

Rynard questionnaire brings out election issues

If the response to a questionnaire sent to Simcoe North constituents recently by member of parliament Dr. P.B. Rynard is an indication of the interest shown locally to federal issues, the upcoming federal election should see some active campaigning indeed.

Dr. Rynard's office has released the results of the questionnaire, the most important of which is the fact that close to 5,000 people took the opportunity to express their sentiments on various issues of national concern.

A total of 29,000 questionnaires were sent to Simcoe North householders, and the 4,897 which were returned translates into a 16.8 per cent response rate.

Dr. Rynard noted in a telephone interview Monday that such questionnaires are usually responded to by about seven per cent of those who receive them, and said he was "delighted" with the response to the questionnaire issued to Simcoe North constituents.

Dr. Rynard interpreted the response to his questionnaire as a personal vote of confidence. "The first thing you have to realize is the close connection between me and the riding," 78-year-old Dr. Rynard said when asked to account for the usually brisk reaction.

The 12 item questionnaire revealed that Simcoe North voters have strong sentiments on the issues of capital punishment, legalization of marijuana, retention of the monarchy, and resource and industrial development.

It also revealed that voters are uncertain on the question of Quebec separatism, specifically on whether Quebec's status in Confederation should be decided by a provincial referendum.

"The question is a difficult one, and I think it is smart to answer it in that way," he said. "It's so difficult to determine what's going on there."

Voters were definitely more convinced of their position on the question of capital punishment. Eighty-nine per cent said they favoured the reinstatement of the death penalty for crimes such as murder, kidnapping, and aircraft hi-jacking.

Nine per cent were opposed, and only two per cent said they had no opinion.

Dr. Rynard said he believed the overwhelming response in favour of re-instatement of the death sentence stems from a desire on the part of voters to see a return to physical punishment for physical crimes.



Students at the Barrie Campus of Georgian College were honoured during the annual athletic banquet held recently when trophies, medallions and crests were presented to competitors in more than 27 sports programs. Lynda Vaillancourt, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Ray Vaillancourt, 42 Robert Street West, Penetanguishene, and Doug McCann, Barrie, took top honours in intramural golf competition. Lynda is a graduate of Penetanguishene Secondary School and is enrolled in the College's General Business Program.

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Hurononia Crafts Guild

by Adrienne Gardner and Marlene Priesse
Ten members gathered at the Huronia Crafts Guild House on the evening of May 1 for the first of two sessions in craft display techniques given by Julia Cameron.

Julia Cameron is a partner in the Artisans' Marketplace crafts shop in Midland, and well qualified as an instructor in techniques for display and sales of crafts. She began the evening by pointing out some differences between bazaars and craft shows. Bazaars are usually organized in support of a charity, and customers expect to make a small donation while picking up a bargain item. Customers at a craft show, on the other hand, are looking for originality, creativity, quality and exclusivity in the wares displayed. They will be turned off by any synthetic gaudiness, shoddy materials, or poor workmanship.

Julia advised that craftspeople make an effort to be "trendy" by following fads and fashions closely and producing items to serve as complimentary props for a trend. For example, appliqued tennis racquet covers would sell well during the present tennis boom.

The majority of purchases at craft shows and shops are made by young working people, impulse buyers and early Christmas shoppers. They are on the lookout for novel items, new and fresh ideas. It is important that the display create an instant appeal, attracting customers to the booth. This must be followed up by a confident, pleasant sales pitch by the crafts person. All items should be signed or tagged for added personal value, and well marked with firm prices beforehand.

Next Monday night, Julia will cover actual plans for sample booths, using crafts made by Guild members to demonstrate display techniques.

Sweeping lines, angles, soft contours, blends of charcoal on paper; amateur to advanced students are applying themselves to a life drawing course given by John Gould in his Waubesa studio. His teaching techniques, honed at the Ontario College of Art, are softly applied to lead the drawer to view her subject with an eye for shape and contrast, motion and tension, shadow and highlight.

This workshop, which will continue for seven more Monday evenings, will provide many of the students with fresh insight into form, and skills which can be applied to other means of art expression.

For information on Guild workshops and activities, contact 549-8233.

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Obituaries

On April 22, 1978, Mr. George Carriere, suddenly at his residence at Twelve-Mile Bay.

Mr. Carriere was born June 12, 1900 in Penetanguishene, and lived most of his life at Twelve-Mile Bay.

Father Justin Desroches conducted service on April 25 at St. Ann's Memorial Church in Penetanguishene. Interment at St. Ann's Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Marcel, Andrew and Bernard Carriere, Allen Lazier, Henry Williams and Sim Fournier.

Predeceased by parents Michael Carriere and Cordelia Buttineau. Mr. Carriere leaves behind wife, Mrs. Christine Contois Carriere. Survived by

daughters, Mrs. Marie Williams, Mrs. Rose Anne Isaac, Mrs. Elizabeth Isaac and Mrs. Velma Fournier, all of Twelve-Mile Bay, Mrs. Claudette Corbier of Toronto, Mrs. Helen Perrault of Penetanguishene, Mrs. Theresa Contois of Barrie, Christine of Midland and Virginia of Twelve-Mile Bay.

Also survived by sons, Andrew of Twelve-Mile Bay, Marcel and David of Toronto. Mr. Carriere also leaves sisters, Mrs. Louise Fournier of Midland, Mrs. Ella Mae LePage, Mrs. Isabel Bottineau and Mrs. Mary Cascaquette of Penetanguishene, brother Fred of Penetanguishene, sixty four grandchildren and sixty four great-grandchildren.

"What we've had in this riding under PC representation has been a failure to touch the issues of local concern, and this questionnaire is just one more example of that. It doesn't ask people what they think of local issues such as unemployment and low wages," argued Mr. Bullen.

Mr. Basil remains in hospital and is listed in critical condition, suffering from unspecified ailment.

"I'll make that decision when Trudeau decides to call an election," he said.

Air ambulance use

In the first night landing since the inception of air ambulance service in the Midland area, a Ministry of Health helicopter transported a Mississauga cottager to Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto, Saturday night.

John Vasil, 57, became ill at his Balm Beach cottage at about 6:30 p.m. and was transported by ambulance to Huronia District Hospital for observation.

Shortly later it became apparent that Mr. Basil would need the treatment of specialists in Toronto, and the air ambulance was summoned from Buttonville Airport.

At 8:15 p.m., the helicopter landed in the parking lot at Zeller's plaza, sending up a cloud of dust and debris into the faces of the approximately 100 persons who had gathered to witness the operation.

The helicopter was guided through the darkness by flashing lights on ambulances and on an OPP cruiser.

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Minor collision

A collision between a van and car on April 29 resulted in a Christian Island man being charged with careless driving under the Highway Traffic Act and driving while disqualified.

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