

## Society growing in popularity

# Three Oak Ridge staff members fight child abuse with new society

The Penetanguishene area is the founding site for a new and unique organization, called the Canadian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. And two of the three founding members of this organization are residents of Penetanguishene.

Bill Crawley attended elementary and secondary school in Penetanguishene. He is presently the Chief Attendant at Oak Ridge. Marjorie "Peggy" Buck arrived in Canada in 1946, and she is Administrative Assistant to the Medical Director at Oak Ridge.

The only executive of the society that is not a resident of Penetanguishene is Dr. Elliott Barker. Dr. Barker lives in Elmvale.

The purpose of the CSPCC is complex, but basically it is an organization trying to

prevent child abuse — both physical and mental.

Dr. Barker explained what prompted him to form the organization in a recent interview.

"My working closely with patients at Oak Ridge was what gave me the idea. I became aware of how entrenched many of the mental illnesses are, and I was affected by the sadness of those illnesses," he said.

Dr. Barker came to the conclusion that since many of the illnesses were very deeply entrenched in the patient's mind, they must have begun at a very young age.

He cited the example of a psychopathic illness, explaining that the illness originates at some point in early childhood.

With these things in mind, Dr. Barker decided that he would work on the preventative end of the problem, hoping to prevent some people from ending up in an institution like Oak Ridge.

"What I'm trying to do," he explained, "is to interest the public in the prevention side of this type of illness."

In Ontario, the Children's Aid deals with the problem of direct care, and according to Dr. Barker, they are far too busy dealing with that aspect to give much time to the preventative side of child abuse.

The CSPCC is not a treatment organization — that is, it does not deal directly with abused children. Instead, the organization tries to reach the general public, to make them aware of the problems and consequences of improper child care.

"We'd like to reach as many young people as possible, as well as adults. If we can reach people before they become parents, we may be able to do some good," Dr. Barker said.

Dr. Barker's experience with emotionally ill people comes from years of working with patients at Oak Ridge.

In 1964, he joined the staff of the Mental Health Center. There he developed specialized treatment programs for certain dangerous mentally ill offenders. In 1967 he was appointed Assistant Superintendent of the hospital, and he worked closely with Dr. Barry Boyd. In 1972, he pulled back from what he classifies as "intensive professional overinvolvement" and since that time has

worked as a part-time consultant while working his farm.

Thus far, the CSPCC has met with a warm reception from anyone hearing about it. Dr. Barker has received numerous letters and donations praising the organization and what it is trying to do.

"There are many ordinary citizens who believe that there are problems with the way children are being brought up," Dr. Barker said.

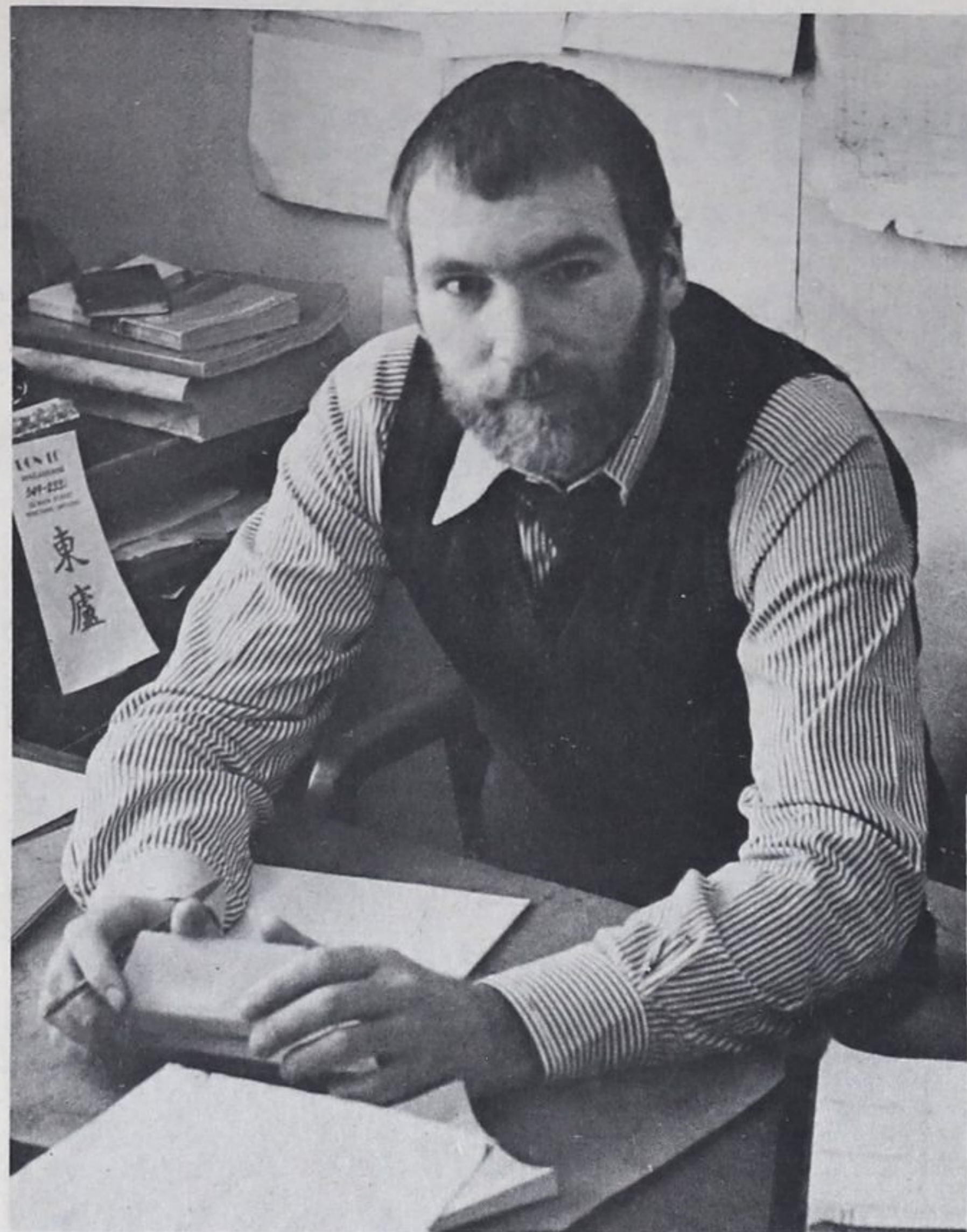
The first Journal of the CSPCC was published recently, and it contains an article written by a criminally insane murderer. The article stresses the importance of dealing with child abuse on a preventative level, before it is too late.

"Heart disease, alcoholism, cystic fibrosis and smoking are now well known as social problems," the article states, "being known and visible, they are a small threat in comparison with the systematic mental crippling of children."

Eventually, Dr. Barker hopes that the CSPCC will become a nationally known organization. He hopes to bring in a variety of people into the association by conducting a membership drive, and of course, he hopes to raise money for the organization.

Although other countries, such as Britain and Germany have organizations that do the same job as the CSPCC, it is unique in Canada.

"No other organization zeroes in on this problem exclusively," Dr. Barker said.



Mike Ufford

Mike Ufford, is one of the people backing the idea of a Tiny Tay Peninsula Development Board. According to Mr. Ufford, a

development body for the peninsula area has been "too long in coming."

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## Newsmakers

The Tiny-Tay Peninsula may soon have a body to promote development of the area, and thus create employment opportunities, according to Tiny Tay Peninsula Planning Board spokesman Mike Ufford.

Several years ago, a conference was held at the now defunct Sandy Bay Hotel, and the possibility of creating a peninsula development board was discussed. The idea was discouraged at that time because of the expense involved in setting up the board.

According to Mr. Ufford, the TTPPB has come up with an idea that will allow the development board to function without costing a great deal of money.

That idea involves the board using the existing facilities and manpower, provided by the TTPPB.

"It doesn't have to be an expensive—separate—thing," Mr. Ufford explained in a recent interview. "The board could use the facilities and manpower that the planning board already has. It would be allied with the area planning board."

### Planning board must take action

The TTPPB is in the final stages of completing an area plan for the entire peninsula. Included in that plan are strategies for developing the area. Mr. Ufford explained that by developing the area, he meant promoting industry, expanding employment opportunities, and generally improving the economy.

The reason for these development suggestions, is that the area planning board must be responsible for taking aggressive action regarding development, according to Mr. Ufford.

"The official plan will be done in about two months. After that, the planning board should move more towards the actual development of the peninsula," he said.

Also included in the official plan, are certain policies pertaining to the improvement of the area. One of these policies is that there has to be new employment.

One of the ways the TTPPB hopes to create new employment, is to encourage and aid area industries in expanding.

"We'd like to try to integrate the economy," said Mr. Ufford, "and get local industries working together."

He cited an example of an industry that manufactures an item, and an industry that makes some component of that same item. If possible, Mr. Ufford would like to see these two industries co-operate in local trade, and thus boost the local economy.

The job of the peninsula development board would be to take inventory of local resources, including industrial land available, and recreational land available. It would also help local business and industry by providing information and assistance where possible.

"Possibly the development board could publish an area brochure—something like Midland has," he said.

In brief, the board would be a working group to promote the peninsula area.

Ideas to develop the peninsula area have been brought forth in the past, but little action has been taken on them according to Mr. Ufford.

"There hasn't been much done to implement the suggestions contained in the Simcoe-Georgian Report, that's why we have to take action," he said.

The Simcoe-Georgian Report was brought out recently by the provincial government, and it contains a number of suggestions on how to improve the peninsula area.

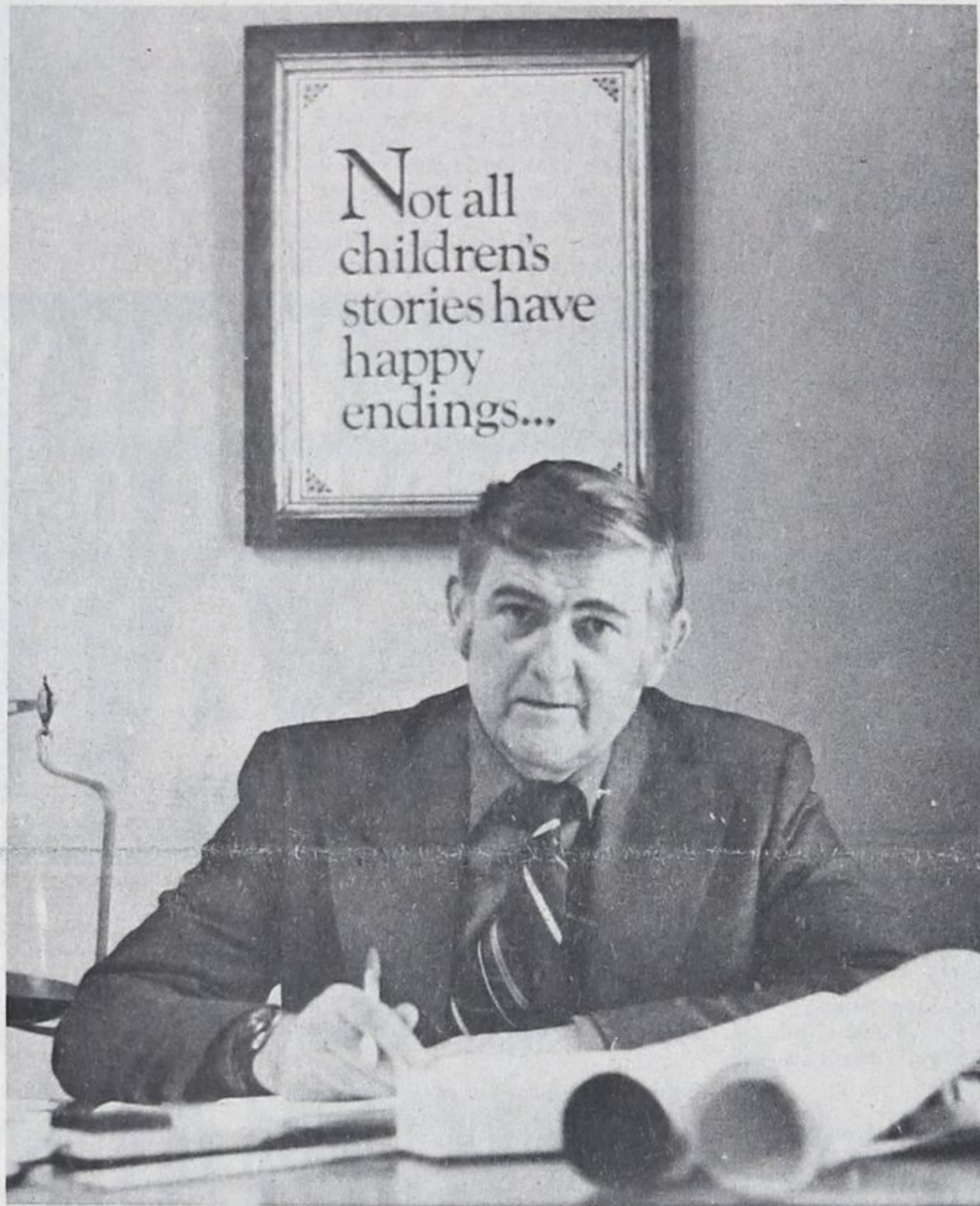
The idea of a development board has been met with general agreement to date, but there are going to be many problems.

Mr. Ufford stressed that the board will have to work very closely with the municipalities in the area, to avoid duplication, and to achieve maximum efficiency.

"We mustn't get into a situation where a representative of the board goes to Toronto to encourage an industry to move to this area, and a representative of the municipality does the same thing," he said.

With the co-operation and approval of the area municipalities, and the TTPPB, the Peninsula Development Board could be an important step in improving conditions in the Tiny-Tay Peninsula area, according to Mr. Ufford.

"It's long overdue, and there's general agreement about the idea in principle, but the mechanics are going to be difficult to work out," he said.



Dr. Elliott Barker

Dr. Elliott Barker is one of the founding members of the CSPCC, and he has high

hopes for the organization when it becomes more well known.

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# Grant increases could raise taxes

The 4.79 per cent average grant increase to Ontario school boards announced earlier this week by the Ministry of Education could translate into nine per cent increase in municipal education taxes, Tom Shultz, business administrator for the Simcoe County Board of Education said Thursday.

Mr. Shultz said in a telephone interview that the grant increase, which has already drawn criticism from school board officials across the province, seems to indicate a shift in government education policy. He said that it is apparent the government is shifting the educational tax burden from the provincial to the local level.

This is manifest in the fact that the grant increase is insufficient to compensate for projected rises in 1978 school board capital expenditures caused by, among other things, inflation and increased teacher's salaries. If existing educational services are to be maintained, he said, the only solution is to effect an increase in local mill rates.

Shultz travelled to Toronto Wednesday to receive the SCBE's 1978 grant portfolio, and although he hasn't had time to calculate the

exact percentage of the board's grant increase, he said that he "doesn't see any indication that the board is going to be much different than the provincial average."

He estimates that the increase will be "in the range of 4.80 to five per cent."

He said that for 1978 he anticipates a situation, which although not as severe, in many ways will resemble that experienced in 1976. Mill rates in 1976, he noted, rose 25 per cent, and of that figure, 15 per cent was directly attributable to a cutback in provincial grant to local school boards. He said that the increased burden that will have to be placed on local governments by the 1978 grant increases will "probably reflect the cost of living index."

"I would say that it is inevitable that education taxes in Simcoe County will be up eight or nine per cent," he added.

The SCBE budget committee will meet Monday night to begin discussions of its 1978 operating forecast, and it is expected by that time that SCBE financial officials will have a clearer picture of the exact percentage increase contained in the grant portfolio.

## News briefs

### New film to be screened

The Hiding Place, the latest full-length feature film from World Wide Pictures will be shown in the Penetanguishene area in the coming weeks. World Wide Pictures is the organization belonging to famous evangelist Billy Graham. The film, based on the best

selling book by Corrie ten Boom, has already been seen by eight million people around the world.

Although the showing date for Penetanguishene has not been released, it should be some time in early February.

### Consumer author visits area

Tom Delaney, author of the "Delaney Report on RRSP (Registered Retirement Savings Plans)" will be at the Midland

savings plans.

The consumer advocate has acted as an RRSP consultant for the CBC's Marketplace and is the leader of the Consumers' Association of Canada's fight to change the RRSP law.

Sterling Trust is located at 309 King St.

### PSS hosts Winterama tournament

Penetanguishene Secondary School will be holding the sixth annual "Winterama Basketball Tournament" on Saturday, February 25.

The tournament has been held during Winterama since 1972, and is publicized as a Winterama event. The previous winners of

the tournament were Base Borden, in 1972, Midland, in 1973, Banting in 1975, and 1976 and Orillia in 1977.

The first game of the tournament begins at 9:30 a.m., and is between Penetanguishene and Barrie Central High School.

### Snowmobiles cause crop damage

Snowmobiles may have become popular recreational vehicles, but according to a recent Ministry of Agriculture and Food press release, they are a menace to farmers.

According to the release, snowmobile tracks on seeded fields, reduce the yield and quality of crops.

"In some cases," a Ministry official said, "snowmobiles crossing fields fracture and break frozen leaves of hay, pasture plants and fall wheat, opening the possibility of

disease invasion."

Snowmobile tracks also compact the snow, increasing the density of the snow and destroying its insulating value. A depth of loose snow helps to prevent penetration of frost, but when the snow is packed, frost penetration is encouraged.

Lastly, the press release states that compacted snow also creates paths for water which may add to existing soil erosion problems.



Valuable find

Penetanguishene resident David Marchildon found this 20-year-old relic in the basement of his parents house on Maria Street.

Apparently, it had been used as an ice fishing pole by the previous owners of the house, but originally it was a hockey stick from the 1958

Penetanguishene Winterama. The lettering on the shaft of the stick can be seen in this picture.

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# Mrs. Vince Moreau judges Centennial beard contest

In a couple of weeks, many Midlanders will be looking a little ragged.

In a month or so, they will be downright scruffy.

By May, they will be barely recognizable. Tuesday night, radio station CKMP officially kicked off its Centennial Beard Growing Contest, and 48 local men registered to take part in a competition that will give them four months to sprout what will hopefully, turn out to be luxuriant spreads of hair over their faces.

During a lighthearted ceremony at the

Windrifter Restaurant, the 48 contestants were examined by three of the five competition judges, to ensure that at the contest's outset, all the competitors were clean shaven.

All were judged fit to participate, although some contestants found it necessary to have judges Nancy Keefe, Mrs. H.M. MacLeod, and Mrs. Vince Moreau run their fingers across their faces twice to make doubly sure.

The contest will run until May 27. Contestants will have a chance midway through

the competition on March 23, to meet again and compare their respective stubbles.

The final judging for the beard growing contest will coincide with the Carol Baker concert, scheduled for late May in the new arena. Prizes are being offered for three categories of beard: the most unique, the best shaped, and the scruffiest. The prizes consist of a \$200 voucher for service and parts from Courtesy Ford, a \$200 gift voucher from Graham Swales Gentleman's Clothiers, and a \$200 voucher from Home Hardware.

# Task force chosen by town

A source from within Penetanguishene's municipal government said yesterday that the members of the downtown renewal task force have been chosen.

Town Council approved Mayor Vince Moreau's motion to form the task force at the last regular Council meeting on January 23.

According to official sources, the Chairman of the task force will be Penetanguishene lawyer John Gignac. Other members of the force will be Chamber of Commerce president Jerry Light, Planning Board chairman Ross Spearn, and Giles Oullette.

Although members of the task force are aware of their selection, and the selection has been ratified by committee, council must put their stamp of approval on the selection at the next regular meeting on February 22.

The selection will be discussed at the council caucus on February 15, but it will not become legislation until the regular council meeting.

Members of the task force met with the Housing Development Committee on Wednesday night, where they discussed plans for studying the question of downtown revitalization.

Among other things, the task force will study the possibility of such things as a market study, methods of public participation, and partnership between public and private enterprise.

The task force will hold its first regular meeting early in February, and will report back to council with the results of the study within four months.

## Dear readers

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