



### Marking up recent contributions

Ralph Lacroix, First Vice-president of the Penetanguishene Little NHL paints a new total on the Penetanguishene Arena Floor Fund Thermometer of \$16,500. The increase

of almost \$1,500 was raised by the Little NHL at their dance held October 1. Total donation from the dance was \$1,005.30.

Staff photo

## 'Do we call this progress?'

# Ratepayers object to proposal for north end apartment complex

Concerned residents of Penetanguishene's north end will get a chance in the near future to air their views on a proposal for an apartment complex with the development committee of planning board.

The complex, proposed by Toronto builder Natale Pin, would, if built, eventually include two 50-unit buildings, to be located west of Church Street between Don and Yeo Streets, just east of the unopened Saurin Street.

The board received a number of letters at its Monday night meeting, complaining about various aspects of the proposal. The letters were sent to the town following a public meeting held last month, at which ratepayers from the immediate vicinity of the proposed development were given a look at the plans for the buildings. One letter took the form of a petition, signed by 24 people; as well, there were three letters from individuals, and planning board secretary Paul Hodgins reported he had been approached personally about the situation by a ratepayer at the municipal office.

The petition and two of the letters objected to the apartment complex as a whole, while the other letter and the verbal objection dealt only with the possible opening of Saurin Street, between Don and Yeo, and directly in front of the proposed development.

The writer of one of the letters made an emotional plea for the abandonment of the proposal.

"Where do two 50-suite apartment buildings fit into this picture?" the writer asked. "The traffic congestion! The un-

friendly, unsociable attitude of apartment living. The concrete starkness totally unrealistic to the nature of its people. Do we call this development? Do we call this progress? Do we call this greed!"

The letter makes reference to the unemployment situation in the area, and the type of people who would be attracted to the town by the increased availability of rental housing.

### 'Small, neat and friendly'

"Soon the whole world will be developed to its fullest," the letter concludes. "Small towns play their part in the culture of this country. We say keep Penetanguishene small, neat and friendly."

Other letters were not as strongly worded as that one; the petition sets out a series of arguments against the proposal. It points out that since the proposed site is not within easy walking distance of downtown, people living there will need cars. It maintains that the streets in the area will not be able to handle 100 extra cars, and points out that there are no sidewalks in the area so children will be exposed to increased danger from the increased number of cars. It complains of possible noise pollution from the apartment, and argues that the buildings would not be appropriate for the area from an aesthetic standpoint. In addition, it suggests that privacy, and the "peaceful atmosphere" of the single family dwellings in the area would be lost if the apartment were built.

Planning board chairman Larry McDonald

suggested that the development committee should go over the main points contained in the letters, and then hold a meeting with the people who wrote the letters. Development committee chairman Ross Spear said he agreed with the suggestion, and promised he would have the committee meet soon to look over the objections.

At the close of the meeting, McDonald said, "We have to deal with these people and with their objections, and take them into account." He admitted the board had not even thought of several of the points the ratepayers found objectionable, and said the board would re-think its position, taking into account the feelings of the ratepayers.

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## Goal for SCESS study is 80 per cent response:

### Marcel Bellehumeur

Organizers of the Service for Cooperative Evaluation of School Systems (SCESS) report on the Penetanguishene family of schools are looking for an 80 per cent response rate to their questionnaire.

The questionnaires will be sent out later this month to all ratepayers, students and teachers in the feeder area for Penetanguishene Secondary School, and extra copies will be made available to interested people living outside that area.

French Language Advisory Committee chairman Marcel Bellehumeur said at the committee's monthly meeting last Thursday, the group is looking for a higher than normal response rate to its questionnaire.

"In most questionnaire deals, if they get a 20 per cent return, they think they're doing well," he said. "We want a 20 per cent drop out rate. In other words we want at least an 80 per cent return rate."

Bellehumeur told about 30 spectators at the meeting that respondents to the questionnaire need not answer all the questions asked if they don't want to.

"If they're not all answered, the

questionnaire won't be thrown away," he said. "Answer the questions you want to answer."

Questions from the floor at the meeting indicated some of the people in the area weren't sure what the internal evaluation team would actually be doing. One questioner wondered why the questionnaire had already been prepared before the internal evaluation team had even met.

Bellehumeur said the job of the team would be to make sure the questionnaires are understood, and to encourage people to answer them. He added that representatives of the business community would also be responsible for canvassing the business community and perhaps preparing reports on what they feel the commercial establishment wants to see from the educational system.

It was also suggested at the meeting that the internal evaluation team may be holding public meetings both before the questionnaires go out, to brief people on the study and tell them about the questionnaires, and after the returns are in, to fill in any gaps which may be discovered.

## Newsbriefs

### Holding zone bylaw may change

Planning board Monday night gave its approval to a proposed amendment to the Penetanguishene Zoning Bylaw which would allow homeowners in holding zones to make minor additions to their houses.

As the bylaw now stands, anyone living in a holding zone may renovate his house, but may not make any additions to it, nor can he build any accessory building such as a garage.

If the amendment endorsed by planning

board is passed by council and approved by the Ontario Municipal Board, homeowners in the holding zones would be able to do both those things providing the use of the main building is not changed as a result of the addition.

If the addition were undertaken in order to convert a single family dwelling into a multiple family dwelling though, it would not be allowed.

### Arena newspaper drive continues

The newspaper drive being run to raise money for the Penetanguishene Arena Floor Fund is coming along well, but organizer Frances St. Amant says she's hoping even more people will bring in their old newspapers.

She said Monday that she recently got a whole trailer load of papers from a woman in Wyevalle, and that helped out immensely. But she wants to make sure everyone in town brings in all the old newspapers they can so the campaign can reach its goal quickly.

She said it doesn't cost people anything to bring in the newspapers, and every little bit helps. "It's over \$200 a week that people are just throwing in the garbage," she estimated.

The papers are collected each Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., at the old

Dominion store next to the municipal office on Robert Street.

At the same location, the campaign organizers are also holding a sale of used sporting equipment. Anyone who has any old equipment which is no longer being used is asked to bring it in, and anyone interested in buying can see the merchandise at the store any Saturday.

### Correction

Last week's Friday Citizen incorrectly reported that a dance to raise money for the Penetanguishene Arena Floor Fund was to be held on Thursday, October 27. The dance will actually be held on Saturday, October 29, at Baymoorings Cruising Club.

### Cable viewers get new channels

Cable television viewers in the Midland and Penetanguishene area will be pleased to hear that two new stations will be available beginning this Friday, October 21.

Effective on that date, television channels WGR-Buffalo, New York (Channel 2) and WBEN - Buffalo, New York (Channel 4) will be relayed via microwave to the Midland Penetanguishene Cable Television system.

The origination point of the system is the Toronto area where the signal strength of the Buffalo stations is said to be strong and consistent.

Authorization to obtain the two new American stations by microwave for Midland-Penetanguishene Cable Television subscribers was granted by the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications in Decision No. 76-329 dated June 15, 1976.

Midland-Penetanguishene System Manager M. Spence said this week that area cable subscribers will absorb a \$1.25 increase in the monthly service they now pay.

As of November 1 subscribers will pay \$6.50 per month instead of the previous \$5.25 monthly service charge.

### Planners to visit Cambridge

Members of Penetanguishene's council and planning board will be taking a bus trip to the Cambridge area early in November, but it won't be a pleasure trip, at least not entirely.

Planning board decided Monday night to make the trip on November 6, to take a look at different types of multiple family housing in the Cambridge area. On the way back, they will visit Meadowvale in Mississauga,

and, if there is time, they will take a look at multiple family housing in Barrie.

All members of planning board and town councillors will be invited to take the trip, which is intended to be an educational experience to help the two bodies make decisions about different types of housing in Penetanguishene.

The group is hoping to get a guided tour from the zoning administrator for Cambridge.

### Police officer slain

## Two men charged in Collingwood murder

Two escaped prisoners have been charged with first degree murder in Wednesday's shooting death of a Collingwood Police Department sergeant.

Gerald Patrick Chater and William Paul Frederick, both 21, were arrested Thursday

following an investigation by approximately 35 Ontario Provincial Police officers in the death of Sgt. Ronald McKean.

The two have been refused bail because they were already serving terms for previous offences. Chater failed to return to Warkworth Penal Institution near Peterborough September 19 after being granted a temporary leave. Frederick escaped from the Collins Bay Prison.

McKean, age 32 and an 11-year veteran of the force, was reacting to a tip that the two escapees were at the Anchor Inn Hotel on Simcoe Street in Collingwood. Constable Clifford Libbett was dispatched by McKean to cover the rear exit of the Inn while he went to the front door. The sergeant was shot at close range as he neared the entrance, and died instantly.

Collingwood Police said the search is continuing for the murder weapon, believed to be a sawed-off shotgun.

**Funeral services**  
Representatives of police departments from across Canada and the United States attended funeral services Saturday.

Over 500 RCMP, OPP, regional and municipal police officers from as far away as Newfoundland and Victoria B.C. joined five FBI officers from the United States in the procession to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

The town of Collingwood was shut down from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. as businesses, stores and drinking establishments honoured the slain sergeant. Citizens lined the streets outside the church to listen to a broadcast of the service.

McKean was interred at St. Mary's Cemetery.



### Are we there yet?

Carissa Marchildon takes a break from viewing the scenery on a tour of the Township of Tiny Saturday, and it was little wonder. Most of the adults on the bus trip were weary

after the four hour journey too. Both Carissa and her parents were fascinated by sections of the township that they had never seen before.

Staff photo

## Tiny bus tour attracts over three hundred sight seeing residents

Over 300 residents of the Township of Tiny took advantage of a free tour of the township organized by the department of Parks and Recreation, Sunday, in honour of Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee.

Nine buses loaded with sight seers toured 75 miles through the municipality and most of them were amazed by the size of the place called Tiny.

Parks and Recreation co-ordinator Bernie Leclair said that everyone who went on the tour enjoyed it and the council members who acted as tour guides all asked that another tour be planned for next year.

"One 75-year-old man from Wyebridge who took the tour saw the northern end of the township for the first time in his life," said Leclair, "many people said the same thing."

Leclair said if the tour was run next year there would be some changes, to let residents

see parts of the township in more detail rather than all at once.

"We wouldn't do it exactly the same," he said, "but, perhaps a visit to a quarter of the township at a time."

The trip, while planned to honour the Queen's Silver Jubilee, was also meant to increase residents awareness of the recreation facilities the township had to offer and by their response, help formulate an official plan for recreation in the Township of Tiny.

Throughout the tour, people were rubber-necking constantly to catch a glimpse of places they had heard of but never actually seen before.

Tiny is the largest township in Simcoe County now that part of Innisfil Township has been approved for annexation by the City of Barrie.