



# Mountainview Mall Shopping Centre sod-turning

Tiny Township Reeve Morris Darby and Burnac Leaseholds Limited President Trevor Smith together offically opened the start of construction of the estimated \$15 million shopping mall outside Midland yesterday.

Work on the mall actually began Monday. The rebuilt and expanded mall will open in the fall of 1982. Zellers, Dominion, Canadian Tire and a large department store to be named in the near future, will anchor approximately 60 other stores.

Smith said that he was not concerned with Midland's bid to annex a section of Tiny Township that contains the mall. All the permits are on hand and permissions received, he said "We're rolling now," he said.

Reeve Darby said that the mall will be a "real asset" and that it would help keep shoppers in

the area who now spend their money elsewhere. Burnac Leaseholds says 450 full-time jobs and 340 part time jobs will be created by the new mall.

The mall will cover 313,000 square feet on 26 acres of land.

Burnac Leaseholds Limited is a Canadian Real Estate Development Company specializing in the management and development of shopping centres.

Burnac manages over

three million square feet of properties in Ontario, Quebec, the Maritime Provinces and the United States.

Currently Burnac has shopping centres under development in Brampton, Midland, Owen Sound, Renfrew and Windsor in Ontario; Hull, Riviere du Loup, St. Georges de Beauce and Shawinigan in Quebec; Tracadie, New Brunswick; and Glace Bay, and an expansion in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.

## It is now official

It was a red letter day yesterday when officials from Burnac Leaseholds Ltd., and others, took part in a brief sod-turning ceremony just off Highway 27 west of Midland in Tiny Township where

the company plans to build a huge mall which will contain literally dozens of stores. The land in question is situated in a portion of the 2,600 acres Town of Midland wants to annex from Tiny.

## RC board's 1981 budget called 'realistic'

Although this year's Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board budget of \$13,149,227 is up \$1,898,643 over last year (an increase of 16.88 percent), trustees on the board call the new document "realistic."

The budget, approved last week in Barrie during a regular meeting of the county board, will mean an average increase in the mill rate of between eight and nine percent.

Committee Chairman J. Feehely, in presenting the 1981 budget noted that the board received some additional assistance as a result of the Ministry of Education's decision to increase grants for French instruction and Grade 9 and 10 students.

The additional assistance for French as a Second Language was particularly welcome for the board's expanded program. As a

result, mill rate increases will be in the eight to nine percent range.

The total budget provides for two capital projects not permanently financed at the end of 1980.

Purchase of a site in Bradford and purchase of the demountable St. Ann's School in Penetanguishene are the two projects left outstanding from the previous year.

The budget provides for expansion of the board's special education services and additional staff to meet enrolment growth.

Major areas of expenditure are \$280,412 for business administration, \$8,944,709 for instruction, \$1,312,886 for plant operation and maintenance, \$1,445,874 for transportation, and \$545,886 for retirement of long-term debt on building.

## Diver's death

### Cause unknown jury admits...

A coroner's jury in Kingston inquiring last week into the death of Garrold Diver of Midland took only 10 minutes to return a verdict of death by unknown natural causes.

Diver collapsed in the Kingston Regional Reception Centre last Nov. 6.

Last summer he and another Midland resident, Neil Gerow, were convicted of the 1979 murder of a Penetanguishene teen-aged girl.

Doctors at the inquest testified that they could find no reason for the death of the 20-year-old man.

Soon after his death the Centre for Forensic Science in Toronto attempted to determine the cause of death.

A spokesman there said that they deal with a number of cases annually in which no cause of death can be determined.

The Centre automatically conducts tests whenever a person in Ontario dies in other than normal circumstances.

The coroner's jury at last week's inquest also ruled out foul play in its verdict.

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