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Tiny approached

PGH wing needs funds

by Adrienne Graham Gardner
Deputy-reeve John Lackie, who was until recently chairman of the board of the Penetanguishene

General Hospital, presented a request from the hospital for funds from Tiny Township to aid in the construction of a chronic care wing.

Total costs for the wing are estimated at over \$170,000, of which \$75,000 will be for construction, \$50,000 for equipment, \$16,000 for architects fees.

Upon studying plans for the wing, the Ministry of Health also required PGH to include a new oxygen and suction system in each room, and a call system

at a cost of \$27,000.

Campaigns

Fund raising campaigns are underway in the surrounding communities, according to Lackie, including Elmvale, Woodland Beach and Penetang. He stated that senior citizen's groups have been particularly generous in their support.

When asked by Reeve Morris Darby for statistical breakdowns of patient usage from Tiny, Lackie promised to provide the figures, adding that usage from Tiny was "reasonably heavy."

Lackie also reminded council that Tiny will contribute \$25,000 for the next 15 years for debentures for the Huronia District Hospital, and suggested that a similar contribution might be made to PGH.

Councillor Butler questioned clerk Guy Maurice about reserves left in Tiny's special fund for donations, and was advised that at the end of the year the situation would be clear and a decision could be made at that time.

The 10 bed chronic care unit at PGH will be self-contained, with accompanying therapeutic and recreational services according to Board of Directors Chairman R. J. L'Esperance.



Den of thieves

Penetanguishene Secondary School's production of the musical show Man of La Mancha will be seen Dec. 4, 5 and 6. Show time is 8 p.m. Tickets to the high school effort are \$3. Don Quixote (Brian

Wagg), right, stretches his arm out during a rehearsal to The Innkeeper (Gilbert Quesnelle), the leader of a group of thieves and petty criminals.

North end development affected by federal withdrawal from CSCP

The Dec. 31 deadline for federal participation in the joint, Federal-Provincial Community Services Contribution Program, under which millions of dollars were allotted to Ontario municipalities for neighbourhood improvement, sewer and water and other projects will definitely affect Penetanguishene.

According to Penetanguishene Clerk Yvon Gagne, the withdrawal of the federal government from the program will mean that funds which might have been forthcoming to aid the municipality with the North end development now will not be available.

In a recent report from the Ministry of

Housing, it was stated, "The bulk of CSCP contributions to Ontario is utilized by the Ministry of the Environment and as a result of the program's cancellation, some 95 water and sewage projects in about 50 municipalities will be affected."

It also noted an estimated loss of "3,000 on-site man-years of employment annually, "with a further loss of indirect and induced employment of "at least 6,000 man-years annually."

This loss of financial assistance as well as the loss in related revenue of taxes that could be acquired from fully serviced properties and the loss of projected em-

ployment are all reasons Penetanguishene joined many other Ontario municipalities in supporting a petition to urge the federal government to honour the 1978 agreement on CSCP, which was intended to be a long term agreement.

Penetanguishene's Clerk said recently that the municipality will continue with its program of providing hard services for the North end, but the process will take considerably longer if the federal funding under CSCP is not available.

In addition, proposals for construction of a second sewage treatment plant for Penetanguishene, to be situated in that area will be delayed.

Citizen briefly

'Man of La Mancha' set to go tomorrow night at ESPSS

Tomorrow night at 8 p.m., Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School will present the opening night performance of Man of La Mancha.

The play has been in preparation for a number of weeks and participating students and staff are looking forward to a good turnout from the community.

There will be three performances of the play: the first tomorrow, Dec. 4 with shows Dec. 5 and Dec. 6, as well. All shows start at 8 p.m. sharp and tickets are on sale at \$3 apiece.

Information about the show and tickets can be obtained by calling ESPSS at 549-7446.

Contract bargaining continues

Official spokesmen for Decor Metal Products and for UAW Local 1411 could not be reached to learn the state of negotiations as of yesterday.

However it has been learned that negotiations are continuing.

Negotiations in some form have been going on since September.

The 470 members of Local 1411 have been working without a contract for about a month.

Ribbon cutting set for Friday, 10 a.m.

The Midland Times has moved to new quarters at 309 King St., Midland.

Friday at 10 a.m. the newspaper will be holding an official ribbon cutting and open house to which the general public is being cordially invited to attend.

The new facilities are located between the G. and M. Shoppe and Midland Fish and Chips across from St. Paul's United Church.

...and then there was none

The Association Canadienne Francaise de l'Ontario held a convention in Penetanguishene last weekend, to discuss strategy and programs for the upcoming year.

The Friday evening and Saturday sessions were well attended by area citizens, with a reported 100 people turning up for the Friday night meeting alone.

One of the main topics up for discussion at the convention was the Penetanguishene French high school issue, and even though the meetings were open to the public and an special invitation was offered to Anglophone residents to attend the forum on the issue, none turned up.

Two opinions given

The French Language Advisory Committee has received two complementary opinions on the definition of a French-speaking ratepayer.

Gaetan Filion, with the provincial Commission on Languages of Instruction, in a letter to FLAC, said because the Education Act does not define the expression "we might stay with the literal translation which is - a taxpayer who speaks French. It seems to be the definition which was accepted during enumeration."

Filion added that he was expressing a personal opinion. He suggested FLAC contact a lawyer for a legal interpretation.

FLAC also received a copy of a letter on the subject from Education Minister Bette Stephenson to Concerned Citizens for Bilingual Unity member Sheila McKelvie.

Stephenson said that "The Education Act, 1974 gives no definition of the term French-speaking ratepayer - it was probably thought that the term was self-explanatory.

"However, a ratepayer is the general term for one who pays rates; therefore a French-speaking ratepayer is one who pays rates and, in most cases, one who prefers French to English as a means of communication."

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