

John Gammell

Local lawyer appointed judge

It was announced by the Ontario Attorney General's office last Friday that John Gammell, a well known Midland lawyer, has been appointed as a judge to the Family Division of the Provincial Court.

Filling a position vacated by retiring Judge F.T. Egener, Gammell will preside over Family Courts in Grey, Bruce, and Huron Counties. He will operate out of courts centred in Goderich, Walkerton and Owen Sound.

Mr. Gammell said Tuesday morning that he is "very pleased" with the appointment, and is looking forward to his new role in court.

"It's a splendid opportunity for me to become immersed in family law," he said. "It's the area of the law I'm most familiar with and interested in."

Gammell said that he will begin an orientation period beginning January 9, and added that he expects to be sworn in as a judge at the end of the month or in early February.

Mr. Gammell has been practicing law in Midland since 1960. He was educated in Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa, and received his law degree from Osgoode Hall in 1958.

While practicing law in Midland, he has been active in several professional and community organizations, including Midland YMCA, the Midland Kiwanis Club, the Midland Chamber of Commerce, the Children's Aid Society, the Midland Law Association, and the Simcoe County Legal Aid Committee.

Gammell is married and has two children, aged 14 and 11. He said he was unsure whether the family would locate in the area of his new jurisdiction, or whether it would stay in Midland, and he would commute to and from court.



New Year's mom

Jill Elizabeth Flewelling opened her eyes just in time to bring in a brand new year. Gail Flewelling, from Wyevale, gave birth to her daughter at 8:57 New Year's morning at Penetanguishene General Hospital. "Now

we'll have something really special to celebrate on New Year's day," said Gail. A teacher at Monsignor Castex school in Midland, Gail worked right up to the Christmas holidays. "Time doesn't go so

slowly while you're working." Jill wasn't the only baby born on the first day of 1978. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ealey of Park St. in Penetanguishene are the new parents of a baby boy, born at 10:00 p.m. Sunday.

Penetanguishene street signs to reflect town's heritage

Any new streets in Midland or Penetanguishene's future will probably be named after persons, events or places of historical significance according to a recommendation approved by Simcoe County Council on Tuesday.

The recommendation put forth by the Finance and Administration Committee of council originated with a proposal from the Simcoe County Historical Association. The organization put the suggestion to the committee that all municipalities in the county name their new streets in any planned

land developments after people, places or events of Simcoe's historical significance. The recommendation was wholeheartedly endorsed by County representatives.

The historical body feels that the policy would assist "new residents to establish their links with the efforts of those who have gone before them." They say that the policy has been quite successful on an informal basis in a number of county municipalities and would offer their assistance in drawing up a list of names for county planners.

Arena Fund lottery numbers

The final draw in the Arena Fund Lottery was held Friday night at the Channel 12 studios in Midland. The winning numbers are:

25047 for \$5,000
14579 for \$2,000
13812 for \$500

If any ticket bears the last four digits of any of the above numbers, it is worth \$100.

They were: 17614, 11118, 10824, 14245, and 25197.

To claim a bonus prize, ticket holders must have the exact ticket number as the numbers drawn. If a ticket bears the last three digits, it is worth \$10.

Five bonus tickets were also drawn, for prizes of \$500 each.

Morris Darby could win post by acclamation

Morris Darby, the Reeve of Tiny Township may well be the next Warden of Simcoe County.

According to Darby, so far no one else has come forward and expressed an interest in the position. Therefore, there is a good chance, according to both Darby and County Warden Allan Glassford, that Darby will win by acclamation.

This is the third year that Darby has been nominated for the position. He said the first year he withdrew the nomination and last year he lost by a vote of 47 to 23 to Glassford. Darby says he would like to see an election take place with others running against him. However, he adds, "Winning by acclamation is certainly a vote of confidence."

The election takes place on January 16. On that day the nominations will take place as well as the election. Glassford says the election is an open vote, meaning the members of county council must respond aloud with "yes" or "no" answer to each candidate.

Alan Glassford has been the county warden for a year now. He says looking back, he wishes the term of office was for two years—the same length of time that the members of county council are elected. Glassford says it took the first six months to learn the ropes, leaving only six months to do good useful things for the county.

Glassford has decided against running again. He says his year in office was "very successful, very challenging and very rewarding."

Prenatal course benefits wives and husbands

The Simcoe County District Health Unit, in co-operation with the Simcoe County Board of Education, is again offering their series of prenatal classes, this time both in Midland and Penetanguishene.

The Penetanguishene classes will be held in the Corpus Christi School in Penetang, with Sandy Bouchard as the instructing nurse. The Midland classes will be held at the Huronia District Hospital in Midland. The first class will be held on Tuesday, January 10th, at 7:30 p.m.

There are seven classes per series, two hours a

week, including a hospital tour, films and slides. Expectant parents are encouraged to attend the classes together.

"A lot of husbands come to these classes," said Sheila Beausoleil, a public health nurse who's helping co-ordinate this series, "and we find the men really add to the classes. Some husbands have told us they have learned as much if not more from the classes than their wives. And, Sheila continued, "they find that by attending these classes with their wives, they feel much more a part of the pregnancy and the birth."

The main purpose of the classes is to help expectant parents better prepare for the birth of their child by becoming familiar with any changes that occur during the nine month period. One area of study concentrates on the Maze Method, a series of breathing exercises that help control labour pains. "We think the Maze Method is important to know and practice, but our course isn't limited to this method," Sheila said. "We teach a more complete and thorough course than that."

Possible complications during pregnancy and

delivery are also dealt with briefly, enabling a couple to cope more efficiently with any unexpected problem that may arise. Instruction is also given on nutrition, drugs during pregnancy, communication in the family, dental health, baby care and family planning.

The Health Unit feels expectant mothers after the fifth month are more motivated to practice the breathing and conditioning exercises, and therefore, they are encouraged to register around this time of pregnancy. "But," said Sheila, "anyone at any

stage of pregnancy is encouraged to come out for the classes. We have also seen the benefit of both husband and wife taking the course together, but if the husband is unable to attend, women are more than welcome to come alone."

Further announcements will be made regarding the March-April and May-June series. Anyone wishing further information or assistance is invited to call the Health Unit. A Public Health Nurse will be available to answer questions or visit the home if necessary.



Snowbound

Winter's fury battered Penetanguishene this week to usher in the new year with a roar. The snow accumulation kept work crews on their toes clearing streets and walk-

ways. The large amount of snow that has been dumped on the area is evident on this swing, which is definitely out of commission for the next few months.

Penetanguishene foster parents to take part in Midland meeting

Midland is going to host a meeting of foster parents sometime in the new year, according to Don Jackson local director of the Simcoe County Children's Aid Society.

Jackson said the last meeting of this kind was held in Alliston and went so well that they have decided to hold more. The purpose of the meetings is to improve communications systems between the society and the foster parents. Jackson says they hope to hear beefs and complaints from the foster parents and try to improve situations they want improvement in.

The meeting in Midland is for foster parents in Midland, Penetanguishene, Lafontaine and surrounding area. The exact date has not been announced yet.

Jackson says at the last Children's Aid meeting in mid-December the board also discussed setting up a special "safety place" on Christian Island. Jackson explains that it is difficult to provide immediate emergency service to the island's children.

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No impaired charges in Penetanguishene

Penetanguishene police were kept busy on the holiday weekend investigating accidents and thefts. However, there's one charge in the books that is often popular around this time of year that wasn't used by the officers. Penetanguishene police didn't have any run-ins with impaired drivers over the Christmas or New Year holidays.

Chief John Geere said no special effort was made to institute spot checks, as is popular in larger cities.

"Our guys just don't have the time for that," he said.

Last holiday season police laid four impaired driving charges around Christmas and one during new year festivities.

... and only a handful throughout Simcoe

It seems as though people are being a little more careful when it comes to drinking and driving.

In all of Simcoe County there were only a handful of impaired driving charges laid over the New Year's weekend. Alliston topped the list by handing out four impaired charges.

In Orillia and Barrie where Christmas spot

checks had been going on, there were no impaired charges laid. A spokesman for the Orillia OPP said "I think people are becoming more careful." He added that impaired drivers are harder to find now.

There were no impaired charges laid over the weekend at the Midland Town police or by the OPP detachment in Midland.

In fact, there was only one impaired charge laid by the OPP in Midland all week.

Youngster escapes serious injury

A Penetanguishene youngster narrowly escaped serious injury on the last day of 1977 after darting across a road without checking for traffic.

Timothy Dion, age eight of Viel Street, was

walking along the side of Lorne St. Saturday afternoon. He headed across the street just as Glenn Trotter drove past.

Timothy sustained only minor bruises in the accident and no charges were laid.

CHAY-FM does well in listener ratings

A report released recently by the Bureau of Broadcast Measurement has shown that CHAY-FM, the Huronia FM station, reaches more adults than any other English language FM station in Canada, located in a non-metro market.

Vinn Dittmer, manager of CHAY-FM, said that the report also indicated that the 10-month old station had higher listening ratings than established FM stations in some metro markets such as London, Ottawa, and Hamilton.

Dittmer also said that CHAY rated a higher listener percentage in the Huronia region than any other station, FM or AM, in the 25 to 49 year old listener category. The report indicated further, he said, that CHAY's listening audience has a higher

percentage of people employed full time, that they are generally better educated, hold "top level" jobs, and are frequent radio listeners. Dittmer commented that the statistics were particularly encouraging, given the difficult conditions faced by the station in its first months of operation.

"The thing we find outstanding about the report are the remarkable results it shows about CHAY, even after having our tower destroyed in the Barrie air crash, and being able to only operate at 25 per cent of our total power while the survey was conducted," he said.

Dittmer noted that CHAY is now running at 40 per cent maximum broadcast power, and that it would return to full capacity once the new broadcast tower is completed.

Coldwater man sentenced to jail for thefts

A R.R. 1 Coldwater man was sentenced December 30 in Orillia Provincial Court to eight years in jail, in connection with a series of break-ins which occurred in the area throughout 1977.

Garnet William Prince, 24, was convicted on 25 counts, including break and enter, theft, and possession of stolen property.

The charges which brought Prince to court were laid as a result of an investigation conducted by Midland OPP and Orillia OPP.

A spokesman for the Midland detachment of the OPP said that Prince's sentence was heavy, in accordance with the number of crimes he committed.

The sentencing judge was Judge Ancio.

Ontario Place to honour Midland

A special "Midland Day" is going to be held at Toronto's Ontario Place this summer to commemorate our centennial.

According to Midland's Centennial Commissioner, Henry "Mac" MacLeod, Ontario Place is willing to make the Ontario Place Forum available in the afternoon of "Midland Day" for a show featuring Midland's local talent. MacLeod also added

that space would be made available to display anything that pertains to the history of the town or life in the community. This display could remain up after "Midland Day" is over.

MacLeod has written a letter to Ontario Place thanking them for their invitation and asking them to suggest a date for "Midland Day". MacLeod says he can be ready whenever they want to hold the special day.