

Midland District Unit Notes

Cancer can be beaten

by Rita Smith

Through its services to patients, the Canadian Cancer Society helps to soften the impact of cancer for patients and their families. This work, encompassing a range of services from dressings to lodge facilities, relies on public support. Your generous donation to the Society at campaign time will assist these programs.

An important section of patient services is Transportation. Patients in this area who cannot be taken to Toronto for treatment by relatives or friends, or who are in financial need, can call Contact, 526-9333.

They will be put in touch with Mary McLean or Nellie Grigg, our transportation officers, who will arrange transportation for them.

Last year the Midland District Unit initiated 130 trips to Toronto, involving 51 patients. Some of these people would be going to hospital for a one day check-up or treatment, others would be driven down on Monday, to stay until Friday, then to be called for and driven home.

Plowing

match

officials

meet

International Plowing Match County Exhibits Committee, chaired by Gerard Moran of Flos Township, held a meeting at the Continental Inn on Thursday, April 2.

More than 50 people representing county agriculture and services groups attended at that time.

The meeting was designed to assist groups with planning their individual exhibits for the Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show, when it comes to the County on Sept. 29 through to Oct. 3, 1981.

Max Kirk, of display and exhibits, and Bob Kalfleisch, of the audio visual section of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF), Guelph, were two resource persons who provided many ideas on the design and use of ideas and equipment.

Amber Gibbons of the Toronto OMAF office discussed colour and lettering as it would apply to organizing an exhibit.

The program was coordinated by Marlene Werrv and Marilyn Bidgood of the agricultural offices in Alliston and Elmvale respectively.

Local I.P.M. Committee Chairman, Orville Hughes, of RR 2, Bradford, was among the delegates attending the meeting.

We have around 15 volunteer drivers, and our transportation officers cannot speak too highly of them.

A number of the members of the unit have had personal experience of cancer. This makes for greater empathy and easier

communication when hospital or home visits are made.

It also helps boost morale and increase a patient's faith, when visited by someone who has come through a similar situation, and is living proof that Cancer Can Be Beaten.

SCBE on side of abolition

Wednesday evening the Simcoe County Board of Education came out squarely for abolishing the use of the strap sometime in the future.

Fifteen trustees voted for, and three against, a motion stating that while the Simcoe County Board of Education would like to see the province's schools move away from use of the strap, it believes that total abolition at the present time would be impractical.

The motion further said that the Ministry of Education should give additional support to schools in the area of discipline before strapping is abolished.

Another motion directed the board's secretary to inform the Ministry of Education that the Simcoe County Board of Education feels that the question of strapping should fall under the jurisdiction of the province's individual school boards.

The trustees spent some time on the issue, presenting several motions and deciding them with a recorded vote, before arriving at the final two motions. The last vote, that the question of strapping should be decided by the individual school board, was not decided by a recorded vote.

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