

# Stewart upset over conversion

According to a poll taken last fall by Simcoe South MP Ron Stewart, constituents in this federal riding object to use of metric weights and measures,

a system being implemented in Canada. The Poll, asking the question "Do you favour the use of metric in weights and measures?" was answered by 576 area voters - of which 401 replied "No".

The results of this query comprised much of a letter forwarded to Andre Ouellet, Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs recently by Stewart. The letter objected to what the member of parliament termed the "arbitrary implementation" of the metric system, and in the letter, Stewart went on to say that leading representatives of the retail food industry estimate cost of conversion will be between \$150 and \$200 million.

Those costs are expected to be passed on to the consumer in higher food prices, he noted. Chaos "As well it will create chaos in exports-imports with the United States, our largest single trading partner. The U.S. has no intention of converting to metric in the foreseeable future," he said. Stewart recommended that if we are to convert to metric, it must be in concert with the United States. Otherwise he said, a unilateral Canadian conversion program would be premature, unwise, costly and could cause the loss of traditional trade patterns.

"Clearly, this is an unpopular measure in Canada and one which parliament has not had an opportunity to debate. It is being forced upon Canadians," he added, "by an executive order, by orders-in-council and by regulations."

# BC students see Midland and area

A group of 40 students from Penticton, British Columbia will be in and

around Midland this week as part of an exchange program between

Midland Secondary School and a high school from that city.

A group of MSS students returned recently from Penticton where they spent some time.

The B.C. students actually arrived Saturday and since then have visited Ste. Marie Among The Hurons, the Ford Motor Company in Oakville, lock number three at the Welland Ship Canal and Niagra Falls.

They will be in Midland today, with their travels starting at MSS at 9 a.m. when they will be greeted by Dave Chambers, school principal.

After that, the B.C. Group will take a walking tour of Midland through Little Lake Park, visit the YMCA, Huronia Museum, Budd Watson Gallery, the municipal offices and take a cruise on the Miss Midland.

They will then round out their day with an evening swim at Midland YMCA.

Other activities planned for the group include a visit to the scenic caves in Collingwood, a tour of the RCA plant, a visit to the Wye Marsh, tours of Grew Boats, Fabulous Formals, a trip to the Toronto Science Centre, the Eaton Centre, the CN Tower and Ontario Place.

They will spend Friday night in Midland at their billet homes and then leave for Penticton Saturday morning.



## Apprentice water pump

Magician Paul Freeman enlisted the aid of Nicole and Shayne Pyman to demonstrate the water pump illusion Friday afternoon. While Shayne pumped his sister's left arm, water

fell from the siphon under Nicole's elbow into a container on the floor. Freeman performed at the Midland Public Library.

# TTPPB wants action on plan from Bennett

The active members of the Tiny-Tay Peninsula Planning Board (TTPPB) will be pressing Minister of Housing Claude Bennett to either release the area official plan to the agencies whose approval is needed, or to send the plan to the Ontario Municipal Board for disposition, Peter Kramp said Monday.

Kramp is the new chairman of the TTPPB following an election at last Thursday's TTPPB meeting in Penetanguishene.

An attempt will be made to make an appointment with Bennett. Representatives of the board would like to meet with the Minister of Housing some time in the next two weeks, Kramp said.

He expects that the involved mayors and reeves,

and himself and several others, would attend such a meeting.

Another issue that needs to be settled is whether the two rural townships must continue to support the planning board financially since they unilaterally withdrew last year.

Last week's meeting occurred without participation from either Tiny Township or Tay Township. The board is still officially composed of 19 members. Eleven members in attendance in the Penetanguishene council chamber gave the meeting the majority it needed to start.

Forbes MacKenzie, a Victoria Harbour representative, is the new secretary-treasurer.

Ross Spearn, one of Penetanguishene's three representatives, is the new vice-chairman.

## Arrest made in theft

Honey Harbour area resident John Copegog, 22, has been charged with theft over \$200, impaired driving and excess alcohol. He appeared in Port Severn Provincial Court Monday; his case was put over to June 8.

Copegog was charged May 10 with theft over \$200 following the theft

of a car from a Picnic Island, Honey Harbour residence at about 4.30 a.m.

The car was damaged an hour later when it struck a steel garbage bin.

Copegog was released from custody after he appeared before a Justice of the Peace and promised to appear in court this week.

## You can see the stars perform

For those of you who missed this year's 35th annual Midland Y's Men's Club-Midland Music Teachers' Music Festival, there's to be a "Final Concert of the Stars" tonight at Midland Secondary School starting at 7:30 p.m.

The Wee But'n Ben Craft Shoppe is opening Friday, May 15th in downtown Midland 252 King St

526-9442

We will have crafts by local talent, craft supplies for quilting, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, etc. Lessons for these crafts will be available: as well as smocking (English), Doll making and macrame.

## Mileage paid by town increased

Mileage paid to persons travelling on Penetanguishene town business has risen to 18 cents a kilometre from 15 cents a kilometre.

The fee schedule covers approved delegates, town officials, and members of council.

Room costs, formerly \$40 a day, are now the special rate offered by the hotel. Daily living expenses have risen to \$35 a day from \$25 a day. And in addition, a delegate receives \$45, up from \$35, per day allowance for each day of a convention or other meeting.

Special day-long meetings or seminars of at least a majority of council, called by the mayor or approved by council, will also qualify attendees for the \$45 a day allowance.

Parking costs, accompanied by receipts, and public transportation costs, are also covered.

BRIAN J. ALVES, M.C.S.P., Reg. Pht.

is pleased to announce the opening of a  
PHYSIOTHERAPY & SPORTS INJURY CLINIC

at  
MIDLAND MEDICAL CLINIC  
366 Midland, Avenue  
Midland, Ontario

on  
MONDAY JUNE 1st, 1981

The clinic will be open from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Monday to Thursday

By Referral

ONTARIO HEALTH  
INSURANCE PLAN

Phone 526-4833



# DECLARES WAR ON INFLATION

with FREE INSTALLATION on Jute Backed Carpet  
Minimum 17 sq.m.


99c per square meter  
INSTALLATION on Rubber backed Carpet  
and order ins Minimum 17 sq.m.

ROOM SIZE REMNANTS  
up to 60% off

LARGE SELECTION  
6'x12' NO WAX VINYLs  
\$ 4.97 and up

HURRY IN FOR BEST SELECTION

5% Senior Citizen discount  
5% New Home Owner discount  
Lifetime guarantee on Installation  
Roby's own Budget Plan Terms



**CARPET LAND INC.**

MIDLAND on Hwy 27, next to Zellers Plaza 526-4231  
BARRIE on Bayfield St., opp. Georgian Mall 737-5662