



Countdown to Winterama

Spirit Spotter will be looking for you during the weeks ahead

Where are your Winterama buttons and toques? Come on, start wearing them! The Carnival Spirit Spotter is looking for you! Friday, Feb. 20 is "Jour de Tourtière" - "Tourtière Day". Everyone around town is asked to buy a meat pie to eat that day - schools, businesses, industries, etc. Help make "Tourtière Day" an annual tradition.

Macdonald's Restaurant, Highway 27, is sponsoring the Great Parent-Child Hamburger Races. This is a three-legged race involving any adult with any child. So

Mom, Dad, Grandpa, Grandma, Aunt and Uncle, bring a child along to the races and help him or her win a hamburger.

Make sure you're downtown in lots of time Saturday, the 21st. Activities get started at 10:15 a.m. with the bedrace up the Main St. hill. This is followed by the Half-Fast Florida Dash. These zanies, even though they are Half-Fast, still move at quite a clip, so be on time - don't miss them!

This year there is going to be a Window-Painting Contest under the direction of ESPSS art teacher, Hugh Niblock. It is being sponsored by the Canadian Legion, Branch 68, prizes of \$75., \$50. & \$25. to be awarded.

The Human Energy Show is well un-

derway, featuring various crafts in the community, such as crochet, beadwork, wood-burning, etc. There will be demonstrations such as spinning and weaving.

There will be a Fish Pond for children, run by the Girl Guides and the Catholic Women's League will be holding a tea-room. All this takes place in the basement of St. Ann's Church, Robert St. E. We still need more participants. Give Diane Greenfield a call at 533-3037 if you or maybe someone you know might be interested in getting involved.

A step-dance and fiddle contest will take place at the Centre d'Activités Françaises on Sat., Feb. 21st at 8:30 p.m. 63 Main St. If you are interested in entering these

events, call 549-3116.

Have you noticed how many photos of beautiful babies Mrs. Gignac has in her store window? Thirty, so far and the entries are still coming. Drop by and have a look and don't forget to vote for your choice.

Girls, has your guy got a moustache and just hasn't got around to entering our contest? You can do it for him by calling Vince at 549-8841. Who knows, he might be the lucky winner.

Snappers & flashers - there's still time to enter the photography contest. There are three categories: 1. Historic picture of Penetanguishene. 2. Photo representing Western tradition. 3. Penetanguishene street scene.



Town can't say no to Ministry

by Murray Moore

Mayor Ron Bellisle isn't surprised the Ministry of Education has made an end run around town council's blocking of the school board's application to build a French high school.

The surprise, if any, is that it didn't happen sooner.

The town building inspector, says, "won't have any choice but to issue a building permit" to a Ministry representative.

Monday afternoon, minutes before Premier William Davis announced a provincial election will be held Mar. 19, Mayor Bellisle was of the opinion that, if the project does start, "nothing will be done until possibly after the provincial election in May."

Bylaw

"The only consideration we have now is a bylaw covering development control" (passed at the last council meeting).

The bylaw requires individuals and developers wanting to build in town to submit plans of the building and an idea of the landscaping they intend to create, the mayor said. The bylaw conforms with section 35A of the provincial Planning Act.

The act applies to individuals and possibly the school board, but not, perhaps, the mayor thinks, the Ministry of Education. "Not all the laws that are made necessarily apply to all branches of government," he said.

"The day last September that town council denied the school board's rezoning application a Ministry representative could have come into the town office and demanded a building permit without our having anything to say," Bellisle said.

Building permit

The mayor hopes that whether the Simcoe County Board of Education or the

Ministry of Education applies for a building permit, that the applicant will follow the outline of the Planning Act and submit its plans for the building and the surrounding property.

The mayor also hopes that the town council will be allowed to meet with the ministry so that its members can express their feelings, whatever they may be.

"The ministry owes us the courtesy of a meeting," he said.

The John Street property is zoned agricultural but need not be rezoned to build a school. Bellisle speculated that the school board or Ministry might apply to have the

10 acres rezoned to institutional in any case.

Bruce Tinney, head of the Concerned Citizens for Bilingual Unity, responded to last week's news by saying "I'll believe it when I see it there. I'm not willing to believe that it's going through. But they (the Ministry) said they are going to give it to them, and I can't see how they can back out."

The reality of a new French high school and who wish to continue to attend there and take subjects in French."

FLAC should be fighting for the students of Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene as well as Ecole Secondaire LeCaron, he said.

Adrien Lamoureux, principal of Ecole Secondaire Le Caron, is optimistic that sometime this September he will be overseeing a school on 10 acres of land on John Street in Penetanguishene.

Alvin Gravelle, local school board trustee, said this week the Ministry of Education decided to drop its attempt to build a school on land next to the present high school. Instead the unilingual French school will be put on land on John Street owned by the Simcoe County Board of Education for 10 years.

"If all goes well," said Lamoureux Monday. "and I don't see what will not go well, I expect to be in the new school sometime during the month of September."

Assembly of the temporary modular school will not start until the snow disappears, Gravelle said, adding that eight months time will be needed, likely resulting in a mid- or late September opening.

The school board trustee suggested that last week's announcement by the Ministry of Education might cause more students to enroll in the new school than would if Ecole Secondaire Le Caron remained in its present location in Lafontaine.

The announcement has played "havoc with enrolment," Lamoureux said. "It is a pity that the announcement was not made in November or December."

Students in elementary schools in the area last month were making their decision as to which high school they would be entering next September, as well as which subjects they will be taking.

Lamoureux said the preliminary figures for his school should be in his hands by week's end. There will be some students, however, he thinks, who will wait to see what follows the Ministry's announcement before making a decision.

The first reaction of Ecole Secondaire Le Caron students Thursday to the news was joyful, he said. Later some scepticism crept in. As he pointed out, this will be the second year in a row that a new school was promised for the coming fall.

Exceptional building recognized

The white frame house and out-building at 32 Water Street, Penetanguishene, is the first building in the town to be designated as being of historic and architectural significance. Town council passed a bylaw last week to make it official. The small house on the corner of Water Street and Owen Street has

been used years ago by the McGibbon Lumber Company and more recently by a Midland newspaper as a bureau office and by the Penetanguishene Chamber of Commerce. Last week council was asked to consider letting a group of area handicapped people use the building as a meeting place and recycling center.

Tiny Township appoints board and committee members

by Adrienne Graham Gardner

Appointments to Tiny Township boards and committees were made at the regular meeting of council on Wednesday, Jan. 28.

Under bylaw 9-81, Louise Butler and Katheline French were appointed to the Library Board. Appointed to serve on the Committee of Adjustment were Eric Simpson, William Horsfall and Leonard Moreau.

Having found the recently reduced size of the Parks and Recreation and Community Centres Board too small at seven members, bylaw 7-81 provides for increasing the size of the board to between five and twelve members, two members of council and the Reeve ex officio. Tiny residents to serve on the enlarged board are: Carol Withall, Elaine Hamelin, Betty Hall, Pat Heatley, Justin Maurice, Adrienne Gardner, Deputy Reeve John Lackie, Councillors John Butler, Ron Hamelin and Gabe Brunelle and Reeve Morris Darby.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed by Tiny council on Wednesday: Roads department \$22,775, General Accounts \$40,373, Water \$1,514, Fire \$242, Ainlev and Associates Subdivision Accounts \$1,710, a \$25 grant to the North Simcoe Soil and Crop Improvement Association.

Roads Subsidy

The Ministry of Transportation and Communications will provide subsidy amounts of \$194,000 for Roads Construction and \$268,000 for Roads Maintenance in Tiny Township in the coming year.

This amount is up \$72,000 over last year's total, and represents the maximum allowable under the subsidy program. Supplementary allocations must be applied for by March 31. All projects undertaken with subsidized funds must comply with the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act.

Planning Board Accounts

Tiny Township planning board was overspent in 1980 by a small margin. Actual expenses totalled \$46,679, which represents a deficit of \$2920 after Accounts Receivable are deducted.

Projects covered in the 1980 budget included work on the northern and western shoreline secondary plan, the highway 27 study, O.M.B. hearings, Legal Fees, Remunerations, Area Board Official Plan, Property Standard and Metric Conversion of the Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw.