

25 years...

...a priest

Fr. Stephen Somerville marks silver jubilee

St. Michael's choir come to entertain

It was as if it were a scene out of an old Bing Crosby movie.

There Father Stephen Somerville of St. Margaret's Church (Midland) was Tuesday in the church rectory on Hugel Avenue feeling a bit down in the dumps.

The day was his silver jubilee... however he wasn't quite up to celebrating 25 years in the priesthood having earlier in the day cut himself badly while removing the glass from the rectory's front screen door.

That mishap resulted

in the priest being rushed to Huronia District Hospital where his badly cut arm and wrist were attended to.

Needless to say that experience resulted in Father Somerville losing a great deal of blood.

So it was that he spent some time resting before saying 7:30 p.m. mass.

While dressing for the 7:30 p.m. mass Fr. Somerville heard a boys' choir singing.

Much to his surprise the 85-member St.

Michael's Choir was in the midst of rehearsal for his surprise silver jubilee mass.

To call the occasion a thrill is an understatement. You see during the years 1963-1970 Fr. Somerville had directed this choir.

The tenor and bass choir that greeted Fr. Somerville this week was directed by Harry Hodson and was accompanied by Brian Ray organist at St. Michael's.

And there was more to come, just like in the

movies when the choir sang the 24th psalm as put to music by Fr. Somerville.

A real bonus was the choir's rendition of the Hymn of St. Margaret, which the priest had composed some years ago.

Wednesday, Fr. Somerville was still talking about his 25th jubilee celebration and how he was thrilled beyond words at having the St. Michael's Choir pay tribute to him in word and song this week.



The show must go on

Fr. Stephen Somerville of Midland's St. Margaret's Church is an accomplished musician and hymn writer with many of his hymns appearing in those People's Missals used during mass in Catholic Churches across the country. One of his most

recently written works is Margaret Loved The Poor, a hymn for St. Margaret of Scotland, saint of the Midland church. By the way, this week Fr. Somerville marked his 25th silver jubilee as a member of the priesthood.

Funeral tomorrow

PUC commissioners, town shocked by Miss Nimmins' death

Funeral services are to be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. from James H. Lynn Funeral Home in Midland for the late Mary Nimmins who died at her home here Tuesday night.

Miss Nimmins had been a long-time employee of the Midland Public Utilities Commission.

PUC general manager Art Evans called the late Miss Nimmins "a rare breed...and her's will be a difficult post to fill as she was one of the most dedicated people I've ever known."

PUC chairman Claude Buck offered similar observations saying, "Mary Nimmins was a valued employee of Midland PUC for over 15 years."

"She was one of that rare breed who devoted her whole life to her work."

"I'm sure that I speak for all the Commissioners when I say that she will be sadly missed by all of us."

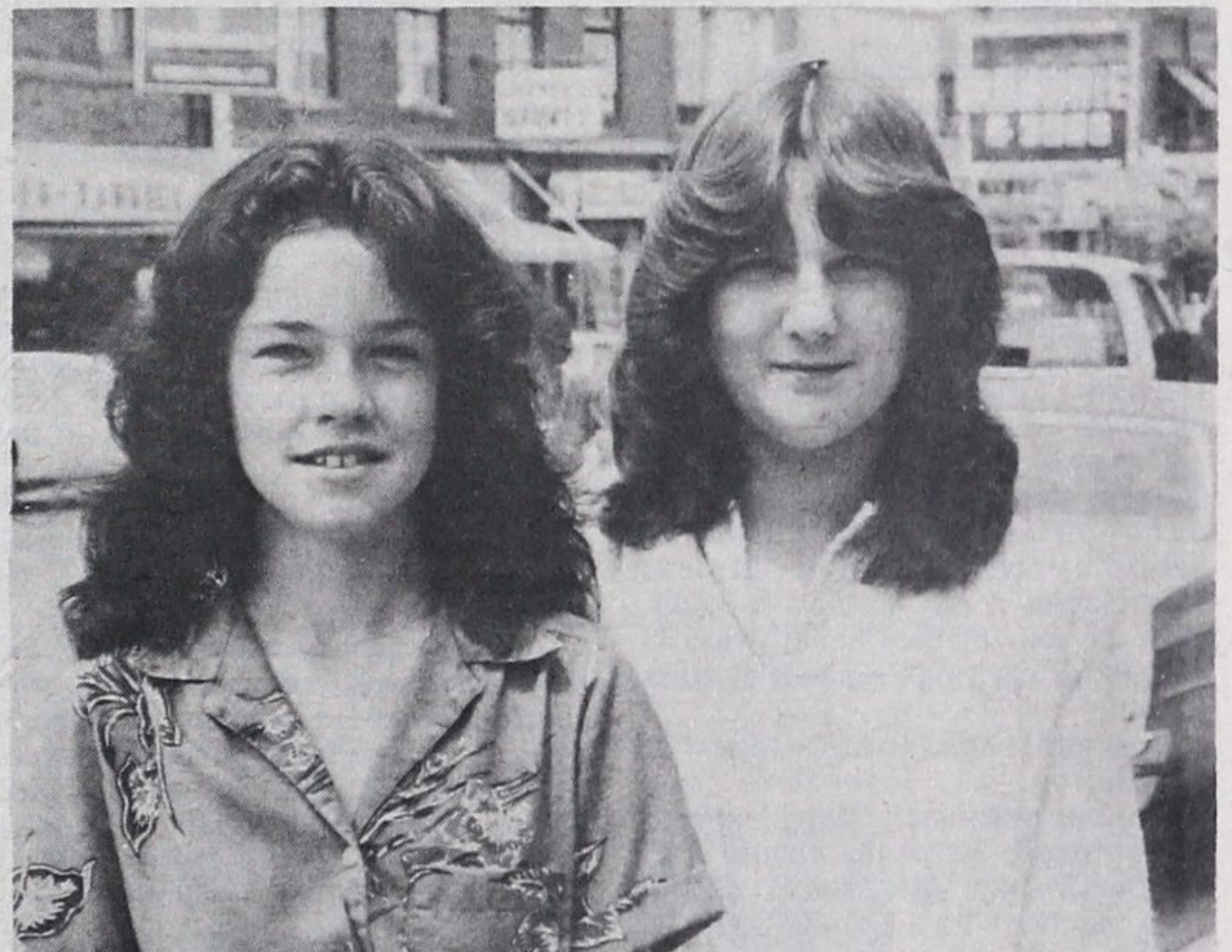
"Miss Nimmins," as we affectionately knew her, served the commission as bookkeeper, confidential secretary, and lately as treasurer.

"She knew every detail of every project ever conceived by the utility."

"She displayed a loyalty to her work such is seldom seen today."

"All of us on the commission, and I'm sure all of her colleagues in the utility are saddened by her passing."

It is believed Miss Nimmins died in her sleep shortly after resting in her sun room from working outside in her garden.



Seeking summer employment

Michele Holcomb, left and Christine Duval are both students at Msgr Castex School in Midland and both would like to work this summer. In addition to attending the same school,

the two share interests in baby sitting and casual work. If you would like more information on either of these girls, call Student Manpower Centre at Bay Street.

Suzanne Hamelin hired by Tiny Twp.

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Suzanne Hamelin has been hired to fulfill the duties of Parks and Recreation director in Tiny Township for the summer months as a result of the illness of full-time coordinator Bernie LeClair.

Suzanne is a resident of Kettle's Beach and a college student majoring in recreation studies.

Assistants

Student assistants are helping Tiny bylaw enforcement officer Steve Quaife effect "no parking" signs beginning this week. Signs will be posted in problem traffic areas of the township, and signs damaged or missing from the last year will be replaced.

The following accounts were passed at the regular meeting of Tiny council on Wednesday: General Accounts to May 27 \$35,886; Roads Department \$18,191; Fire Department \$80; Water Department \$13,987 (including a new truck and hoist); Parks and Recreation \$5,723; Ainley and Associates (subdivision engineering fees) \$895; Georgian Shores

Swinging Seniors \$1,440 (20 per cent of cost of paving club parking lot); and \$17,823 which represents the maintenance holdback to Tripp Construction, contractors for the Georgian Bay Estates water system.

Mutual Aid

Tiny will host the June 17 Mutual Aid Meeting of county fire department personnel at the Wyebridge Community Hall. George Coulson of Simcoe County Recreation will be the guest speaker, slides illustrating the plowing match to be held in Simcoe County in

the fall.

\$12,518 in unpaid business taxes have been ordered struck off the books in Tiny Township.

These taxes are not collectable, according to administrator Guy Maurice, due to the bankruptcies and sales of the businesses involved.

Taxes

Business taxes are charged against the individual operating of the business, and not against the property concerned. The dif-

ficulty of collecting unpaid business taxes has been an increasing problem for the municipality, particularly with the rapid turnover in seasonal operations and business ownership at the Huronia Hall.

Those portions on these uncollectable taxes assessed by the county and the school boards will be charged back to those bodies, leaving the township to absorb the remaining amounts.

Auditors

Tiny auditors recommended that the unpaid taxes which had been carried on the books for up to four years be struck off, since there was no economical way of recovering the revenues.

Employees of Tiny roads department have accumulated \$8,975 in sick leave which was not taken.

The men are to be reimbursed for the leave due to them up to Dec. 31, 1980. Sixty per cent of this amount is recoverable from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications through its roads subsidy to the township.