

Join the MIDLAND TOWN CENTRE TREASURE HUNT

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Board to remain firm on Mountain view stand

The Area Three Committee of the Simcoe County Board of Education intends to stick by its recommendation that the Mountain School not be used as a day care centre for the untrainable mentally retarded.



J. McCullough

The question of the Board's responsibility for providing educational facilities for severely retarded children, was brought up again at its regular meeting Wednesday night.

The Board received a letter from Robert Quinsey, the chairman of the Simcoe County Sub-District Working Group of the Ontario Association for the Mentally Retarded requesting that any final disposition of the Mountain School, now classified as surplus property by the Board, be postponed pending clarification by the

Ministry of Education of the Board's responsibility towards severely handicapped children.

John McCullough, chairman of the Area Three Committee, explained to the Board members that as far as the committee is concerned, the Ministry's position is "very clear", and that the Board is in fact, not responsible for the children.

He went on to say that even if the Board was responsible for the children, of whom six are affected in the Mountain School case, the committee would recommend

"very strongly" that the facility not be used. He cited busing problems and the building's isolation as factors which make the Mountain School "unsuitable" as a centre for severely handicapped children.

He suggested that if the SCBE became responsible for the children, it search for more appropriate premises. "It's not that we don't want to look after the children, it's that if we are in fact, responsible for them, there should be a more suitable location found," McCullough later stated.

Fire prevention is a must during the Christmas season

Francis Miller, Midland's Fire Chief, warns that a happy Christmas can easily

become a family tragedy without proper precautions being taken. Christmas trees, whether real or artificial, are a prime area of concern, according to Miller. He warns homeowners who prefer natural trees to make sure they buy a fresh, green one and keep it outdoors until ready to decorate it. When brought inside trees should be kept in water and never allowed to dry out.

worn insulation or broken plugs. If you are buying lights, check to make sure that they are CSA approved and check that any decorations you have are non-flammable. Never smoke around the tree. Miller says even a green tree will burn if ignited. Once Christmas day is over make sure that all the papers and wrappings are removed from under the tree. These only add to the flammability of the tree.

Miller urges all natural tree lovers to set up their trees away from heat sources, especially fireplaces, television sets and radiators. He also asks that homeowners try not to block access to doors and windows with their trees. To accommodate both your electric bill and to help prevent fire, turn off the lights on the tree at night, says Miller. The most important thing at this time of year, is to be sure and have a home fire-escape plan for quick exit in an emergency.

This is a particularly vulnerable time of year, according to Chief Miller.

Hairstylists contend bylaw is outdated

A town bylaw is creating a bit of a hassle between Midland's barbers and Midland hairdressers, who want to cater to men.

Reeve Sam Ancio was contacted by one of his colleagues in the barbering business and asked to inform the bylaw enforcement officer of the violation. He told council that he did it, not as a member of the Barber and Hairstylists Association, but as a member of council.

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The bylaw limits the hours that men can have their hair done from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. There is no bylaw covering women's hairdressing shops and conceivably, women could still get coiffured at midnight any night of the week.

Deputy Reeve Bill Ogilvie feels that the legislation could be discriminatory. He asked council to refer it to the Public Safety Committee for consideration. Reeve Sam Ancio told council that he took exception to the word "discrimination". He stated that the purpose of the petition was to reinforce the barbershop owners position on the matter.

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At the next meeting of council, Macey will present her own petition asking the bylaw be changed. On Tuesday, following the council meeting, she already had 13 names on her petition. The problem over the bylaw came to light about two weeks ago, when Mrs. Macey ran an advertisement in a local paper advertising evening hours for men's hairstyling.

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