

## FLAC tours 'new' school

# French high school in Lafontaine

Members of the French Language Advisory Committee had the opportunity last Thursday to inspect the school that will stand-in for Penetanguishene's unbuilt French high school.

Penetanguishene trustee Alvin Gravelle said Friday that the school in Lafontaine will be open next month and that "as a temporary quarters it will certainly serve the purpose."

A delegation of parents with children at-

tending St. Joseph School in Penetang attended the FLAC meeting in Lafontaine, according to Don Beatty, Simcoe County Board of Education representative on FLAC.

### Concern

The delegation expressed its concern about the possibility that problems might arise from St. Joseph School and Ste. Croix School sharing facilities. The sharing this coming

school year is the result of an agreement between the SCBE and the county's Roman Catholic Separate School Board, he said.

FLAC through a motion passed to the SCBE the suggestion that the public school board see that facilities were adequate, Beatty said, adding that he thought everything was being taken care of.

The principal of the unbuilt, and unnamed, French secondary school reported to the

FLAC members on the preparation for the opening of the school in Lafontaine.

Choosing of a name for the unbuilt school is the province of the Area Three committee of the SCBE, Beatty explained. The committee, he said, has agreed to a FLAC request that a name not be chosen until the unbuilt school's staff and students have been together for a month, after which time they might have some suggestions.

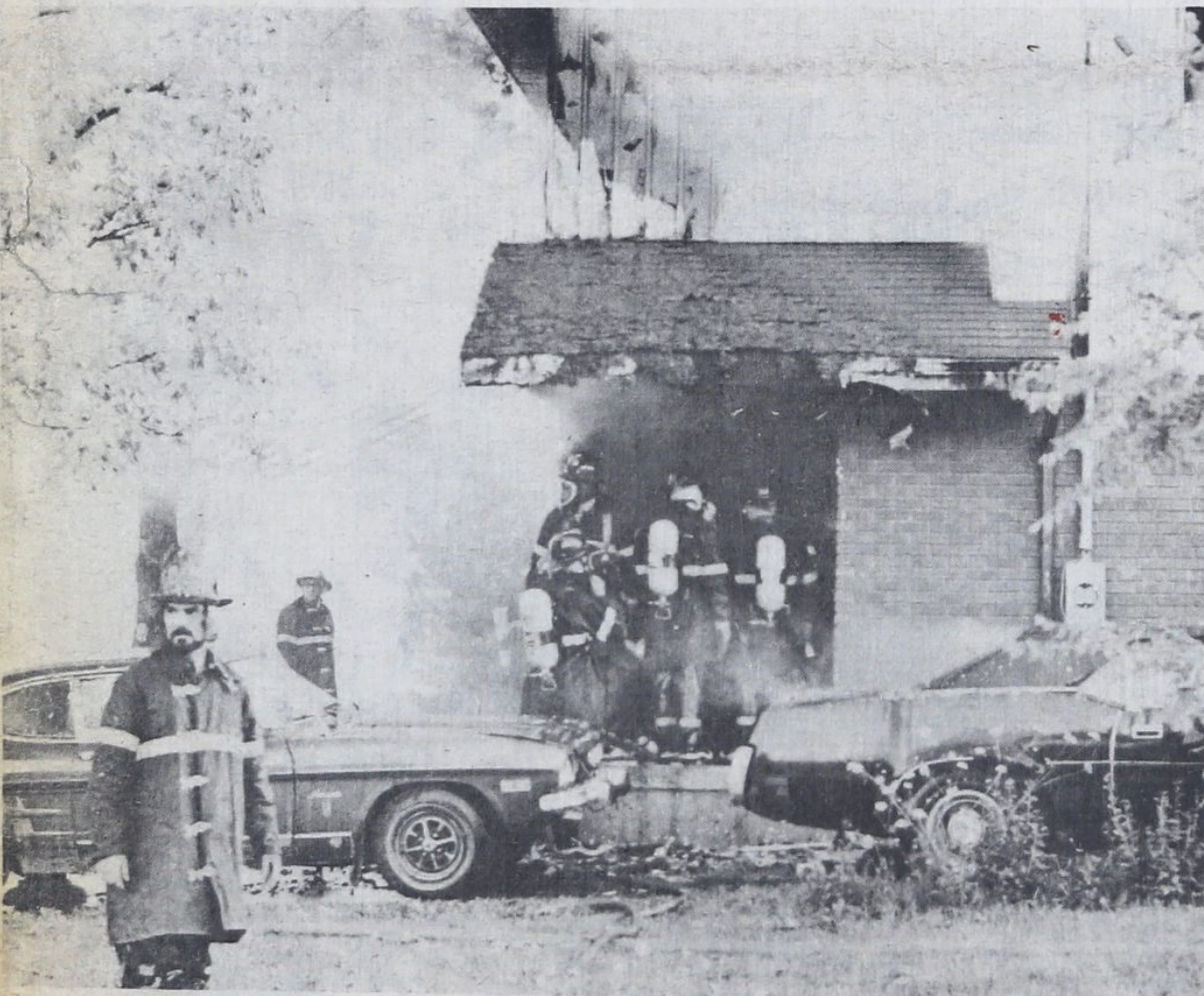


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# Tragic house fire leaves one dead



## House fire takes toll

A fire that broke out Sunday morning shortly after 6 a.m. in a duplex at the corner of Burke and Chatham streets in Penetanguishene took the life of 37-year-old Anna May Poole whose lifeless body was found in the doorway of an upper floor bedroom. A second person in the burning home, Jack Boyer, of Old Fort Road, RR 2, Midland managed to jump to

freedom from a second storey window. He received injuries to both his feet and right hand. An official with the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office has been called in to pin-point the cause of Sunday's tragic fire, the second time in only the past 13 years that a life in Penetang has been lost through fire.

## Careless smoking blamed

This paper received word just before noon yesterday that an official from the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, Bill Exely of Toronto, has pin-pointed the cause of Sunday's house fire in Penetanguishene as "careless smoking."

Penetang Fire Chief Ted Light and the fire marshal spent a great deal of time in the house this week sifting through ruins in an effort to pin-point the cause of the weekend duplex fire which took the life of a 37-year-old Penetang woman.

Penetang police and fire officials are still

conducting their investigation and are awaiting an autopsy report.

It is believed however, the woman was overcome by smoke. Her body found in a second storey bedroom doorway by Penetang firefighters who responded to the 6:15 a.m. general alarm Sunday.

The Ontario Housing duplex at the corner of Burke and Chatham was saved from being totally demolished by local firefighters who waged a successful battle in controlling the blaze within an hour of arriving upon the scene.

The Ontario Fire Marshal's Office has been called in to investigate a house fire which took the life of a 37-year-old Penetanguishene woman Sunday morning.

Fire Chief Ted Light says the body of Anna May Poole was found in the doorway of a second storey bedroom. It appeared, the chief said, the woman may have been over-come by smoke.

The only other person in the same duplex at the corner of Burke and Chatham Street in Penetang, Jack Boyer of Old Fort Road, Tay Township, managed to jump through a front window on the second floor.

He was rushed to hospital suffering injuries to both feet and his right hand.

Const. Art Lizotte of the local police department turned in the alarm after he spotted billowing dense black smoke in the Burke-Chatham area of town.

Firefighters responded to the general alarm with their pumper, their aerial ladder truck and a van. Called to the scene at 6:15 a.m. Sunday.

Chief Light credits the department's new ladder truck with knocking down flames that were seen shooting through the roof before they could spread to the other half of the duplex.

The chief said it appeared the fire started in a main floor family room and went out through a patio and then worked its way up to the roof of the Ontario Housing home.

It somehow managed to miss most of the second floor although smoke and water damage was quite heavy.

An autopsy was to have been performed this week to determine the exact cause of the woman's death.

It's only the second death due to fire in Penetang in the past 13 years.

## Citizen briefly

### Penetang man faces two charges

A Sheridan Street resident in Penetanguishene faces a charge of impaired driving and another of excess alcohol following what police in Penetang term as being an incident of erratic driving early Saturday morning on Main Street in the town.

Bernard Dorion faces the pair of charges, police reported this week.

### We'll publish PSS class lists

Don't forget this week's Friday Citizen will publish class lists for those returning to school next month at Penetanguishene Secondary School.

### Minor mishap on Main

Saturday afternoon Penetanguishene police were called to the scene of a two-vehicle accident in front of 116 Main St.

There cars driven by William Schnhan of Toronto and Paul Irvine of Welland had collided. A total of \$500 was reported and there were no injuries or charges.

### Trust fund set up for Penetang pair

Midland's Salvation Army and Penetanguishene Legion Auxiliary are teaming up to set up a trust for two teenage children who lost everything in last Sunday's fire in Penetanguishene in which a 37-year-old woman lost her life.

The teens were not at home at time of fire, but according to the Salvation Army "they lost everything."

You can contribute to the trust by leaving your donations with the Dominion Bank in Penetang.

### Orser wins senior men's title in France

Penetanguishene's 18-year-old figure skating sensation Brian Orser (who skates out of the Midland Figure Skating Club) walked off with first place last week in France where he competed in an international invitation figure skating competition.

The senior men's champion continues his European tour this week at the Nebelhorn competitions being staged at Oberstorf, West Germany.

### Office will be closed Monday

The Penetanguishene Citizen office on Main Street will be closed next Monday, Sept. 1 due to the Labor Day holiday weekend.

We will publish both The Penetanguishene Citizen and The Friday Citizen as usual next Wednesday and Friday, Sept. 3 and Sept. 5.

### Ladder truck wins praise

Penetanguishene's new ladder truck, tested Sunday morning during a fierce duplex fire in which one woman lost her life, came in for praise by a number of people who watched firefighters quell the stubborn blaze.

It was the second time, at a major fire, that the truck purchased in May was put to good use.

It was pressed into service earlier this year during a mutual aid call in which firefighters from Penetang, Midland and Tay Twp. battled a blaze that gutted the Georgian Manor, off Fuller Avenue in Tay.