

Night school classes

Continuing education on rise

by Alan MacMenemy

A Happy and Prosperous 1981 to the people of Midland and area from your community night school.

We hope to continue the kind of courses that you want in your Continuing Education Program, and to enable you to gain more benefits from your school facilities and from the many gifted individuals in our area who have skills and knowledge to impart.

As principal of the Continuing Education Program, I should like to thank the 65 instructors this year for their hard work and enthusiasm and congratulate them on the many excellent classes they conducted, and my excellent secretary, Sharon Wozniak for keeping "the Office" running smoothly at Midland Secondary School.

Over 1200 people took the opportunity to enroll in the Continuing Education Program this Fall, and they took advantage of course fees that are incredibly

reasonable and have not been increased in five years.

The only increases have been in maintenance fees for some courses where increased maintenance costs for equipment have to be covered and, in the case of Welding, gas supplies have to be paid for.

Popular courses this year were Trim and Tone and Tai Chi. An extra Trim and Tone class was run to accommodate the large numbers, but over 20 people were disappointed after the Tai Chi class was declared closed. Those lucky enough to get in spoke highly of Ling Seto, the instructor, who introduced them to this graceful and gentle Eastern art. Perhaps it was the use of music in the Trim and Tone classes that appealed to over fifty in September, and for those who wish to continue, or begin, Hilda Hart is offering a second class starting Jan. 14.

Courses

The highly practical course in

Upholstery was filled this Fall. This course is held in Victoria Harbour, where a Men's Fitness class and two excellent Sewing classes were also held.

We hope to repeat all the Victoria Harbour courses this winter. I wish Merle Mason all the best for the New Year, but especially good travelling weather, as she journeys up to The Harbour each Wednesday.

New courses that got off to a good start this Fall, and which are to be offered again in January are 'Introduction to Antiques' and 'Computers'. The January Computer Program will concentrate far more on actual programming and will be conducted by Terry Burt-Gerrans.

By popular demand, the Cooking Courses will be offered again this Winter. Whether you choose "Gourmet" with Anne Connell (A Georgian Bay Gourmet) or "Natural Foods" with Trish Hines, you will certainly enjoy great cooking experiences.

An entirely new course for January has been approved. It is Caligraphy, which will be taught by Lynn Brooks.

It has been said that the Midland Area is an excellent recreational area, both summer and winter. The growth in popularity of cross-country skiing and the large number of snow vehicles bought in the area show that more and more people are coming out of hibernation more often and enjoying the activities and resources of the area.

I hope that the Winter Courses, offered by the Simcoe County Board of Education in the Midland District, will also encourage people to break out of hibernation and spend an evening or two each week meeting other people while enjoying the opportunity to continue their education and develop new or old interests.

Don't be left out.

Look for a list of courses and details for registration in this newspaper.

Scouting news

Surprise: Silver Acorn presentation to Howard

by Robin Nutbrown

South Georgian Bay District would like to congratulate, Howard Jackson our past District Commissioner as a recipient of the "Silver Acorn." This award is presented for "Especially distinguished service to Scouting."

Howard Jackson has made Scouting an important part of his life. He has held positions as Assistant Cub Master, Cub Master, Sec./Treas., Group Committee Chairman and Training Coordinator. His sincere enthusiasm enriches Scouting in the minds of all those uniformed and non-uniformed personnel who came in contact with him as a result of scouting activities. His scouting friendships from around the world are maintained.

Howard served on the Service Team in Jamaica and provided extensive training, especially his involvement in Troop Wood Badge Part II course.

Howard established a sound base for the continuance of further training before he

returned to Canada. Scouting in Kingston, Ontario also benefited greatly as well. In 1973, at the St. Lawrence regional camporee, there was a special guest, the French Ambassador. Howard, as District Commissioner was involved heavily with the organization of this successful event.

South Georgian Bay District saw expansion of Scouting groups and sections while he served as District Commissioner here for two years. Training has been an essential element to his Scouting life and has allowed him to influence many others positively. Lakeland IV Adventure held in September was hosted in this district through his efforts primarily. His recent appointment to a National Scouting Committee to study the relationship between the Anglican Church and Scouting will also benefit Scouting.

Howard Jackson's devotion to Scouting has gone far beyond the normal function of the District Commissioner's role. The number of people influenced by his

presence has provided many years of sound growth to South Georgian Bay. His dedication, sincerity, organizational and people skills have ensured excellent service to Scouting!

Program Planning Workshop will be held at Blue Springs on Jan. 9-10-11, 1981 and is open to all Pack Scouters. Program Planning is one of the most important areas we have to deal with in our Packs.

Winter Scouting Workshop will be held Jan. 23-24-25, 1981 in Yearley, just 15 miles northwest of Huntsville. The registration fee is \$20. This course will be held in the out-of-doors to teach you the why's and how's of winter scouting. The sleeping accommodations will be in cabins. If you are interested please contact Jim Maw, 11131 Huntington Road, Kleinburg, Ont. L0J 1C0 or phone 1-416-893-1370.

Basic Winter Camping Course will be held at Blue Springs on Feb. 20-21-22, 1981. This course is designed to teach more basic practical skills in how to live in the outdoors in

the winter.

Audio Visual Workshop is well along in the planning stage and is scheduled for Blue Springs, Mar. 6-7-8, 1981. If you are interested in learning the practical application,

use and potential of a wide range of audio-visual aids, this course is for you.

Public Relations Workshop will be held Mar. 13-14-15, 1981 at Blue Springs. A full weekend of indepth

study into public relations and publicity for the District Council and Group Publicity Chairman.

Annual Meeting will be held at Airport Hilton Hotel, Toronto on Saturday, Apr. 11, 1981.

Workshop/Seminar is scheduled for morning and afternoon. Annual meeting in mid-afternoon and dinner in evening. More information will follow in Jan./Feb. Provincial notes.



Artists at work

Well-known Midland wood-carving artist Frank Shulman, right, and his assistant Greg Loates, left, show off their most recent works the mask faces of drama and comedy. The humor-pathos

masks were produced for a local resident to be given as a Christmas gift. Both men were pleased with their efforts which took more than a week to produce.