



This truck will be put to good use

Bill Orr, left, Midland alderman accepts the keys from Jim Morrison of Jim Morrison Motors in Midland to the new sanding truck recently purchased by the Public Works Department of

Midland. The double-axle sander can hold 18 tons of sand and should prove a definite asset when the snow hits Midland again.

'SNOW BIRDS' ...the tans give 'em away

It's that time of the year for "Snow Birds" (Canadians) who haven't made their annual trek to Florida to start making plans to do so.

This week we've heard of several Midlanders (retirees)

who are planning to leave this part of Huronia for at least four weeks in the southern climes.

Most intend to beat the mid-winter break (remember when it was called Easter

holidays?).

While some will be flying to Tampa, Sarasota or Miami, others will be driving down U.S. I-75.

The throughway is constantly under repair in spots although this year most of the work is being done just a few miles south of the Ambassador Bridge at Detroit and then again in and around Knoxville, Tenn.

More and more motorists are finding it more convenient to drive straight through Atlanta as opposed to going around the city's western truck route.

Those "Snow Birds"

who have recently returned to Midland report the cold snap Florida experienced several weeks ago is a thing of the past as temperatures have returned to normal for this time of the year in the Southern States.

Sporting tropical sun-tans returnees look most relaxed and are the envy of their family and friends.

Special week

Nutrition week which is a special project of the Canadian Dietetic Association and the provincial associations is taking place March 2 to 7.

Midland has declared this week officially Nutrition Week.

During the week, from Monday to Friday, a display booth is being set up in the lobby of the YMCA from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will be manned by the following registered professional Dietitians: Noreen Gilbert; Food Service Administrator Mental Health Centre Pat Thayer; Dietitian

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BIA president sees no danger from waterfront hotel

Midland Downtown Business Improvement Area President Peter Palmer says John Gorman is being "overly protective" in his opposition to the building of a proposed 600-unit hotel on the waterfront.

Such a development, which Annedol Investments had initially said would include a convention centre, "can't help but be good" for the downtown merchants, he said.

"Don't tell me that

people will sit down there and not radiate out" into the business district, Palmer said. "you would be naive to think so."

The BIA, he said, realizes that development is inevitable. It has to revitalize the downtown, whatever happens. Its objective is to be established "by the time the big shooters come around." The BIA isn't in that position yet, he added, but we're working on it.

Palmer said he

respected Gorman's feelings and felt that Gorman's head and his heart were in the right place.

As far as the BIA is concerned, though, it doesn't make any difference to the BIA whether people go to Barrie to shop, as they do now, or if they go to a highway shopping mall.

The downtown merchants can be competitive even if there are shopping malls all around them, he said.

JACK HARBER

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