

Friday comment

Higher board needed to deal with Ingram issue

The Ingram Crescent situation, in which 22 homeowners are being asked to pay for sanitary sewers they petitioned for six years ago, is a situation shrouded in mystery and plagued with problems.

On Wednesday night, the formal Court of Revision to deal with minor complaints of the ratepayers was held. There were relatively few minor complaints and a truck load of major ones.

We would suggest that a Court of Revision is not the way to deal with the Ingram Crescent problem. Some higher body such as a County Court Judge should be called in.

On the one hand there is a group of homeowners who petitioned for sewers on the assumption they would cost in the neighbourhood of \$14.90 per foot of frontage. They expected to pay in 1972 when the sewers were installed and not six years later in 1978. They also put their faith in engineers and expected their sewers to work.

What they want is the price of \$14.90 upheld.

On the other hand there is the rest of the taxpayers in the town of Midland. They can sympathize with the Ingram Crescent homeowners and agree that the administrators at town hall made a mistake. However, are they going to be willing to pay the difference between the quoted price in 1972 of \$14.90 per foot and the present cost of \$21.90 per foot? Why should they pick up the tab for the town's mistake and Ingram Crescent's sewers?

How can the Court of Revision deal with this situation? It's election year and the politicians are treading lightly. Are two council members and a former council member going to make the rest of the taxpayers pay and face their vengeance. Not likely.

The Ingram Crescent Homeowners were beaten before they began their submissions at Wednesday's meeting.

We suggest the Court of Revision deal with the minor problems with frontage and flankage and let a higher, more objective board deal with the problem of price.

HDH starts cost cutting measures

Since the Ontario government vowed during the last provincial election campaign that it would balance the provincial budget by 1981, government assisted programs and services have been forced to undergo a continuing series of belt-tightening measures.

Of the local services sponsored by the province, this desire to bring Ontario out of the red has been perhaps most acutely felt by the year and a half old Huronia District Hospital. From the time of the \$12 million hospital's opening in 1976, it has faced a continuing run of provincial cutbacks.

The most drastic of these cutbacks occurred just prior to opening date, when the Ministry of Health informed hospital administrators that they could not open all the new building's 134 beds. The ministry said only 99 beds could be made ready for use, but after hospital administrators complained loudly, the ministry acquiesced somewhat and permitted 107 beds to be opened.

Nonetheless, the hospital became burdened with severe economic problems, as provincial funding is based on the number of beds in use - HDH had a 134 bed facility to heat and light, but only received assistance for 107 beds.

The hospital appealed to the ministry for a special grant earlier this year, and eventually received \$250,000. According to hospital administrator Ted Pritchard, however, HDH will still have approximately a \$100,000 deficit when the final audit figures for 1977-78 are released.

Since this deficit will carry over to the hospital's 1978-79 operations, HDH administrators have embarked on a series of cost-cutting measures, with the hope that some of the financial strain on the hospital will be eased in the coming year.

Mr. Pritchard says that the measures have been designed to reduce operating costs, while at the same time ensuring that hospital services remain of high quality. "Basically we've made changes in non-medical areas," he said in a telephone interview this week.

Hospital relief staff have been affected by the cost-cutting. Mr. Pritchard says that in all departments, regular personnel have been instructed to make do with existing staff where possible when employees book off sick or go on holidays. Also, he said, extra support staff are not being called in as regularly as they would normally have been in the past.

A new policy has been initiated regarding overtime hours for technicians. If a technician has to work extra hours or is called from home to handle an

emergency, the employee is asked if he or she will accept extra time off in lieu of overtime pay.

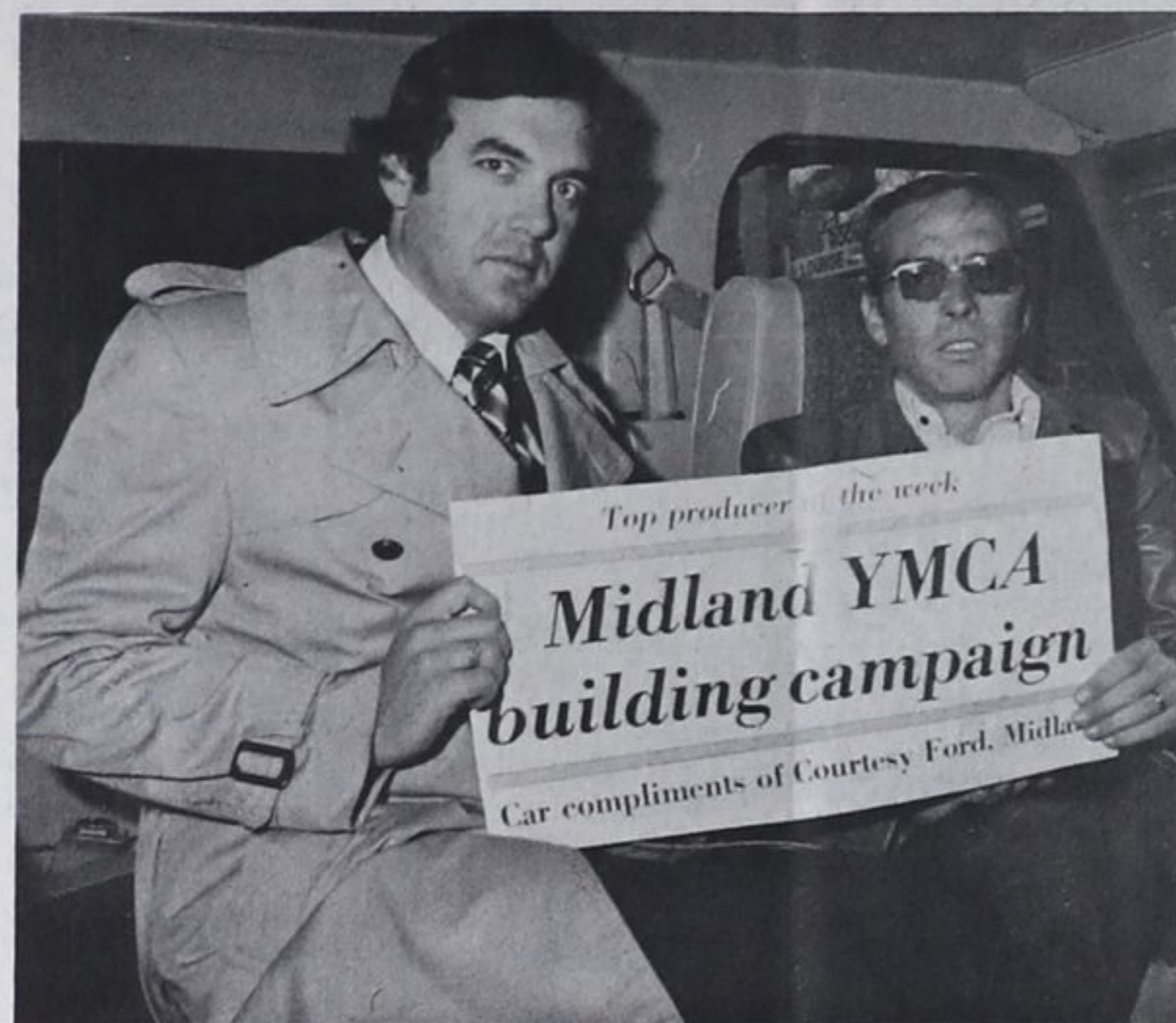
The hospital is attempting to cut energy costs by turning off electric fans, motors, and light when it is not essential that they be used.

Similarly, the hospital is endeavouring to reduce laundry costs by changing bed linen three times a week, as opposed to four, as has been the case in the past.

Mr. Pritchard emphasized that all these cost-cutting measures are

being implemented generally throughout the hospital, and where specific medical needs require extra service, that service is provided.

He went on to say that HDH's budget will receive final approval by late June or early July. If it appears that funds for this year's hospital operations show a significant increase over what HDH officials anticipate them to be, some cost-cutting measures, especially in the area of personnel, may be discontinued. Mr. Pritchard said.



Fund raiser
Greg Rice is the YMCA's top fund raiser this week and for his efforts Mr. Rice will have a Custom Ford Van to cruise around town in thanks to Courtesy Ford. Bob Watson of Courtesy makes the presentation at the YMCA on Hugel Avenue. Staff photo

Let young vandals repair their own damage

A resolution from the Kent County Board of Education, supported Wednesday by the Simcoe County Board of Education, to have parents of youthful vandals held responsible for the financial ends of the damage sounds like a step in the right direction toward dealing with one of our biggest social ills.

But is it enough? Do most children have clear concept of how hard a dollar is to earn these days?

We think not, basically because they are just that - children.

A word from a parent that he or she will have to bear the responsibility for a spree of destruction may not be enough of a deterrent for a youthful spirit.

Since most children find it tiresome to clean up a mess they've been more than willing to create, we would suggest the courts impose a penalty of clean-up and repair duty to those found to be guilty of acts of vandalism.

A session of picking up after one's self might be just the little extra incentive some children need to make them think twice about damaging property again.

Letters to the editor

Bank's participation in Chile loan 'offensive'

Dear Editor:
As an account holder at the Toronto-Dominion Bank, I was disgusted to learn this week that my money has been used to finance in part the largest loan to the government of Chile since it seized power in a CIA sponsored coup five years ago.

I am even more disgusted to realize that my money will go towards perpetuating a military dictatorship that practices murder, torture, and political repression in order to serve the interests of international corporations.

For too long has Canadian big business been a silent but eager participant in exploitative ventures in Central and South America. For too long have Canadian corporations absolved themselves of moral guilt in these matters by using the sanctimonious argument that after all, it's

their responsibility to ensure that the interests of their shareholders are met.

I for one don't consider it to be in my interest to support a government which used foreign backed military force to depose its democratically elected predecessors. Nor do I consider it to be in my interest to support a government that actively seeks to keep the vast majority of the population in a state of appalling poverty, so that international corporations can be assured of abundant cheap labour for their various schemes.

I find Toronto-Dominion's participation in this latest \$210 million loan to be categorically offensive. As a result, I will be withdrawing my account from that bank.

Sincerely,
David Wilson, Hugel Ave.

Shelburne plans high school reunion day

Dear Editor:
During the centennial celebrations for the town of Shelburne, a reunion of all former Centre Dufferin District High School staff and students has been planned for Saturday, June 3. This is set up to include anyone who attended C.D.D.H.S. since its opening in September 1954 until June 1973. Spouses of former staff are of course invited to join in this occasion.

An afternoon social including a tour of the school, introduction of former staff members, a special dedication, and an opportunity to renew acquaintances, has been planned. The evening festivities will be in the form of a dance at the new sports complex with

continuous music provided from the bands of two former students.

The organizing committee worked at great length to seek out the whereabouts of all former students but some individuals have not been contacted due to lack of necessary information regarding either name or address. Anyone eligible who has not yet been contacted is urged to inform the C.D.D.H.S. reunion committee at Box 84, Shelburne, Ontario. It is hoped that this will be an enjoyable and memorable occasion for all who participate.

Yours truly,
Sandra Stoddart,
Reunion Chairman

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Midland and District Community Calendar

- Saturday, May 13** — Garage Sale, 414 King Street, Midland, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by St. Paul's United Church Couples' Club.
- 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** — Georgian Bay Road Runners will hold a garage sale at Sacred Heart School, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations accepted, 526-6092.
- Saturday, May 13** — Monster Garage Sale—10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Midland Civic Centre, sponsored by the Midland Jaycees. Call Contact centre at 526-9333 regarding pick-up of donations.
- Saturday, May 13** — Wilde's 5th annual Garage and Bake Sale, for the Huronia Craft Guild. Usual bargains on all kinds of stuff, and featuring baked goods this year. Proceeds to promote crafts in Huronia. 427 King Street, Midland, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday, May 13** — 2nd Penetanguishene Girl Guides are having a craft and bake sale. The tea will be served at St. Ann's Church, in the basement, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday, May 13** — Plant Sale, Midland Horticultural Society, will take place from 9:00 a.m. to noon, King Street North, across from the bowling alley, near the Town Dock. Sale will include perennials as well as plants.
- Saturday, May 13** — U.C.W. of St. Paul's United Church, King Street, Midland, will be having a Rummage Sale. Doors open at 10 a.m.
- Saturday, May 13** — Huronia Barbershop Chorus Spring Show - "Forty Years of Harmony" will be held at Penetanguishene Secondary School at 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 13** — Garage Sale at Huronia Crafts Guild, 427 King Street, Midland from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Furniture, toys, tools, baked goods etc. In case of rain postponed until May 14. For information call 549-8233.
- Saturday, May 13** — St. Patrick's Phepston C.W.L. will hold a Bake Sale and Garage Sale, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Phepston School Hall. Take 27 south from Midland, past Elmvale to Fergusonville, turn right and follow road two miles to Phepston.
- Sunday, May 14** — The music students of Midland Secondary School will present their annual Spring Concert, an evening of music, at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. A varied program will be presented featuring the Junior Band, Stage Band and Senior Concert Band. Also several soloists. Tickets are available at the door on Sunday night.
- 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.
- Monday, May 15** — The Midland District Shrine Club is holding their Annual Shrine Circus at the Midland Centennial Arena, King Street, with two performances, one at 4:30 p.m. and the second one at 8:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 17** — The Barrie and District Association for the Physically Disabled will hold its Annual Meeting, Banquet and Installation of the new Board of Directors, at 6:30 p.m., Sunnisdale Community Centre. For further information, call 726-0333.
- May 17** — All Saints Anglican Church, Penetanguishene, ACW Annual Spring Dinner, May 17. Two servings, 5:15 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets: call 549-7295 or 549-8856.
- Wednesday, May 17** — Annual Spring Buffet Dinner, featuring a roast beef dinner, will be held in All Saints Anglican Church, Penetanguishene, corner of Peel and Robert Streets. There will be two sittings, 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available now from Mrs. Wice, 549-7295, Miss Porter 549-8856.
- Wednesday, May 17** — Free introductory lecture on Transcendental Meditation, as taught by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, 7:30 p.m. Midland YMCA. For further information call 705-487-4566.
- Wednesday, May 17** — Card Party, Ladies' Auxiliary Midland Legion Branch 80, from 8:00 p.m. at the Legion Hall. Open to the public. 500 and Euchre.
- Wednesday, May 17** — The final meeting of the Midland District Camera Club for the season 77/78 will be held on May 17. The evening will feature a Pot Luck supper starting at 6:30 followed by a slide presentation by Rodger Chittenden of Toronto.
- Thursday, May 18** — The La Leche League of Midland invites nursing mothers or mothers-to-be to attend the monthly meeting at 8 p.m. Babies welcome. For further information please phone Beth Fountain 322-1277 or Yvonne Powell 322-3142.
- 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".
- 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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