

attending a school in Penetanguishene. It will consist of a bicycle inspection and a written test, followed by a driving test.

Trophies will be awarded to the top entrant, and safety equipment will be given to all rodeo participants.

The competition will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Michael Albert seventh in contest

Michael Albert, a grade 11 student at Penetanguishene Secondary School, has placed seventh in a field of 1,601 in the University of Waterloo Descartes Mathematics contest for Ontario grade 13 students.

Earlier this year, Michael won Waterloo's Euclid Mathematics contest for grade 12 students, and finished fifth out of over 20,000 students in the national junior mathematics contest.

Taking part in the June 2 concert will be concert bands from both schools, the PSS Dance Band, the Georgian Chordsmen barbershoppers. The combined MSS-PSS bands will play several numbers, there will be some ensemble and solopieces as well.

Tickets for the concert spectacular can be purchased from Guy Johnstone's Music Land, Jory's Drugs and Bob and Larry's Men's Wear.

Michael turned in a score of 78 out of 100 in the Descartes contest, only 13 points behind the winner, Lee Jeff Bell of Fisher Park High School in Ottawa.

Students from 401 Schools took part in the competition.

The P.S.S. team finished in first place in zone 64, the zone which covers the area from the northern edge of Metropolitan Toronto to the Huntsville area.

Her health is suffering

Mary Rogers resigns after 14 years service

Penetanguishene finance committee chairman Mary Rogers has announced she will retire from political life on June 30.

In a letter to Mayor Vince Moreau, dated May 23, she made the announcement, saying "my health has deteriorated to such a point that I am no longer physically capable of carrying on my designated responsibilities in a manner responsible to the people of Penetanguishene, and to the Council as a whole."

She said in the letter that she hoped she had contributed in some small way towards the ultimate success of life in the Town of Penetanguishene; both in an administrative capacity and constituency representation.

Although she said in the letter that the decision to leave council was irrevocable, she did leave the door open to re-enter public life in a less strenuous way, perhaps on the Court of Revision next year.

Rogers' career in municipal politics in Penetanguishene has spanned more than a decade. She was first elected to council in 1963, and in 1965 she became mayor of the town, but stepped down because of her mother's health. In 1972 she was elected to the position of deputy reeve, but she had to give up that position because of her

responsibilities as Justice of the Peace. Last fall, she was elected for the second time in a row with the largest number of votes of any councillor, and was named deputy mayor.

In an interview Monday night, Rogers said that because of the deterioration of her health, "I just can't carry on in the way I'd like to."

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Two ways to fill vacancy left on council by resignation

Penetanguishene Town Council is faced with two alternatives when it comes down to the problem of attempting to replace Finance Committee Chairman Mary Rogers on council.

Under the Ontario Municipal Act, the town can either appoint someone who is qualified to hold office as a member of council, or it can hold an election for the position.

Town Clerk Yvon Gagne said Monday it

McGuire Park plan clarified

Council approves NIP amendments

In a short meeting of Penetanguishene Town Council Monday night, council approved amendments to both the East End and West End Neighbourhood Improvement Program redevelopment plans.

The amendment to the West End plan included the deletion of the ill fated playground and playfield proposal between Poyntz Street and Robert Street West, and the addition of several new projects.

The plan now includes the construction of sidewalk along Scott Street, the construction of a recreational service building in the Waterfront Park, and the acquisition of part of the abandoned CNR right-of-way for recreational purposes.

The change in the East End plan consists of a clarification of the work to be undertaken in McGuire Park under the program. The town had submitted a plan to the federal and

provincial authorities which included work on the park, and the federal authorities had requested a more detailed description of the work to be undertaken in the park.

That detailed plan was approved by seven East End area residents at a meeting held last Thursday night at Burkevale School. The plans for this year include the expenditure of about \$100,000 for the acquisition of land around the park.

Slated for next year is the development of the park, at an approximate cost of \$90,000. The development would include the clearance of the residential structure on 65 Burke Street, and the conversion of the structure on 63 Burke Street into a neighbourhood community centre and storage area for playground equipment.

A children's playground would be set up,

complete with playground equipment, and two tennis courts would be installed. Walkways would be put in, and an open space area would be included in the park. An asphalt parking lot would be constructed to provide space for 100 cars. Parking for 20 cars would be constructed on land already owned by the town, and the spaces for the other 80 cars would be constructed on newly acquired land along Burke Street.

The appendix to the bylaw which makes the changes to the plan says, "Other items of work include the installation of curbs in the

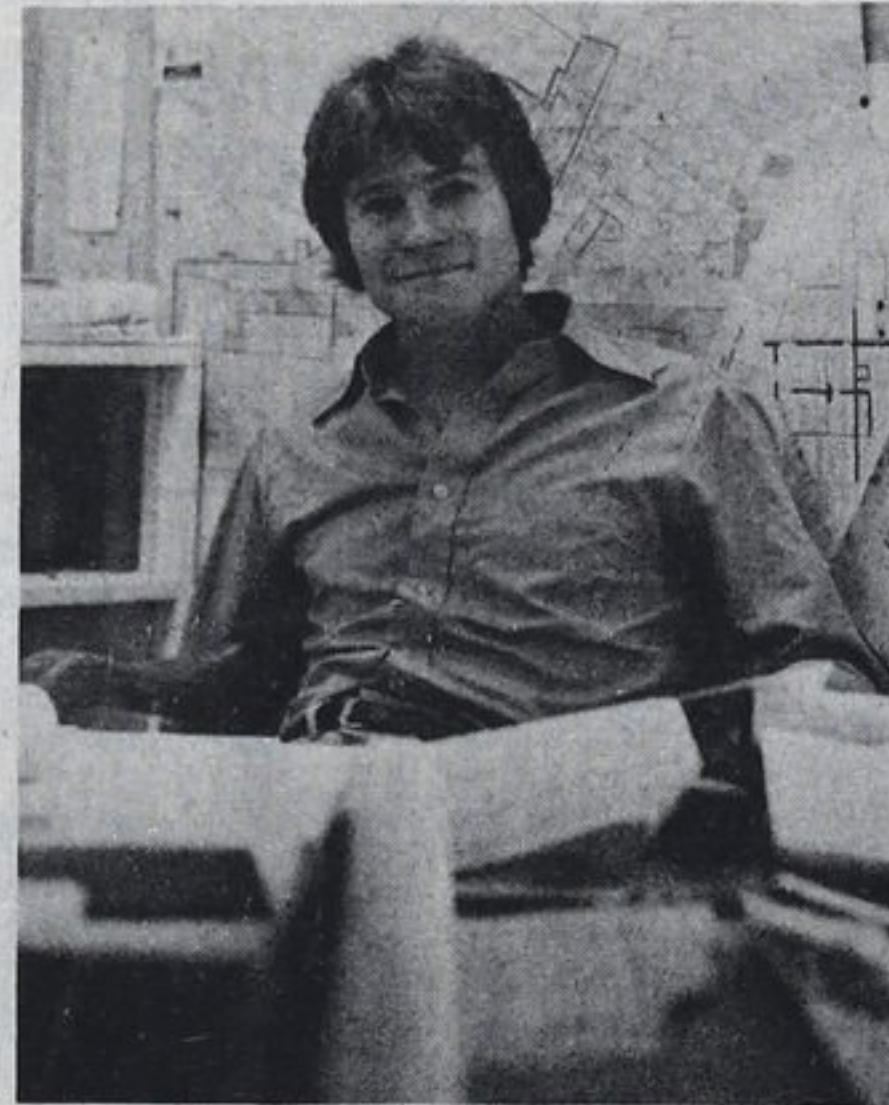
parking area, lighting for tennis courts and walkways, trees for screening purposes, the supply and placing of fill, topsoil, picnic benches and eight inch high ice rink boards, seeding, grading, and the relocation of the existing fence."

The amendments to the two redevelopment plans will be sent to the provincial and federal authorities for their approval.

The total amount of money to be spent in the West End area under the revised plan is approximately \$417,400, while the total cost of the revised East End plan is to be \$914,000.

NIP coordinator

Fournier goes to Perth



Steve Fournier

talk to him "like a father," but that didn't work either.

Councillor Ray Baker, who was for some time the chairman of the NIP steering committee, said Fournier had built up a rapport not only with the people on the committee and with the people of Penetanguishene, but with federal and provincial officials in Queen's Park and Barrie. He said Fournier's presence would be missed all the way to Queen's Park, and added, "I don't know where we're going to get five people to replace him."

Mary Rogers told Fournier she had never seen as beautiful reports submitted to council as those presented by him.

Fournier's new responsibilities in Perth will include getting that municipality's NIP project off the ground, as well as being the secretary to the Perth Planning Board. Fournier said Monday afternoon he is looking forward to the new challenge, and although he is saddened at the prospect of leaving this area right in the middle of the summer, he is pleased at the prospect of moving to Perth, which is only 12 miles from his home town of Smith's Falls.

Started as summer student

Fournier arrived in Penetanguishene in May of 1975 while he was a student of Urban Planning at Brock University in St. Catharines. He worked on the NIP program for the summer of 1975, then returned to school, continuing to work for the town on a part time basis. In January of 1976, he was hired full time by the town, but continued to commute between the town and Brock while he finished his degree.

Fournier said when he arrived in Penetanguishene, the town had had a NIP grant approved, and was in the process of trying to decide on a NIP area. After he arrived, a NIP steering committee was set up under the direction of Ross Raymond, and that committee decided to apply to spend the original grant of \$300,000 in the west end of town.

The town's Neighbourhood Improvement Program coordinator, Steve Fournier, announced Monday night that he will be leaving Penetanguishene to accept a position with the Town of Perth, Ontario.

His resignation will become effective on Friday, July 29.

Fournier had been working for the Town of Penetanguishene on a one year contract, which came into effect on August 1 of last year.

He made the announcement in a letter to Town Clerk Yvon Gagne which was placed on the agenda of a special meeting of town council held Monday night.

At that meeting, the council passed a motion that it accept "with regret" Fournier's resignation, and that it begin the process of trying to find a replacement to see the NIP projects Fournier started through to completion.

Mayor Vince Moreau told council he had tried to convince Fournier to stay, and had even asked the town's planning consultant, Ross Raymond, who worked closely with Fournier throughout the past few years, to

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Advance polls next week

Voters will have three opportunities to vote in the provincial election. Each voter is only allowed one vote but it can be made at any of the three times.

Advance polls will be at the Civic Centre on Yonge St. in Midland and at the Curling Club in Penetanguishene on June 4 and June 6 and they'll be open from noon until 9 p.m. The

Returning Officers recommend that handicapped and elderly voters take advantage of the advance polls to avoid the rush on June 9.

If Penetanguishene residents are uncertain of their poll number they can check it by calling 726-7323.

In Penetanguishene the polls on June 9 will be at the following locations:

Polls
86, 87
88, 90
89, 91
92, 93, 94
95, 96
97

Location
Knight's of Columbus building
Parks building across from the Curling Rink
Canadian Legion Hall
Burkevale school
Corpus Christi School
Georgian Manor for residents only.

Sorry about that

Last week's Citizen carried a photograph of Liberal candidate Jim Corneau campaigning in Penetanguishene, and in the description under the photograph, Mrs. Yvonne Moreau was incorrectly identified as Mrs. Yvonne Maurice.

The Citizen sincerely regrets any embarrassment caused Mrs. Moreau as a result of this unfortunate error.



Mary Rogers



Debating the issues in Penetanguishene

Candidates for the Simcoe Centre riding spent an interesting Friday afternoon with

local senior citizens at the Penetanguishene Library. Juggling questions from left to right

are: George Taylor (PC), Jim Corneau (Lib.) and Paul Wessinger (NDP).

Candidates lock horns at library

It might very well have been called "The Pension Panel" at Penetanguishene Library on Friday afternoon. Simcoe Centre candidates were swamped with questions on various pension plans from the largely senior citizen audience during a "Meet the Candidates" session last week.

No single candidate stood out during the meet, but some of the more difficult questions were handled by the area's new Progressive Conservative candidate George Taylor. The candidate's incumbent predecessor, Art Evans, who has retired from political life and was not present for the session was probably the most maligned at the afternoon meet.

"We're glad to see party representatives here," said one woman, "whenever we asked Mr. Evans to come and speak to us he always found some excuse not to attend."

Criticism of the incumbent Tory government notwithstanding the major area of discussion was the provincial government's pension plans, particularly for the province's retired civil servants.

One gentleman explained how he had retired in 1966 with an annual pension of \$2,700 annually. As of 1977, he said, it had been increased to \$4000.

"But what I can't understand," the senior citizen said, "is that the fellow who replaced

me in that job retired in 1975 with a pension of \$8000, which was raised as of 1977 by \$1,331! We worked the same number of years at the same job and his increase is substantially larger. It's unjust."

While Conservative Taylor pledged that he would do his best to remedy the situation, candidate Wessinger seized the opportunity to point out that the pension plan had not even kept pace with the rate of inflation.

Another senior citizen said that monthly heating bills alone during the winter averaged \$80-\$85 and that she could barely scrape by on her pension during those months.

Liberal candidate Jim Corneau hastened to explain to the seniors how the provincial government was making interest on pensioners' money and that the retired civil servants were actually subsidizing the incumbent PC's to the tune of \$30 million.

"The provincial government is ripping off the senior citizens of this province," Corneau said.

Supplementary

One woman remarked that many seniors don't wish to apply for the government's supplementary pension.

"We don't want to ask for supplementary," he asserted, "and I don't think we should stand for having to apply for it—especially

after most of us have worked for the government for over 25 years!"

The congenial Conservative George Taylor assured those present that all information he collected at the afternoon session would be brought to the attention of the premier and his government.

"I pledge to work fully on your behalf," he said.

Afterwards, Taylor stated that an Ontario Royal Commission was presently looking into a variety of pension plans and that some of its conclusions could be implemented.

Wessinger suggested that teachers' pension plans were fair and equitable and that any provincial government should use the educators' pension plan as a guideline in designing others.

"I wish we could have discussed other issues as well," said Paul Wessinger, NDP candidate for Simcoe Centre, "but if that's what the audience wanted us to speak on—that's fine with me."

The Simcoe Centre riding is an important one for all candidates according to George Taylor. "We consider it a 'barometer' riding," he said. "It's very much a cross section of the provincial electorate: it has an urban area with Barrie, a substantial rural area, a considerable French vote, college voters, senior citizens just about everything."