

# Immunization clinics do their thing

by Ken Regan

As part of a continuing joint program between government and health authorities, there are a series of public immunization clinics being held in the area during November.

November has been deemed Immunization Awareness Month, and a push is on to encourage people of all ages to avail themselves of the opportunity to receive the vaccination against measles, mumps and rubella, (German measles).

At a clinic held in High Poyntz Mall, Doris Weeks, of Midland, a nurse with the Simcoe County District Health Unit, and Anita Payne, an assistant from Perkinsfield were

on hand to administer the needles to people.

## Diseases

Mrs. Weeks said the district unit had undertaken an earlier immunization of the nearly 3,000 school students in Tiny and Tay area and Elmvalle, but students who missed that opportunity as well as anyone who might wish to renew their immunization against the three diseases could come to any of the clinics being held in the area this month. This week,

the unit is in the Coldwater area.

In a Nov. 6 speech in the House, Minister of Health, Dennis Timbrell said "Monitoring the incidence of communicable diseases ... and developing guidelines for their control are part of the critical role played by the ... Ministry's Public Health Branch."

Timbrell continued, saying, "Through this monitoring process, it has become evident that serious increases have occurred over the past year in the incidence of measles ... a

disease that, although regarded as trivial by many Ontarians, can lead to very serious complications."

## Problems

At the recent Penetanguishene clinics, Mrs. Weeks also stated that measles can create serious problems, particularly for women who are in their first three months of pregnancy. She did suggest however that pregnant women see their doctor prior to receiving a vaccination.

In addition, Weeks cautioned anyone who has allergies to contact their doctor before taking the vaccine.



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## Volunteers wanted

Town of Penetanguishene recently advertised for applications from citizens interested in sitting on the various boards and committees for the town. Application deadline is today.

Any person who is of voting age, is a resident of the town and who is not a municipal employee is eligible to serve on the bodies.

Applications, once submitted, are given consideration by the municipality and the mayor then appoints the people felt best suited to serve the community, subject to approval in council.

Most appointments occur annually, but some like planning board and committee of adjustment positions have two or three year terms.

Some board positions have small remunerations for members, but the majority of positions are accepted on a volunteer basis.

The committees to which appointments will be made this year include Planning Board, Arena Parks and Recreation Board, Museum Board, School Safety Committee, Committee of Adjustment, Industrial

Commission, Tiny-Tay Peninsula Planning Board and Parking Authority.

Applications can be made by simply writing to inform Penetanguishene Clerk,

Yvon Gagne, but applications must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. today.



## Costly ban comes to an end

Butch Orser and his staff at Penetanguishene Bottling can dust off his more than 300,000 1.5 litre soft drink bottles that have been sitting empty since August 1979 now that Ottawa says the bottles can be used if they are coated in plastic. Orser is the first of hundreds of bottlers who will tell you the ban has been a costly proposition. -See story on Page 3.

## Industry singled out: Orser

"It was very poor judgment to ban the 1.5-litre bottle when there were no standards in the field," Penetanguishene Bottling Company's Butch Orser says.

"It took the government a year and a half to set a standard but now that we have one, we can work towards the technology to get our products back on the market."

The federal government this week removed the 1.5-litre pop bottle from a list of products banned under the Hazardous Products Act. The bottles can be sold again when they meet new safety regulations. Soft-drink makers will meet the regulations by coating the bottles in plastic.

This week Orser complained that his industry was singled out. Other industries, such as the

automobile industry, take much more criticism, but no complete bans have been laid elsewhere, he says.

As far as he knows, Canada is the only country in the world to ban the large bottle. The United States market has a 2-litre bottle.

He compared the ban on the big bottles to a driver being ticketed for speeding in an area where there is no speed limit.

However, since August of 1979, he says, a review process has been created.

The result is that a federal department cannot arbitrarily ban a product; instead it must go through a review which takes into account, among other things, the economic impact of a ban, he said.

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## Winter control unit ready

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In spite of the good fortune this area has enjoyed with regard to its weather, there is no question that snow, and probably lots of it, is on its way.

People in Texas, Buffalo and the Maritimes can all testify to the reality of winter following last week's blizzard which blanketed those areas under a foot or more of the white stuff.

When the snow does arrive, it will bring with it all the problems associated with winter driving and at that time everyone will become very dependant on those municipal employees who handle snow removal and sanding operations in the town.

According to Fred Lynn, public works superintendent for Penetanguishene, the town's snow plows and sanding vehicles are virtually ready to go into action.

## Plows

Lynn said yesterday that although the plows do not yet have their blades attached, the procedure only takes about 20 minutes and the sanding trucks can be converted from rear dumping to forward dumping in minutes as well.

Lynn stated that even though the unusually easy winter last year allowed his department to stay within their winter control budget, the extra revenue is not carried over to this year's budget so it's a new situation every year.

He also mentioned that the Ministry of Transport and Communication subsidizes much of the winter control work performed by the town.

## Citizen briefly

### Penetang bowlers do well in tourney

In a recent men's bowling tournament held in Gravenhurst, the Commodore Hotel came in second but very nearly won the event.

Winners of the tournament, a team from Orillia totalled 6,864 points for five games, while the Commodore Hotel picked up 6,843 points in the five game tourney.

Midland's Bayshore Bowling Lanes team finished in third spot, with about 6700 points and a team from Gravenhurst came in fourth with roughly 6600.

### Benefit dance set for Nov. 29

A benefit dance will be held to raise money for the nursery school which was badly damaged by the recent fire at LeCaron School.

The dance will be held Nov. 29, at Lafontaine Parish Hall, beginning at 9 p.m. Music will be supplied by a live band, Apollo V, and there will be a door prize, spot dances and a lunch.

Tickets for the benefit dance are \$8 a couple and may be obtained by calling either 533-2018 or 533-2855.

### They need your help

Members of J'Action, the Junior Achievement company set up by a group of Penetanguishene students will be canvassing local citizens and businesses, beginning next week, in an effort to sell some of the products which they have manufactured.

The J'Action group have undertaken to manufacture a wooden peg game and buoy markers and will be trying to sell enough of the items to turn a profit for their company.

The prices on the items will be very reasonable and anyone purchasing the products will be contributing to a very worthwhile endeavour.

### 'Gift of Life' needed Dec. 10

Huronian Branch of the Red Cross will be spear-heading a blood donor's clinic to take place at Midland Legion, Dec. 10 from 1:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Goal is 340 pints of blood. Your "gift of life" is needed at this clinic.

There will be 14 beds in operation so you'll not have to wait in line to give your "gift."

### Le Caron rooms being repaired

Contractors arrived last week and work now is well underway on the renovations to two rooms damaged by fire at LeCaron School in Lafontaine, three weeks ago.

According to LeCaron principal, Adrien Lamereux, the reconstruction in the two rooms is going well and he was hopeful the rooms would soon be ready for use again.

The fire which damaged the school rooms was of undetermined origin, and the Fire Marshal's office was called in to investigate the matter. That investigation continues.

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