

# Thumbs down by planners

## Roller skating rink in limbo near Lembos

The proposal to turn the former B. F. Goodrich warehouse on Heritage Drive now owned by Lembo Corporation into a roller skating rink has been dropped by its backers, Midland's planning board was told this week.

Planning board secretary Bryan MacKell said yesterday that the board will be recommending to council Monday evening that council not forward the bylaw it recently passed to allow the operation of a roller skating rink to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Weber Manufacturing, located on the other side of Highway 12, served notice at the Tuesday evening meeting through a lawyer that it objected to the proposal, MacKell said.

Weber Manufacturing is located west of the warehouse on the south side of the highway.

Ward 2 Councillor Joe

Blake, a planning board member, said Weber's main complaint was that vandalism to Weber property would result if a roller rink were to open nearby. Weber also stated that the proposed use was not a proper one for an industrial site, Blake said.

The proposal went from the board, with its

tentative approval, to the town public safety committee, to council, and back to the board which then recommended that council rezone the property to allow roller skating.

The proposal was always approved at each stop but never without opposition, that nearly on occasion was greater than support.

Thirty days after the passing of a bylaw those parties with an interest can object.

The usual action by the planning board and council to an objection to a bylaw they have approved is to send the bylaw to the Ontario Municipal Board for a decision for one side.

However this week Ken Burgess and his associates told planning board they have run into problems regarding changing the warehouse's structure, and are not attempting to buy the building.

In light of this information, and the objection, planning board decided to recommend to council that it not ask the OMB to rule in the dispute.



### Pass the (bubble) pipe

Iain Mason, centre, and Kenny Dumais, left, were two members of First Penetanguishene Beaver Colony A who whooped it up this week at the

Beaver's regular weekly meeting. Tuesday evening was Wild, Wild West Night. Iain regards the soap bubble that emerged from his peace pipe.

### YMCA executive

## ...relatively unchanged for '81

At Midland YMCA's 60th annual meeting held Tuesday evening in the YMCA's lounge, the majority of the 1980 executive was returned to their positions for a second year.

Returning to the executive were President Jean Hartman, Past President John Leitch, First Vice President Bob Morton and Second Vice President Doug Andrews.

Jim McCready left the position of treasurer after eight years in that job and replacing him will be Hudson Leavens.

On the board of directors, there are many returning there as well with Arnold DeCarli, Dr. Josef Dolezel, Dr. John Gibson, John Gignac, Barbara Hacker, Hudson Leavens, Ralph Lynn, Mike Miller, Rev. A. McLaughlin, Barbara Nicholls, Clay

Young and Dave Taylor.

New members of the board are Bob Beslev and Budd Lewis who will fill the vacancy left by Greg Rice.

Austin Matthews is repeating his term as YMCA secretary.

Committees and their chairmen will be voted on Monday.

Other business handled at the annual meeting included thanking the key campaigners in the capital campaign and the operating campaign, those people too numerous to mention here.

The board also approved the operating budget for 1980 which saw the Midland YMCA finishing the year with a surplus of \$7,242 which when combined with the accumulated surplus balance from the beginning of the year adds-up to \$42,517.

# PC Tories Win!

History repeated itself last night in the ridings of Simcoe East and Simcoe Centre as voters returned Tories to Premier William Davis' majority government.

Voter turn-outs in both ridings were said to be higher than in 1977

when Gord Smith (PC) was returned to the Legislature in Simcoe East and George Taylor was elected in Simcoe Centre on the Tory ticket.

At press time, with the counting still going on in both ridings, Allen McLean (PC) had 9,114 votes. Fayne Bullen (NDP) had 6,970, Jack Harber (Lib.), 5,547 and Ted Wolda (Ind.), 639 in Simcoe East.

In Simcoe Centre, incumbent MPP Taylor had 12,096 votes, Bruce Owen (Lib.) had 9,044 and Gave Lamb (NDP), 3,073.

At least one North Simcoe newspaper in an editorial this week indicated it felt Jack Harber was the best man for the job in Simcoe East.

The same newspaper earlier in the campaign had endorsed a Moreland Lynn nomination as Simcoe East PC standard-bearer.

Lynn however lost to McLean, a former warden of Simcoe County during a nomination meeting staged before almost 2,000 partisans at the Orillia Fairgrounds.

The feeling was in Midland, Lynn would have won the election with one hand tied behind his back. However, it was McLean, not Lynn, who won the party's nomination and went on last night to take the riding for the Tories.

It had been felt Grits in Simcoe East would

have done better especially since last year's federal election returned MP Doug Lewis to Ottawa by just 66 votes.

However, McLean received a clear mandate last night to take up at Queen's Park where Gord Smith left off.

The 32nd provincial election since confederation has been called "Davis Can Do It" election filled with promises by the premier.

With his majority, Ontarians will be looking now to the fruits of his and his party's labours.

From 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. yesterday literally millions of voters went to the polls in Ontario's 32nd general election since confederation.

For 44 straight days the three party leaders had criss-crossed Ontario drumming up support for their party(s) and their standard-bearers in each of the 125 ridings.

The election call itself

came as no surprise back on Feb. 2 with the signing of writs.

What did come as a surprise was the amount of money that was thrown into the campaign, Tories topping an estimated \$3 million to get their message across.



More than five million voters were eligible to go to the polls of the province's estimated 60 percent of the population.

In Simcoe East, the night before the election, PC Headquarters on Midland's King Street were so quiet you could fire off a cannon and not hit anyone.

The story was quite different at both the NDP and Liberal campaign headquarters where telephone blitzes were going on full-tilt.

And two of the three party leaders managed to include Midland while out on the hustings.

### 'Happy Spring' everybody!

Well folks, today we shoot the works, after two straight months in which there were Friday the 13ths.

Today, the first day of spring (believe it or not), a full moon will coincide with the equinox, the first time this has occurred in 100 years.

Oh, what is an equinox? It occurs twice a year when the sun crosses the equator making the day and night everywhere of equal length.

So, "Happy spring everybody!!!"



### Welcome aboard, Bob

The newest member of Midland YMCA's board of directors is Bob Beslev, left, being greeted here by Jim McCready, far right who will be leaving the position of treasurer after eight years of service.

In the center is Midland YMCA President, Jean Hartman. McCready's vacancy will be filled by Hudson Leavens.