



Trouble on oily waters

Dennis Gravel, left, Guy Gravel, middle, and Charley Stone were part of the five-man crew Monday straining diesel fuel and engine oil, to be seen on the diagonal from lower right to middle left and under the dock

in background, from the water around Penetanguishene's town dock. One hundred gallons were removed in the first week. The oil is said to come from the tug Aburg while it was submerged earlier this year.

SCRCSSB ends 1980 in black

Trustees pleased with report

by Doug Reed

April 15 will be a red letter day for Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board.

That's the day trustees plan to bring down their 1981 budget, the 12th budget since the county Catholic school board came into being in 1969.

Meeting at the administration centre in Barrie, Wednesday night, trustees went over the board's 1980 audited figures.

Much to their delight the "bottom line" showed the board had ended the year in the black.

As a matter of fact the board had a net surplus of \$5,233 which prompted members to congratulate both themselves and the board's administration for holding the line on spending last year.

The RC board's 1980 budget was set at just over \$11.1 million.

SCRCSSB operates 28 schools in the county, instructs 6,400 students and has a staff of teachers that number 327.

Last week Simcoe County Board of Education approved it's 1981 budget that topped the \$101 million mark.

When SCBE was first formed a dozen years ago its budget was around \$30 million.

Steering committee will be filled

Groundwork for merchants' assoc. laid

by Murray Moore

At the conclusion of a two hour meeting Wednesday evening John O'Hara, president of the Penetanguishene Chamber of Commerce, had what he wanted: enough volunteers to fill a 10 person steering committee that is the start of a town merchants' committee.

About a dozen of the 30 people who attended the public meeting in the council chamber at the meeting's conclusion volunteered to sit on a committee that will carry on the organizational discussion started Wednesday.

The steering committee will have 10 members. Four members will be members of the board of the Chamber and the other six will be chosen from those who signed their name to a list Wednesday.

Those people not placed on the steering committee will be placed on another committee, O'Hara said.

Possible merchants' association projects put forward at the meeting were a Summerama, on the same scale as the present Winterama, a concerted drive to light up and decorate the town at Christmas and

the possibility of merchants combining their advertising dollars for large advertisements.

Brian Murrant, the town's downtown redevelopment officer, and a Chamber board member, made a presentation for a local Business Improvement Area. A separate meeting to explain that subject will be held on April 22.

The looming prospect of an expanded Highway 27 mall between Penetanguishene and Midland was mentioned as a reason for forming a merchants' association. The general opinion of the evening was that an expanded mall would have a positive effect as well as a negative effect. While a larger mall might draw people to it at first, at least the shoppers will be more likely to stay in the area, rather than travel to Barrie.

O'Hara made his case for a Summerama equal to Winterama, saying that the Chamber has the people to run such an event, but that it needs ideas. He said it could be of unlimited size because of the available beach area. Reference was made to the Midland Fall Fair, with an emphasis on a variety of events to attract

people.

Doug Theobalds, owner of Dutchman's Cove Marina, made the case for co-operative, or group, advertising, which he described as "working together, making a commitment to the town, to the people you work next to, the growth of the town, as a unit."

An advertising fund would be set up in advance, Murrant said. "People need to be told of all the services that are offered here, that there is no need to go to a mall when everything you can get at a mall you can get here."

O'Hara, responding to the question of what the Chamber's position is on the expanded mall, said, "I don't think that it will do any good. I'm not in favour of it. I think it is something we will have to learn to live with and take advantage of it."

Chamber director Glen Bryant told the meeting that the merchants have to start planning future events in advance or nothing will be done. He predicted that with the expanded mall on the highway a few of the local merchants are going to be "screaming" in future.

Citizen briefly

Stove fire not a problem

A fire on the top of a stove at 15 Broad St. mid-afternoon, Tuesday, was easily handled by the Penetanguishene Fire Department.

The department's previous call was to extinguish a grass fire, the first of the year, on Sunday afternoon on the old Beck property.

Problem of reducing fuel bill addressed

The town's public works committee is considering ways to reduce the cost of heating its waterfront building.

At a public works meeting Wednesday repairing the roof, insulating, and heating only half of the building were considered.

In a year 4,000 gallons of fuel oil is used to heat the building, chairman Ray Baker said.

Name change

discussion will continue

Discussion of the problem of changing the name of Robert Lane to Dupuis Lane, discussed Wednesday by the public works committee, will continue at the next monthly meeting.

The committee was in receipt of two letters, one for the name change and one opposing the change.

Rav Baker, chairman of the committee, said committee member Ken Tannahill, absent on holiday, will be present for the next meeting. "We want to apply our brains on that one," Baker said.

Police chief

applications are in

Chairman Frances St. Amant and the rest of the members of the town public safety committee will have a pile of applications to sift at the committee's meeting Monday.

As of 5 p.m. April 1, the deadline for receipt of applications for the position of Chief of Police, the town clerk had received 32 applications.

Representatives of the Ontario Police Commission will aid the committee to narrow the field and to interview the most qualified applicants.

Telecare Midland 526-7836

After almost a week in operation, Telecare Midland, has been off to a good start.

The 24-hour telephone counselling service can be reached day or night by calling 526-7836.

Telecare Midland listens with love and understanding.

\$25,000 won

by Midland man

King Street, Midland resident James Forrester, 61, was a winner of \$25,000 in the March 26 Wintario draw.

He retired 11 years ago after working for Canadian Tire for 25 years. He told Wintario officials he will likely bank his money.

Midland man charged in hit and run

Scott Street, Midland resident Daniel Irvine, 21, was charged by town police with impaired driving, excess alcohol, and failing to remain at the scene of an accident, in connection with an accident here last Friday.

Town police say a parked car belonging to Martin King, of 19 Sheridan Street, was hit, and that his car was pushed into a second parked car belonging to Steven McNee of Ajax. The hit and run accident occurred on Simcoe Street near Peel Street at 1:28 a.m.

Damage to the Irvine car was \$300, to the King car, \$800, and to the McNee car, \$300.

Antique pottery

David Newlands, head of the museum studies program at the Royal Ontario Museum, will present a slide show on Early Ontario Potteries to the Simcoe County Archeological Society on Wednesday, April 8 at the Simcoe County Museum.

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