

Fair queen contest may be dropped

A motion to have the Miss Midland Fair Contest suspended may be passed at the next meeting of the Tiny and Tay Agricultural Society. At the society's last meeting on Wednesday, a motion to have the contest suspended was tabled but no action was taken. Society president, Betty Rumney indicated the contest may be called off due to a general lack of interest and the number of contestants, such as Miss Midland Centennial, held in the past six months.

However, the society is planning the possibility of a baby show for the fair which runs September 14, 15 and 16.

In other business at the meeting, it was decided to order trophies for the horse show in the near future, and inquiries will be made concerning judges for various events.

Both the Oddfellows and Rebecas will be looking after food concessions at the arena during the fair, while the

Eastern Star will be asked to handle the gates. A notice will be sent to all livestock exhibitors in the fair that a Brucellosis-free certificate must be presented.

Also, Mrs. Rumney and 1977's Miss Midland Fall Fair, Jean Kelly, will be entered in the Midland Centennial Parade this Saturday.

Miss Kelly will be at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto August 15 for Miss Fair Day, where she will compete with other candidates for the Miss CNE title.

Other items featured at the fair will be a microwave cooking demonstration by Therriens, a fashion show by Murray Mostyn, a grooming demonstration by the Huronia Kennel Club and the ever popular Hore Pull.

Saturday night will feature a show by Maple Sugar, a Guelph based group which performs traditional Canadian folk

music. Tickets, which will be \$3 each, will be on sale at the arena box office from September 12 to 16. Only

1,500 seats will be sold. Admission to the grounds for this year's fair will be \$1.50. Membership tickets can be

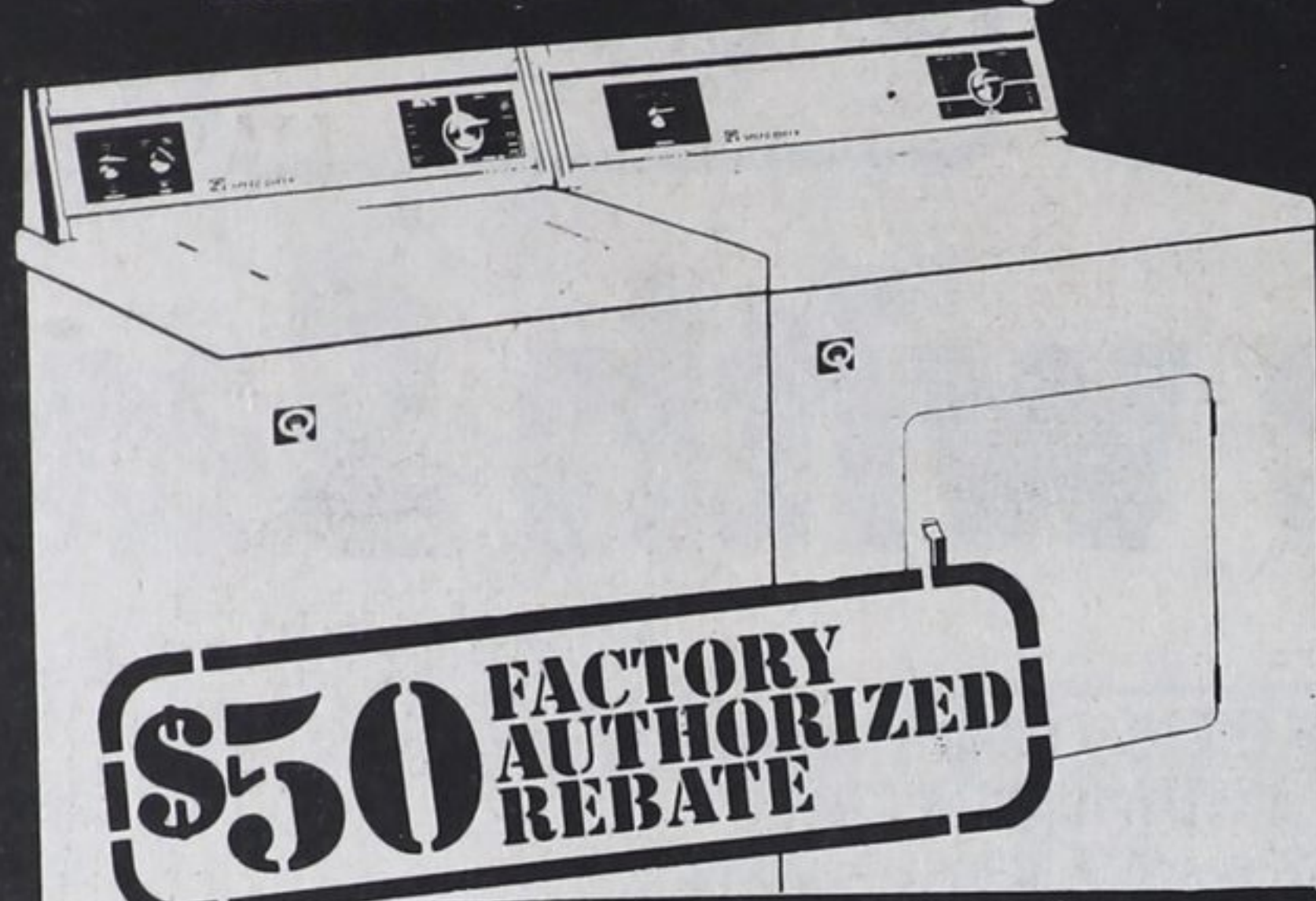
purchased at \$2.50 which allow admission to the grounds all days and entitle the bearer to exhibit articles.

The society's next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 16 at the Civic Centre in Midland.

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Graduation

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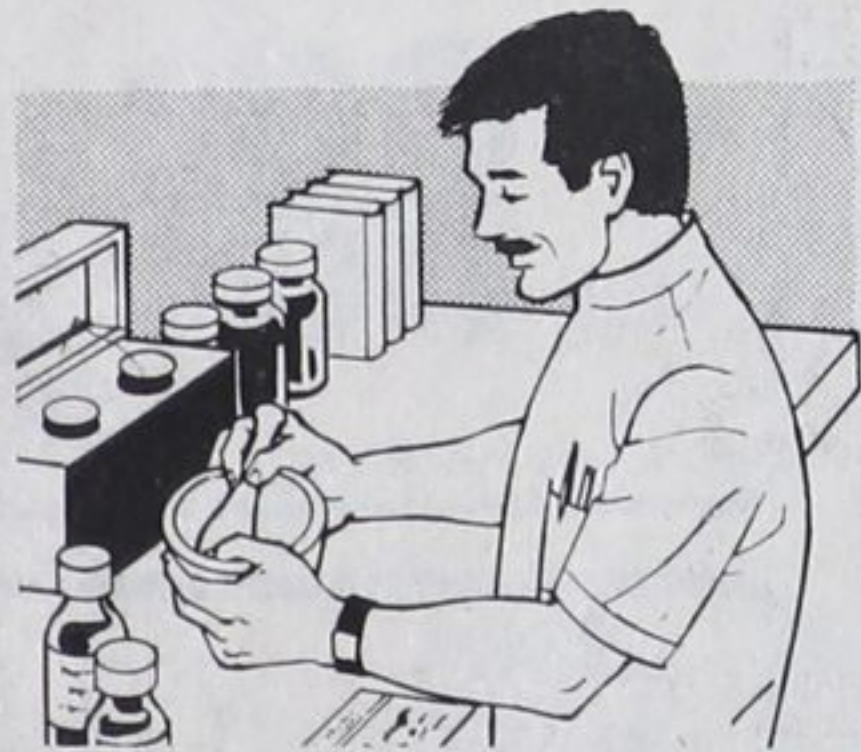
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Campaign built old YMCA

Midland is soon to have a new YMCA building the organization has a long history in Midland, which dates back to 1900 when YMCA activities took place in two small rooms in the Ingram Block.

The need for larger quarters spurred the purchase of a lot at the corner of King and Dominion, but before sufficient funds had been raised, an alternative arrangement was struck with F.W. Jeffery who built a three storey building on the site, and leased the second storey to the Y for \$500 annually.

At that time, the "new" Y facilities were considered among the best equipped in all Ontario. The rooms were open until 10 p.m., and the Y also conducted a "star course of entertainments", excursions, social evenings and an annual banquet. There are Midlanders who still remember the fun of the "Bum Bum and Ding Ling Y Circus."

Then, in 1928, Mr. and Mrs. S.L. White gave the town a magnificent gift - a new building, completely equipped and furnished.

In recognition of this fact and in commemoration of the White's 50th wedding anniversary, an illuminated book was placed in the lobby of the Y which detailed their ac-

complishments and service to the town of Midland.

White was an American who came to town in 1887. By 1900 he and his wife had become Canadian citizens, and they began their active interest in the affairs of their adopted town. White was a business partner of James Playfair, and served Midland on council and as mayor in 1904-5 and again in 1918.

He was an energetic member of the building fund of the Presbyterian Church, and for 16 years he was Chairman of the Hospital Board. It was White who secured the Carnegie grant which built the Midland Public Library (in the building which now houses the senior citizens' centre). As well as being a member of the Parks commission during the establishment of the tourist camp, White was also president of the Midland Hockey Team which won the Northern Ontario championship and he was one of sponsors of Midland's first curling rink.

The White's gift of a fully furnished and equipped YMCA building has proven to be an enduring landmark in the history of our town.

Now the activities of the Y have outgrown their present quarters, and we are embarking on a new chapter in the Y's history of service to the youth of Midland.



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