



The
Penetanguishene
Citizen
Community Newspaper

Vol. 14, No. 11, Folio 22

Wednesday, March 18, 1981

28 pages, 25 cents

SCBE, Le Caron meeting not set

Whether the working committee responsible for Ecole Secondaire Le Caron will be meeting with the Simcoe County Board of Education next Wednesday will not be known until later this week.

The board decided a week ago to ask the special committee to meet with it to review the positions that the special committee has taken on the school. The board also refused to accept the French Language Advisory Committee's (FLAC) report to the meeting. The FLAC meeting was not properly held under the board's bylaws, the board decided.

FLAC has been pressing the board to make decisions on the building of the new school for Ecole Secondaire Le Caron, and to provide bus service from Midland Secondary School to Le Caron for a Le Caron art class.

John Storey, chairman of the working committee and also regional director of education for the Ministry of Education, said from his Toronto office yesterday he would be talking with Harris later this week. Storey will be asking the SCBE's director of education what the board wants to discuss at the next meeting.

Storey said he receives many requests to meet with school boards, and that he always does so when

possible, "in order to keep communications links open."

His view of the problem is that the SCBE is concerned with gaining a permanent school for the francophone students of Le Caron, and that the board has been unsuccessful to date in doing so.

The provision of a bus, he said, "is the kind of decision made with respect to students, anglophone or French, that is the responsibility of the board. It is not a thing that I would interfere with."

"The concern expressed through the French Language Advisory Committee to the board and the administration needs to be resolved at the local level," he added.



Top Grit comes to North Simcoe

About 300 Liberal partisans from Simcoe Centre and Simcoe East were drawn to the Budd Watson Gallery in Midland, Saturday evening, to see and hear from opposition leader Dr. Stuart Smith. The Liberal leader was the first top official from his party to drum up support here in North

Simcoe. Premier Bill Davis however was in Barrie and Orillia more than a week ago to do the same thing while NDP leader Mike Cassidy was to be in Midland this morning just one day before the March 19 provincial election.

Community groups manifestation of democracy's virtue

The Midland and District Rotary Club was linked with the minority of democracies in the world outnumbered by dictatorships.

Ontario Cabinet Minister Thomas Wells, in Midland Monday to address a civic luncheon, quoted Winston Churchill to the effect that while democracy is not the perfect political system, it remains the best system man has yet devised.

The senior cabinet minister also praised the Midland and District Rotary Club, whose members and guests he addressed.

If a person were to make a list of all

the things that didn't happen in a community, because of the absence of Rotary and other such community organizations, all communities would be sadder for them, he said.

People who say voting in elections because they are a waste of time "should go and live for a while in a dictatorship: the Soviet Union or some of the countries in Africa where no one gets a change to vote, or to offer their services."

Our democratic system, Wells said, has given Canada one of the highest standards of living in the world, and allows the people to be critical of it.

Citizen briefly

Stolen car destroyed by fire

A car stolen some time between 2 a.m. and 2:30 a.m. Saturday from behind Main Street was discovered later in the day destroyed by fire.

Town police say a car belonging to Port McNicoll resident Brenda Miron was taken while parked in a parking lot at the rear of 102 Main Street.

Midland OPP found the remains of the 1971 model car, valued at \$500, at the Northwest Basin.

Tickets for magic show on sale here

Huron Performing Arts for Children presents Ron Oliver, a magician, on Saturday, April 4 at 2 p.m. in Midland Secondary School.

Tickets available from Gignac's Children's Wear here, and also at Johnstone's Musicland, King Street, Midland, and at Sound Concepts, A and P Mall, Highway 27. Cost is \$1 for children and \$2 for adults.

Driver on Champlain Road charged

Randy Longlad, 28, of 231 William Street, Midland, has been charged by town police with impaired driving and excess alcohol, and driving while under suspension.

The charges were laid after town police stopped a car observed being driven in an erratic manner and at high speed on Champlain Road. The incident occurred last Friday at 8:40 p.m.

On Saturday Andrew Howse, 19, of 38 Champlain Road, was charged by town police with causing a disturbance on Simcoe Street near Peel Street at 2 a.m.

Ad for police chief drawing response

By yesterday three applications for the job of town Chief of Police had been received by town clerk Yvon Gagne.

The job has only been officially advertised in the local press but advertisements will appear in the Toronto Globe and Mail this week.

The ad says that the Chief of Police will manage eight other police officers, who in turn police approximately 5,500 people.

The ad requires training and extensive experience in both operational and administrative aspects of police work. Salary is negotiable.

The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. April 1. The clerk expects to receive quite a few more applications. Ontario Provincial Police members who want to settle in one place are often attracted to such jobs, he said.

Northwest Basin cribbage players are tops

The tournament was hosted by the Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors in their centre, "The Place". Following the Tournament, a lunch of tea, coffee and cake was served by the Refreshment Committee.

1st - Della DesRoches and Ethel Gianetto, Champlain Club, Northwest Basin, 7 wins - 12 points.

2nd - Vivian Genier and Armand Genier, Club d'age d'or de Lafontaine, 6 wins - 29 points.

3rd - Mary White and Bob White, (Balm Beach), Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors, 6 wins - 21 points.

The event was sponsored by the Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee and the County of Simcoe Recreation Department.

Opposition leader visits Midland

Conservative ads backfiring, Smith states

The two themes of Provincial Liberal Party Leader Stuart Smith's address in Midland, Saturday, were that the Conservative's expensive and slick advertising campaign was working against them, and that his party's declared policies were helping the Liberals.

Smith, addressing a rally in The Budd Watson Gallery, outlined the Liberal's election planks.

Burden

To offset the "Tremendous burden" of heating bills to lower income and middle income homeowners, a Liberal government would pay one-quarter of a home's annual heating bill, to a maximum of \$150.

The Liberals would end the "biggest rip-off" in Ontario by revising hydro rates that

assess rural users at a 29 per cent higher rate than urban users.

The Liberals would increase Ontario's apprenticeship program so that skilled workers need not be imported while people are unemployed here.

The Liberals would standardize the examinations for the province's high schools, according to "standards that all of us can recognize and understand," so that graduating students would not need remedial education after graduation.

Smith also recapitulated his party's biggest plank, announced the day before in Kingston. A Liberal government would spend \$2 billion to build 10 plants to produce fuel alcohol for the province's cars. By 1984 only gas mixed

with two per cent alcohol would be sold. Liberal plans call for half of the fuel needs of 1990 to be filled by fuel alcohol.

Jobs would be created to modify cars to accept the new fuel. The government would also create a new car industry in the province to build cars with modified fuel tanks.

Debate

Smith attacked the Conservative government for refusing to debate the issues and for spending more money for television advertising, "for any product, at any time."

The Conservatives don't stand on their record or debate the issues, he said. Instead they sing songs, "little jingles like those used to sell chewing gum."

As proof of the government's inadequacy,

the Opposition Leader stated that 90 per cent of the layoffs in the country last year took place in Ontario. The net income of Ontario's farmers is down by 32 per cent; for the first time the average farm income of the Quebec farmer is higher than that of the Ontario farmer, he said.

Smith quoted the line from the PC election jingle to the effect that Davis can do it, Davis can do it. "Just remember this," Smith said, "if Davis could do it, he would have done it by now."

Smith charged the Davis government with handing out a cheque at every election stop. "The people of Ontario are not so stupid that they can be bribed with their own money," he said.