



Shirly Mills

Shirly Mills of Penetanguishene, is the Education Chairman for the Cancer Society in this area. Her job is to provide educational

material for people interested in learning more about cancer, and the Cancer Society. Staff photo

FLAC criticized by board

A meeting Wednesday evening between the External Evaluation Committee and the French Language Advisory Team that coincided with the regular meeting of the Simcoe County Board of Education drew some criticism from trustees at this week's SCBE meeting in Barrie.

Trustee John McCullough brought the matter up during the trustee's question period, expressing concern that the board's three representatives on FLAC could not be at the External Evaluation Team meeting, as they had a prior commitment to attend the regular board meeting.

Mr. McCullough stated that he had been given to believe that the meeting with the External Evaluation Team, which is in the Penetanguishene area this week completing its part of the Co-operative Evaluation Study,

had been called by FLAC. He went on to contend that FLAC secretary Al Guardhouse had been told his attendance at the meeting was not required.

Mr. McCullough said he was "rather disappointed" that the three SCBE members of FLAC, Alvin Gravelle, Mary Erichsen-Brown, and Dr. W.A. Fisher could not attend the meeting, and suggested that their absence constituted a breach of board policy, as FLAC is a regularly constituted committee of the school board.

Trustee Frank Prothero expanded on Mr. McCullough's criticisms.

"This whole evaluation project is supposed to be a co-operative effort. In my view, there's no excuse for them to hold a meeting when the board is meeting," he remarked. "I just wonder how people can co-operate

when they pull a stunt like this. I'm disgusted," Mr. Prothero declared.

Education Director Dr. Jack Ramsay met Mr. McCullough's and Mr. Prothero's criticisms by stating that the Wednesday night meeting had been called by the External Evaluation Team, and as such did not represent an official meeting of FLAC. He said that External Evaluation Team had requested a meeting of those FLAC members available Wednesday night in order to get "a sampling" of attitudes and opinions concerning French language instruction in the Penetanguishene area.

He went on to say that the External Evaluation Team is attempting to sample as many individuals and organizations as possible in the week it is spending in the area. He explained that FLAC secretary Mr.

Guardhouse, had been told he was not required at the meeting because it would be conducted entirely in French, and Mr. Guardhouse is a unilingual anglophone.

Dr. Ramsay's explanation was confirmed by trustee and FLAC member Mr. Gravelle, who said that it was not FLAC's idea to hold the meeting, but rather the External Evaluation Team's.

Mr. McCullough accepted the Education Director's explanation, but not without reservations.

"I'll accept the explanation despite the fact that the information I received indicated that FLAC called the meeting," he said.

"I would seriously question the External Team calling the meeting of a regularly constituted committee of the Simcoe County Board of Education when it conflicts with a board meeting," he concluded.

Newsmakers

Cancer is probably the most feared diseases in our society, and rightfully so. But according to Shirly Mills, Education Chairman for the Penetanguishene Branch of the Cancer Society, there is good news about cancer.

Eighty per cent of breast tumours found in women are not malignant, according to recent statistics from the Cancer Society. In other words, the tumour must be removed, but further surgery and treatment are often not necessary. People who have cancer, and have it diagnosed early, have an 85 per cent chance of survival. People who don't get early diagnosis have a 55 per cent chance of survival.

According to Mrs. Mills, those figures prove that the best way to deal with cancer is to have it diagnosed early.

Mrs. Mills is responsible for providing educational material about cancer to any group wishing such material. She gives seminars at local schools, and provides materials such as films, pamphlets and demonstration kits for local interest groups. Most of the films that go to schools are regarding what Mrs. Mills terms "smoking awareness".

For younger children, the Cancer Society provides a kit called "Celly". Celly is a friendly cell, who helps teachers demonstrate to children what types of lifestyles are safest, and best for their health and well being.

The Cancer Society also provides more direct service, such as patient transportation and personal visitations to cancer victims.

The main function of the Cancer Society is education, but a good deal of the funds raised during Cancer Month also go into research and development of patient services. Inventions such as the cobalt bomb, used to treat some types of cancer and the mammograph, used to detect breast cancer in women have greatly increased the effectiveness of cancer treatment.

When the Cancer Society was formed in 1938, less than \$10,000 was spent on research. The objective for Ontario alone, this year, is \$7,800,000, and 59 per cent of that will go to research and treatment facilities.

As a charity, the Cancer Society is very popular according to Mrs. Mills. "Cancer is something people are happy to give to," she said.

Midland may get two Junior hockey clubs

by Dave Fuller

There could be as many as two Ontario Hockey Association clubs operating in Midland for the 1978-79 season.

Brent Ladds, secretary manager of the OHA, said Wednesday two applications for Junior hockey clubs had already been received at the OHA's Toronto office and would be submitted to the league for consideration at the annual general meeting later this month.

In addition to the two applications already received, the OHA has had tentative inquiries about an Intermediate A league in the Georgian Bay area.

One application made by James Johnson of Midland, is for a Junior B team to replace the Midland-Penetanguishene Junior B Flyers which ceased operations last year, after a financially disastrous season.

A second application by Tom Garner, owner of Garner's Sporting Goods in Midland, is for a Junior C team that would compete in the same group as the Penetanguishene Junior Kings, who finished an extremely successful season last month.

Ladds said neither application had been approved, yet and no decision would be made until the newly-elected league executive meets in May.

Plans for a third OHA team are in the making according to former Midland Flyers owner Ron Sauve who says he wants to put an Intermediate A team into the new Midland arena if he can generate enough interest in a league for the Midland-Georgian Bay area.

At present, there are no Intermediate A teams in the area and any applications to the OHA would depend on clubs being formed in other communities such as Collingwood, Owen Sound, Bradford and Orangeville.

If Sauve adds his application for a team to the two already received, the OHA will have to make a decision as to what clubs should be given approval to operate next season.

Ladds said the application for a B team would receive strong consideration from an administrative standpoint, however, from a financial standpoint a Junior C team "might be better."

He also said that an application for a Junior C team would have to be looked at, in relation to the club already operating in Penetanguishene.

"The only objection I could see, would be from Penetanguishene. It would cut their draw, but, interest in Junior C teams for that area has increased. Financially, it might be better to go with a Junior C team."

Ladds also added that any applications would be announced to the member teams for discussion and their opinions would influence the executive decision.

Tom Garner said Wednesday, he felt Midland could not properly support a Junior B team.

"There's not a chance, Midland isn't big enough for a B team, but, there are enough good players here (in Midland area) to make a super competitive (Junior C) team."

Last year the Midland-Penetanguishene Flyers lost \$9,000 in operating expenses due in part, to the lack of an arena in town after fire destroyed the Midland Arena Gardens in July of 1976.

17 years ago, said he felt a Junior B club was needed in Midland, and those who felt it was unwise were entitled to think so.

"That's their opinion. We're sitting in a good position for a Junior B team, we certainly have the nucleus with the Midgets and the Bantams we have right now."

If the OHA receives an application from Intermediate teams in the area, they would consider approving two clubs for the town, but, said Brent Ladds, there would have to be sufficient financial support for it to be feasible.

Newsbriefs

PSS principal to be area superintendent

Don Beatty, principal of Penetanguishene Secondary School, has been appointed school superintendent for the Area 6 family of schools, it was announced at Wednesday night's meeting of the Simcoe County Board of Education.

Area 6 comprises schools in Barrie and Oro township.

Mr. Beatty's new duties will commence in the fall.

He has been principal at PSS since 1969.

Tax cuts helps board of education

Everyone seems to be taking delight in the fact that as a result of Monday night's federal budget, sales tax in Ontario has been reduced from seven to four per cent, and the Simcoe County Board of Education is no exception.

At the SCBE's regular meeting Wednesday night, trustees learned that they will pay less for four school buses the board recently purchased, as a result of the reduced sales tax.

No centennial logo on water tower

There will be no centennial logo on the water tower or on the Public Utilities Commission vehicles.

At a regular meeting of the PUC, on Tuesday night, Glen Rourke, chairman of the Ad Hoc Public Relations Committee, recommended that the PUC not go ahead



They were handing out medals of a different kind at the Midland Legion Wednesday night. Paul Cox (centre) and Glen Southern (im-

mediate left) were officially presented with their awards for placing in the Ontario Legion Midget-Bantam Indoor Track meet

held in February. Cox won the gold medal in the Bantam boys' high jump while Southern won the bronze medal in the Bantam boys'

1500-metre race. Far left is Zone Commander Bill Gibson who presented the awards along with Branch 80 president Frank Graham.

Co-operative project

Evaluation team visits schools

The co-operative evaluation project investigating the question of French language education in the Penetanguishene area is drawing to a close. In the past week, a team of people from outside Simcoe County has been visiting schools in Penetanguishene and talking to a number of groups about the French language question.

The purpose of the group, called the external evaluation team, is to validate the findings of the internal evaluation team, according to chairman of the internal team, Irving Harris.

"The internal team is large, and is made up of various components from inside the education system in this area. Since many of the people on the team are from the area, we might have biases in one direction or the other," Mr. Harris explained.

The external team is led by Jean McConnell, a senior supervisor from the Ministry of Education in Queens Park. Under Mrs. McConnell's direction, the external team is talking to a number of groups, or "samplings" of interested people. For example, the team has met with a group of anglophones and they plan to meet with a group of francophones shortly.

By meeting with these groups, Mr. Harris

said the external team will find out whether the findings of the internal team are accurate.

The external team has also arranged to meet with school board trustees and school board administration.

"The external team is smaller, and they are from outside the area," Mr. Harris said, "so they can approach the problem with no fixed ideas and no biases."

When the external team finishes its work in Penetanguishene, a report will be compiled. The internal team will then meet with the external team to go over the two reports and arrive at a conclusion.

According to Mr. Harris, the two reports should reflect the same findings, except in one or two cases. The internal team spent most of its time investigating the French language question, since it was deemed the most important aspect. Because of that, the internal report may be lacking in some other areas.

"I stated in the report, that we didn't have enough time to fully investigate all questions...we spent so much time on the French question," Mr. Harris said.

If all goes according to schedule, the two teams should be meeting in the first week of

May. At that time, the members of both teams will "discuss the reports, and try to iron out our differences," the internal evaluation team chairman explained.

The original schedule called for the final presentation, to the four boards of education in the County, on June 19, but Mr. Harris hopes that date will be moved up.

"People are getting very anxious to hear our findings on the whole problem. Hopefully, the presentation will be ready by the end of May," Mr. Harris said.

Tentatively, the public presentation will be held at the County Council chambers in Midhurst, as it is the only place big enough to hold all the people attending.

After the boards have heard the presentation, they will discuss the findings of the joint review, and decide what action to take--if any.

Although Mr. Harris could not divulge any of the details of his report, he did say that some of the recommendations called for "immediate action."

The internal evaluation team report, compiled by Mr. Harris and other members of his team, will be available at the public presentation, along with the report of the external team, and the final report, to be written by Mrs. McConnell.



A fast warm-up and away they went pushing their squeeze-boxes to and fro at the Y's Men's Music Festival. This group of ac-

cordian artists performed Wednesday night before the adjudicator and claimed first place. The performers are (from left): Andrew

Persson, Angela Vergeer and Peter Whitfield.

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