

\$15 increase for driver's ed. course

BARRIE—Simcoe County Board of Education trustees agreed to a fee increase for their driver education courses this year.

Student fees for the course will be \$90 this year, with in-car instruction rates of \$9.00 per hour for cars

provided by the Board, and \$12.50 per hour rates for contracted cars.

Cost per pupil to the Board to run the driver's education program could reach \$100 for 1980-81, the trustees were told Wednesday night.

Severe cutbacks in provincial government grants covering the program meant the Board was picking up much of the costs involved. The students' fees collected through the program do not cover the costs to a great extent.

Last year, 161

students registered for the driver's education

courses at PSS, at a \$75 per pupil fee.

Apology

The obituary for the late Theophile Lapensée of Penetanguishene, which appeared in Wednesday's paper, inadvertently left out the names of Mr.

Lapensée's two surviving brothers, Harry Lapensée of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Norman Lapensée of Penetanguishene.

The information we received from the funeral parlour was incomplete. Our apologies to the Lapensée family and relatives.

Cuties clown

Crowds of people jammed the Elmvale Ball Park Sunday night to take in a baseball game of an unusual type. The California Cuties were in Elmvale to play their own style of ball, one that combined fun with skill to produce entertainment galore for all who watched.

According to organizers of the event, over 600 local fans took in the show, which began with two serious innings of ball between the Elmvale Sporting Goods Angels and the Cuties, followed by two innings of the same type from the Elmvale Senior Men's team.

The calibre of ball played was impressive and according to Angels coach John Brown, the girls felt the match was a real experience.

Public works business

won't pay Tay until next year

A bill for \$1,739.50 Tay Township sent to Town of Midland for the town's share of improvements made to Portage Park Road will not be paid to the township until next year.

The decision was reached by council this week following a public works committee meeting held in Midland on July 21.

At that time it was noted the bill was for 50 per cent of the work that had been done on the boundary road which separates the township from the town.

However it was pointed out that an agreement between the two municipalities states that if either proposes capital expenditures on boundary roads it must give notice one year in advance to enable the other municipality to include appropriate monies in its budget.

As this procedure wasn't apparently done in this case Midland's Commissioner of Works Percy Ehler is to write to Tay advising that payment will not be made until next year when it can be included in the town's budget.

In other public works business, it appears the town will take the necessary steps to have unfinished work completed at the developer's cost in the Marcob Estates subdivision if the work has not been completed by the developer Aug. 31.

Arbitration

And the town is facing an arbitration hearing as a

result of a grievance submitted by William Scott, a town employee who is a member of the Ontario Public Service Employees' Union. As yet a hearing date has not been finalized.

And the on-going saga of more stop signs for the intersection of Fourth Street and Dominion Avenue has been again laid to rest.

The town has again received a petition from residents in that area of town requesting 4-Way stops.

However, their request has been denied after the commissioner of works and the town's technician reviewed the matter with the public works committee.

It was strongly suggested by both municipal officials that the town retain its present arrangement of a two-way stop on Dominion only.

Accidents

Speeding up and down Fourth Street at that location and a number of serious accidents of later have prompted ratepayers in that area on a number of occasions to press for four-way stops there.

Municipal officials have opted time and again for two-way stops there calling attention to the difficulty snow-plows would have in the winter if they were required to come to a stop while heading east on Fourth at Dominion, gear down and commence plowing again without a good head of steam to push the heavy snow.

UC abortion recommendations affirmed in new report

by Murray Moore
A report scheduled to be delivered Monday in Halifax at the 28th General Council of the United Church of Canada essentially

stands by an earlier report's recommendations on abortion.

Midland United Church minister Kay Rice says the 112 page

report concerns itself with Human Sexuality, and that it takes the position that human sexuality cannot be ignored, and should be studied.

The church takes the position that abortion should be an individual decision, and not governed by church doctrine, she said.

The report does not

support abortion on demand. Prior to that stage of foetal development where abortion can no longer be performed by D and C section, it says, abortion should be a personal matter between a woman and her doctor. After that, abortion should be favoured only following consultation with a second doctor.

Report

The report calls on the Canadian government to remove from the Criminal Code all sections now relating to abortion where they relate to the termination of pregnancy within the first 20 weeks.

It also labels as "unjust in principle and unworkable in practice" the present law which requires a hospital therapeutic abortion committee to authorize an abortion.

The report advocates a massive contraception program. It calls on United Church members to urge the provincial and local governments to make use of available funds to establish family planning clinics in hospitals and public health units, and to support the efforts of public or voluntary agencies to develop or expand such facilities.

Job centre wins praise

by Murray Moore

Any person who is apt to observe that kids these days don't want to work anymore should talk to one of the local and area employers who have hired one or more students this summer.

Midland's Student Employment Centre supervisor Carol Dengis reports few complaints from employers. None of the employers contacted by telephone by this newspaper had complaints.

Only 20 of the approximately 400 students age 18 or over who registered for work with the centre are without work.

Employers hire the older students early in the summer season explained Dengis.

Nearly 600 students have been placed in full-term jobs, full-term meaning a job lasting more than a week. Many of these jobs last for the summer, Dengis says.

As of mid-week 225 students had been placed in casual jobs, four days or less of work.

The employment office formally closes Sept. 2. Last year full-term jobs were found for 650 students, and casual jobs for 260 students.

Job-seekers

Some of the younger job-seekers are given advice by the centre staff. "A lot of young kids don't know how to work. They don't know that they should arrive at work five minutes early, or that they shouldn't take extended breaks. We tell them how to act, and how to dress, because they just don't know about that."

"I've told," Dengis added, "the odd kid to get his hair cut. Let's face it, the employer won't tell him, he'll just turn him away."

"By age 17 or 18 they know what's expected of them by employers."

Many of the employers who use the student manpower office hire only one student. But some

employers need more.

Zita Pauze estimates around 50 students have picked strawberries, raspberries, beans and peas on her farm near Perkinsfield. Whenever she needed a crew she placed an order in the morning and picked up the students in the afternoon.

The centre is the only source of labour for her, she says. Teenagers in her rural area seem to have enough work of their own to do, she says, adding, "We're going to hire through the centre again next year, that's for sure."

Students

Gordon Walker, of Walker's Electric, echoed the comments of other employers contacted. He is "very pleased" with the two students hired for the summer, one to act as a groundskeeper, another to work in the shop.

Hotel Brule manager Ken Davidson says he has hired seven or eight students the last two summers as waiters and waitresses, and that some have come back the second year.

The centre will fill, if possible, jobs outside of the immediate Midland-Penetanguishene area. It has supplied 25 students with summer jobs at the Georgian Bay Island National Park, and another 25 students with jobs with lodges near Honey Harbour.

The difficulty for the centre staff has been filling vacancies near Elmvale, Coldwater and Port Severn. Most of the job-seekers are in Midland and Penetang, and travelling to these jobs would be expensive, Dengis noted.

Full value

One area resident is getting full value from the centre. Although a student, he also happens to own a farm. He has hired a student to do his haying while he goes out on better-paying assignments like capping driveways and painting.



Buffy in action

Buffy Saint-Marie delighted the folks at Maple Valley near Lafontaine, Saturday afternoon, during a concert to raise money for a pow-wow to be staged later this year on Christian Island. A little more pre-publicity would have resulted in hundreds if not thousands more attending the Saturday "do."



A happy warrior

Saturday's Buffy Saint-Marie Concert at Maple Valley near Lafontaine was staged to raise funds for Christian Island's annual Pow-Wow which is scheduled for later this year. This young Indian in colorful attire delighted concert-goers last Saturday...and you can see whv.