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SCBE forks out \$68,000 for new Fr. school site

BARRIE-- Irving Harris, director of education for the Simcoe County Board of Education is pleased with the 'good headway'

the joint working committee has made for the Penetang French high school. He must be pleased. Wednesday evening the

school board agreed to purchase 6.8 acres of vacant land from a local property owner, Mrs. Pierrette MacLeod, to build the French school.

The board will pay \$68,000 for the property. The land, edging behind houses on Robert Street East up as far as Jefferey Street, is now zoned in the 'Holding' category. The school board must now make application to the Town of Penetanguishene for proper zoning to 'Institutional.' That may take some time.

In the meantime, plans are underway to start up French-language instruction this fall in the continuation wing of Ecole Ste-Croix in Lafontaine. The wing has not been in use since it was closed in June, 1978. It formerly housed the secondary school until June of 1966.

An agreement is being worked now between the Simcoe County Roman Catholic School Board -- owners of the school -- and the Simcoe County Board of Education.

FLAC member, Basile Dorion says the committee is willing to accept that site, but says they were really looking for something a 'little more central.' He says the continuation wing, which has 'about six or eight classrooms' will temporarily house the French high school students for 'the

shortest possible time.' But he says the boards have said the school will be used 'as long as needed.'

Re-zoning the newly-acquired property adjacent to PSS may take some time, so it's anybody's guess how long students will remain at the Lafontaine site. Dorion is concerned they may get stuck out there for a long time.

He says the old school does not have a gymnasium which they can use, it lacks a cafeteria and there is no library.

While the county school board continues planning for the French high school, the Concerned Citizens for Bilingual Unity are asking the trustees for some answers to their questions.

Eight members of the citizen's group made a short presentation at the school board meeting Wednesday. Since the bulk of their presentation was in the form of questions, board chairman, Roy Edwards, told them to leave their written comments with the board. They were told they would get an answer 'in the form of a report' from the administration in a few weeks.



Knights to the rescue

Sr. Joan Whalen, administrator of Penetanguishene General Hospital, was pleased Wednesday to accept a \$500 cheque from the hand of Bernie Leclaire, who represented the Huronia Council of the Knights of

Columbus. Behind from left are Mel Wright, Grand Knight, and George Bourgeois, Past Grand Knight. Leclaire is a Past District Deputy. The \$500 will go towards purchasing a cardiac monitor.



1865 home

This 1865 Canadian home moved from Ironton, Ont. to Marcelville Antiques on Highway 27, is about three weeks away from completion. Denis Robitaille, one of the antique business operators, has long range plans to turn the property into a working pioneer village with a blacksmith

shop, general store, an auberge and other buildings. This early Canadian home, transported piece by piece, is the first step. 'Other than a few days of rain,' says Denis, the project has been problem free. The 'Odd Jobbers' of Lafontaine are putting up the structure.

Steel going up at new factory site in Midland

There's more construction going on these days at Midland's Industrial Park where the steel is being placed for Fabulous Formal's new addition.

It will be the second building erected in the town's industrial park.

The finishing touches are being placed on Bell Canada's new facility there too.

Siphoning gasoline

If you haven't been getting the mileage you should from your car, maybe you should consider the possibility thieves are siphoning your gas.

Midland police reported Thursday three separate incidents of thieves siphoning gas from trucks and buses. Police arrested three individuals in the most recent case.

Snider Cartage Ltd., located on Albert Street, reported seeing a suspicious vehicle shortly after 10 p.m. Wednesday night. Police found three persons siphoning gasoline.

Charged are Maurice Maracle, RR 1 King St., Midland; Paul Ross Lavigne, Hayes Street, Port McNicoll; and Jeffrey Bates, 676 King Street, Midland. Each is 18 years of age.

The three are to appear in court June 30. Wednesday morning Snider Cartage reported that an unknown quantity of gasoline had been siphoned from the gas tanks of their trucks some

Citizen briefly

Air Cadets win words of praise

A group of Midland Air Cadets were present Monday night for a special meeting of town council.

Their leader told the mayor and councillors, Air Cadets were present so that they could have a better understanding as to how municipal affairs operate in Midland.

Mayor Moreland Lynn presented a plaque to the group citing their efforts during last week's visit to town of the Governor General. Air Cadets were also praised for walking off with the top prize in their division at a recent drill squad competition.

Offices will be closed on Tuesday

Due to the civic holiday falling on Tuesday, July 1, our newspaper offices in Midland, Penetanguishene and Elmvale will be closed on that date.

However we will remain open on Monday, June 30 as usual.

Advertisers, correspondents and carriers are being advised of the above information.

Midland going to the market place

To help pay for construction of a new addition to Midland's water pollution treatment plant, town council this week approved the issuance of debentures not to exceed \$1,750,000.

Following a meeting with their fiscal agent, council agreed the time was right, considering the market, to proceed at this time.

29 from area attend CNIB picnic

Approximately 29 people from this area attended the annual Simcoe County CNIB picnic held in Cookstown Sunday afternoon.

Besides people with visual deficiencies, those attending included their escorts, and members of the local advisory committee. The Huronia group made the trip by way of a chartered bus.

During the afternoon an excellent program of games, contests and competitions was staged for the visually affected group, and numerous prizes were won by Huronia people.

Members of the Cookstown and Thornton Lions Clubs joined forces to serve a delicious cold buffet in the curling rink adjoining the Fair Grounds. Following the meal, prizes were awarded for the eldest client attending, 104 years, and the youngest, 5 years.

Simcoe County Advisory Board President, Dr. F. H. Anderson, of Collingwood, addressed the gathering with a few well chosen remarks, and concluded by conveying thanks to all those responsible for staging the event.

time on the weekend.

And at 1:45 a.m. Wednesday police arrested a Port McNicoll man and charged him with siphoning gasoline from school buses belonging to the PMCL Bus Line that are parked along Bayshore Drive.

John William Lott, 19, of Mary Street, was charged with theft under \$200.

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