



Marching to the cenotaph

Legion Week in Penetanguishene wound up on Sunday with a parade of Legion members with the Royal Canadian Legion Marching Band. The parade marched through Penetanguishene streets and had a short ceremony at the cenotaph. **Staff photo**

Merchants have no complaints

Sidewalk sale 'best ever' as huge crowd visits town

Penetanguishene's annual sidewalk sale has come and gone for another year, and many of the town's merchants say it was the most successful ever.

One of the main organizers of the event, Glen Bryant of Bryant's Jewellers, said, "I can't complain at all. As far as I'm concerned, it's the best one we've ever had."

He said he hadn't heard anyone complain. "I'd almost like to hear another one, within the next month," he said, but he added that it was a lot of work to organize. He said the merchants were sure to have another one next year, and would probably close the Main Street for the event in future.

"I didn't really expect it to be that big," he said. "It just went darn nice for a lot of the merchants."

Wally Meisinger, owner of Wally's Men's Shop, echoed Bryant's thoughts. "It was a big weekend for Penetanguishene," he said. "The weather was a key thing. It was perfect weather for a sidewalk sale."

He said business was extremely good on Thursday, then slacked off a bit on Friday before coming on strong again on Saturday.

He added that there were more people in town for the event than he'd ever seen in the 10 years he has been here.

Another Main Street merchant, Ted Light, the proprietor of Light's TV Sales and Service, said, "For me the sidewalk sale was really good. There's no doubt it was the best we've ever had."

He said business was good, and the number of people in town was "just fantastic". He added that Glen Bryant was instrumental in organizing the event. "Glen put a real pile of work into it. Without him, we probably wouldn't have had it."

The crowds centred on the Main Street, although a somewhat less than successful flea market was held in the park across from the Brewer's Retail store, and a Red Cross Water Safety display and demonstration took

place Saturday afternoon at the town dock.

The shoppers also enjoyed a ride and other attractions set up in the parking lot beside the Chamber of Commerce building.

The band which played on the corner of

Main and Robert Streets was a success, drawing a large number of shoppers to see and hear their performance.

The climax of Sidewalk Sale Weekend was a dance at the Curling Club Saturday night.

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News briefs

MHC gets two year accreditation

The Mental Health Centre has been granted a two year accreditation for the second time.

Hospital administrator Les Moricz said Tuesday representatives of the Canadian Council on Hospital Accreditation visited the hospital on June 2 and 3, and on the basis of that visit, awarded the hospital the two year accreditation.

The hospital received its first accreditation two years ago.

The Canadian Council on Hospital Accreditation is a body of expert health professionals, who over many years have

established standards and criteria to assess quality and patient care within health institutions.

Each time a surveyor from the council visits the hospital to determine whether it deserves accreditation, the hospital must be able to show that it has improved since the last visit.

Only about 50 per cent of all hospitals in Canada were accredited by the council, as of last year, but because many of the hospitals which are accredited are larger hospitals, about 73 per cent of all hospital beds in the country were in accredited hospitals.

Teen dance raises \$130 for arena floor

The Penetanguishene Arena Floor fund is about \$130 richer as a result of a Teen Dance held Sunday night at the Penetanguishene Legion Hall.

Organizer John St. Amant said about 130 people attended the dance at \$1.00 apiece, and after expenses for chips and cups were deducted, about \$130 remained.

He said another Teen Dance would be held on August 21, and he's hoping the turnout will be bigger for that one.

St. Amant said, so all the money which comes in at the next dance will be clear profit.

Also in connection with the fund raising campaign, a fastball tournament will be held this Saturday at McGuire Park. St. Amant said eight teams will participate, and admission will be \$1.00.

He said the tournament will run all day, and refreshments and snacks will be available.

Ombudsman clears Oak Ridge attendants

Two attendants at the maximum security Oak Ridge division of the Mental Health Centre in Penetanguishene have been completely cleared of any wrong doing in connection with assault charges made by a patient at the institution.

Hospital administrator Les Moricz said Tuesday the results of an investigation conducted by the office of the ombudsman into the alleged incident has been completed, and the results were released last week. He said, "The two attendants have been com-

pletely cleared and exonerated of any blame."

A spokesman for the Office of the Ombudsman, Phil Patterson, said he couldn't comment on the findings of the investigation, since he is bound by the Ombudsman's act, which stipulates that the investigations must be undertaken in complete privacy, but he did say that the investigation was complete, and the hospital probably received a copy of the findings last Friday.

Pen Glen cruise draws about 60

About 60 people ventured out onto Georgian Bay Saturday night on the M.S. David Richard, to help raise money for Pen Glen Corporation's Place Concorde project.

The owner of the ship, Gil Robillard, said the turnout wasn't as high as they had hoped; there was room for 200 people. But he added that some money was made, and said the cruise served to bring Pen Glen back into the

public eye, making people aware that the project was still going strong.

Robillard said those who were there for the cruise had a good time. "As far as I'm concerned it had some success," he said. "At least we didn't lose money."

Robillard said the event was organized in a hurry, since he only had a few Saturday charters open for the rest of the summer.



Inspecting handicrafts at Lafontaine bazaar

The handwork of La Coie Des Aiguilles was admired and bought by those attending the chicken pate dinner and bazaar at Lafontaine on Saturday. Dorothy DesRoches of Mississauga takes a closer look at the home made articles and in the background is one of the hand made quilts that was auctioned off. **Staff photo**

First stage to be complete by October

Midland industrial/commercial mall could lead to 100 permanent and part-time jobs

Approximately 100 permanent and part-time jobs could open up in the Midland area in the coming months with building and leasing of the town's new industrial commercial mall.

Plans for the 9 acre site were released late last week by Gord Hanna, co-ordinator for the project and Midland manager of Walter Dean Real Estate. The mall will be located along William and Hwy. 12 in the Heritage Drive area.

The mall will provide upwards of 100,000 square feet of commercial and industrial space and will be built in two phases. Stage one, scheduled for completion by the end of October 1977 will include a 20,000 square foot

commercial mall, a restaurant, bank or financial institution and a 19,000 square foot facility for one or several light manufacturing industries.

A large part of the latter building has already been leased and Hanna expects to be able to release the names of the first industries in the new Midland Heritage Industrial Complex in the near future.

"It's not going to be a white elephant," Hanna stressed. "We want something Midland will be proud of. We're going to give Midland an industrial/commercial complex that will look smart."

Plans for the second stage of the development are still tentative and depend on what kind of industries show an interest in the location. Because the lots are fully ser-

viced with heavy power lines and sewage capacities, both heavy and light industries could be accommodated.

Plans call for a 28,000, 25,000 and 7,000 square foot buildings, though these could change if Hanna and builder developer Ernie Bloch (Yorkdowns Development) are successful in negotiating for an additional 3 acres along the Heritage Drive side of the property.

Access to the complex will be off William St. along a new road to be named Erika Drive. At least one party has expressed interest in the 3,600 square foot, multi-level restaurant which, Hanna hopes, will have a terrace facing onto Hwy. 12.

Hanna also emphasized that the commercial mall will not conflict with existing downtown retail establishments but rather

will provide space for service and sales outlets such as welders, locksmiths now scattered in older buildings throughout the area.

The co-ordinator has had a project like this in mind for the last three years but only got together with Bloch in the last six months. The location, in the heart of the annexed industrial area, is "excellent", Hanna feels. It is also, he says, the time for a complete industrial/commercial development of this kind. By grouping small businesses together, they'll attract other industries," Hanna explained. "The idea is to keep the same kind of development together in one area."

"We've provided homes for Midlanders, now we're providing work." Walter Dean Real Estate will be leasing and managing the mall facilities.

Warner Troyer talks to SCAN

Stand up and be counted. Don't take the cries of industry and politicians at face value. Make this official plan work for you, your children and your children's children. That is the message Warner Troyer, well-known Canadian journalist and author brought to Midland on Saturday.

Troyer was the guest speaker at the first public meeting of SCAN, held at the Midland Town Dock to garner support for the society's position that the Midland waterfront should be zoned for recreational, not industrial use. A large, crowd estimated at approximately 250, heartily applauded Troyer's condemnations of industries and governments which don't impose pollution control standards, and his call for greater public participation in Midland's new official plan.

"This community is still of the size where everyone can have some input," Troyer told a rapt audience. "Go to public meetings and thrash things out with your planning board, get involved."

"The trick is to make sure you're not faced with a fait accompli," he warned.

Speaking off the cuff, the journalist and author of 'No Safe Place', an account of mercury pollution in northern Ontario, had the large crowd spellbound as he joked, warned, and embellished on the tunnel-vision approach of those in power.

Throughout the two hour meeting, Troyer did his best to dispel the myth of the omniscient politician.

"Politicians," he pointed out, "are no more efficient than us. They're preoccupied with a list of priorities (which, he added, don't necessarily coincide with the residents' priorities), with administrative problems and "with the need to often cover each other's ass."

Tongue-in-cheek, he likened political figures to amoeba which don't react to sound or light, but quickly respond to heat, pressure and pain - in other words, people pressure.



Architect's drawing of proposed building

Planning board hasn't approved it yet

Plans drawn up for apartment

Work on plans for a proposed apartment building in Penetanguishene's east end is proceeding at top speed, although the building has yet to be approved by the Penetanguishene Planning Board or by Town Council.

An agent for Fitzgerald Real Estate, Jack Pettigrew, said recently the four storey building, being built by Toronto builder Natale Pin, should be finished by late April or early May of next year, if all goes well.

The development involves the construction of two buildings containing 50 two-bedroom units apiece, between Don and Yeo Streets east of Saurin a street which is at present unopened. Fitzgerald Real Estate will be handling the rental of the building.

The town planning board recently gave its conditional approval of the development, but cannot recommend to council that Pin be allowed to proceed, until a public meeting is held so the people in the surrounding areas can have a chance to see what will be done, and comment on it. The board is now awaiting an architect's drawing of the proposed building before calling the public meeting. Although the Citizen has been in possession of an architect's drawing for about a week, planning board member Ross Spear said Monday that as far as he knew, no drawings had yet been submitted to the town.

Pettigrew said the plans for the building call for elevator service, lockers on each

floor, recreation areas in the basement and a sauna. He said there would be a green belt along the east side of the development, and as many trees as possible would be left standing. According to the plans, each building would have a playground.

The building closest to Don Street is slated for construction first, with the other to be built after the first is rented.

Pettigrew said he didn't foresee any objections from people living in the area. He said the buildings would not cut off anyone's view of the bay, since it is to be built in front of a hill. He added that the construction of the building should lead to better services for all the people in the area.

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