

Wyebridge resident

Apple of Midland's eye off to Miss C.N.E. competitions

Lorna Wood wouldn't mind winning the Miss C.N.E. crown at the Toronto exhibition next week.

But then again, she wouldn't mind in the least not even making it into the finalists' round.

"I don't see how anyone can go to the C.N.E. expecting to win - not with 80 girls competing," she says quietly.

"But I am looking forward to it. I think it'll be lots of fun," she adds with a shy grin. "I like meeting people, and getting together with the girls."

"I guess I'm really going for the experience."

The 'experience' won't be entirely new to Lorna who last fall was crowned Miss Midland 1977 at the Midland Fall Fair, sponsored by the Tiny-Tay Agricultural Board. That title won her the honour of representing the Midland area at the Miss C.N.E. 'Sweetheart of the Fairs' competitions

to be held August 16 and 17.

Each contestant will be interviewed for 4-6 minutes by a contest judge on the Tuesday, then the 10 finalists chosen will have to give three minute talks on agriculture or agricultural societies in the province.

The possibility that she may have to give that talk doesn't phase Lorna either, though she admits (somewhat ruefully) "I haven't even written it (the speech) yet!"

Her farm background and six years of active involvement in the North Simcoe 4-H organization have provided plenty of background material for just such a talk.

Active in 4-H

Within the ranks of the Ebenezer 4-H, the 19 year old Wyebridge resident has served as president, secretary, treasurer, press reporter - "just about anything!" She's received her provincial honours, for which she

had to have belonged to 12 clubs, and with 16 clubs to her credit has only got two more to go for her Advanced Honours.

You don't have to be a housewife type to enjoy the 4-H activities," she says with a knowing twinkle in her eye. "It's great for just the basics of survival!" Cooking, baking, handicrafts, gardening even proper table setting are but a few of the 'basics' Lorna feels every young person can benefit from.

Lorna's interest in home economics was instrumental in her decision to take a four year home economics program at Ryerson Polytechnical in Toronto this fall. "I don't know what I'll come out like," she laughs when asked what she'll do after finishing the program. She's particularly interested in being a county home economist, largely because of her interest in people and travel. But no matter what she "comes out like", Lorna is sure

she wants the country life. "I come from a very rural area," she says simply.

Between now and the start of her new school career, Lorna is kept busy maintaining the 20

flower beds scattered throughout the Mental Health Centre and Oak Ridge's grounds. It's a great job she says, mainly because she works outdoors, is really on her own and "I like

plants," - to boot.

Besides watering the flowers, cleaning flower beds and ensuring all her cares are thriving, Lorna finds time to help garden staff plan what to plant where next summer. And still it's an easy summer.

"When it rains, we sit around, play cards mostly. We call it a farmer's holiday," she grins mischievously.

All that will come to an

end for at least two days next week when Lorna embarks on a 'holiday' of a different sort. And if she should be crowned Miss C.N.E., her flower girl days may be over, as the queen is called on to reign

over all CNE activities running until September 5. She also stands to win a \$1,000 gift certificate from the CNE's agricultural department, two return tickets to Vancouver courtesy Air

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Don't limit industrial potential warns Platt

In a statement to the media released last Friday, Midland councillor Dick Platt came out strongly against SCAN's call for a major change in the industrial zoning of the waterfront. Platt emphasizes the need for year-round employment in Midland and the potential Midland's deep water port has to attract industries which require water frontage and ready access to railroads, such as the CN line which runs along the shore of Midland Bay.

"It would be folly for Midland to limit its attractions for potential industries by zoning the deep waterfront serviced by the waterfront, non-industrial."

According to Platt, zoning the shoreline for industrial use now does not pre-empt a change in the future; the official plan, he says, is merely a development guide for the town in "the foreseeable future" which he sees as being a maximum of ten years. In that period of time, Platt feels, Midland's priority is for industrial development in that context Platt says "I am not prepared

more jobs in the coming decade.

The newly annexed Heritage Drive area is insufficient for all potential industries' needs, Platt says, and to provide that as the only option to industry would "Limit unduly our industrial options and ... encourage industrial

employers...to locate elsewhere."

Although Platt says he would approve the location of marina or a hotel along the waterfront, he emphasizes his primary concern for Midland is for "year round employment paying industrial scale wages."

Midland chamber's numbers down

Fewer businesses than expected have renewed their membership with the Midland Chamber of Commerce, a fact which could influence the financial picture for the chamber in the coming year.

In his July newsletter, Bill Vidler, General Manager of the Midland chamber points out that 20 of the 1976 members have not yet set in 1977 membership fees. In addition, 24 downtown merchants or business

support the chamber's activities.

Although the chamber's present financial picture "is still in good shape", Vidler emphasizes that it had budgeted for increased membership this year to carry out a number of new activities. Increased membership, he adds, is also encouraging to the volunteers who keep a number of chamber programs on-going.

The downtown revitalization committee is but one example of this group of dedicated businessmen.

Scholarship winner

Patricia A. Trax of Midland was among over 150 entrance scholarship winners to McMaster University for the 1977-78 school year. Patricia has been awarded a Chancellor's scholarship for one year's tuition at the university.



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