

# Antique market 15 years young

by Marion Sleep

"It will never last!" they said. "It won't be a success!" they predicted. "It's never been done in Midland!" they exclaimed.

"They" (whoever they are!) were dead wrong! For the 15th consecutive year, the Summer Antique Market, sponsored by the Auxiliary to Huronia District Hospital, is ready to open its doors next Tuesday, July 15, at 7 p.m.

Started by a bunch of greenhorns who didn't really know what they were getting into, as a badly-needed summer tourist attraction for Midland, the Market has continued to grow, draws up to 2,500 visitors each year, and maintains its high standards for dealers displaying their unique merchandise.

Because of the rather eerie phenomenon that precipitates a heat wave each year at Market time, it is rumored that Southern Ontarians now plan their summer holidays to coincide with "that Midland Market." Undaunted, dealers, customers and many old friends return regularly.

The Auxiliary welcomes two newcomers this year - Jack and Elinor Norris, "Treble Clef Antiques," Kitchener, and Jane and

Morse Goddard, "Spaulding's Inn," Grafton, Ont. Back for his 15th consecutive year is Victoria Harbour's Herb Merry. John and Mary Carpenter and Bill Pinkney, both of Midland, will also contribute to the old-world atmosphere.

Dealers from Toronto area are: Lil Neals, Allan Markham, Joyce Munn (Drakes), Margaret Lilly (Bourre's), William Yates, and Tom Riordan. From Paris, Ont. - Ken Farmer and Peter Vollmer (Two Unicorns). Darla Milne and Norma Patriquin, "Door to Yesterday" and Peter Myers "Treasure Chest" will be there from Barrie, as well as Kathleen Day, Orillia, Ingrid Ivans, Brampton and Doris Turnbull, Norval.

Market convener and auxiliary vice-president Jennifer Chalmers and her committee, who have been working on the project since February, predict that the warm weather this year will be welcome, that the attendance will soar and that the colorful merchandise will be just what visitors have been searching for. Admission remains the same as last year, so plan to attend!

As with all Auxiliary projects, the proceeds go towards helping the hospital.



The weather for the most part was ideal for this year's version of the Maple Valley Blue Grass Festival. Literally hundreds of people turned out to listen to good music and good company as these two photographs illustrate. Frisbee throwers even got into the act. There were small shops set up too to give the entire weekend a carnival atmosphere.

**Singing the blues**

## Neat way to find work for staffers

Midland Student Employment Centre manager Carol Dengis placed at least two students in jobs, although temporary ones, as the result of a baseball game Monday evening.

The Student Employment Centre, on Elizabeth Street, has found summer jobs for 421 students to date this summer. The goal for the season is 721.

A team composed of employees of local

newspapers and radio station CKMP lost 18-16 in seven innings to a team put together by Dengis. Because the media team lost, their employers will be hiring a student for one or two days.

Dengis said Tuesday morning the CKMP will hire a student for two days to put their files in order. Also the Penetanguishene Citizen will hire a student to help paddle a canoe in Saturday's Shonnecti,

and to write about the experience for the newspaper. Dengis said she will be in touch with The Midland Times and The Free Press.

Dengis was pleased that the game was a close one. The earlier tie and the close game Monday evening showed, she said, that the two teams were fairly evenly matched.

For game details, see the sports section.

## Summer Fun Days set

Midland Summer Fun Days roll into high gear late next week.

From July 17 to 19 downtown King Street will be turned into a huge mall as Midland Town Centre's annual sidewalk sale gets off the ground for another year.

Aside from bargains, and they'll be plenty, there will be something for people of all ages.

Special displays, exhibits and games have been planned for the three-day extravaganza.

As well The Midland

Times and local participating merchants will again be hosting the popular "Right Combination" contest with cash prizes to those who have the right combination to unlock our treasure chest.

Weather permitting next week's sidewalk sale and summer fun days in Midland ought to be the biggest and best yet.

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