

"Information is the hallmark of democracy"

## Great season ahead for hockey fans

IF HOCKEY is your bag, either as a player or spectator, you'll have plenty of chances this winter to see some exciting hockey played in North Simcoe.

There will be Junior "C" teams in both Midland and Penetanguishene this year as well as a new Intermediate "A" team in Midland.

Organizers of the above three hockey clubs have been making every effort to attract top notch players and from all reports they've done just that.

It now remains up to the general public to support these clubs. The best way is to attend as many home games as you can. And while at it plan to attend a number of out of town games as well to root for your home club.

It appears this will be one of

the most exciting hockey seasons in many a year here in North Simcoe thanks to the efforts of the executives, coaches and players connected with Midland Centennials, Penetanguishene Junior Kings and the Midland Athletics.

Let's remember too there will be plenty of minor hockey action taking place at arenas this winter in Midland, Penetanguishene, Elmvale and Coldwater.

Minor hockey leagues just don't happen either. There's plenty of pre-planning that goes into making these leagues the success they have been in the past.

In short hockey fans and players have a great season ahead of them and we wish them well.

## A thankless job that was well done

IT CAME as a surprise, the announcement by Midland Planning Board chairman Wayne DeWitt of his intention to resign from the board when it meets again next month.

DeWitt, who has been on the board for the past three years, will be leaving with one year remaining in his term.

Citing his involvement with minor hockey in the town and plans to take a night school course in French, DeWitt has said sitting on the board has been time-consuming.

That's an understatement since Midland Planning Board has been one of the busiest boards the town has.

Aside from traditionally

local planning matters, the board has been knee-deep in matters pertaining to Tiny-Tay Peninsula Planning Board's official plan which is likely to be sent (finally) to the Ministry of Housing later this year for approval.

DeWitt has done a good job and in his own words he would not want to discourage anyone who might be thinking of trying for such a position.

He has gained a great deal of experience and the town has gained too from his contributions as a member and later as chairman of the Midland Planning Board.

Thanks Wayne for a job well done.

## Letters

### Warrants seasoned approach

Dear Sir:

I would suggest that the problems of Confederation in this great country of ours warrant a somewhat more seasoned approach than that shown in your recent editorial 'Compulsary French won't be tolerated'.

Two of our more serious problems in Canada at this time arise from two of the built-in strengths that have helped to make this nation somewhat distinct from our great ally to the South and perhaps unique in the English speaking world.

One is geographic - we are the second largest country on the planet (after the USSR) and are only now beginning to feel the effects of significant population growth and resource development in regions that are extremely remote from the old Ontario/Quebec axis.

This factor alone was clearly evident in the recent meeting of the Provincial premiers and the central governing power in Ottawa.

The other matter is cultural. We have a diverse cultural background in Canada and are richer for it. Nevertheless, the handling of the inherent problems associated with this factor requires a great deal of care and understanding.

One can argue whether or not the attention devoted to this aspect has been adequate since the conquest by English speaking forces some two hundred years ago or even during our first 113 years of Confederation.

The recent build-up leading to the Quebec referendum, however, should leave no doubt in the minds of anyone as to the current need to direct increasing attention to the position of the Quebecois and French speaking citizens in general in our national framework.

The Commissioner of Official Languages occupies a significant role in our national affairs.

The position was created at the time of the passing of the Official Languages legislation in 1969, supported by all parties in the House of Commons.

He is not the type of individual to make statements lightly. Certainly, we can agree or disagree with his recommendations.

Nevertheless, we should in my view take a sufficiently mature approach to refrain from spontaneous dismissal of what he has to say. Otherwise, why have the position in the first place?

Surely the teaching of our other official language should assume an equally important place in our educational system as the teaching of any other single subject.

Whether or not any single subject should be compulsory is a matter perhaps best left to the educationalists and their political masters at the local and provincial levels.

In my view, if any subjects are to be selected and given compulsory status, there is good argument for including appropriate teaching of our two official languages in this category.

As a student who grew up in the Province of Quebec educational system of a few decades ago, that was the case. Personally, I have never regretted the ability I acquired in that process to speak and write the French language, even though I have spent the last 25 years of my life outside Quebec.

I suggest that an ability in both official languages will prove of increasing benefit to young Canadians in the years ahead.

Commissioner Yalden undoubtedly anticipated a reaction to his speech. I find it somewhat disheartening to note that our only daily newspaper in the Federal District of Simcoe North, Orillia Packet and Times, would show its reaction in such an offhand manner, particularly at a time when the sensitivities relating to our whole national framework are out in the open and receiving so much scrutiny and, hopefully, mature thought and consideration.

Yours sincerely,  
Alan Martin  
Liberal Candidate  
Feb. Election, 1980  
R.R. 1,  
Midland, Ontario  
L4R 4K3.

### Wants commercials shelved

Dear Sir:

Open Letter to Hon. W. G. Davis, Q.C., Premier of Ontario, Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Davis:

I must join the growing chorus of Ontario citizens who are objecting to the volume and crass political nature of the media advertising by your government.

Six weeks ago, the CBC refused to carry your television commercial on tax rebates to senior citizens because it was misleading and too political.

Since then, new commercials of similar content are saturating the airwaves of this province.

I consider this type of advertising to be an inappropriate use of public funds and a serious breach of democratic ethics.

Ads like "Life is good in Ontario - preserve it, conserve it", and "I like living in Ontario because this province cares about its senior citizens", or "I've seen a lot of the world, but Ontario has great ideas about environment ..." can hardly be

considered as anything other than Conservative Party propaganda.

Therefore, they should be paid out of Conservative Party funds and not the public purse. The expenditure figures are staggering.

Information received from your government officials shows that media advertising for the months of May, June, July and August of last year, totalled \$3,841,000. This year, with an election imminent, your government spent, for the same four months, almost \$10,000,000, or 160 per cent more.

As you know, that six million excess is several times the total amount spent on media by your party out of its own funds during the last election. And it is being spent, not primarily to provide information, but to glorify your government.

To rectify this improper use of taxpayers' dollars, I call on you to immediately cancel out these ads or remove the blatant political content.

Yours truly,  
Mel Swart, MPP  
Welland - Thorold

### Parents must be made aware

Dear Sir:

Simcoe County trustees have accepted the "Human Relations" course for schools in your area.

Are parents and trustees aware that the death education segments are designed to destroy the Christian concept of life after death? Are they aware that prostitution is dealt with in a flattering light and students make lists of "famous homosexuals" in history?

Have they seen the pictures of animals drawn by desensitized young children which depict the sexual organs and copulation? Are parents aware that Canadian psychiatrists have strongly condemned the "mind manipulation", group and self-criticism contained in these courses as harmful?

In my own son's class 12 year old children were urged to role-play the act of suicide aided by toy guns and a long-playing record. This technique is designed to indoctrinate children in the "world view" philosophy prevalent in North American schools.

I urge parents to support the work of those protesting this course through every legitimate channel.

Numerous books such as "Change Agents in the Schools" by Barbara Morris and "Yes Virginia, There is Right and Wrong" by Dr. K. Gow have been written to make parents aware of the brain-

washing of the secular humanists who are using your children and your tax dollars to create their brave new world.

May God help the children of parents who are so lacking in courage that they are willing to hand over their children for experimentation by the social engineers in our education system.

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