

County band and choir planning major concert

The Simcoe County Youth Band and Choir will perform on Saturday evening Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Barrie Central Collegiate Auditorium. This concert will be



Kenneth Moore

the second performance by these groups which were first brought together in the fall of 1978.

At that time the secondary school music teachers of the county brought together some of the finest young singers and instrumentalists in the county to perform a musical program to commemorate the Year of the Child.

This year's choir will consist of about 120 girls and boys and will be under the direction of Gerald Fagan.

The 80 member band will be directed by Kenneth Moore, director of the RCMP Band.

The students taking part in this program will represent most of the Secondary Schools in the County including

Alumnae members pick executive

Midland's Registered Nurses Alumnae met Monday evening in the home of Anne Girard for a regular monthly meeting the group holds every second Monday of the month.

A new executive was picked by the group. Nora Russell was elected president. Bunny Snider is vice-president. Pat Hook is secretary. Treasurer is Rena Bell and the phone calling committee consists of chairman Marg Johnston along with Grace Tippin, Jean Russell and Anne Girard.

The group has a number of fund-raising events in the works including a rummage sale and a cookbook.

Rena Bell, Judy Wright, Margaret Wilson, Nora Russell and Pat Hook will be responsible for the cookbook.

Members also agreed to continue helping out at blood donor clinic at the Legion when called upon.

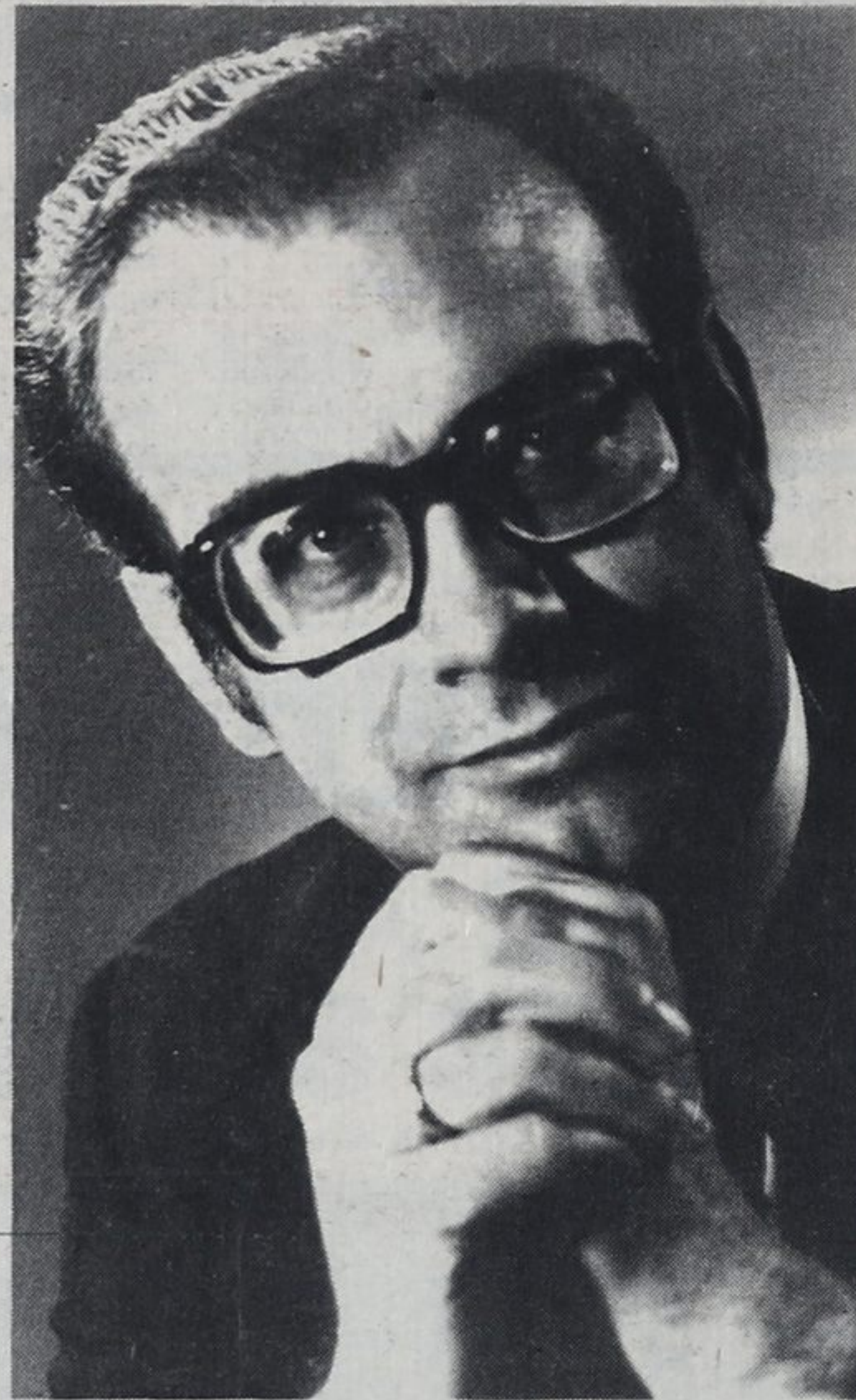
Midland Secondary School, Penetanguishene Secondary School (ESPSS) and the three Orillia Collegiates.

The instrumental students from MSS are Cindy Todd, Christy Aikin, Jane Chisholm, Peter Montgomery, Glenn MacFarlane, Joe Dignard, Ron Mohan

and Moira Somers.

The vocalists from MSS are Michèle Garrett, Sandy Jones, Susan Jones and Julie Noack and Ian Veall.

Tickets for this concert are available at MSS 526-2274. The price is \$3. Children under 12 will be admitted free of charge.



Gerald Fagan

Ecole St. Joseph

Furnace fails so... pupils sent home

More than 350 students of Ecole St. Joseph at Penetanguishene were sent home on Monday of this week due to unprecedented cold temperatures in their classrooms.

When janitorial staff entered the building at 8 a.m. they found that the furnace had gone out during the night.

Although attempts were made to start the furnace up again, this was found to be impossible.

Temperatures in the classrooms were coldest downstairs, where they dipped to the freezing point. Upstairs it was slightly warmer, hovering around 40 to 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

Shortly after 9:00 a.m. the decision to send the children home was made by the staff, who were huddling in the office in their coats.

According to Anne Gagne, vice principal at Ecole St. Joseph, the buses were then called and began returning to pick up the children at 10:00 o'clock. "By 10:15 they were all gone, and we've been calling parents ever since she reported at noon.

There are 351 students at Ecole St. Joseph, in kindergarten, Grades 4 to 8 and one class of Grade 3's.

The rest of the

students are in classes across the road in the annex, which was not affected.

Workmen from Barrie had been called in to work on the school furnace over the weekend, and had it working on Sunday. However, overnight the fires died out, causing the extremely cold temperatures which froze some pipes.

Although a similar incident occurred at the annex building last year. Ms. Gagne observed that "We've never before been unable to repair the furnace at the main building in time to keep the children in class."

CPR session tonight at HDH

Midland Chapter of the Ontario Heart Foundation will be hosting a very important public meeting tonight at 8 p.m. at Huronia District Hospital.

The meeting on CPR, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, will consist of a demonstration on "Annie" (a lifelike doll donated to the hospital by the local industries).

"Resusci Baby" will be used to demonstrate resuscitation on a baby - this 'doll' was presented to the hospital by grateful parents.

Following the demonstration there will be a question and answer period. Huronia District Hospital cafeteria will be used for the meeting which will begin at 8 p.m.

An interview with Mrs. P. Best and Mr. R. Platt on this topic is being shown on Channel 12 this week.

CEC report

Placement down for December: McNee says

Midland's Canada Employment Centre Manager Don McNee, in a December news release reports that 88 vacancies were listed with the Centre during the month. Fifty-eight job vacancies were filled during the same period.

McNee stated that the placement figure was down from the previous month, however the drop was not unexpected as December is usually a quiet month with few hirings occurring.

At the end of December there were approximately 2,300 people registered for employment with the Centre, 200 less than at the same period a year ago.

McNee indicated that a telephone survey of major manufacturing firms in the area revealed that employment conditions were fairly stable.

Firms who reported business slow were in most cases ones who experience a slow down at this time of year, with improvement expected during the first quarter of 1981. A random sample of retailers in Midland's Downtown area indicated that sales during the Christmas period were quite satisfactory.

McNee reported that applications are being taken at the Canada Employment Centre for candidates for two Manpower Training Courses that will commence early in February. Both courses, Dining Room Service and Introduction to Employment, have been given previously in Midland with graduates in most cases experiencing little difficulty in securing suitable employment.

McNee said that at the end of December, there were 64 unfilled vacancies listed with the centre, in such occupations as Manager Weaving, Tool and Die Maker, School Bus Driver, Flying Instructor, Waiting Person and Registered Nurse. Information on these and other vacancies is available at the Employment Centre.

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