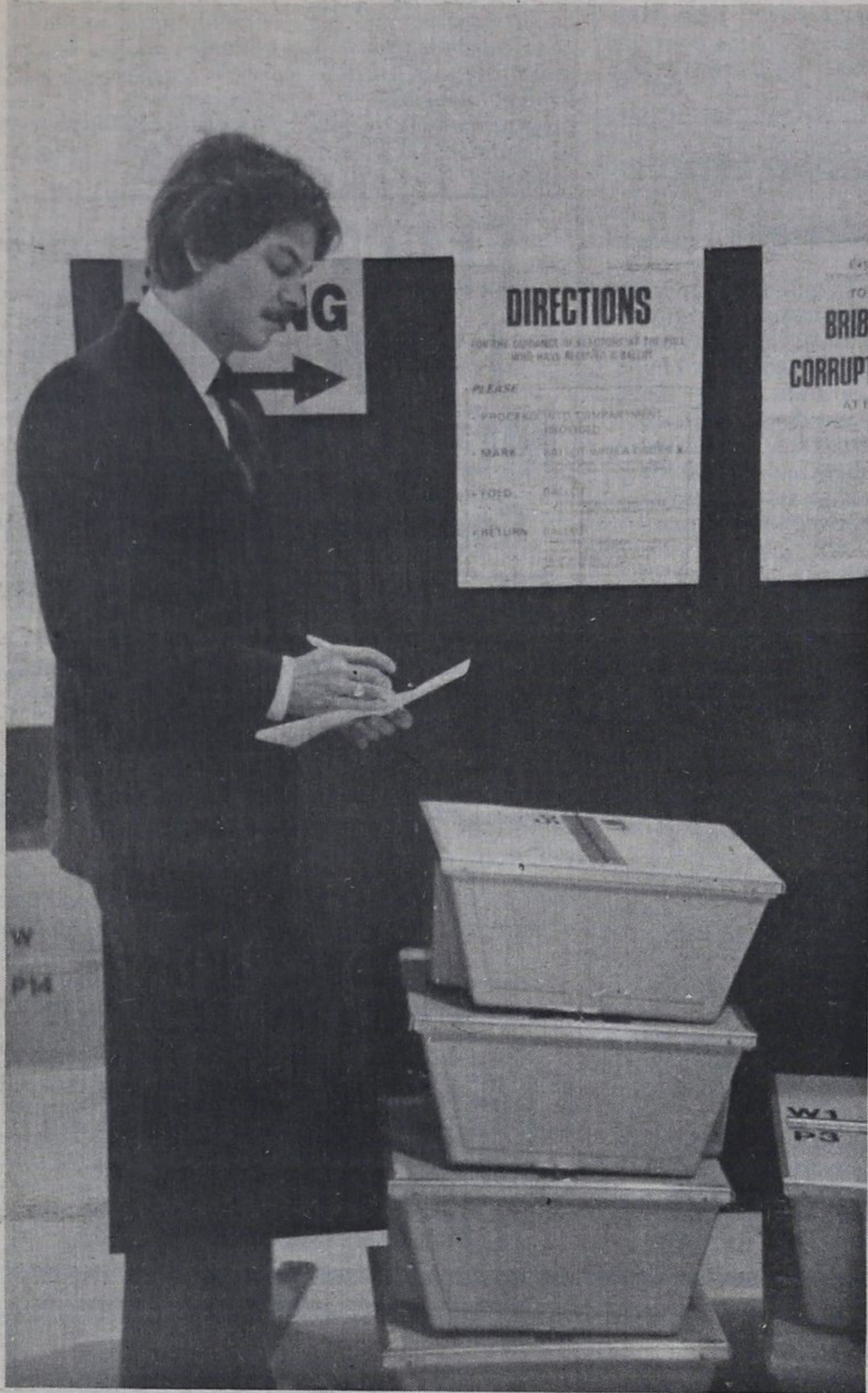


It's up to YOU to vote Nov. 10



A job for returning officer!

Midland's clerk and returning officer Mike Owen is waist deep in ballot boxes these days. Here he makes a last minute check of boxes before Monday's municipal election. By the

wav polls open at 11 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. We urge you to use your ballot and vote for the candidates of your choice Nov. 10.

Polls will stay open 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

Voters in Midland cast their ballots in one of four locations Monday.

Polls 1-8 in Ward 1 will be in the town hall. Polls 9-15 in Ward 1 will be in the Athenian Hall.

Polls 1-7 in Ward 2 will be in Regent Public School. Polls 8-15 in Ward 2 will be in Huron Park School.

The polling places will open at 11 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Questions about which poll a person is registered in, and other questions, may be directed to the town hall (526-4275).

Applications for proxy votes must be submitted to the town clerk on or before 5 p.m. Monday.

Incumbent Mayor Moreland Lynn is being challenged by Ward 4 Alderman Jack Gerow and by a former council member Art Argue.

Deputy-reeve Catherine Dion and a former deputy-reeve William Ogilvie are seeking the reeve's chair.

Ward 1 Alderman Bev Dav and a former councillor Bob McLaughlin are vying for the deputy-reeveship.

Five candidates are contesting against each other for the three aldermanic seats in Ward 2: Ward 3 Alderman Richard Platt, Walter Schmidt, Bob Jeffery, Margaret

Moreau and Joe Blake.

Five men are in the race for Ward 1's three seats: Ian Ross, a former councillor, Bill Orr, Bernie Desroches, Al Hennin and Brian Wood.

Acclaimed to the Public Utilities Commission board were Claude Buck, Miles Blackhurst, Kevin Lyons and newcomer Allan Light.

The right to represent the town on the Simcoe County Board of Education is a two-way race between incumbent John McCullough and Verne Rumney.

Acclaimed to the Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board were incumbent Mary Jo Quilty and Lloyd LaPlume.

Mayoralty candidates views diverse on future

by Murray Moore

The three candidates for the mayor's chair of Midland Wednesday evening on Channel 12 had very different ideas about the direction council should go in the next two years.

Incumbent Moreland Lynn said the committee structure should be changed, especially in view of the increased size of the new council, to make committees more efficient.

Ward 4 councillor Jack Gerow said that the taxpayers should have the opportunity every six months to attend a meeting and question members of council and town employees about matters that concern them.

Former council member Art Argue said a committee of local citizens should be formed to do an audit of the town's departments to find areas where improvements could be made.

Tendering

None of the candidates said they were against the town's tendering the right to represent the town legally or the right to handle the town's money.

The legal firm and bank taking care of the town's legal and financial affairs have been doing so for many years.

Gerow said that every 10 years the banks should have the opportunity to bid on the chance to be the town's banker, and that every three or five years the town's lawyers should have the chance to bid for the opportunity to represent the town.

Lynn said that the matter of representation was reviewed three and a half years ago, and that council did not see fit to make any changes.

Argue was very much in favour, in view of the fact, he said, the town's legal bill for routine matters for the past year was \$24,000.

Gerow and Lynn agreed that the attraction to the town of more industry was an important objective. Gerow said the industrial park was the place to concentrate, and that the electronics industry was the industry to try to attract.

New jobs

Lynn said the creation of new jobs and development of industry, old and new, would be a high priority. He told the television audience that taxes have risen 22 percent, less than the rate of inflation, six percent a year over four years.

Argue would restore normalcy to a council which, he said, has made a startling departure from procedure. Another high priority item would be the re-establishment in the downtown core of the small business.

Argue, who in his opening statement criticised council for not replacing Alderman Doug Reed when he left council with eight months left in the council's term to become editor of this newspaper, said council had to have had tunnel vision not to see the intent of the pertinent Municipal Act section. Argue added he thought the interest of the people, not the will of council, should have prevailed.

Lynn took the position that he brought the subject up twice, when notice of resignation was given, and when the resignation became effective, and on both occasions council decided against filling the vacant seat.

Gerow added that he had agreed with the decision.

Both he and Lynn mentioned the saving of salary was a consideration.

Survey

Lynn replied to Argue's report of a survey that showed the town parking lots were only half full at peak times by saying the parking lots were used much more at Christmas and through the summer.

Both Argue and Gerow oppose the acquisition of the Perrin property for a parking lot. Argue stated he does not see a need for more parking. Gerow explained that his was the sole opposing voice on council against the purchase of the Perrin property.

Midland lawyer John Gorman moderated the hour-long live broadcast. A panel of representatives from this newspaper, The Free Press and the CKMP addressed questions to the candidates.

Shoppers not asking for refunds

People who drive and park in downtown Midland are apparently not yet taking to heart the slogan, Don't Hesitate-Validate.

An informal survey

this week of 10 main street businesses revealed that cashiers are not being kept busy refunding dimes.

Business Improvement Area parking

committee chairman Bob Voorzanger, Jr. said he expected that the program will need a month or two to catch on. The BIA, he said, will be promoting the

program after the municipal election is over.

Arcade Pharmacy, off the large First Street parking lot, gave quite a few refunds in the first

week. Demand for refunds has dropped to about seven a day, however.

Woolworth's, located on the other side of King Street, gives about five refunds a day.

Ticketspitters

Some of the new ticketspitters do not always give two tickets in return for money, which means that some shoppers have to leave their one ticket with their car, or risk a parking ticket.

People questioned in 10 downtown stores offered explanations for the slow response that ranged from the public not understanding the program and the public being too proud to ask for a dime, to the public not thinking it worth the effort.

The only business to report an increase was a restaurant. Seventeen tickets were taken in this month, compared to about 22 in October.

Culture and recreation minister to address chamber here

Culture and Recreation Minister Reuben Baetz is scheduled to address the annual meeting of the

Midland Chamber of Commerce Nov. 24.

Industrialists from Toronto, Hamilton and other cities, and politicians are invited to attend as well. The chamber plans to hold its meeting this year in Midland, in the Budd Watson Gallery.

Last year the annual meeting was held at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons because the chamber didn't feel any of the facilities in Midland at that time could accommodate its meeting.

Budd Watson has made his gallery available to the chamber at no cost.

Midland's Industrial Commissioner, Wally Cunningham, received from the town council Monday night its approval of the event. He told council its approval was needed by the chamber so that it could successfully apply for a special occasion liquor permit.

Cunningham told council the minister said in a recent speech in Toronto that the future of tourism lies more in private galleries and similar attractions rather than in the public sector.

In Flanders' Fields

By John McCrae

In Flanders' Fields, the Poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That marked our place; and in the sky
The Larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead, Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who died,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow,
In Flanders' Fields.