

# Knights give and receive

Penetanguishene Knights of Columbus who gathered for their regular meeting at the K of C Hall on Poyntz Street, Penetanguishene, Monday night made a donation of over \$600 toward a new chronic care wing of Penetanguishene General Hospital.

Accepting on behalf of the hospital was Mrs. Iris Cinq-Mars who will be head nurse of the new wing. She also presented a brief rundown of the purpose and set-up of the soon to be completed unit.

In her report Mrs. Cinq-Mars explained the purpose and structure of the chronic care area, saying its main function would be to provide care in the form of therapy to injured or ill patients who are forced to spend long periods of time in hospital.

The 10-bed wing already has a waiting list made up mostly of patients already at PGH but the guest speaker said that when patients do apply for a bed in the new unit, there are certain qualifications which must be met for entry to the unit.

## Therapy

Main criteria for acceptance to the wing is that a patient must be able to benefit from some sort of therapy, whether it be physio, speech or some other form. Mrs. Cinq-Mars emphasized that the philosophy behind the new wing's construction is to provide assistance to chronic patients to help them to help themselves.

Mrs. Cinq-Mars pointed out, the new hospital unit will provide other spin-off benefits to the community as a whole, in the form of jobs and revenue.

She explained several new staff had already been hired.

## Features

One of the unique features of the chronic wing is a bed which can be reserved by families of a chronic patient.

Mrs. Cinq-Mars said some families spend all of their time caring for a chronic relative at home and as a result, never have a vacation.

With the reserve bed in the new wing, such families can reserve the bed for a week or two weeks and the hospital will take care of their relative while the family takes a vacation.

Mrs. Cinq-Mars noted the service will allow families to take a much deserved and often much needed vacation, knowing their loved one is in good hands.

In the area of cost, the speaker said that many people are exempt from charges. For example, minors or disabled veterans would not have to pay for a bed or care at the unit. Those who could afford to pay would be charged on a geared to income basis.

## Population

The new unit will serve all of the population, and as an example of the variety of people served, the hospital representative noted that the unit's youngest patient is seven years old while their oldest patient will turn 100 this month.

In offering an invitation to the Knights of Columbus members to visit the wing, which is tentatively set to open in early 1981, Mrs. Cinq-Mars stated proudly, "it's a beautiful area, it's just absolutely beautiful".

# Regulation on chimney construction sought by chief

by Adrienne Graham Gardner

Ignorance of proper wood-burning techniques and careless chimney construction have resulted in a sudden increase in chimney fires in Tiny township, according to Fire Chief Guy Maurice.

In order to protect Tiny residents from this hazard, Maurice is recommending that council pass a bylaw regulating the construction of chimneys. Under this bylaw an inspection would be required for each new chimney prior to its being used.

In future, Tiny firemen will leave red cards at the site of all chimney fires to warn that further use of the stove will be at the owner's risk. Maurice did reassure council, however, that he would still answer fire alarms to such locations.

Burning of green wood, especially pine, through ignorance of wood types results in a build-up of creosote in the chimney which will ignite and burn at temperatures of up to 1000 degrees F., often spreading into surrounding walls and onto roofs.

There will be no cost for the inspection of new chimneys, and the township building inspector will provide guidelines from the Ontario Building Code on request.

Tiny firemen are to be equipped with "beepers" in the near future. The base of operations for the fire department has been moved to the higher elevation of the Quesnelle slaughterhouse to provide a better signal, and the new call system should be in effect shortly.



## Waiting for a cue

During rehearsal Sunday of Man of La Mancha in Penetanguishene's ESPSS, actors do what actors do most: sit and wait. Ken Puddicombe sits in front of

Beth Lewis and Maria (Sara Knight). Three performances will be given Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

# ESPSS Report

by Marjory Hammond and Bev Fitzgerald

Well, last Wednesday marked the beginning of a new term at ESPSS. Exams are finished and normal school activities have resumed.

We start the new term with a slight change in staff. Mr. Fawcett, one of our Math teachers has transferred to Barrie. We wish him the best of luck in his new position, and, at the same time, extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Horne. We hope she will enjoy teaching at ESPSS.

If anybody happened to be watching television last Saturday at 6 p.m. you would have seen the ESPSS 'Reach for the Top' team as they competed with Barrie Central. Our team consisting of Aline Lesperance, Irene Lau, Neil Ladouceur and Todd Saulnier put up a good show, but the final score was 285-150 for Barrie Central. However, they should be congratulated for a fine effort.

The biggest time consumer for many this week is the production of 'Man of La Mancha'. The performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. this Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

The cast, musicians, and entire stage crew are busy with last-minute preparations. All those involved are counting on good crowds all three nights.

If you would like to see 'Man of La Mancha' you can acquire a ticket from almost any ESPSS student, and if you can't get one before-hand, you can still buy your ticket at the door. Tickets are \$3 each and we hope to see you there.

Another major project scheduled for this month is the ESPSS Concert. This will be on December 18th and tickets will be available

shortly from any music student.

The concert will feature the Senior Band, Stage Band and Choir. It promises to be an enjoyable evening for all who attend.

In the way of sports, the last two weeks have been busy as girls' basketball is over and boys' basketball is just beginning.

ESPSS' Junior Girls' Basketball team went up against a powerhouse from Brock last week in their best 2 out of 3 zone final series.

With last year's Midget G.B.S.S.A. Championship to their credit, Brock's team played and discipline proved too much for our Juniors as they lost

their first game at home. The final score was 40-16, for the visitors.

ESPSS travelled to Brock the following day for a 'do-or-die' game only to lose, 21-46.

Suzanne DesRoches, Cathv King and Carrie Fedorowich must be credited for our team's strength under the boards throughout their season. Joanne Belcourt and, again, Suzanne DesRoches contributed most to Penetang's offense. Our congratulations go out to the entire team for a very good season.

Now, the boys' basketball season has started and our three teams have played two games each.

# Penetang woman's art catching on

by Ken Regan

A Penetanguishene resident, Weda Schwauss is making a mark in this area's art world with her water colour paintings of area sites and scenes.

At last weekend's art, antique and craft auction, sponsored by Midland Y's Men's Club, Mrs. Schwauss sold two of her paintings, one for \$190 and another for \$150.

In addition, she received a commission from a third patron to do a special painting for him personally.

Mrs. Schwauss, who teaches oil and water colour painting at Elmvale High School and also at the Georgian Manor craft centre says she began painting very early and remembers being congratulated, while still in school, by a teacher for a water colour she'd done at an early age.

## Oils

She has only recently taken up water colour painting again, after spending considerable time painting in oils.

Painting in oils is easier she stated because mistakes are easier to correct, and the paper for water colour paintings is expensive and when a mistake is made, it must be thrown out completely.

Beginning with miniature oils, Mrs. Schwauss was later encouraged to produce larger scale oils, even though at her first showing of miniatures, her paintings were sold out.

She took up the challenge of painting larger oil paintings, combining her pastime with an already busy work schedule; something that was a bit difficult at first due to the extra time needed to produce the larger works.

## Colours

Eventually, she was again encouraged by others to do work in water colours and though somewhat nervous about the prospects, her affinity for the special techniques involved and her love of the style of water colour painting led her to embark on the large scale water colours of the type she sold last week.

Mrs. Schwauss says that the Huronia region provides a wide variety of subject matter for her work and some of her subjects include familiar scenes of Wye Marsh and Martyrs' Shrine.

In all of her recent paintings, the subtle blending of colours and soft texture created by water colour technique adds an almost idyllic atmosphere to the scenes depicted.

The general public will have a chance to view and purchase paintings by Weda Schwauss this weekend at the Christmas Gift Festival being held Saturday at the Midland Cultural and Recreational Centre, under the auspices of the Huronia Crafts Guild.

Mrs. Schwauss said her display will include miniatures as well as larger size water colours. Her paintings are all originals and she produces only one copy of each, making each painting's value appreciate much faster than if several copies were available.



## Local artist in demand

Wedda Schwauss, a Penetanguishene resident and artist holds up one of her water colour paintings which will be on display and sale at the Huronia Craft Guild's sale being held this Saturday. Mrs.

Schwauss has been painting for many years but only within recent months has she produced large scale water colour works. Two of her paintings recently sold for over \$100 apiece.