



Off to Pacific coast

ESPSS student admitted to international college

A Penetanguishene student will be one of five students from Ontario who will be attending the Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific starting in the next school year. Celia Dyer, a Grade 12 student at Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School, received the news earlier this week that she has been accepted.

Six of 30 students from Ontario who were interviewed recently at Erindale College in Mississauga were selected.

Celia is one of five students accepted for the Canadian college.

The two other Lester B. Pearson colleges, named after the former United Nations chairman and former prime minister of Canada, are in Wales and Singapore.

The sixth student from Ontario will be going to Wales.

Wednesday ESPSS Principal Gilles Cing-Mars described Celia as exceptionally mature and as a person who is a general all-round positive influence in her school.

She is involved in her school with drama, music, and athletics. She is a member of a committee of the student council.

Her next two school years will be spent on the

south tip of Vancouver Island on a scholarship from the federal government that covers both her tuition and her room and board.

At the end of two years she will write examinations written for her in Geneva by a committee that, when passed, will give her an International Baccalaureate that is granted by about 50 schools and accepted by the majority of universities.

Celia's mother was aware of the Lester B. Pearson College and sent for an application form for her daughter to complete and submit.

Celia's interview was conducted by a team of eight individuals, two of them ex-students of the school, who in turn asked her to speak her mind and her philosophy.

At the conclusion she had 10 minutes to ask questions of her own.

Accepted at Lester Pearson

ESPSS student Celia Dyer is off to Vancouver Island and the Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific in the

fall for two years of further education. After two years there she will receive an international baccalaureate.

Pape jailed for two years less one day

Hessel Pape of Midland received two years less a day on each of two charges, to run concurrently, and put on probation for two years, in provincial court in Barrie on Tuesday.

Pape had earlier entered a plea in Midland of guilty to two charges of sexual intercourse with a female under the age of 14 in provincial court in Midland, on May 4.

The incidents between the 41-year-old former school teacher and the unidentified girls took place in Pape's Midland home between January of 1979 and last December.

Blake hopes for compromise on apartment building

Joe Blake, acting chairman of the Midland Planning Board, hopes that objections to the development of vacant land on the south side of Dominion Avenue between Charles Street and George Street will be satisfied and the potential for an Ontario Municipal Board hearing thus eliminated.

Three parties brought their objections to the building of a two-and-a-half storey, 10 unit apartment building there to the planning board's meeting on Tuesday.

The objections will be relayed to the developer, John Masionis, Blake said.

If the planning board recommends that council pass the necessary bylaw after all objections have been satisfied, an OMB hearing would be unlikely, he said.

Any change in the Masionis proposal will require that it be circulated to the 80 residents within 400 feet of the property, allowing them further opportunity to comment.

High quality...

...bedroom furniture

Kings and Queens are made at Midland's Furnitex

by Shirley Whittington

The waterbed boom has been good to Midland's Furnitex Corporation Ltd.

The Bay Street company produces high quality solid wood bedroom furniture.

Waterbed frames account for a large proportion of their business.

Frames

These are not the coldly functional frames you may have associated with the early waterbed units.

Furnitex frames are made in a gleaming mahogany finish, in traditional styles.

The frames (queen and king sized) with their matching headboards, storage pedestals, highboys, dressers and night tables, (also made at Furnitex) are sold across Canada.

In Midland, they are retailed at A.

Barrie and Sons, and at Therrien's Suites

The solid pine pieces with their fine finish and heavy hardware are quite a leap from the unfinished furniture and medium priced bedroom suites that Furnitex has made in Midland since 1962.

Eaton's catalogue was the prime customer for the early lines.

When the catalogue folded, Furnitex reeled.

The popularity of the waterbed brightened the Furnitex future.

Says Tom Byrne, energetic sales manager for Furnitex, "Our very definite expansion is due to the introduction of the waterbed.

In 1979, waterbeds accounted for 18 percent of the Ontario market. In 1980, that

share had grown to 28 percent. It's still growing."

The liners for the frames are produced by Halcyon, one of Ontario's biggest liner manufacturers.

Plant

Furnitex president Gunther Freund reports that his plant produces about 500 pieces a week - a figure which includes the king and queen sized bed frames as well as the matching units.

The continued expansion necessitated an extra shift in January.

"Now," says Byrne, "we're considering the possibility of adding a third shift."

In September 1980, the plant employed 28. Expansion has almost doubled that figure.

Ontario pine is used for the new line of

fine quality furniture. "This avoids having to import wood from California or Mexico," says Byrne.

In the 16,500 square foot plant, the wood is first cut, planed and pre-drilled. Each piece is hand-assembled, with glue and wooden dowels.

Units

Then the units are stained, sealed, and sanded. After laquering, they are sanded again, some by hand, and finally finished to a lustrous gleam.

The finished product is moved to Toronto in Furnitex trucks.

Furnitex is a Midland company with a good future and an expanding present. And that - these days - is good news for Midland.



Finishing touches make the difference

Martin Tuttle, in left photo, carefully sands unit, while fellow employee Terry Smith watches approvingly.

Right photo, Furnitex workers John Beauchamp (l) and Justin Laurin (r) prepare finished product for shipping to Toronto.