

Friday comment

Congratulations to Court of Revision for careful scrutiny

Hats off to the Court of Revision dealing with Ingram Crescent for their careful scrutiny of the events leading up to the installation of Ingram's sewers and the associated bills and costs. By doing their homework they managed to justify knocking \$1.31 per foot off the cost of the sewers for the Ingram homeowners. It was \$1.31 per foot which wasn't rightly charged to them in the first place.

The Ingram Crescent issue has been shrouded with problems. Six years ago sewers were installed as a result of a Local Improvement Petition on the street. Last December the bills for the work, some of them for nearly \$3,000 were issued to the homeowners on the street. Some ratepayers who recently moved in didn't know about the bills and most were surprised to see that the actual cost exceeded the 1972 estimate by \$7 per foot. The homeowners wanted answers. A public meeting was held. More recently a formal Court of Revision hearing was held to deal with the situation.

We suggest that despite ill feelings from the homeowners the Court of Revision did all they could in light of the fact that two alderman and a former

alderman sit on the Court. Let's face facts. The Court couldn't arbitrarily decide to lower the cost with no basis in fact and face the vengeance of the town in election year.

Now that the formality of the Court of Revision is over we would suggest the homeowners appeal the decision to a County Court judge. Only an impartial person or body can adequately deal with this deeply rooted problem. According to the chairman of the Court of Revision everything is now in order, "there are no more grey areas" and any information a judge may want is ready for him.

The Ingram Community Homeowners' Association hasn't taken this thing sitting down so far. We suggest they don't back down here. If they feel the ends of justice are still to be served they should proceed.

Already there have been two incidences of distraught homeowners facing huge bills for sewers installed six years ago. With a little persistence from an active ratepayer's association maybe a future case of this sort can be prevented. At the same time perhaps they can help themselves face a smaller financial burden.

MSS demonstrating centennial spirit

Midland Secondary School is to be commended for the variety of entertainment and activities they have undertaken during the first half of Midland's centennial year.

Charivari, an evening of music and dance, held at the auditorium on Wednesday, climaxed a full program of events which has involved the student body and the general public.

Open House was a resounding success with particular emphasis placed on Midland's history and the part played by the high school through the formative years to the present.

Homecoming provided a focal point for hundreds of former students to renew acquaintances and share

memories of years gone by.

Many people were involved in the planning and execution of the various special events connected with centennial year, and it is impossible to thank all those who contributed to their success.

Special thanks should be given to Mrs. Phyllis McCullough, director of music, Mr. Ray Holt, stage director, and the students who gave so freely of their time, for our enjoyment.

Thanks MSS. You have shown us what involvement in the centennial is all about. You have set the pace for the rest of us in Midland to sustain throughout the balance of centennial year.

Open meeting to discuss evaluation study

Organizers of the Co-operative Evaluation Study project, investigating the question of French education in the Penetanguishene area, have gone overboard in their quest for privacy.

It was announced at the meeting in Midhurst that the Simcoe County Board of Education will hold a special meeting on Monday night to discuss the contents of the report, which is a very good idea. But it was also announced that the meeting will be "in camera", that is, it will be closed to members of the public and to the media. This in itself wouldn't be so bad, except for the fact that it is becoming standard procedure for the SCBE.

When the Internal Report portion of the evaluation project was being compiled, all contents and information relating to the report were kept confidential. According to Irving Harris, chairman of the internal team, the reason for that was to keep anyone from establishing opinions prematurely. Members of the public and the media had to be content with a few scanty press releases that didn't give the whole picture by any means.

Now, the contents of that report have been made public as of Wednesday night, the SCBE is preparing to consider the results of the project—and no

doubt compile another confidential report. When the board has considered the findings of the report, they will probably be made public, but until then, we must wait. Again.

When the Co-operative Evaluation Project got underway, if anyone can remember that far back, it was intended to investigate the questions surrounding French education in the Penetanguishene area. Since most of our tax dollars go towards supporting the school board, and since the project is directly related to the education of our children, how does the SCBE justify the cloak of secrecy that has surrounded the project from the beginning?

Surely, the question of French education is most important to parents and children in the Penetanguishene area, not to the members of the board of education.

The evaluation project could very well have a definite effect on the quality of education received by children in this area, and still the board insists on discussing the matter behind closed doors.

We strongly suggest that the SCBE bring the entire evaluation project and their deliberations about the project into the open, which they should have done in the first place.

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Midland and District Community Calendar

Saturday, June 3
Sons of Scotland second annual dance will be held at Midland Legion, Queen Street. Lunch served.

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.

Monday, June 5
—Calvary Baptist Church Choir presents Soiree Musicale, featuring John French, Pianist, Vicci Thompson, Soprano soloist, and Bonnie Worthen, French Horn Soloist, and Church Choir, at 8 p.m., in Calvary Baptist Church auditorium. Tickets available at 526-9845 or 526-6738.

Friday, June 9
—Tickets are available for the First Presbyterian Church luncheon. Seating times are: 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 and 1:00 p.m. The menu is a cold plate. Phone early for your choice of time. The numbers to call are, 549-2185 or 549-8516.

June 9, 10, 11
—Yoga Retreat—enjoy a relaxing weekend on beautiful Beausoleil Island. Workshops offered include Beginners and Advanced Hatha Yoga, Massage Therapy and Meditation. For information call Janet Phillips 361-2196.

Saturday, June 10
—Miscellaneous auction sale will be held at Waverley Park, sponsored by Waverley United Church.

Saturday, June 10
—Penetanguishene Curling Club is holding its Annual Garage Sale, Water Street, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bake table, plant sale and a huge assortment of household and outdoor goods.

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.

Notice
—The Huronia Development Nursery, sponsored by the Huronia Association for the Mentally Retarded, is located at St. Mark's Parish Hall, corner of Third and Easy Streets. The Nursery, which is partially funded by the Day Nursery Branch of the Minister of Community and Social Services is desperate in need of volunteers for its morning and afternoon programs. Please contact Unice Buck, supervisor, 526-2123.

Notice
—An invitation is extended to one and all to attend an evening of discussion and information on the Bahai Faith, at the home of Mrs. Isabel Leroux, 130 Poyntz St., Penetanguishene, at 8 p.m. and every first Friday of the month. Everyone is welcome. Phone 549-2249 for further information.

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Notice
—Are you serious about losing weight! Then a warm welcome is extended to all persons with a weight problem. In area 2 we are proud to have four branches near you. Meeting time for following three branches—Mondays 7 to 9 p.m., Midland, 'Jolly Georgians' in Senior Citizen meeting hall. Lafontaine, 'La Trimmers' in Community centre. Penetanguishene, 'Pen Trimmers' in the Public Library Hall. The afternoon 'Pen Watchful Way' meet Thursdays 3:30 to 5 p.m., Penetang Library Hall. It's be Slimmer for Summer Time, come as our guest to see what we're all about. For further information call Area Rep. Stella Quesnelle 549-8272.

Notice
—Wyebridge Parks and Recreation Committee wish to thank Mr. James Kennedy and Coca-Cola Ltd. for their donations, and everyone involved in any way with the March 15 Skate-a-Thon. Your support helped make it a success, bringing in \$1,069. Top pledges - girls, Kim Buchanan \$80, boys, John Dennis \$205.90.

Notice
—Opportunities for volunteers to work with wildlife at the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, Midland - bird studies, fish stocking, build trails, office duties etc. Call 526-7809 for further information.

Notice
—On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 4 p.m. there is recreational swim time at the Y pool for people 55 years old and over. Come and swim at your own pace. Have a relaxing sauna. Meet your friends.

Notice
—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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