

District happenings

Bitter cold ends 1980

The year 1980 ended with bone-chilling vengeance as temperatures dipped to well below zero both on Tuesday, Dec. 30 and again on Wednesday, Dec. 31.

There was a plus side to the cold though. Both days brought with them clear, blue skies, something folks in North Simcoe had not be accustomed to in recent weeks.

Drifting snow prompts closings

Blowing and drifting snow prompted a number of area highways to be closed for a time Friday.

Highway 92 from Elmvale to Wasaga Beach was closed as was Highway 26 between Midhurst and Collingwood and Highway 27 south of Barrie.

Brrrr!

Sure was cold here

Saturday's cold wave set record lows in

Ontario. City of Timmins with its -43 Celsius took the prize for the coldest community while here in Huronia residents woke to -35 Celsius readings. Brrrrr!

Your hands would be stuck too!

Wonder why the hands on the clock above the Midland Public Library have been stuck for the past week or so?

There's a reasonable answer. The bitter cold has frozen the oil on the huge clock's mechanism.

That's the official word from the folks who know. Next question...

Nominations being sought

Nominations for the Victoria Harbour Mini-Bonhomme Carnaval King and Queen Contest, will take place Jan. 12 to Jan. 24, 1981.

Nominations can be left at the Harbour Diner or Mike's Milk in Victoria Harbour.

Candidates must be a resident of Victoria Harbour, attend school and be 16 or over.

Voting will take place on Jan. 31, from 1

p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Legion in Victoria Harbour.

There will also be a chance to meet the Candidates at a Pot Luck Supper and Dance, on Jan. 31, 6:30 p.m. at the Legion. Everyone welcome. Senior Citizens may make arrangements for a ride to vote by calling 534-3083.

Nominee's for King and Queen are requested to meet at the Youth Centre in the Town Hall on Jan. 26, 4:15 p.m. for pictures and briefing. Crowning takes place 1st day of Carnival Feb. 6, 6:45 p.m. Sportsman Motor Inn.

4,000 lights to be on Saturday

We have been informed Christmas tree lighting at MacRae's on Airport Road in Tiny Township will be on for the last time this winter this coming Saturday from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., all 4,000 light bulbs!

If you haven't seen this annual labour of love of the MacRae's make a point to be there Saturday evening.

Two charges laid against Port teenager

A Port McNicoll teenager has been charged with possession of stolen property and attempted theft in connection with the theft of a 1980 model car from a Ninth Street, Port McNicoll residence.

The stolen car and Patrick Smith, 16, of Anne Street, Port McNicoll, were both found on the town's Ney Avenue at 8 a.m. last Friday. The car was stuck in the ditch.

Smith will appear in Penetanguishene Provincial Court, tomorrow.

Syrup Festival meet

The Elmvale and District Maple Syrup Festival Committee will hold their annual meeting tonight in Council Chambers of the Community Hall and selection of members of the various committees will be on the agenda.

According to Festival Chairman Don Thompson, this year's festival is looming closer, with the date of April 11 already having been set.

Ice, snow played part in accidents

Ice and snow covered roads were the root cause of a number of minor motor vehicle accidents in Midland to date in 1981.

One man was charged Monday with failing to signal a turn. This was the only charge laid following a motor vehicle accident since at least Jan. 2. Town police also noted no charges of impaired driving were laid on New Year's Eve.

Douglas Duddy, 59, of Birch Road, Midland, was charged with not signaling a turn Monday following an accident at

King Street and the road to Smith's Trailer Camp.

A vehicle driven by Duddy and a vehicle driven by Duncan McLaren, 37, of RR 1, Penetanguishene, were both southbound on King Street when Duddy made a right turn onto the Smith's Camp Road and was struck from behind.

Damage to Duddy's vehicle was \$500, to McLaren's vehicle, \$300.

The last of Saturday's three minor accidents occurred in mid-

afternoon. \$300 damage resulted to a vehicle driven by Etobicoke resident Leslie Sebestyen, 44, when a vehicle driven by Manly Street, Midland, resident Michael McCormick slid onto Midland Avenue while exiting from the Brewer's Retail lot.

Damage to the McCormick vehicle was \$50.

Icy roads also contributed to an accident during the noon hour Saturday at Woodland Drive and Hugel Avenue.

Bramalea resident Joseph Mayer, 21, while stopped in his vehicle on Woodland Drive at Hugel Avenue, was hit from behind. The other driver was Kenneth Wimbush, 51, of Lindsay Street, Midland.

Damage to Wimbush's vehicle was \$200, to Mayer's vehicle, \$50.

A little earlier Saturday a vehicle driven by William Magee, 50, of Bayview Drive, Midland, skidded into a vehicle driven by William Waters, 57, also of Bayview Drive.

Magee, southbound on

Birchwood Drive, tried to stop before entering Bayview Drive, but skidded into the path of Waters, eastbound on Bayview Drive. Damage was \$100 to Magee's vehicle and \$300 to Waters vehicle.

Late Friday afternoon a vehicle stopped on Yonge Street at William Street was struck in the rear. Gary MacLoughlin, 35, of Randall's Crescent, Midland, was the driver of the stopped vehicle. The other driver was Michael Churly, 18, of Mississauga.

Damage was \$150 to the stopped vehicle and \$200 to the other vehicle.

Late in the morning Friday a car parked near the Budd Watson Gallery on Hugel Avenue pulled into the path of a passing vehicle. Frank Shulman, 61, of Elizabeth Street, Midland, was the driver who pulled away from the curb. Estimated damage to his vehicle was \$65. There were no charges.

Damage to the passing vehicle, driven by Robert Armstrong,

30, of Hugel Avenue, was \$300.

PGH births

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Turner of 4 Ritchie Crescent, Elmvale, are the parents of a daughter, weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces, also born on Jan. 4, 1981, in Penetanguishene General Hospital.


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