

Pair of YMCA campaigns achieve their results

Midland YMCA Campaign Chairman, Fred Hacker announced Monday the results of major fund raising activities that have been undertaken by the Association since last October.

The YMCA Board of Directors was faced with two financial problems last fall. The immediate concern was to raise, from the public at large, sufficient money to balance the operating budget for 1981.

The second and more critical concern was to try to develop a strategy to considerably reduce the mortgage indebtedness of the Association, as almost

\$300,000 was still to be paid off on the Y's beautiful new facility.

Operating Campaign

With respect to the 1981 financial requirement of the Association, the Directors originally set a target of \$40,000. However, when the Y's 1981 budget was finalized, the actual requirement from campaign funds proved to be considerably less.

Income generated by the Y from memberships, programs and other fees will require a subsidy of only \$24,800 in order to meet operational expenses in 1981.

The Operating

Campaign organization, consisting of over 120 volunteers under the leadership of Chester Graham, surpassed the budgeted requirement with more than \$25,000 having been reported to date. It is known that a few campaigners have yet to complete their reports.

Hacker and the Finance Committee consider this campaign to be an excellent success since it will meet the requirements of the operating subsidy for the year 1981.

Volunteers

Top level volunteers on this campaign, in addition to Chester Graham were unit

leaders, Bob Morton, Dick Gay, and John Gignac with team captains Ken St. Amant, Larry Bowers, Kevin Pursell, Clay Young, Marlene Latondresse, Bill Prentice, Herb Mellish, Andy Wicksted, Jack Wilson, Mike Miller, Bryson McQuirter, Ron Mink, Barbara Nicholls, and Des Carpenter.

Canvassers who earned Quota Buster awards are Dr. Doug Donald, Brent Gordon, Dave Hamilton, Dick Gay, Dan Gilbert, Bob MacKinnon, Pat Gruber, Barb Nicholls and Joan Lavin. Doub Quota Busters are Kevin Pursell, Marlene Latondresse, Mike

Miller, Jean Leaven Ken Cowan and Doug McMillan.

Mike Miller also captained the top producing team securing a total of \$2,506 in pledges.

Capital requirements

While the Operating Campaign organization was being set up, Mr. Hacker recruited a team of 16 top canvassers to attack the \$300,000 mortgage problem. The goal of these special canvassers was to substantially reduce the large mortgage and interest payments which were proving to be a restrictive burden for the YMCA.

By soliciting pledges payable over three years the capital campaign would thus reduce the outstanding deficit to manageable proportions.

Hacker has announced that this capital task force has succeeded in raising \$250,000 in pledges which is "an incredible piece of work."

Hacker further stated "Special Canvassers Dr. Peter Cameron, Dr. John Gibson, Robbert Hartog, Frank Hartman, Jean Hartman, John Leitch, Ralph Lynn, Ernie Mink, Jim McCready, Tom McCullough, Greg Rice, Hudson Leavens, Doug Andrews, Herb Henderson, Pat Teskey and Dr. Norm Grieve deserve a tremendous

amount of credit for their outstanding accomplishments. Many hours of training, preparation and canvassing went into the solicitation from almost 300 prospective major donors."

"We do appreciate not only the work of our dedicated volunteers but the enthusiastic and overwhelming support of hundreds of donors who recognize and unselfishly endorse the work of the YMCA in this community," said

Hacker.

Midland Family Y President Mrs. Jean Hartman not only graciously expressed the thanks of the Y to everyone involved in both the Operating and Capital Campaigns but added "this terrific fund raising project would not have attained the high degree of success it has, without the tremendous enthusiasm, drive, and motivation provided by Campaign Chairman Fred Hacker."

Snowmobile set ablaze

Midland OPP recovered a snowmobile late Sunday night after it had been reported missing.

The machine which had been set ablaze was located in a field east of the intersection of First Avenue and Second Street in Port McNicoll.

Police say it had been stripped of its engine, gas tank and other parts before being torched.

Subsequent investigations determined the machine had been owned by Rick Daziel, 676 King St., Midland, and that the man had previously reported it missing.

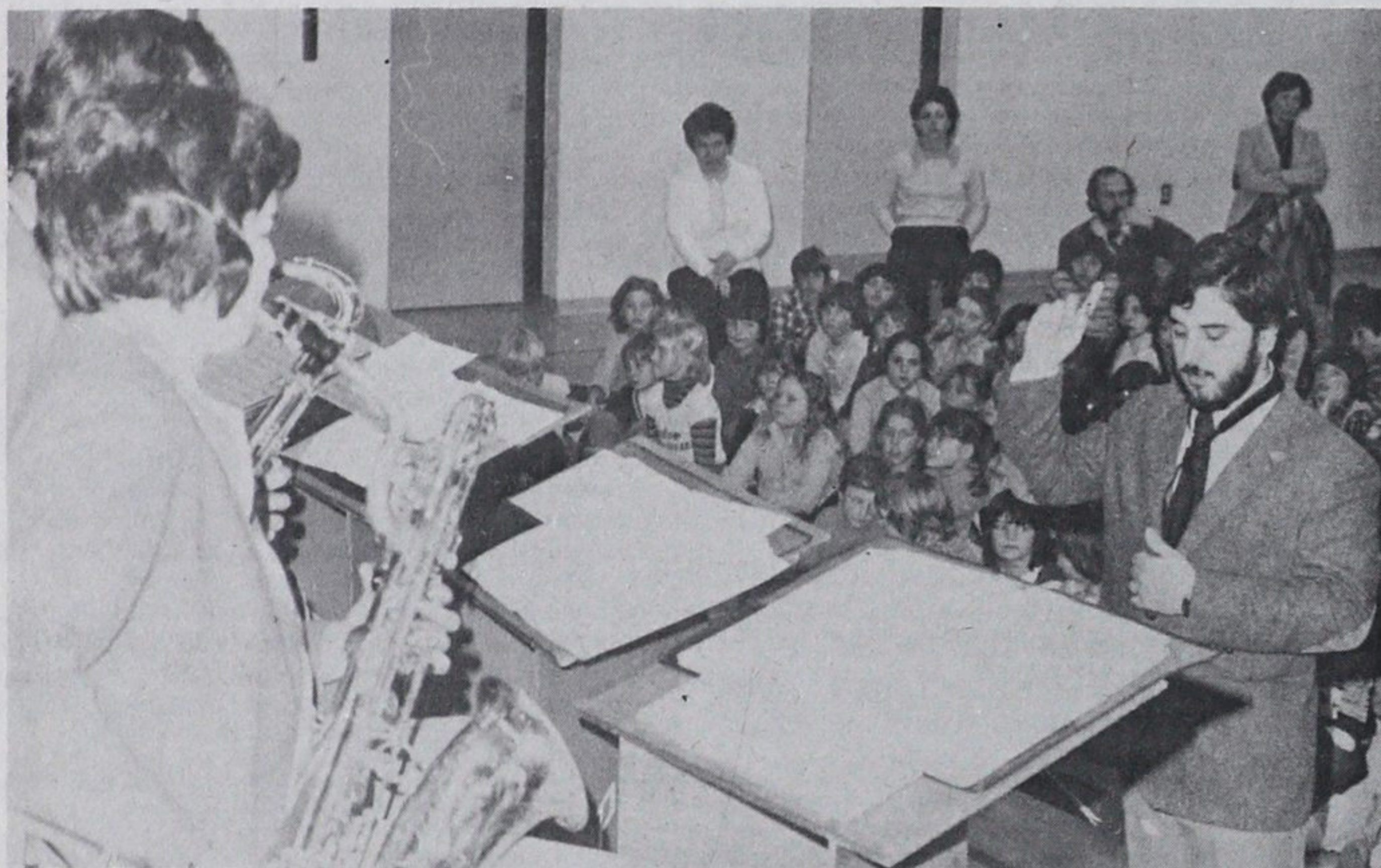
Police investigation into the matter continues. Meanwhile Gabriel G. J. Forget (Tiny Twp) has been charged in connection with the entry of Maple Valley Social Club between 1:30 a.m. and 10 a.m., Jan. 16.

Forget also faces other charges.

In other police news a person or persons still unknown to OPP were responsible for taking two snowmobiles stored at a Tiny Township cottage on Con. 16 sometime on Jan. 12.

The machines were owned by two Toronto-area men. They're a 1979 Ski-Doo 440, and a 1980 Ski-Doo Citation.

The '79 machine was later recovered by OPP's snow patrol near Camp Marygrove while the '80 one was found abandoned at Coutnac Beach.



Richard Lamoureux, right, leads the 18 member ESPSS dance band in concert last Friday afternoon at Ecole St. Joseph School. The band made an appearance earlier in the day at Corpus Christi School. The purpose of the concerts, the ESPSS teacher said, is to acquaint students with the school's band program, to show them the instruments and show what advanced players can do with them.

Leader of the band

Quiet weekend for town firemen

Midland Firefighters spent a quiet weekend, reports Deputy Fire Chief Hal Belfry.

"We didn't turn a wheel," the deputy noted. Last call his firefighters responded to was on Jan. 11 when firefighters were summoned to extinguish a car fire.

Cause of that blaze was suspected arson.

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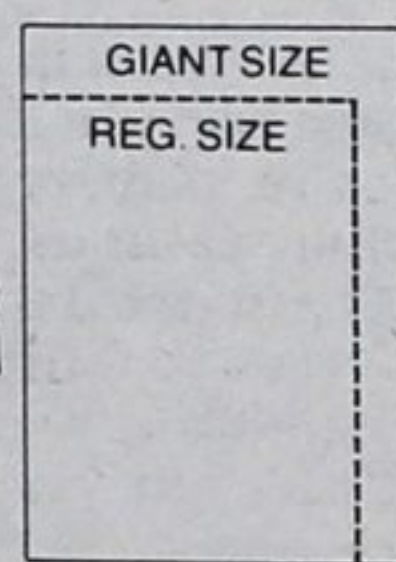


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