

Special committee set up to deal with college

The reply of the Minister of Education Bette Stephenson to Penetanguishene's letter to her expressing the town's concern about the reported closing of the Midland campus of Georgian College refers the council to a local committee.

Dr. Stephenson says that the college's board of governors has the responsibility for managing the college.

"I am sure that the board is conscious of its responsibilities and is fully prepared to defend its decisions related to all communities in its

Twenty growers convene at

Alliston

Crossland

by
Adelaide Lougheed
Twenty members from Elmvale attended the Horticultural Convention at Alliston on April 22.

Enthusiasm for activities sponsored by the Horticultural Society, was demonstrated when so many took part in the District Convention for the first time.

Ellen Strath, our president was Reporting Delegate for the morning and Adelaide Lougheed, Secretary, reported for the afternoon program. These reports were given at the regular April meeting of the Elmvale Horticultural Society held at the Elementary School Library.

It was decided at this meeting that at least two delegates would be subsidized by the society to encourage them to attend the Ontario Horticultural Association Convention at Niagara Falls in June.

A committee was appointed to acquire a Logo for our society, with an elm tree as the basis for our design.

Our next activity of community interest is our spring flower show in the Community Hall on May 27.

Grace Marcellus is the Convenor for this event and, at this meeting, she demonstrated how certain classes in the show could be handled.

Mrs. Sharon Gilbert, Program Convenor, had Mrs. Linda Dekers for her speaker.

Linda is a former instructor at Georgian College specializing in Organic Gardening. She gave us all much food for thought on this timely and important subject.

The meeting concluded with a draw for seedlings of spring plants donated by John Lougheed.

region, the letter says.

"The Midland campus is not being closed but there is a shift in programming. Georgian College has found it necessary to move some

programs from Midland to Orillia and Barrie to make them viable.

"If these programs were to remain at Midland, it is possible that one of the other

locations would close. The shift in programs from Midland has been in academic upgrading as well as business and commerce. Programs added to Midland and

Penetanguishene have been skill courses such as nursing assistant and apprenticeship."

Dr. Stephenson concludes by noting, a committee headed by

John Leitch of Midland has been set up to consider all sides of operation of Georgian College's Midland campus, and that she is sure council's offer to

appear before the committee would be welcomed.

A copy of her letter was included in the agenda of the last council meeting.

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