

Calendar profits pay for trips

The students of Fesserton Public School have produced a calendar for the third year to sell to finance their school projects.

Profits from last year's calendar have paid for 10 weeks of trips to the Midland YMCA for swimming. Calendar profits are also paying for next Tuesday's train ride for the class of 50 from Barrie to Orillia on the Ontario Northlander.

Ontario Northlander is putting on a special coach for the First, Second and Third Graders who make up Fesserton Public School. Transportation and the history of Fesserton are two related subjects that the

pupils are studying this year. Only four of the 40 boys and girls have been on a train.

Fesserton owes its

existence to the railroad. Canadian National Railways trains still go through the village, but the CP Rail tracks have been taken up.

Fesserton is named after a friend of the builder of the Midland Railway, and Midland is named after the railway, says Fesserton

teacher Paul Delaney.

The builder of the Midland Railway had to settle with a major street being named

after him: Hugel Avenue. Five hundred copies of the 1981 calendar with drawings by Fesserton students are being sold for \$1 each.

Wrapping Christmas gifts for mailing

Do you ever wonder whether your parcels will end up torn or damaged in a post office somewhere? To help protect your Christmas gifts, here are a few tips.

Find out the post office deadlines for mailing parcels, and allow enough time to wrap them properly.

Use wrapping paper and other decorations that will not add significantly to the weight and bulk of the package. Keep decorations flat. They're practical and

less expensive than large bows which may get crushed in the mail.

If you must send heavy or fragile items such as ceramics, wrap them separately in tissue paper first. Then place them on a bed of crushed newspaper or excelsior so they don't touch one another. To prevent them from shifting, pack more crushed newspaper all around them.

Parcels should be shipped in corrugated boxes large

enough to cushion them. A box with separate compartments is preferable if you put several gifts in one box. When sending cloth items, protect them further by placing the parcels in a plastic bag.

Wrap all parcels securely, and tie them around all sides. Reinforce with knots where the cords intersect.

Label your parcel clearly on two sides with the complete mailing and return

addresses. If your gift is perishable or needs special care, mark the parcel accordingly. Insure any valuables. It is easier to trace a parcel that is insured than one sent by ordinary post.

S. Claus headquarters on King Street

Santa Claus is receiving visitors in the old Georgian Bay Hardware Store in Midland on the corner of Dominion Avenue and King Street.

through Friday, and noon through 3 p.m. Saturday.

Santa's hours are noon to 2 p.m. Monday

Arrangements for Santa were made by the downtown Midland merchants.

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