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Leaping for joy, members of the Orillia YMCA perform their vaults during Stardust '78 Wednesday night at the Midland YMCA. Gymnasts, dancers and enthusiasts from the various programs at the YMCA performed before a standing room only crowd at the annual affair.

Staff photo

Bernard vows to halt Harbour honourariums

Victoria Harbour reeve Theo Bernard declared after a special Harbour council meeting Wednesday, that as chairman of that municipality's finance committee, he will recommend in budget preparations, that financial honorariums to councillors be discontinued, because, as he put, "the village is too poor."

Bernard's declaration came following a heated exchange between himself and councillor Ann Connelly, in which Mrs. Connelly claimed that she was being unfairly treated as far as financial remuneration for council duties was concerned. She suggested that while she had rightfully not been paid while absent from council duties, other councillors had been paid while in similar circumstances.

She went on to charge that in fact, some councillors had missed more meetings than she had, while receiving more money.

The exchange between Bernard and Councillor Connelly was precipitated by a suggestion made on the part of the reeve that the family of the late Ralph Gray be forwarded one-third of the former deputy-reeve's 1978 honorarium.

While Bernard was explaining the rationale behind the proposal, Councillor Connelly interjected with her allegations. One of the councillors she referred to was the late deputy-reeve.

Bernard countered Mrs. Connelly's allegations by stating that although Mr. Gray and other councillors had missed meetings, extra work done at the committee level warranted the money they were receiving.

Mrs. Connelly persisted in her claims, stating to Bernard that "you think it's your privilege to do what you like."

Newly-appointed deputy-reeve, Florence Belcher interjected by saying—"If there's anyone to be privileged, it's him (Bernard)—he's the boss."

Visibly angered, Bernard went on to ask Mrs. Connelly how many village business meetings she had attended during the month of January 1978, when the councillor had been vacationing.

When she replied that her absence was no different from other councillor's absences, Bernard exclaimed:

"Do you think you were entitled to a nickel's pay?" he inquired.

"No," replied Mrs. Connelly, who went on to say, "I'm not talking about the month of January. Why is January any different from any other month? What's the difference—I could be arguing about August for all that matters."

"You can argue what you want, but in my opinion, you did not earn any money in the month of January," was the reeve's reply.

"As far as I'm concerned, you can take my own honorarium, and give it to him," Bernard continued, referring to the late Mr. Gray.

"People here are so cheap."

Mrs. Connelly then attempted to introduce a motion to in fact, pay the honorarium to Mr. Gray's family.

"I will not take any motions until a budget is brought down," the reeve responded emphatically. "You can go out and make your political hay."

Bernard then quickly received a motion to adjourn the meeting. After it was passed, he made the statement to council concerning his intentions for councillor's honorariums.

"In view of what has gone on today, and in view of the fact that I'm finance committee

chairman, I'm going to recommend during budget preparations, that council be paid nothing," he declared.

Councillor Connelly indicated that she would support such a move, but

not without a parting word of caution.

"I can tell you it (Bernard's declaration)

goes through, you won't have many people running during the next election," she said.

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Ironside will speak to society

Allan Ironside, a renowned historian from Washago, north east of Orillia, is going to be the speaker at the next meeting of the Simcoe County Historical Society on April 11.

The meeting, which is being held at the Simcoe County Museum, is titled "Geography, history and destiny: a presentation on the influence our geography has had on the history of Canada. Huronia and Simcoe County and how they have affected our destiny."

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Midland and District Community Calendar

- Saturday, April 8**
 —The Wyebridge Community Park Association is sponsoring a Bake Sale at the Huronia Mall, starting at 9:30 a.m. Home baked goods are being offered. If not contacted and wish to donate, call Mrs. Louise Gibson at 526-9497 or Mrs. Mary Rowe at 526-6683.
- Saturday, April 8**
 —The German-Canadian Club half year meeting at Hunters and Anglers (basement) will start at 8 p.m.
- Monday, April 10**
 —There will be a Card and Dessert Party, sponsored by Penetanguishene U.C.W. at Burkevale School, 7:30 p.m. Dessert, beverage and door prizes. Call 549-2715 for tickets and reservations.
- Monday, April 10**
 —The regular meeting of the Registered Alumnae Association will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the form of a pot luck supper (bring your own dishes and cutlery) in the HDH dining room. Program—display and demonstration of new equipment.
- Friday, April 14**
 —The Simcoe Rescue Squad will sponsor a "Disco Dance" with Merv Buchanan's Sound at Brooklea Club. Dancing will start at 8:30 p.m. No one under 18 admitted.
- Saturday, April 15**
 —Quota Club of Huronia will hold a Wine and Cheese party from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Highland Restaurant. Entertainment. Door prizes.
- Saturday, April 15**
 —The Bayberry Estates Community Playground Dance will be held from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Canadian Legion in Port McNicoll. Music featuring—Jim Stubbings. Bar, door prizes, spot dances, raffles, buffet. Tickets available at the door. Everyone welcome.
- Monday, April 17**
 —Open House is being held by the Jolly Georgians Canadian Calorie Counter, 7:30 p.m. at our Club Room, corner of Hugel Ave. and First St., Midland. Speakers are Dr. Reg. Nicholson and Dr. John Corcoran. Everyone welcome. Coffee and tea served. For information, phone 526-7239 afternoon or evening.
- Notice**
 —During Education Week, April 17 to April 21, Huronia District Association for the Mentally Retarded will hold Open House at Huronia Developmental Nursery, St. Mark's Parish Hall, corner Third and Easy Streets. Anyone interested is welcome to drop in and observe our program. The Nursery is open Monday to Friday, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m.
- April—Nature Walks**
 —At the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, Hwy. 12, Midland, starting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 11, 18, 25 and Thursday, April 6, 13, 20, 27. The whole family will enjoy these naturalist led walks to show you the wonders of spring in our area. Call 526-7809 for more information. No charge. Dress warmly.
- Wednesday, April 19**
 —Annual Spaghetti Supper will be held at Calvary Baptist Church. Two sittings: 5 to 6 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For tickets please contact Lois Dowdell 526-6128.
- Thursday, April 20**
 —Mr. George Globe of the Hamilton Naturalists will show his production of 'A Nature Presentation' at the meeting of the Midland-Penetang Field Naturalists at 8 p.m. at the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre.
- Saturday, April 22**
 —The Mother's Club of St. Mark's Church will hold a Rummage Sale, with a 'Nearly New' table in the Parish House, Third Street, Midland at 9:30 a.m.
- Saturday, April 22**
 —Midland Kinsmen present Merv Buchanan's "Disco Fever—Part 2" at Midland Civic Centre, 8:30 p.m. For teens only.
- Saturday, May 13**
 —The Civinettes will be holding a Flea Market at the Parkside Inn. Anyone wishing to donate call 526-6019, 526-9814 or 534-7816.
- Saturday, May 13**
 —Huronia Barbershop Chorus Spring Show - "Forty Years of Harmony" will be held at Penetanguishene Secondary School at 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 14**
 —The Third annual Flea Market, sponsored by Historical Automobile Society of Canada, Huronia region. Held at the Penetanguishene Curling Club, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. For information contact Gord Maybee, 325-3011 or John Magill 526-4921.
- Thursday-Saturday, May 18-20 and May 25-27**
 —Huronia Players present "Once Upon a Mattress", a musical, directed by Lynn Gorell, at Sacred Heart School, William and Elizabeth Streets, at 8 p.m. Lynn Gorell directed last season's play, "Paint Your Wagon".
- Saturday, June 3**
 —Third Annual Vasey United Church auction sale will be held at Vasey Community Park, County Road 23. This outstanding auction sale includes homemade quilts, dishes, antiques, and numerous articles donated by the residents of the area. Time—12:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 10**
 —Miscellaneous auction sale will be held at Waverley Park, sponsored by Waverley United Church.
- Saturday, June 17**
 —Centennial Dance at the Midland Civic Centre. Two dance bands, Modern and Dixieland. For tickets phone 526-9636. Door prize.
- Saturday, June 24**
 —The Fourth Midland Scouting Ladies Auxiliary will hold their annual Book Sale at Zellers. Anyone wishing to contribute books can drop them off at Curry's Gas Station, Zellers, A and P, or call 526-6833 or 526-7909 for pick-up.
- Notice**
 —We are looking for persons to help in the organization of Midland's Centennial Parade on July 1. Please phone Ted at 526-7172.
- 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.**

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