

**Author paddles** 

# Shondecti participant tells his tale

to rest and wander

through Sainte-Marie

park to admire the fine

exhibits set up by the

Ontario Corp of

"Coureurs de Bois"

(Runners of the Woods).

paddled on.

by Scott Barnum

On Saturday, July 12 the weather co-operated beautifully for Sainte-Marie among the Hurons' first "Shondecti." The excitement started to build as eager gathered enthusiasts and began to register at the Centennial arena parking lot.

The beautifully coloured costumes and the firing of hand-made muskets gave a touch of realism to the many

Coldwater 3-1 and

Midland edged Wyevale

1-0. Phelpston shut out

Perkinsfield 3-0 and the

Vasey Royals trimmed

The five remaining

teams paired off, with

Vasey royals drawing

the second round bye.

Hillsdale trounced

Phelpston 8-1 in the next

round, and Midland

ended Wyebridge's

chances to continue with

Into finals

into the third round,

setting up Midland and

Vasey Royals in the

semi-final action.

Midland went on to the

finals against Hillsdale

as they downed the

Royals by an 8-2

It must have been a

magic number. Midland

captured the Vasey

tournament title beating

Hillsdale by the same 8-

Toanche tourney

tournament goes this

Saturday at Toanche

Park during that

community's fourth

annual carnival. Eight

area teams are slated to

In the opener Midland

Therriens go against

Penetang Sand and

Gravel. Coldwater is up

against Penetang's

Commodore Hotel, and

the Midland Athenian

Raiders take on

Caswells. The last first

round game sees Lecar

Another invitational

margin.

2 score.

compete.

Toanche.

Hillsdale drew the bye

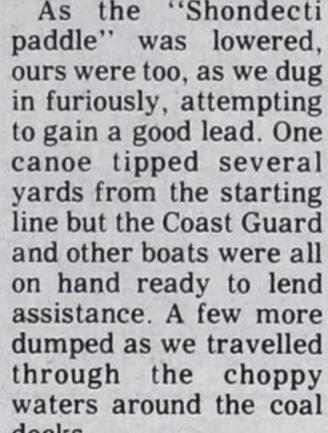
a 6-0 whitewash.

Vasey 4-3.

people dressed and

docks.

Throughout the race some people charted to keep up steady paddle rhythms, while others sang Alouette and other French tunes. As we entered the calm lily pad covered Wye River it was much easier going but we were tiring. We knew by this time that others had won by the firing of



muskets, and happy



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#### Midland men victorious in Vasey

Midland walked off with the Simcoe Rural Fastball League invitational tournament title, in action this past Sunday in Vasey.

Midland had a perfect 4-0 record, sending

Wyevale, Wyebridge, Vasey Royals and Hillsdale down to defeat.

In the first round of elimination play, Wyebridge defeated Elmvale by a score of 5-Hillsdale beat

Graphics, Merchants keep winning

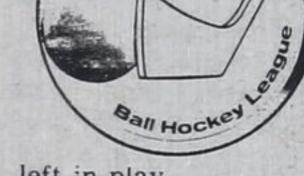
Penetang-Midland Ball Hockey action got underway again Sunday, this time with the Junior league taking the arena.

In the first of two games Graphics defeated Penetang Legion 11-5.

Goal scorers were Bryan Lethbridge with five. Allan Arbour with two. Trent Maracle with and Gilbert Quesnelle and Wayne King each with one.

For Penetang Legion, Robert Quesnelle scored four while John Webb scored the other goal.

In the second game Pen-Mid Merchants beat Olympia Sports with a mere 28 seconds



left in play.

Paul Duval scored this final goal, breaking the tie to give Pen-Mid Merchants a 7-6 win.

Scorers for Merchants were Carl Cowan with two, Randy Asselin, Paul Balabuck, Brian Garner, Dave Wright and Paul Duval all with

For Olympia Jerome Ladouceur scored two while David Robillard scored the other.

## They'll be back in December

be back in December. They plan to hold their second general meeting at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons over one weekend. The administration has offered them the run of the site and they plan to stay in the longhouse.

The society members will have a wild game banquet on the Saturday

The Ontario Corp of evening. The general the Coureur de Bois will meeting will be open to the public.

The Corp's interest is divided between shooting black powder guns and learning skills needed to survive without support in the woods.

travelled in the days gone by.

Once organized we the long, started exhausting portage down King Street to the main docks where we proceeded to launch our canoes. Tourists, friends and photographers hastily snapped pictures while we, the canoeists, bumped, clunked and slithered, jockeying for the best positions on the starting line.

As the "Shondecti



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versus Burlington. The action gets started at 9 a.m. in

cheering throngs who moccasins and cut lined the banks, but we fringes in their handmade costumes. After Wearily we hoisted this relaxing break we sat on the grass by the our canoe from the stage while those with water one by one and gratefully accepted the stamina and ability as well as other characglasses of lemonade and sumach teristics went forward tea. Now there was time

to receive their prizes. After the prizes were awarded there was a French sing-a-long and some fun games of the "Coureurs de Bois" such as the tump line and the 25 metre portage races.

Some of the old talents "Shondecti" was so being displayed were hide scraping, fur much fun that I feel sure tanning and one young everyone would like to boy made a fire with a thank all those who flint while others made made it possible, and

others who made arrangements for this festive occasion. I truly hope we'll have another "Shondecti" next year.

Editor's note: Scott Barnum entered the first Shondecti race with Penetanguishene Citizen editor Rod Deacon. Mr. Deacon was paying off a debt to the Student Employment Centre crew who beat the Media baseball team last week. We hired Scott for the race and thankfully, we didn't tip

- thus saving one slightly expensive 35 mm. camera from ruin, not to mention the editor's job.



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