

Hurononia calendar

Saturday, July 5

— Bake sale from 1 to 2 p.m. at Institute Hall, Waubauskene, U.C.W. of Waubauskene.

July 7-11

— Huronia Fitness Project moves into the Huronia Mall this week for workshops. Testing provides assessment on body fat, blood pressure, heart attack risks, grip strength, flexibility and endurance. Free and open to the public.

Monday, July 7

— The Huronia Rose Society is holding an open meeting at 8:00 p.m. at the Simcoe County Building located on Hwy 26 west of the Hwy 26-27 junction. Reta Caldwell will be speaking on Growing and Showing. Bring a stem of your favourite rose for display purposes only. Everyone welcome.

July 12

— Anyone interested in entering a canoe in "Shondecti" on Saturday, July 12, which includes a portage, race and flotilla, should pick up an application form now at either Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons, the Midland Chamber of Commerce, The Parlour, Huronia Office Services or Midland YMCA. You can also enter by calling Sainte-Marie at 526-7838. "Shondecti" is sponsored by the friends of Sainte-Marie.

July 14-16

— Huronia Fitness Project, sponsored by Tiny Township, will be at the Wyebridge Community Centre Monday to Wednesday. Free testing programs and workshops.

July 14

— Timothy Christian Home and School presents 'The Young North Dutch Folk Group' on Monday, July 14 at 8 p.m. at the Central Collegiate Theatre, Barrie.

The group will perform an evening filled with Dutch folk songs and dances complete with traditional Dutch costume. Tickets available from Continental Specialties or Wynia's Bakery and Delights, both in Barrie. Admission will be \$3.50.

Notice

— 15th annual Summer Antique Market, July 15, 7 to 10 p.m., July 16 and 17, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Country Mill, Balm Beach Road, featuring a Country Craft Shoppe and sponsored by the Auxiliary to Huronia District Hospital, Midland.

Friday, July 18

Saturday, July 19

— Crafts Tea - unique quality handcrafts. Pottery, stained glass, floral arrangements, antique dolls, hand weaving, sculptured figurines, miniature flowers. All at St. Paul's United Church, King Street, Midland, at 10 a.m. both days.

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— The Third annual Orillia Scottish Festival gets underway today in downtown Orillia with a parade at 1:30 p.m., followed by an afternoon of competitions at Couchiching Park. The afternoon will feature entries from the Ontario Legion Massed Pipes and Drums, the Shettleston and Toolcross Choir from Glasgow, Scotland, Highland and Scottish Country dancers, and a caber toss contest. In the evening, a ceileidh will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 34. Friday night is the Festival Night dance. Support the festival — buy a \$1 ribbon.

July 26

Hurononia Association for the Mentally Retarded is making plans for its 'floating casino' to be held aboard the Georgian Queen on July 26.

The ship leaves Penetanguishene sharp at 8 p.m.

The Village Fair at the Oakview Community Centre is set to go July 26-27 at Wasaga Beach. Featured will be arts and crafts displays, home baking, a mini-circus, square dancing, booth set-ups and some local entertainment including the group the Ukulele 'A's. Fun gets underway at 1 p.m. both days and continues until 10 p.m. Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday.

Sunday, July 27

— The Georgian Bay Art Society will have its annual show and sale at the Midland Centennial Arena from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Anyone wishing to exhibit in this show may get further details from Bert Lacorix 526-6578, Gladys Robinson 526-8751 and Murray Cooper 526-9966. All are welcome. This includes photography and art in any medium.

Discipline must be a key factor in education says retired teacher

by Dr. Karl A. Hackstetter
(recently retired math teacher from Midland Secondary School)

Things have changed in school during my time but not many for the better.

Nothing emphasizes that point more than an article in the March issue of the Forum, one of the educational publications of this province.

It deals with the results of a Gallup survey. The public was asked, among other things, the question: What do you think is the biggest problem facing our elementary and high schools?

The overwhelming majority of those asked thinks that 'a lack of discipline' is the problem facing schools in Ontario today.

According to Webster's dictionary discipline means a branch of learning or knowledge; a training to develop self-control, character, or or-

derliness and efficiency. As well as, acceptance of or submission to authority and control; a treatment that corrects and punishes.

Discipline

In my view, if the lack of discipline (whatever it means) is a problem than it is caused by the educational system and perhaps within the family.

I do agree with two points of the survey as having a detrimental effect on education, drugs and alcohol.

There is one other influence of a tremendous negative impact on the education schools provide, not mentioned in the survey. That is the excessive amount of time spent by students from Grade 1 on, in front of the television set.

Since the intellect finds its discipline in the effort to know, the emotions find theirs in the effort to feel. In both spheres schools could do a far better job. My suggestions as to the root causes why the system produces rebellion and boredom whose manifestations

may appear to be a problem of discipline are these:

Our students are far too long in the elementary school system. Students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 in particular should be taken out of that system. Their minds are there not challenged enough and they end up by being bored, and they carry this attitude over into the high schools.

I do not intend to dwell on drugs and alcohol or television since much has already been said on these subjects. But there are other culprits for disruption in schools.

Whether it is the presence of drugs or the absence of religious instruction, the presence of alcohol or the absence of instruction in logic, surely all this is bad, but the main problems are, in my opinion, of a different kind.

I mentioned somewhere that students are too long in the Kindergarten atmosphere of the elementary system. What is far more

detrimental to the development of any student is the fact that in this same elementary system, a division, a very purposeful division is made by teachers and the principal. Students are divided into two classes.

Those, once they reach high school, who can do academic work and others who will go into the 4 year or even 3 year courses. It is totally unfair to make

that separation and to carry that division into the high school and it is almost criminal to any student to refuse him or her the choice in their high school education, based solely on his or her performance in the elementary school. One of the many side effects of this is the fact that

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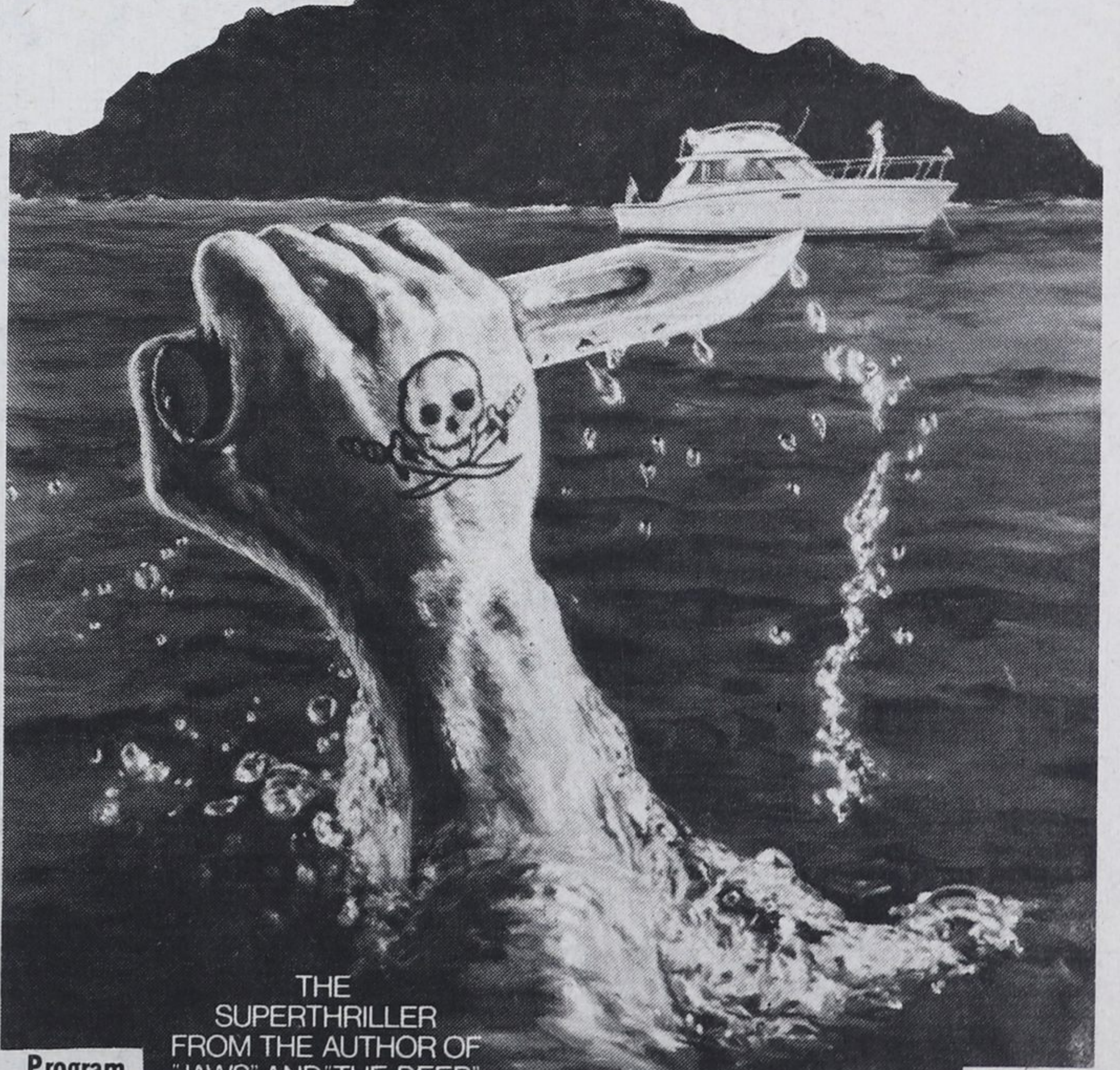


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