



Math champ

Michael Albert, a grade 13 student at Penetanguishene Secondary School, placed third in the recent 1978 Carleton University Mathematics Competition.

Now in its sixth year, the competition is held to encourage students with a talent in mathematics. Students from across Ontario write the preliminary section of the exam

competition at their schools. The top ten students come to Carleton to write a second exam.

These students are awarded a book prize. The winning student receives an entrance award of \$500.00 to Carleton University. The award is donated by the faculty members of the Mathematics department.

## Newsmakers

### Co-op nursery school offers unique education

Each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, the First Presbyterian Church in Penetanguishene houses a group of 15 lively three and four year olds.

The Penetanguishene Co-operative Nursery School offers a unique approach to parent-child-teacher relationships.

The co-op is a non profit organization made up of parents who meet three times yearly to discuss the doctrines of the school.

Together, with the guidance of a trained teacher, the parents draw up a mutually satisfying program for their children, which includes social development and learning skills.

Each parent who enrolls a youngster takes a voluntary turn, on a rotating basis, assisting in the activities and helping the teacher, Carol Gerow with the program.

The preschool atmosphere not only gives preparatory guidance to youngsters who will, within a year or two, be entering the public school system; it helps provide both parents and children with a clearer understanding and insight into each others attitudes and behavior.

According to Carol Gerow, social development and skills such as craft and motor skills (dexterity) are an important part of the development of any child.

Mrs. Gerow feels that the children need to react to and inter-relate with other children and parents.

"Usually they have only had to deal with mother or a sitter", explained Mrs. Gerow. "All adults have different expectations".

Each afternoon preschool session includes a period of free play, painting and crafts, music, snack, gym time and story time. Occasionally the group goes on outings of special interest to the children.

Registration for next September's preschoolers is currently taking place.

A brochure, which can be obtained from the Penetanguishene branch of Parent Co-operative Preschools International, lists information about this program and its approach to the parent-child relationship.

For more information contact the president of the co-operative, Mrs. Mary Lou Meisinger at 549-8549.

## 2,096 signatures

### Petition taken to Queens Park

A group of four Midland residents will travel to Queen's Park Tuesday to present the Ministry of Health with a petition bearing 2,096 signatures, calling for the ministry to allow the opening of all 63 beds at the soon to be completed St. Andrew's Centennial Manor nursing home facility.

The petition began circulating last month, and organizers describe it as a response to the Ministry of Health's decision to permit only 28 beds to be readied for use when the facility opens in early June.

They claim that there is a shortage of nursing home space in Midland that full use of the bed potential at St. Andrew's would alleviate.

Reverend Robert Little, one of the four travelling to Toronto, explained that petition organizers have tried for some time to get MPP Gordon Smith to arrange an introduction to Health Minister Dennis

Timbrell, but they received no response. "We felt we waited long enough for an introduction, so we're going down to talk to anyone who will listen to us," Mr. Little explained. "We'd love to get an introduction to the Minister of Health himself, but if we can't we'll talk to the Liberals, the NDP, or the Tories."

He said the petitioners concern over the ministry's decision is two-pronged. On one hand, he explained, the extra nursing home space is needed simply because there are an increasing number of long time Midland residents requiring health care who have to leave the area to find a bed.

On the other hand, he went on to explain, the petitioners feel that badly needed and expensive hospital space is being used by people who could otherwise receive the treatment they require in local nursing

homes. Reverend Little noted that at the moment there are 12 people in Huronia District Hospital awaiting a nursing home vacancy. It costs the government over \$100 a day to keep these people in the hospital, while if they were in a nursing home, the cost to the government would be in the vicinity of \$16 a day.

"In Orillia there are 172 extended care beds available, in Collingwood, which is about the same size as Midland, there are 148 beds, in Stayner, which is a village, there are 108 beds, in Coldwater, which is much smaller than any of these other places, there are 30 beds, and in Midland, there are a total of 60 beds available, and I'm told there's a waiting list to get in," he said.

Walter Ens of Swiss Nursing Homes, the company which purchased the old St. Andrew's hospital to convert it into an ex-

tended care facility, is also one of the four who are travelling to Toronto with the petition. He explained that when renovations to the nursing home facility are completed in early June, all 63 beds will be ready for occupancy. However, a freeze on nursing home space imposed by the provincial government and its belief that Simcoe County has its quota of extended care beds, induced the Ministry of Health to permit only 28 beds to be opened, he said.

He said that besides being able to operate the new facility more cost-effectively if it was in full use, many local senior citizens have approached him, outlining the need for more bed space.

"There's quite a need in the community to get additional nursing home space. I think it's unfortunate that people have to leave town in order to find it," he commented.

### Animal bylaw affects beaches

Signs warning Tiny beach users to keep their animals off the beach or face a minimum \$50 fine have been posted on all the beaches and in all parks in the Tiny area.

This weekend will be the first time that the bylaw, which was passed late in 1977, will be enforced. According to Pete Bidan, Huronia Animal Control Bylaw Officer no fines were handed out last year since there were no signs posted.

"The bylaw was passed to return beach privileges to people who they were originally intended for," Mr. Bidan explained. He says in the past people have phoned the Tiny Township offices complaining about big dogs leaving messes. People have also ridden horses on the beach.

"It's a very sensible bylaw. Most dogs don't want to be on the beach anyway. They don't want to be on the sand," he said.

The bylaw will be enforced by Mr. Bidan. He says if a dog is picked up and taken to the animal control shelter it will cost \$50 plus the daily \$10 cost at the shelter.

OPP Officers can also enforce the bylaw. Mr. Bidan says the help of the beach associations will also be solicited. Although they can't pass out fines they can phone the bylaw enforcement officer and ask the person to remove the animal.

"It isn't the regular members that will break the rule," he said explaining that the

worst offenders are the cottagers who come to the beaches for short periods of time.

"We want to try to clean up the problem once and for all," he said.



Pete Bidan

Pete Bidan Huronia Animal Control Officer displays an example of the signs which will be posted on all the beaches in Tiny Township.

Tiny passed a bylaw prohibiting dogs and horses on the beaches last year. The minimum fine is \$50. The phone number on the truck is the one you can call if you are concerned about an animal on the beach.

Staff Photo

### Kidnapping suspect captured at US border

Late Thursday afternoon, the Ontario Provincial Police reported they had captured the suspect in a kidnapping case which ended in Coldwater on May 2.

According to reports, Frederick Schott, 34-years-old, was apprehended while trying to cross the border between Canada and the United States on foot near Montreal.

It is believed that Schott is the man who abducted Kathryn Stuart 28, from outside a Portland, Maine medical centre.

Ms. Stuart escaped her captor at about 1:30 on May 2 after the abductor left his yellow Volkswagen van to enter a Coldwater Liquor store. During her captivity she had been held at gunpoint, wrapped in chains and sexually assaulted.

Upon returning to the U.S., Ms. Stuart was questioned by FBI agents in Boston.

Shortly after Ms. Stuart's escape, a massive manhunt for her abductor began. A police helicopter from Toronto flew to the

Orillia area but was unable to uncover any sign of Schott or his vehicle.

Schott was being sought for questioning following the alleged abduction and rape of a woman from Portland Maine nearly three weeks ago and who was found after she had escaped her captor in Coldwater.

The assistance of police forces and

federal agencies throughout Canada and the U.S. were enlisted in the search for Frederick Schott wanted in Connection with the incident.

A warrant was released by Orillia OPP for Schott's arrest on counts of forceable confinement and rape.

### Lions to build tables

The Penetanguishene Lions Club have come up with an idea to provide 60 folding tables for the Penetanguishene arena at a remarkably low cost to the municipality.

The tables will be 96 inches long and 32 inches wide, and will be finished with varathane-liquid plastic. The materials for the tables are to be supplied by the Arena Floor Fund Committee at a total cost of \$1,800. The necessary materials are plywood, folding metal legs and miscellaneous hardware.

The Lions Club proposed that they could supply the labour to build the tables at no

charge to the town. A good portion of the cost could be covered by a Wintario grant, which would make the net cost to the town about \$423.

The Lions feel that building the tables would be a worthwhile contribution to the arena.

"These tables are to be the property of the Arena Board, and this proposal is made so that the Penetanguishene Lions' Club may make a substantial contribution to a very worthwhile project," Lions President Ivar Johnson said in a letter to the board.



Baby donkey

Jenny is the Sicilian donkey who participated in Penetanguishene's Winterama this past February. The expectant mother

paraded through town, during the celebrations, delighting children and parents alike. Recently Jenny gave birth to Dan-

delion. Owner Kathi Sauve estimates that Dandelion was born early Tuesday morning. This photo was taken mid-afternoon the same

day. Brand new. Mother and baby doing just fine.

Staff photo

## News briefs

### Moreaus to defend golfing title

Penetanguishene Mayor Vince Moreau and his wife have a title to defend at this year's Ontario Arena's Association Golf Tournament. Last year the mayor and his wife went to the tournament and competed in the mixed nine-hole competition, and they won in their category.

At a meeting of the Arena, Parks and

Recreation Board on Wednesday night, the mayor announced his intentions of returning to the tournament this year, to defend the title won last year. The tournament will be held in Sudbury.

Good luck to the Moreaus as they defend their title!

### Local youths arrested by police

A combined investigation by Midland OPP and the Penetanguishene Police Department into four incidents of break and enter which took place in the Ishtaming Beach area of Tiny Township between May 2 and 4

has led to the arrest of two youths. Charged on several counts of break and enter were James Colick, 16, of RR3 Penetanguishene, and Paul Raschewski, 16, of the same address.

### Citizen holiday office hours

Like any sun-loving people, the Citizen staff are looking forward to a holiday on this long weekend. For that reason, the editorial department of the paper will be closed all day today. The office will remain open, for ad-

vertising submissions.

The Citizen office will be closed on Monday, May 22, so all advertising must be submitted to the office by 5 p.m. today.

## CORRECTION

Due to a misunderstanding, there was a mistake on the front page of the Wednesday, May 17 edition of the Citizen. In the story titled, "Circus to perform on arena grounds" it was stated that the Martin and Downs Circus would be performing on the Penetanguishene arena grounds.

That is incorrect. The circus will be performing on June 7, at the Penetanguishene Community Centre, in the area of the Curling Club and the Waterfront Park. Entrance to the circus will be off Owen Street. Apologies for this error are extended to all concerned.