

## Contact

Community information

526-9333 9 a.m.-5p.m.

The Huronia Junior Civitan Club is the oldest club in Canada District West. The district consists of Oakville, Burlington, London, Bramalea, East Toronto, Barrie, Bracebridge, Peterborough and Huronia. Their main objective is to be builders of good citizenship. Proceeds raised from fund-raising activities go towards helping the mentally retarded.

Meetings are held every second Wednesday in Midland at the Senior Citizens Building on Hugel at First Street. Some of the activities they are involved in consist of playing volleyball and baseball at the Mental Health Centre and visiting with the residents at St. Andrews' Centennial Manor. The Junior Civitans will be helping at the gates of the Midland Fall Fair.

In October they'll be attending an all day District Council Meeting with a dance planned to start at 7 p.m., this will be held in Midland - location to be announced. Any interested citizen aged 12 - 20 years attending school that is interested in becoming a part of this organization should call Contact Information Centre 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

It's that time of year again when we start to "think thin". The Canadian Calorie Counters are staging a big membership drive offering \$1,500 in prize money. For further information please call.

The blood donor clinic will be held at the Penetanguishene Legion on Sept. 9, 1981 from 1:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The goal to be reached is 325 pints. In order to give blood you must be aged 18-65 inclusive, 17 years old must have written parental guardian permission.

With the tax grant season underway the Ministry of Revenue is reminding Ontario Senior Citizens to claim Ontario Tax Grants. Over the last year the Ontario Tax Grants for

## Jr. Civitan Club

Seniors Program has been improved. In particular, rental receipts are no longer necessary and the application form has been simplified.

If you require additional information we have in our office literature available in French and English, please call.

Midland Chamber of Commerce has arranged their annual golf tournament to be held on Sept. 21 at the Midland Golf and Country Club. Dinner will follow the tournament at approximately 6 p.m. for all golfers or non golfers alike who wish to attend. Registration forms are available. please call.

In response to a request for information regarding ProtectAlert we have received a brochure with an explanation about ProtectAlert.

Briefly - when you decide on having the ProtectAlert service, you receive a small transmitter and a base unit which is connected to your telephone line. (It in no way affects your telephone service)

In the event of an emergency you press the transmitter button. The base unit is activated and immediately signals your file code number to their Response Centre. Their people go into action calling specific people that have been requested.

This service is for seniors, people living alone or the handicapped. There is an installation charge plus a monthly fee. For more information please call.

The solution to even the most difficult problem begins with the first step. If you have a problem, take the first step. Call Contact your Community Information Centre today.

Irene Quesnelle,  
Administrator.

## Port Lions to get into act

Port McNicoll Lions are in the final stages of preparation for their second annual Labour Day Weekend Carnival.

Drawing on the success of the first carnival the Port Lions have decided to make this particular event the major fund-raising function of the year.

The plan is to make each year bigger and better than the previous one.

The most exciting addition is a Cheer Garden and a Mini-Flea Market with vendors from the Elmvalle Auction Barn setting up booths.

Also there will be magic shows every hour musicians performing throughout the day and games of chance.

For youngsters there will be water sports and games organized by the village. Recreation committee, and of course, lots of

good food to eat too.

The Port McNicoll Lions Club have arranged with the village to take over the entire Paradise Point Beach and Park Area for this particular annual event.

Transportation for those wanting to go will be provided.

A van will run every hour between the village and Paradise Point.

Pick-up points will be the Plaza at the top of the village and the Legion parking lot for those below the hill.

If needing a ride contact 534-7494 or look for the van on every hour.

The carnival this year and all succeeding years will be held on Saturday of the Labour Day week-end.

This year it is Sept 5 and it will run from 12 noon until 1:00 a.m.

## SCOUTING AROUND



## The secret to success

by Robin Nutbrown

The secret of success in the movement has been its ability to change in approach and contest and still remain within the skeletal confines established by Baden-Powell in a totally different era.

The same precepts that appealed to boys in Baden-Powell's day still appeal to boys and girls today.

No scout or guide would be in the position to verbalize the reason for this but, in an oversimplified manner, scouting and guiding gives youth the opportunity to do what is right by social standards without requiring that they relinquish any of their own individuality.

A broad range of political and religious or social beliefs can be encompassed within the desire to develop one's personality, skills and awareness; there need be no personal retreat from the concepts held by the individuals.

Scouting and Guiding, furthermore, grant no merit badges for social standing, family income, white skin or the length of your hair.

Despite these lacking restraints, the Movement can take credit for turning out more than its share of what we would consider good citizens and well adjusted men and women.

Scouting is no guarantee, of course, but the chances are that much better.

## Report

### accurate

Midland OPP marine crew investigated the report of a single vessel on the rocks in 12 Mile Bay last Saturday.

Investigation revealed a 28 foot Trojan boat owned by Glen Columbus of Sarnia, Ont. had run upon a rock shoal and sunk.

Damage estimate of the hole in the underside of the wooden hull was \$30,000.

No injuries occurred. Apparently the operator became confused by the marine markers and ran aground, police say.

No charges have been laid in the incident.

### Royal coverage

The equivalent of one million TV sets were switched on across Ontario in the early hours of July 28 for the Royal wedding, according to Ontario Hydro figures.

By 6 a.m. power demands were about 300,000 kilowatts above normal or enough power to supply the needs of a city the size of London, Ont.

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# SENIORS... ONTARIO PROPERTY TAX GRANT APPLICATIONS.

Last year Ontario replaced its system of Tax Credits for seniors with a new program of Property and Sales Tax Grants to help offset municipal, school and retail sales taxes. The Property Tax Grant of up to \$500 per household is provided in two installments annually. The Sales Tax Grant is an automatic \$50 paid each year to all Ontario residents 65 and over.

## PROPERTY TAX GRANTS

### APPLICATIONS

The 1980 Property Tax Grant was paid to recipients in one payment. In 1981, the Grant is being paid in two installments. The first payment, sent automatically in the spring, was equal to one-half the amount of your 1980 Grant.

To qualify for the final installment you **must** submit an application to the Ministry of Revenue.

If you receive the federal Old Age Security pension, and are eligible, you will receive this application for your Property Tax Grant during the **first half of September, 1981**. Those who reach the age of 65 between now and December will receive their applications early in 1982.

Seniors who are not eligible for federal Old Age Security payments, but who have previously established eligibility for the Property Tax Grant will also receive an application.

The Ministry of Revenue is mailing applications only to those seniors who are thought to be

eligible. If you do not receive an application by September 21 and feel you qualify, please contact our toll-free Information Centre.

### ELIGIBILITY

**If you're 65 or over** and own or rent your home you're eligible for the Property Tax Grant of up to \$500.

**If you rent** your grant will total 20% of your rent or \$500, whichever is less.

**If you own** your principal residence your grant will equal the amount of your property taxes or \$500, whichever is less.

**If you are married** and reside with your spouse or if you share accommodation with someone over 65, only one grant will be paid per household.

**If you share** your home with anyone over 65 other than your spouse, the grant will be apportioned according to rent or property tax paid.

## Take care to complete your application form accurately!

Take a few extra minutes to fill out your application; and then check it again for accuracy. This makes it much easier for the Ministry to process your form and get your cheque to you.

Cheques will be mailed beginning the latter part of October.

### EXCEPTIONS

**If you reside in a nursing home, a home for the aged or similar institution, you're not eligible** for the Property Tax Grant unless you pay for the full cost of your care and the institution pays municipal and school taxes.

If you reside in a tax-exempt property, you are not eligible.

However, if you move into a tax-exempt property or a nursing home, home for the aged or similar institution during 1981, you are eligible for a Property Tax Grant based on your occupancy costs prior to your move.

If you moved permanently to Ontario during 1981, your Property Tax Grant is based on the time you resided in Ontario.

## SALES TAX GRANTS

The \$50 Sales Tax Grant cheques will be distributed automatically to all Ontario seniors in October.

## TOLL-FREE INFORMATION

In Metro Toronto, dial 965-8470  
In Area Code 807, ask the Operator for Zenith 8-2000  
In all other areas, dial 1-800-268-7121



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# ONTARIO TAX GRANTS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS