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## Dedicated service

The Midland and District Rotary Club this week recognized three area individuals for their contributions to their community with years of dedicated service. From left are: Austin Matthews, Midland YMCA

chief officer; Bill Barnett, head of guidance at Midland Secondary School; Frances St. Amant, Penetanguishene deputy-reeve. At right is Rotary President Don McNeen.

# Town asked to help pay for wing

by Murray Moore

Penetanguishene General Hospital's board of directors has asked the town council to consider helping pay the debt remaining on the capital cost of its 10 bed chronic care wing that unofficially opened this week.

The town is being asked to pay \$34,466 as its share, on the basis that Penetanguishene residents are the biggest users of the hospital. Elmvale is being asked to pay \$14,083, Tiny Township \$10,333, and Flos Township \$1,345.

Art Stewart, administration and finance committee chairman, said yesterday the committee will be meeting with members of the hospital board in early March to discuss the board's request.

The hospital has been able to date to amass \$134,935 of the \$205,706 capital cost of building and equipping the chronic care unit. The Ministry of Health will pay the yearly operating costs.

Of the \$134,935 raised, \$75,000 is in the form of an interest-free loan from the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception.

The hospital has raised, through donations and other revenue, \$34,935. Simcoe County has said that it will pay \$25,000.

The loan from the Grey Sisters is an interest free loan. Sister Joan Whalen, hospital administrator, said that usually the Ministry of Health pays two-thirds of capital costs, but not in this case.

The hospital unofficially opened the wing this week, about a year after the proposal was first made. Huronia District Hospital had to wait four years, in contrast, for the Ministry of Health to agree to pay the operating costs for an 18 bed chronic care wing that sat unused for lack of operating funds.

The official opening of the new wing will be in March. Sister Joan said that nine of the 10 chronic care beds were filled this week. The hospital now has 50 active care beds and 10 chronic care beds.

Penetanguishene General has not had the problem that Huronia District has had to find beds for patients. In fact several doctors at the Midland hospital with visiting privileges at Penetanguishene General have referred patients to the local hospital.

Penetanguishene General has a set of criteria by which it decides whether a person qualifies for chronic care, or if that person should be in a nursing home.

A physical and occupational therapist, and a speech pathologist, are on staff to help chronic care patients.

Huronia District Hospital received the news last Friday that funding would be forthcoming to allow it to open its chronic care wing, two days after the hospital decided to go public with its campaign to get approval for the opening of the wing, and the same day that the provincial election was called by Premier William Davis.

## Frances St. Amant award recipient

Frances St. Amant was one of three recipients Wednesday of the Midland and District Rotary Club's 1981 vocational service award. Midland school teacher Bill Barnett and Midland YMCA chief officer Austin Matthews were the two other area figures recognized.

The Penetanguishene resident was called "the lady who makes it happen in Penetanguishene" by Rotary Program Director Fred Hacker.

Hacker cited her election 20 years ago as the town's first woman councillor and her involvement on council as a councillor and as a committee chairman over the last two decades.

Even longer was the list of community service groups that she has formed or been active in. She has been active in the local Red Cross, coached boy's hockey for many years, formed the local Parent-Teachers Association, organized the local girl's softball league. She has been president of the local minor hockey association, as well as serving in other executive positions. The list went on.

Bill Barnett, a teacher for 35 years, the last 30 years in Midland, was described as a man who has "contributed his entire working life to the betterment of children of the area who have passed through the local school system."

Barnett started at Midland's Sixth Street school, served at Regent Public School and Bayview Public School, before moving to Midland Secondary School and its guidance department.

He has chaired the local music festival, been a prominent member of the Y's Men's Club, served on the Midland Parks Board, coached hockey, and given time to the Children's Aid Society and ARC Industries.

Austin Matthews, in his capacity as chief executive officer of the YMCA, works long hours both at the Y and also involves himself deeply in sporting groups outside the Y and the Big Brothers, Hacker said. Matthews exemplifies the standards of the YMCA, he said.

Last year Yvon Gagne, Mary Gibson and Jack Hunter were recognized by the Rotary Club in the first year that vocational service awards were given.

## Bowl for Millions Week declared

Ron Bellisle, mayor of Penetanguishene and Moreland Lynn, mayor of Midland have officially declared the week of Feb. 7-14 Bowl for Millions Week.

The week will be in accordance with the upcoming fund raising event held by the local Big Brothers Association and is the sole source of income for the organization.

It is made possible through the co-operation of local bowling associations.

This year's event will involve about 1,000 league bowlers and 350 "celebrities" who will bowl Feb. 14 at Bayshore Lanes in Midland.

Members of the public who do not belong to a bowling league are invited to come and join in that day.

Everyone who bowls could win one of many prizes donated by local merchants in Midland and Penetanguishene if they have their pledges collected by March 15.

The prizes can be viewed in the window of the former Georgian Bay Hardware Store on King Street in Midland.

If interested in participating, pledge sheets can be obtained by calling 526-3104.

## Citizen briefly

### Bell Gouinlock again town's fiscal agent

Bell Gouinlock Limited has been reappointed for a second two-year term to act as a fiscal agent for the town.

In the first term Bell Gouinlock assisted the town to sell two debentures.

Administration and Finance Committee Chairman Art Stewart told council that although the town isn't thinking of issuing debentures, Bell Gouinlock will provide the town with a free monthly summary of stock market activity.

### Court of Revision members appointed

Members of the Court of Revision for Town of Penetanguishene for 1981 were appointed by council at its last meeting.

The members of the court are Donald Charlebois, Rosemary Tannahill, and Marita King. The court hears complaints against assessments made under the Local Improvement Act.

Court members are paid \$25 a sitting, or a maximum of \$100 a year.

### Oldtimers play in Collingwood

Penetanguishene Hockey Brule Oldtimers Hockey Club and Midland Oldtimers Hockey Club will both be active this weekend in Collingwood where they will take part in a hockey tournament there.

They will compete against teams from Orillia, Coldwater, Elmvale and the host club, Collingwood.

Action will take place Friday and Saturday.

### \$93,655.35 of stolen property recovered

Town police recovered \$93,655.35 of \$111,836.64 worth of property reported stolen in 1980.

Town police investigated 84 reportable and 70 non-reportable motor vehicle accidents. No one was killed; 27 people were injured. One person died suddenly and two accidentally, in accidents not involving motor vehicles.

Nearly 4,000 complaints were investigated. Forty-one thefts of property worth over \$200, and the theft of 31 vehicles, were reported.

### Over 600 charges

In 1980 town police laid 304 charge under the Highway Traffic Act, 192 charges under different sections of the Criminal Code, and 150 charges under the Liquor Licence Act.

Police handed out 942 parking tickets. Fourteen charges for drug offences were laid.

Through the year 122 reports of theft of property valued at less than \$200 were made.

Jail terms amounting to four years and three days were handed out. A total of 34 years and 10 months of probation terms were handed down.

### Council meetings popular for one reason

The building and opening of a French high school in town this year will likely mean a big drop in the number of people who attend monthly meetings of town council.

Midland council meets twice a month, represents twice as many people, and attracts few or no members of the public to its meetings.

A visitor to the last Penetanguishene town council meeting might have been mistakenly impressed by the fact that the council chamber was crowded.

However, as soon as council voted not to review its decision to deny the Simcoe County Board of Education a building permit, nearly all of the spectators left.

The observers were Concerned Citizens, not concerned citizens.

With the end of the high school issue, council meetings here will be as ignored as council meetings in Midland.

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