

Tay Township condemns bilingualism

Recently, Ontario Premier Bill Davis urged Canadians in this province to speak up for a Canada in trouble and to tackle the unfinished business of nation-building. The Premier made his remarks at a combined meeting of London area service clubs.

Tay township council apparently has taken the Premier's message literally. Last Thursday during its regular session, the council passed a resolution which condemns bilingualism in general and the decision to build the new French high school in Penetanguishene.

Tay township deputy-reeve Bruce Tinney presented the motion to council for adoption. It was passed by a 3-1 vote, with one abstention.

The resolution will now be circulated to area municipalities. Neither Victoria Harbour council, nor Midland council dealt with the Tay resolution at their Monday sessions.

Last summer Tay township council circulated a resolution supporting the Simcoe county board of education's original decision not to build a French school in Penetang. That resolution received considerable support from municipal councils in Simcoe county. Penetanguishene council endorsed it 5-3 at the height of the French school controversy.



Through the locks

Sunday afternoon during Open House visitors to the site saw how the lift-locks operated for canoes.

CEC listed 140 jobs

About 140 jobs listed with the Canada Employment Centre in Midland were unfilled at the end of April. CEC manager Don McNee reported in a month end release.

The majority of these jobs require experience, licences or certificates and we just don't have people with the proper qualifications in our files McNee said.

A sample of vacancies includes legal secretary, meat cutter, cooks and motor vehicle mechanics, tool engineers and registered nurses.

During the month of April 174 new vacancies were listed with the main centre and the Student Centre. 144 positions were filled.

McNee said that placement activity had slackened off during April, particularly with jobs of a permanent nature.

McNee added that some lay-offs were reported by local manufacturers and further lay-offs were scheduled for May.

On a more positive note McNee said that the department will be conducting an "English as a second Language" course for recent Vietnamese arrivals to our community. The course will be given under the Canada Manpower Training Program and will commence on Monday, May 26.

Arrangements are currently underway to have sponsors bring the refugees to the CEC for documentation.

The report concluded by stating that word on the approval of this years Summer Youth Employment Program Projects is expected to be announced early in May.

Sorting out bewildering law

Sorting out the tangle of laws and regulations which apply to any business is a bewildering task.

The library can help. If you're involved in running any type of small business or thinking of starting some form of self-employment, you're invited to a free program at the Midland Public Library on May 22.

The program, which starts at 8 p.m., is sponsored by the library, Community Legal Education Ontario and the Georgian Bay Regional Library System. Guest speaker for the program is Greg Rice of the Simcoe County Law Association.

Rice, in his talk on small business law, will

explain the laws and regulations related to setting up a business, zoning, safety, employees' rights, hygiene, consumer protection, and much more.

Whether you run a general store, sell needlework, have a roofing business, raise cattle for market or are engaged in any other small business, this is

your opportunity to talk to a lawyer and ask questions such as: when do I need an accountant or lawyer? Do I need to incorporate? What taxes do I have to pay?

This program is open to the public without charge; everyone concerned with small business laws and regulations is invited to attend.

Sewer system could cost \$6 million in the Harbour

It was confirmed at a council meeting in Victoria Harbour, Monday night, that tenders for the sewer system will be called soon.

It is expected that the construction will start by mid-July or the end of August.

According to Douglas Jackson, reeve, the estimated cost of the projects will be \$6

million. Jackson said that the laying of the sewers should be complete and ready for operation by last 1981 or early '82.

The connecting lengths project should be completed by the fall of 1981 and the water main by 1981. However Jackson stated that the water main could be completed by the fall of this year.

French school cost doubled

An interim report presented by the Ministry of Education has pegged the cost of the new French-language high school in Penetang at \$986,160. This is almost double the original figure indicated by Education Minister Bette Stephenson last month.

A gymnasium and library account for the additional \$486,000. The facilities will be designed in such a manner as to allow additions if needed. Units can also be easily removed, as well.

At a special meeting of the Simcoe county board in Barrie last week, John Storey, director of the Ministry of Education's Central Ontario region, underlined the joint negotiating committee's main priorities at this stage.

The chief "urgencies", Storey said, are the staffing of a principal for the separate unit, accurate enrolment figures for staffing purposes and building considerations. A minimum of four teaching units will be built. Another three modular units will be provided for specialized areas.

The present design can accommodate 220 students. Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School will maintain its present status as a bilingual entity next year.

The \$986,000 figure is based upon current prices for "modular re-locatable buildings." The site has not yet been chosen by the joint committee and the cost of purchasing or leasing land is not included in the current estimates. The Ministry of Education will foot the bill for any additional land required for the new school.

The Simcoe county board of education reiterated its position not to fund more than 5 per cent of the original half-million dollar proposal. That's \$25,000. Any additional capital funds will be borne by the provincial education department.

Advertisements for a principal and an unspecified number of teachers have been placed in selected media. Simcoe county teachers have also been notified the board is accepting transfer requests.

In accepting the joint committee's interim report last week, the administration is now able to continue with the next phase in planning. A September 1 opening appears unlikely. However, a "contingency" plan has been developed.

Should the school board find it necessary to purchase property adjoining the existing high school grounds, a re-zoning request to the town of Penetanguishene's council and planning board may cause some additional delays and problems.

Penetang man faces robbery charge

Police in Penetanguishene have charged a 29-year old Burke Street resident with robbery with violence following an incident at a Burke Street address Sunday evening.

Richard Laramey of 32 Burke St., will appear in Provincial Court May 26 to face the charge. Police report the incident involved the theft of cash.

On Saturday, May 10 at 6:35 a.m. a 23-year-old Fox Street man was charged by police with impaired driving, excess alcohol and taking a vehicle without the owner's consent. The charges were laid following a pursuit by police. The vehicle, a 1976 Ford pickup, was abandoned during the incident.

Charged is David Peter Forget of 83 Fox St., Penetang. He'll be in provincial court May 26.

On Saturday morning, May 10, at 2:55 a.m. police charged James Edward Perrault, 17, of Fox Street with possession of a narcotic under the Narcotic Control Act and breach of probation. A court appearance has been scheduled for May 26.



Scholarship winner

Melanie Whetham of Orr Lake, right, accepts a \$110 scholarship from Mrs. Jim Beard, who made the presentation Thursday on the behalf of Simcoe Centre District Women's

institute. Whetham has completed one year at the University of Western Ontario and will be studying at the University of Guelph in the fall.



The guys with the goodies

Midland Shriners Jack Scott and Gary Price were two of the many Shriners circulating in Midland's Centennial Arena last week selling drink, food and

keeping order among the hundreds of children who came to the Shrine Circus.