

We welcome your
comments and letters

A start: people helping people...

TOWN OF MIDLAND and the Village of Port McNicoll have both been hit by vandals of late.

In Midland more than two dozen trees were smashed at Pete Petterson Park and elsewhere in the community flags were stolen including several from the King Street cenotaph.

In Port McNicoll last week council approved buying 65 new street signs to replace those that have been destroyed or disappeared over the past two years.

Much of the acts of vandalism can be pin-pointed to restless youth showing off... who take out their frustrations on other people's property.

Nevertheless there are things that we can do to eliminate some of the problems.

We must press for stepped-up police patrols of our parks and those areas where vandals frequent most.

We must continue to generate community pride.

We must involve our young people in the life and times of our communities when and where possible.

Midland's recently formed CAP group, dedicated to community appreciation, is but one of many steps a community can and must take in its efforts to reduce vandalism and develop an increased pride in one's community.

A town council can't do it all, a police force can't nor can a CAP group...but people working with these agencies can.

They need your support to make it work...otherwise more trees will be smashed, more traffic signs will be uprooted and more young people will take out their frustrations through acts of vandalism.

The ball is in our court, not their's.

Your efforts are much appreciated

BOUQUETS to the staff of Ste. Marie among the Hurons and their friends for hosting last weekend's successful Shonecti.

The fun-filled event, no doubt will become an annual summer affair, here in the heart of Huronia.

To all those who participated we say, well done.

Meanwhile, a special bouquet to organizers of Saturday's big "Glorious 12th" parade, etc. in Elmvale.

The event also marked the centennial of the local Orange Lodge in that community.

It too required many hours of planning to make the day the major success it was.

Starting tomorrow and running through until Saturday, merchants in downtown Midland will be

holding their annual sidewalk sale.

We know there has been plenty of pre-planning in preparing for this year's extravaganza and from all reports this year's three-day sidewalk sale in Midland will be the biggest and best yet.

And last but not least a bouquet to organizers of Wyevale's centennial celebrations which will roll into high gear this coming Saturday.

Each and everyone of these events has required hours of planning and teamwork, most of it on a volunteer basis.

These special events just don't happen. They are planned and planned well in advance so that they can attract the maximum turnout of people...and that's what its all about.



Roots grow deep

All roads will lead to the Tiny Township Hamlet of Wyevale this weekend where Saturday and Sunday the community will mark its centennial. This is Wyevale's centennial logo submitted by Mrs. Phyllis Hunt. It depicts the pine tree which is a symbol of the many reforested areas

near Wyevale, the railway track is a symbol of Wyevale's earliest beginnings when the railway line was established through the community and the water line in the background is symbolic of Wyevale's proximity to Georgian Bay. Happy 100th birthday Wyevale.

Letters

Trent-Severn's function

Dear Sir:

I met with officials of Parks Canada in late June to discuss the operation of the Trent-Severn System as it affects Simcoe North.

Parks Canada has a two-fold purpose in Simcoe North. Firstly, it is charged with controlling the navigation on the Trent-Severn System from Lake Ontario to Georgian Bay. That is the primary function of the Department. A secondary function is to control water levels wherever possible along the Trent-Severn System and co-ordinate the demands of water control, navigation, water for municipal purposes and cottage purposes as well as hydro-electric power.

Unfortunately, the facilities serve the major purpose of navigation before they serve the purpose of water control. I discussed the severe flooding during the spring in the Washago area with the Parks Canada officials and they told me of the problems which they had this spring.

It is my understanding that as bad as the water problems were this year, they have been worse on other occasions during the past fifty years. The problem this year was that the Black River rose as a result of the heavy March rains and at the same time Lake Simcoe and Lake Couchiching rose because the ground was still frozen and could not absorb the additional moisture.

Certain plans are in effect to increase the capacity of the system to pass water in the Washago area and hold the water in Lake Simcoe and Lake Couchiching. It is my understanding that approximately \$1 million will be spent on improvements at Washago in 1983-1984.

However, no matter what steps are taken in the Washago area, Parks Canada is still faced with the problem of processing the flood waters of the spring through channels north and west of Sparrow Lake to Georgian Bay. At certain places on this system, the channels are very narrow thus eliminating the ability to process the water downstream very quickly.

In any event, I have written to the Minister of the Environment in charge of Parks Canada and asked that the monies to be spent at Washago be brought forward to an earlier budget if at all possible.

I also discussed with the officials of Parks Canada the plans for the Big Chute National Park. Parking has been provided for approximately sixty cars this year, and an additional \$50,000 is budgeted for modifications to the park. The staff of Parks Canada is constantly monitoring the situation and I have every confidence that their improvements over the years will result in a national park which

will attract more and more tourists to our area.

This is not without certain additional problems such as the highway difficulties and the policing of the park but progress always brings problems and I trust we will all work to overcome them.

I am pleased to announce that vessel permit sales for lock usage were up \$5,000 from the previous year during the month of May. This represents approximately an additional 500 permit sales for the month and should result in an increased vessel movement for the system over the entire tourist season. Unfortunately, the inclement weather of June will not be helpful but at least there are positive indications that by increasing the lock hours we have improved the shoulder season of May and with favourable weather we will probably do the same for the months of September and October.

Now if anybody knows a way to get Mother Nature to co-operate...

Doug Lewis, MP
Simcoe North

Memoirs apply to all

Dear Editor:

On spending a recent weekend with a very dear sister-in-law, I had the privilege of reading some of her inspiring memoirs. This one in particular can relate to most of us:

At Days End

Is anyone happier because you passed his way?
Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?

The day is almost over, and its toiling time is through,

Is there anyone to utter now, a kindly word to you?
Can you say tonight in parting with the day that's slipping fast

That you helped a single brother of the many you have passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?

Does the man whose hopes were fading, now in courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day, or lose it?

Was it well or sorely spent?

Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God will say

'You have earned one more tomorrow' by the work you did today.

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