



Poet at library

Canadian Poet Joy Kogawa entertained an audience at the Midland Library, Monday night with readings from her books the latest of which are *The Splintered Moon* and *A Choice of Dreams and Jericho Road*. The visit

was sponsored jointly by the library and the Georgian Bay Regional Library System and the League of Canadian Poets.

Staff photo

Rotary starts safety film library program

The Midland Rotary Club, in conjunction with community spirited industries and individuals has embarked upon a program to establish a safety film library for use by Midland, Penetanguishene and area schools, and the Midland detachment of the OPP.

At its regular luncheon meeting Wednesday, the club received a cheque for the first two such films from Kindred Industries Limited general manager Herb Dejong.

The Rotarians also were provided with an introduction to the film library service by Midland police Constable Dan Gilbert, who along with Constable Marcel Dorion conducts the school safety program for the Midland Police Department. Constable Gilbert explained that the film library service will be of significant use to area schools and police forces. Once fully in operation, he said, the film library will represent a valuable resource centre for the various safety programs underway in the Midland area.

An early issue of one of the films donated by KIL was shown at the luncheon. Entitled "The Day the Bicycles Disappeared", the film depicts an imaginary situation where all the bicycles in a small U.S. town organize and go on strike, demanding that children obey the rules of safe cycling. Until these demands are met, the

bicycles contend, they will not allow themselves to be ridden. In expressing the demands of the bicycles, the film points out various dangerous riding habits children often unthinkingly fall prey to.

After the film concluded, Constable Gilbert explained some aspects of the Midland Police Department's safety program. He noted that the department plans to resume its annual bicycle rodeo in the spring. To be held in a central location in Midland, the rodeo will be an one day affair, at which local youngsters can have their riding ability tested, and submit their machines to a mechanical fitness examination. As an incentive to attending the rodeo, prizes will be awarded to the best drivers.

Constable Gilbert explained that although promoting safe street conduct is the prime goal of the Midland safety program, the department is also involved in other areas of public education. For instance, next month it will be conducting hazardous products seminars in local schools, and has participated in the past with the OPP in holding vandalism education programs. The department, Constable Gilbert also explained, is always willing to offer its services to any group that approaches it.

Constable Gilbert pointed out that an annual grant of \$700 from Midland Council and

donations from private individuals and service clubs fund the police department's safety programs.

He also pointed out that there are laws which most people do not realize

exist governing the road habits of non-motorized vehicles such as bicycles. For example, any cyclist over 16 years of age who is apprehended going through a stop sign is assessed a \$28 fine. If the

cyclist is a juvenile, his or her parents are contacted by the police and are informed of the child's unsafe habits.

The whole purpose of the safety program, Constable Gilbert pointed

out is to prevent unnecessary injury or death to area youngsters - tragedies which can be avoided with the inculcation of simple to learn and easy to practice safety habits.

Community Calendar

Saturday, January 28
— Huronia Crafts Guild Workshop "Ceintures Fleches" January 28 and 29 from 12 - 4:00 p.m. Registration phone 549-8233. Huronia Crafts Guild 63 Burke St. Penetanguishene.

Saturday, January 28
— Nottawasaga Recreation Club and Wasaga Chamber of Commerce Winter Jamboree Dance in aid of Crippled Children will be held at Wasaga Stars Arena on Saturday, January 28. Tickets are available at the door or call Wasaga Chamber of Commerce at 429-2247 or Cory Scott at 429-5668.

Saturday, January 28
— Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Archer of Elmvalle wish to invite relatives, friends, and neighbours on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, January 28 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. Best wishes only.

Saturday, January 28
— The Annual Ball for the Midland District Shrine Club will be held at the Country Mill on Saturday, January 28 with a full course dinner at 7:00 p.m. and dancing from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Tickets are available from any Shrine club member or by phoning 526-2227, 526-6221, 526-2813 or 526-6481. Proceeds are toward the work for crippled children.

Saturday, January 28
— The Midland District Shrine Club will hold its Annual Ball at the Country Mill. Full course dinner at 7:00 p.m. Dancing from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Music by The Varitone Four. Dress optional. Prizes. Tickets available from any Shrine Club member, or telephone 526-2227, 526-6221, 526-2813 or 526-6481. Proceeds toward the work for crippled children.

Sunday, January 29
— St. Mark's Anglican Church vestry pot-luck supper and meeting will be held on Sunday. Supper will be at 6:00 p.m. with rolls and beverages supplied. The meeting will be at 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, February 4
— A Valentine Dance at the Wyebridge Community Centre, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. to the music of the

Varitone IV. You may get tickets by calling 361-1032 or 361-1477.

Monday, February 6
— C.B.O. General Meeting is being held at 8 p.m. at the Surf in Balm Beach.

Tuesday, February 7
— Annual Pancake Supper, St. Mark's Anglican Church Parish House, corner Third and Easy Streets, from 5 to 7 p.m. Pancakes, sausages, desserts, beverages. Admission at the door.

Friday, February 10
— The Teen Club is having a Valentine Dance at the Surf in Balm Beach from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. All teenagers 12 years and up are welcome.

Saturday, February 11
— Valentine's Dance will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Midland on Saturday, February 11 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary, Branch 80. Music by the Nocturns of Barrie. Lunch and Spot Prizes. Proceeds are toward equipment for the Huronia District Hospital. For tickets and information, call any Auxil. member or phone Lila McPeake, 526-6787.

Sunday, February 12
— Huronia Barbershoppers Variety Fun Night, Cafe Style, at the Athenian Hall, 8 p.m. Contact any barbershopper for advance tickets, please.

Monday, February 14
— The Big Sisters Association of Huronia will be holding a general meeting at St. Paul's United Church, at 8 p.m. Guest speakers will be Ross Spearn and David Brooks of The Community Services Team. Refreshments will be served. Everyone welcome.

Saturday, February 18
— A Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, February 18 at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall of All-Saints Anglican Church, Peel Street, Penetanguishene, Parish Hall. Contributions welcome. Contact Mrs. Rogers, 549-7276, Mrs. Gropp, 549-2412 or Miss Mary King, 533-2320.

— Organizers are invited to publicize their upcoming events free of charge in the Times Community Calendar. Please call the Community Calendar editor at 526-2283 or drop your message into the Midland Times office, 525 Bay Street.

Strong easterly winds play havoc with area power

Strong easterly winds played havoc with power service in the Midland area Thursday morning. The Penetanguishene

offices of Ontario Hydro were flooded with calls early in the morning reporting the disruption of power services

throughout the North Simcoe region. At approximately 6 a.m., power service to much of Midland was

halted, as wind blew a branch from a tree on Fourth Street across a hydro line. Ontario Hydro crews located the problem, and by 7:30 power was restored throughout town.

Power service to outlying areas was also affected by the high winds. At 7:45 a tree fell across power lines on the Third Concession of Tay township, resulting in a blackout along the Old Fort Road, Concession 4 of Tay, and Concession 3 and 4 of Medonte township.

Power was restored to the area at approximately 9:30 a.m.

The high winds not only disrupted hydro service, but also caused damage to rural properties. A barn owned by Brian Jones of Concession 3 Tay township had its roof lifted by the winds, and driving on rural roads became dangerous, as in many spots downed trees and branches littered the roadway.

At press time weather forecasters had issued a storm warning to Ontario Hydro in Penetanguishene, foretelling of winds in excess of 100 km per hour.

Declining enrolment effects being felt

According to John McCullough, chairman of the Area Three Committee of the Simcoe County Board of Education, the effects of declining enrolments are beginning to be felt in area schools.

At Wednesday night's meeting of the SCBE, Mr. McCullough explained that the school board as a whole, will soon begin to take a serious look at the problem of declining enrolments, and that the Area Three Committee, which is responsible for schools in the Midland peninsula area, has already begun some preliminary discussions on the matter.

The purpose of the discussions, Mr. McCullough said, is to prepare the school board for an expected decrease in student enrolments, so that existing school facilities can be adapted to practically serve the educational needs of smaller student populations.

"We are beginning to look at the alternatives that are available to the board, so that we aren't faced with some of the unfortunate effects of declining enrolments already being felt by some boards in the province," Mr. McCullough said.

Some of the more obvious effects of declining enrolments, he explained,

are surpluses of teaching staff and classroom space, which is no longer occupied.

Also, since provincial funding of schools is to a large extent, based upon per capita student grants, alterations in the existing funding schemes will probably become necessary.

He suggested as an indication of the kind of solution sought by the board to the enrolment problem, a redefining of school area boundaries in the county. At present, he said, there are 129 portable classrooms in use in Simcoe County. If enrolments decrease as some analysts have

predicted, an altering of school boundary areas might be considered, so that classroom space within school buildings could be fully utilized, and the portables closed.

The SCBE learned also at the Wednesday night meeting, that Director Jack Ramsay is nearing completion of a study into declining enrolments in Simcoe County, and that his report will soon be made available.

SCBE chairman Lloyd Fletcher suggested that the board hold a special meeting in the near future to deal with Ramsay's report, and to discuss the question of declining enrolments.

Spectacular WINTER CLEARANCE



Glass FRAMES
50 styles to choose from

995
When you have your prescription filled here.

Shop early while the selection is at its best.
HURONIA OPTICAL

288 King St.,
in the walkway



526-8404

EDWARDS
of Midland
ANNUAL

January Clearance

PRICES
DRASTICALLY
REDUCED



WOMEN'S
SPORTS
-WEAR
by Tan Jay

Shirts Pants Blouses

20%
OFF

ASSORTED
SPORTSWEAR
1/3 OFF

SUPER SPECIALS

in our

BARGAIN SELLER

WINTER COATS \$9.99 ASSORTED SHELLS Regular \$8.00 \$3.99

ALL CHILDREN'S WEAR 1/2 PRICE Ladies assorted BLOUSES & SLACKS \$6.99

STRETCH DENIM Slacks and Tops \$6.99 Tan Jay PANTS, VESTS & JACKETS \$6.99

PURSES
25% OFF

WINTER HATS
25% OFF

ASSORTMENT OF JEWELLERY
1/3 OFF
LINGERIE
10% OFF

DRESSES UP TO
1/3 OFF

CHILDREN'S WEAR CLEARANCE
HATS & MITTS
20% OFF

SKI SUITS & WINTER COATS
25% OFF

SLACKS & T-SHIRTS
20% OFF

ALL BLOUSES
20% OFF

EDWARDS

Master Charge

Store Hours
Tue. Wed. Thur.
9:30 am - 5:30 pm
Fri. 9:30 am - 9 pm
Sat. 9:30 am - 5:30 pm
Closed Mondays

CHARGEX
VISA

EDWARDS
OF MIDLAND

"We're better all around"

Midland Town Centre
King St. 526-2271