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French centre

Goal is to raise at least \$80,000

by Murray Moore

Tomorrow the second meeting of the committee to raise money for the renovation of the old Post Office building, which the Centre d'activites francaises occupies, and which the Centre has undertaken to purchase, will be

held.

A professional fund raiser, Robert Bedard, has been engaged to advise the best way to raise a minimum of \$80,000.

The proposed renovation and cost of purchase of new por-

table equipment for use inside the building will cost \$130,000, \$49,000 of that amount will be contributed by the province in the form of a Wintario grant.

One decision that will have to be made, Basile Dorion, the Centre's

general manager, said this week, is whether the additional expenses beyond the \$130,000 now budgeted should be added to the total of money that is to be raised.

The campaign itself is expected to start at the end of this month or in

early September.

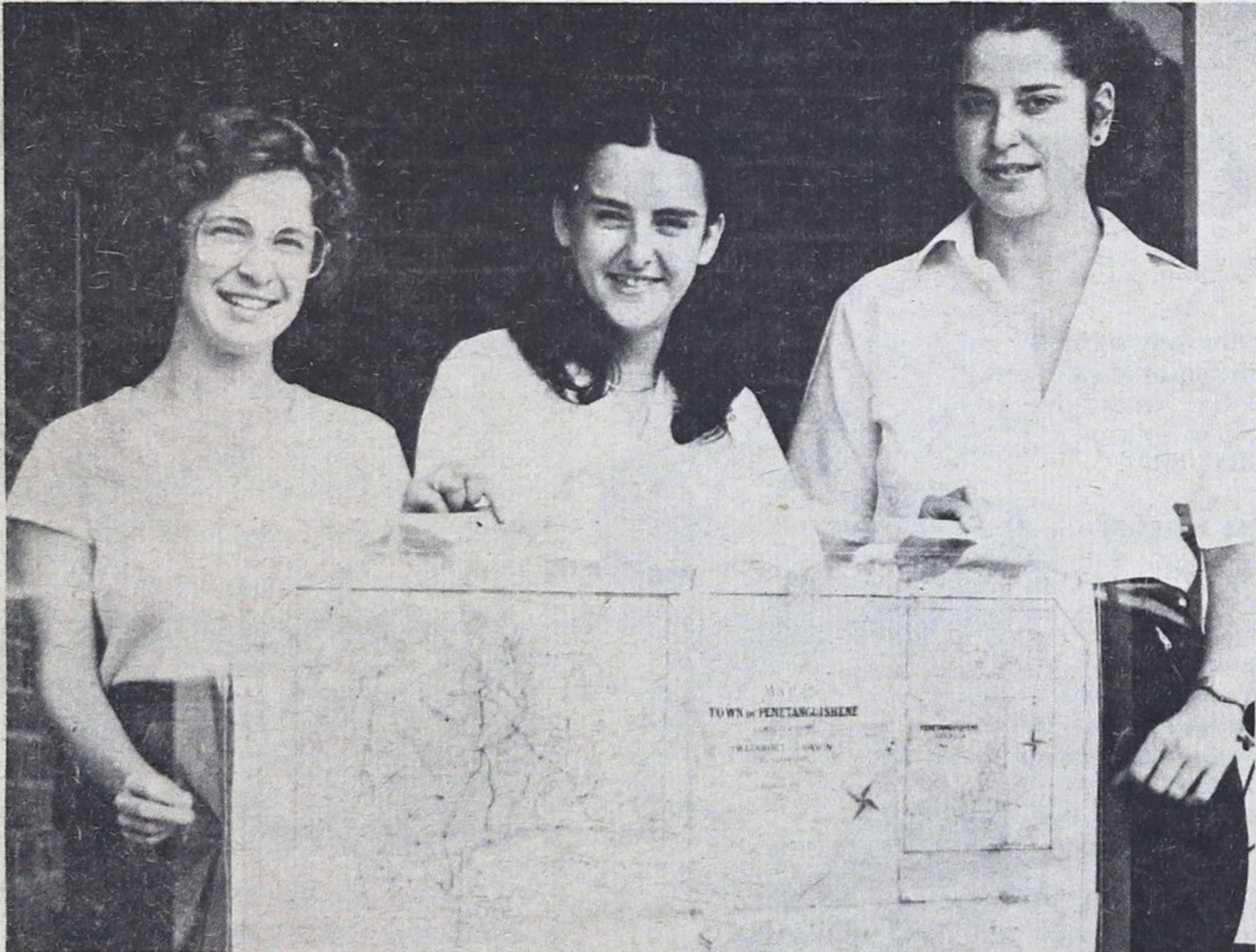
Present at the first organizational meeting, held last Thursday, were Roland Desrochers, the Centre's President, and Ron Asselin, Gilbert Gignac, Martin Lalonde, Gabriel Desrochers, Bernard Desroches, Denis Levert, Dorion, and Bedard.

The fund raising campaign is an effort separate from the purchase of the building from the federal government by the Centre. The Centre has entered into an agreement with the federal government to buy the building for \$35,000 and has signed a lease, effective July 1, 1981, that includes an option to buy.

Of the \$49,000 Wintario grant, \$18,000 can be spent on portable equipment, and the rest on capital improvements.

One extra improvement that the committee might consider adding to their \$130,000 budget is expanding the Cafe de la Cour, the summer cafe operated from the Centre's ground floor from mid-morning to mid-afternoon, and run by students independent of the Centre, Dorion said.

The committee hopes to expand to 25 members before the campaign begins, he said.



Map menders with 1879 sample

Standing with an 1879 map of Penetanguishene that they have restored as part of their work for the town this summer are Heather Tilson, Tina Brophy and Denise Jaiko. The map has been given

a linen backing and sealed inside mylar plastic that will protect the map from further wear, tear and deterioration.

Town's press clippings to find new home

Students' job: bring order to chaos

At the end of the first week of September, also the end of 16 weeks, Tina Brophy, Denise Jaiko and Heather Tilson will have brought a considerable degree of order to the chaos in which the town's accumulation of clippings, photographs and documents has existed up to now in various parts of the town clerk's office.

The three students, working for the summer for the town under a Canada Employment and Immigration program, have sorted through the material gathered on the second floor of the house shared by the town's downtown redevelopment officer, and the Tiny-Tay Peninsula

Planning Board.

It wasn't until the material was in one place, gathered from drawers and boxes and bags, that it became apparent how much historical material the town possessed, the students said.

A major objective of the summer's work is to record the subject matter of each piece of material on file cards to form a card catalogue that can be consulted by any person in future looking for information the town may hold.

Old maps have been carefully pieced together and sealed in plastic that is acid free. Other documents and photographs

have similarly been placed inside protective acid-free folders.

The valued original documents have themselves been placed for safe keeping inside heavy protective acid free boxes.

One job that the three students might not get to this year is the salvage of photographs, documents and newspaper clippings glued in the town's scrap book.

When the scrap book was begun the town hall staff were unaware that the glue used to stick the historical material with the result that eventually the material so carefully saved would be ruined.

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Car parked on Water Street hit

A hit-and-run accident on Water Street last Friday evening resulted in \$125 damage to a Toronto man's car, Penetanguishene police say.

The car, belonging to Francis Harrington, was parked on the south side of Water Street. It was struck on the left side by an unknown vehicle, police say.

\$35,000 price for old federal building

The price tag on the Centre d'activites francaises is \$35,000, centre general manager Basile Dorion said Monday.

The Centre has entered into an agreement with the federal government to buy the old post office building. The centre has signed a three-year lease with an option to buy that began July 1, 1981. The price of the building will be added to the rent, Dorion said.

The general manager hopes that painters will begin to paint the outside of the building next month.

Chalk up another quiet weekend

The weekend just past turned out to be a quiet one for volunteers associated with Penetanguishene Fire Department.

According to Fire Chief Ted Light, no general alarms sounded in the town over the two-day weekend period.

Vote on contract held without local posties

The five postal workers employed in the Penetanguishene Post Office did not vote to accept the contract approved by a 93 per cent margin locally, and 83 per cent nationally. But they did not vote against the contract, either.

Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) member John Arbour said Monday that neither he, nor to his knowledge, the four other CUPW members here voted with the other 145 members of their Tri-County CUPW local, because the Penetanguishene members were not informed that the vote on the tentative contract reached last week was being held.

The five Penetanguishene inside postal workers ignored their union's nation-wide walkout that began June 29.

At least two symbolic picket lines of a few minutes duration were mounted outside the Penetanguishene Post Office by other CUPW members upset that the Penetanguishene members had not joined the walkout.

At least one member of the five Penetanguishene inside workers did not take part in the vote that led to the approval of a strike.

Town wants to add to contract

Digging on Fox Street between Robert Street East and Wolfe Street is not likely to begin until Friday at the earliest. The town has decided it wants additional work done and negotiations are underway with the contractor, Don Sherk.

A special meeting of council may be held tomorrow to approve any addition to the contract between the town and Sherk. The contract has not been signed.

The town has decided to connect the Peel Street storm drain to the storm drain that will be put under Fox Street.

Four month sentence

Roland Bottineau, 23, of 148 Robert Street West, was given four months on a charge of possession of stolen property in provincial court in Midland on Monday.

Bottineau pleaded not guilty to a second charge, possession of a prohibited weapon, a switchblade knife. A trial will be held on that charge.

Bottineau was arrested by Penetanguishene town police on Aug. 6 following a search of 148 Robert Street, during which stolen property was found along with a switchblade knife.

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