

Ogilvie asks voters to think about the issues before Nov. 10

I am seeking election on Nov. 10 (next Monday) as reeve of the Town of Midland.

On this date, you will have the opportunity to make your choice between what you have had in the past two years and what you could have in the future.

You will have time between now and then to think about the issues and how they will affect all of us who call Midland home.

The only possible exceptions in this regard perhaps, are the candidates who are running here, but haven't resided in Midland for some years.

In the space which has been generously made available to me and other candidates by the Midland Times I wish to highlight a number of priority issues:

Examination

1. I consider an independent examination of the town's operations a must. Midland's new council should proceed with an 'audit of operations' of Midland's municipal affairs without delay. An 'audit of operations' by definition, is for the purpose of determining from the facts available, whether or not your tax dollar is being used to the best advantage of all ratepayers.

For example, such an 'audit of operations', which incidently, is a standard procedure in many municipalities, will tell us why the Town of Collingwood with a

population of 12,000 and an equalized assessment of \$302,227,461.00--376 million dollars more than Midland, employ only 17 persons in their public works department compared to 29 full-time employees in Midland's public works operation. Or for instance, why Collingwood's total legal bill for the year 1979, was listed \$12,547,78, while Midland's legal tab is officially listed for the same period in the amount of \$24,371.72.

These are just two comparisons of many

that bear serious evaluation. An 'audit of operation' need not involve retaining an expensive management consulting firm, but could be undertaken by a committee of independent, knowledgeable citizens outside of council, with possibly the mayor acting as chairman.

Emphasis

2. Greater emphasis should be put on school crossing safety. Adult school-crossing guards should be posted at all hazardous school-crossing areas such as Hugel Ave. and Yonge

and King Street.

An adult school crossing program for the Town of Midland would cost an estimated \$3,000 per year.

It would take about five minutes to trim sufficient fat from other areas of Midland's budget to take care of this urgent need.

3. Annexation hawks should back off before its too late. On the basis of current annexation threats being made by certain Midland politicians against Tiny Township officials, the latest of which is reported by several township representatives to have taken place at a recent meeting of Huronia Airport Commission, it is becoming alarmingly evident that the Town of Midland could now on the slippery-slope of a costly annexation battle which can only be halted by a drastic change in policy.

I will endeavour to prevent any attempt to embroil the Town of Midland in the kind of Barrie-Innisfil annexation brinkmanship which has cost the taxpayers of those communities millions of dollars without any resolution of the conflict, and I will further strive to re-establish the good relations which formerly prevailed

between Midland and its rural neighbours.

4. Capital expenditures should be by referendum vote. Citizens should have the right by referendum vote, to approve or disapprove, all major capital expenditures such as the Town assuming the risk of purchasing and developing the proposed \$200,000.00 parking lot on a strip of Perrin downtown property, the application for which, was recently rejected by an O.M.B. Hearing.

Contrary to what some velvet-tongued local politicians may tell you, it would indeed cost the Town plenty in the loss of assessment and taxes alone, let alone the financial risk involved.

Tendering

5. The re-examination

of some of the dubious methods of tendering and bids for Town contracts and purchases should be high on the new council's agenda.

6. When it comes to filling town jobs charity should begin at home. New jobs and vacancies on the town staff should be filled, if at all possible, by Midland residents.

You will recall, one of the big arguments for the town bankrolling Heritage industrial park, was that it would help make it unnecessary for Midland's youth to seek employment elsewhere. How do Midland political incumbents square the circle with this argument in the light of their recent action in filling both the Deputy Clerk and Deputy-Treasurers position by outsiders. There are many

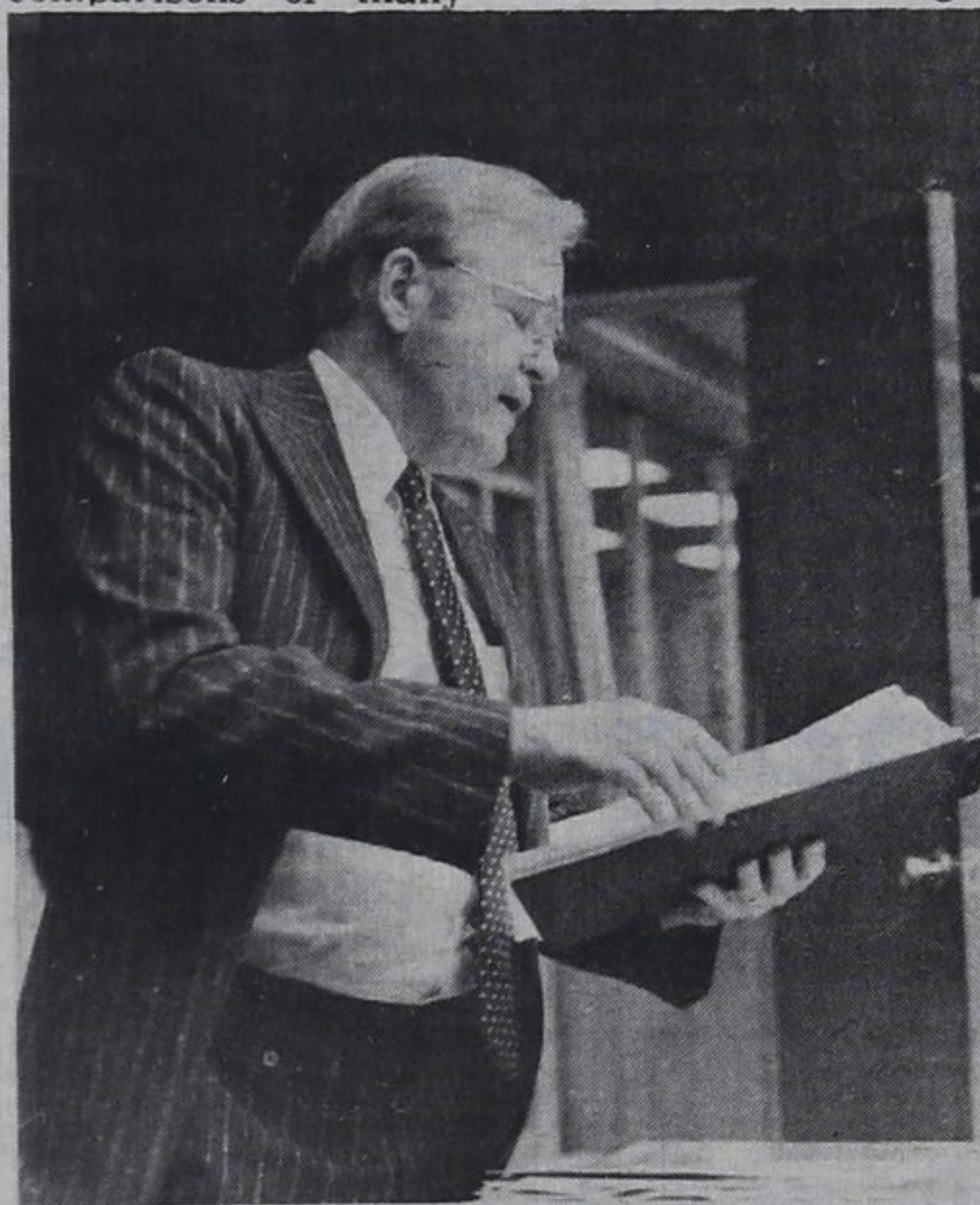
talented and bright people on the local scene who are eminently qualified to have fill either position.

A recent editorial in a local paper was critical over two municipal jobs that were handed out without being advertised in the local press.

This practice is not only unfair but it is highly improper.

In concluding this brief summary of my priority objectives for the 1981-82 Midland Council, I would like to stress that each citizen has an opportunity to play their part by electing those candidates you feel will serve the best interests of the people of Midland.

If you feel I warrant your support, I would appreciate your vote on Nov. 10 for the office of Midland's Reeve.



RICHARD PLATT
Alderman - East Ward
Experienced - Concerned



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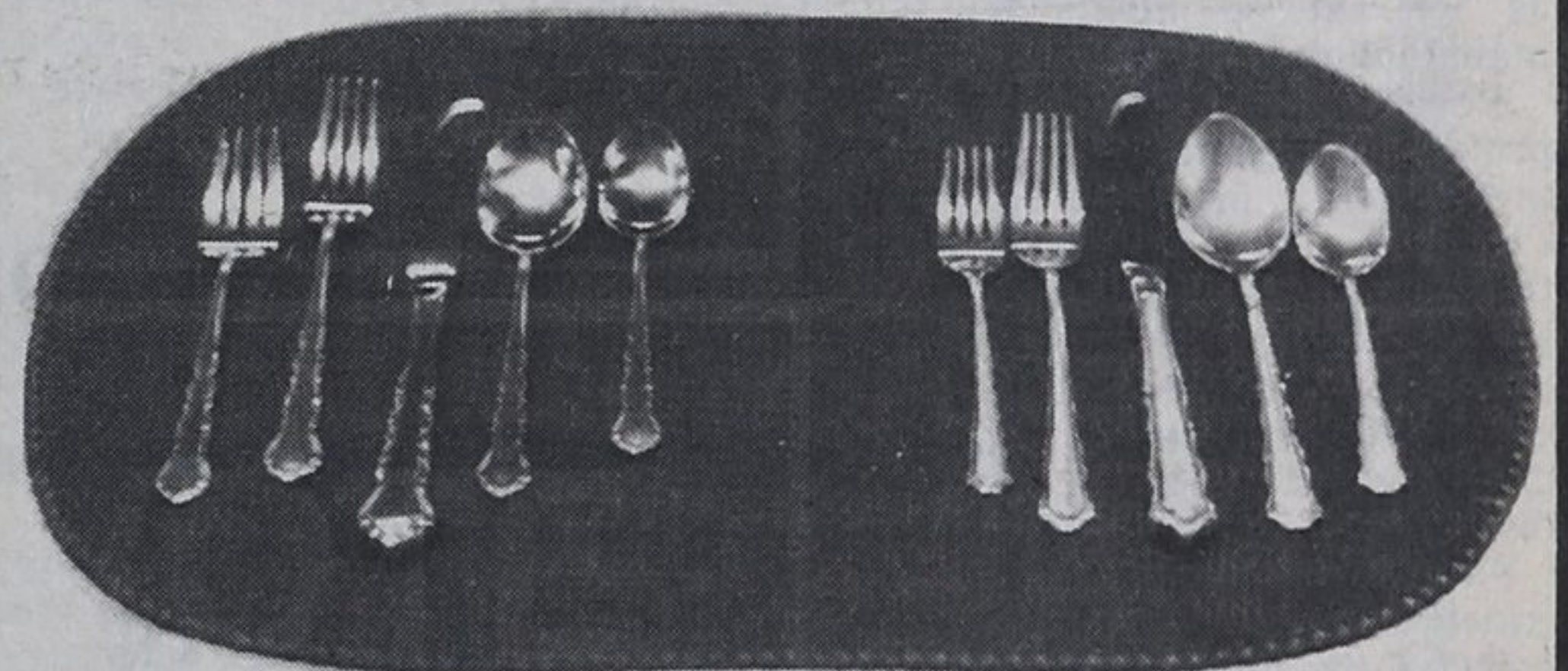
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A concerned resident, experienced in the affairs of the municipality

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1980

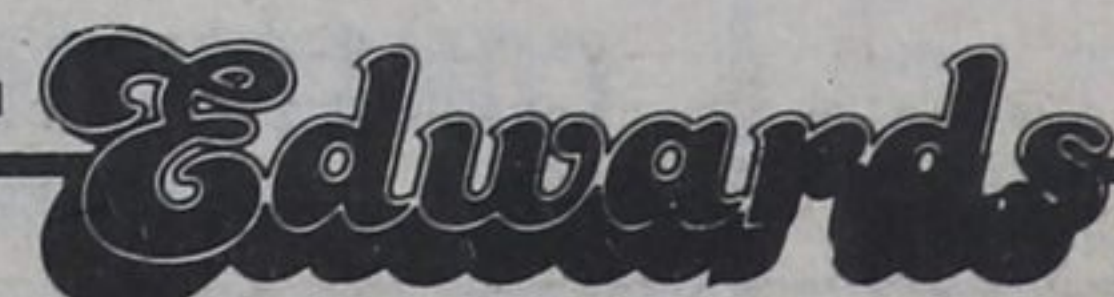
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Fall Flatware SALE



| | Reg. price | Sale price |
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| One 40 piece set Silver-plate 'Mayfair' pattern | \$399.00 | \$199.00 |
| 20 piece sets Silver-plate "Grande Silhouette" | \$240.00 | \$144.00 |
| 20 piece sets Stainless Steel "Madison" | \$85.00 | \$59.95 |
| 20 piece sets Stainless Steel "1867" | \$120.00 | \$79.95 |
| 20 piece sets Stainless Steel "Silhouette" | \$120.00 | \$79.95 |
| Walnut Silver Chest | \$32.95 | \$24.75 |
| Walnut Silver Chest | \$47.95 | \$35.95 |
| Walnut Slimline Silver Chest | \$59.95 | \$44.95 |

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