

# District happenings

## Contract ratified by PUC board

Midland Public Utilities Commission board ratified a new 18 month agreement Friday afternoon with its seven inside workers, members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

PUC General Manager Art Evans said the contract, retroactive to Sept. 1, provides a 10 per cent increase in the first year, and a six per cent increase in the last six of the 18 covered months.

A dental plan is included in the inside workers contract for the first time. The basic starting salary ranges from \$10,100 a year to \$11,300.

## MPP Taylor WILL be at meeting

Simcoe Centre MPP George Taylor will be attending the Jan. 8 meeting in Penetanguishene called by members of the Concerned Citizens for Bilingual Unity.

That was the word late last week after it had been originally reported there were indications he planned to attend.

Purpose is to review what has happened to date regarding the on-going saga of whether or not a new French language high school

should be constructed in Penetanguishene and what the entire issue has done to families, friends, neighbours and the community of Penetanguishene itself.

The Jan. 8 meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Legion in Penetanguishene.

## Night school classes gearing up again

EDHS will be holding their second registration for Night School Classes the first week in January, and Night School Principal Jim Hanley says he is hoping for the kind of response received last time around.

Over 600 signed up at the first one.

Anyone with Monday evenings free can take up stain glass courses, stretch sewing, basketball or upholstery. Some of these classes will be held in Waverley and two will go in the school.

Tuesday will see courses in boutique quilting, volleyball, woodwork, knitting and crochet and welding and metal work offered at the school while Wednesday will see women's keep fit classes, new English, typing and art.

Thursday courses will include yoga, woodwork and volleyball and Friday will deal with square dancing at Bayshore Senior Citizens at Woodland Beach.

Courses get underway Jan. 5 through 14 and range in price from \$7.50 on up.

## Two small fires snuffed out

Midland firefighters were called out twice Thursday night to snuff out small fires.

One call was to quell a chimney fire, the other to extinguish a heater fire at a construction site. Damage was minor in nature in both instances.

## ...on the job at Christmas

Many of us take for granted the fact that again this Christmas we'll be able to enjoy the annual event with family and friends in our homes.

Yet scores of men and women will be on the job: policemen, firemen, public works employees, Bell Canada operators, doctors, nurses, ambulance drivers, clergymen,

farmers, sewage plant operators, taxi drivers, some service station operators, pilots, etc.

To them all wish extend a very special "Merry Christmas..."

## Council meets tonight

Penetanguishene council meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. for a regular meeting.

As usual these meetings are open to the general public. And as usual it will be held tonight in the council chambers at town hall.


## First official day of winter!

Even though more than 90 centimeters of snow has been dumped on Midland since Nov. 24 this year, yesterday was the first official day of winter.

And there's more snow on its way before Christmas.

St. John Ambulance advises that prompt, effective First Aid treatment can prevent further injury to a casualty and promote early recovery.

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# Take care of the Christmas turkey

The Christmas turkey should be a joy to eat, not a possible source of discomfort say food and nutrition specialists with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Poultry of any kind is a perishable food and needs to be treated with care.

Whether a frozen bird is thawed in the refrigerator, at room temperature, in cold water, or in a microwave oven, the original vacuum-sealed bag should be left on so the meat is protected from any source of contamination.

Refrigerate it as soon as it is defrosted and cook within 24 hours.

A fresh turkey, on the other hand, should be removed from its original wrapper and covered with a loose tent of foil or waxed paper. Store the giblets separately from the bird and keep both in the coldest part of the refrigerator for no more

than three days.

For safety, never stuff poultry in advance. Don't even mix up the dressing until just before roasting. Any equipment such as knife or cutting board used with the raw turkey needs to be thoroughly washed with hot, soapy water before it touches the cooked bird.

After the turkey has made its impressive appearance on the Christmas dinner table, remove the stuffing from both cavities and refrigerate. It's wise to freeze any that can't be used within three days.

At sub-zero temperatures, it will keep for two months.

Chill the turkey as quickly as possible after the feast. Keep it snugly covered with foil in the refrigerator for up to four days. Freeze any remaining turkey. Remove the meat from the bones and wrap meal-size portions in foil or plastic, according to

the size of the pieces: slices, chunks, and tidbits.

When the meat is frozen in this way, it should be used up by the end of January. If it is covered with gravy or broth, it will retain its

quality for about three months.

A big bird is often a better buy. The ratio of meat to bone is higher and the price is frequently lower, but it can mean that a considerable amount

remains after the Christmas dinner. If the turkey is treated with care, before and after roasting, the leftovers will be as safe and enjoyable as the feast.

### Serves All Of Canada

The services of the Canadian Conservation of the National Museums of Canada Institute reach into every corner of Canada. Its conservators have assisted archaeologists from southern Ontario to Dealy Island in the high Arctic, and have provided emergency assistance to museums struck by disasters, such as fires and floods, from Nova Scotia to the Yukon.

During 1980 its five mobile laboratories visited almost 200 small museums in every province and territory, giving advice and training, monitoring museum environments, and treating some 3,000 artifacts.



Town of Midland

## NOTICE re: Garbage Collection (Christmas season)

Pick-up for Thursday, Christmas Day, will be on Friday  
Pick-up for Friday, Boxing Day, will be on Saturday  
Pick-up for Thursday, New Year's Day, will be on Friday  
Pick-up for Friday, January 2nd, will be on Saturday.

Christmas trees will be picked up with the regular garbage collection after the holiday season.

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