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Firefighters on the scene

Amid smoke and sun-flares members of Penetanguishene Fire Department were photographed Wednesday afternoon at the

height of a house fire on Main Street. Smoke eaters managed to quell the blaze

in a back porch before it could get out of hand and sweep through the dwelling.

Quick Action

Firefighters snuff out fire in dwelling

by Doug Reed
The prompt action of Penetanguishene firefighters, Wednesday afternoon, is credited with saving a Main Street home near Poyntz Street from being seriously damaged

during a 3 p.m. fire. Fire Chief Ted Light said following the blaze that his men were able to confine flames to a back enclosed porch however there was some minor smoke damage throughout the residence.

It is believed the fire may have started in some refuse stored in the porch. Fears that the fire would erupt into a major inferno prompted Police Chief Dennis Player and his men to block off a section of Main Street

between Robert and Poyntz until the fire could be quelled and firefighting apparatus returned to the fire hall.

At the time of the general alarm, Chief Light was in attendance at a fire drill being

conducted by officials from the Ontario Housing Authority at the Harriet Street senior citizens' apartments. The fire chief yesterday praised the actions of his own men in quelling Wednesday's fire before it could sweep through other portions of the dwelling owned by Mrs. Jenny Gropp.

He also complimented the town's police department for the role the police chief and others played in controlling traffic during the height of the blaze. There were no injuries reported in this week's fire. Extent of damage in terms of dollars and cents has yet to be determined.

Skating skills being taught

All this week, future hockey stars have been working out in Penetanguishene Arena.

It's the power skating course set up by the Canadian Figure Skating Association, run by the Penetanguishene Figure Skating Club.

Altogether, 47 local youngsters are signed up for the course and they will be trying to earn badges for seven levels of competency or the top badge which is a proficiency badge.

This is the first year the course has been in operation and it was started because minor hockey coaches were commenting the young

hockey players didn't know how to skate properly. There will be two test days, tomorrow from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. and the following Saturday during the same hours.

Heading the program is Cathy Mandley of Midland and she is assisted by Ruth Robillard of Penetanguishene as second coach.

Assistants are Lisa Gignac of Penetanguishene Figure Skating Club, Jeff LeClair and Shawn Marchand of Penetanguishene Minor Hockey.

In addition to this program, a power skating coaching clinic will be held.

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Romans coming to ESPSS today

The Romans are coming to Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School today as that school will be holding its initiation day for the new students.

The theme of the day is Roman Slavery Day and an assembly will be held from 1:50 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. which will then be followed by a football game against the visiting Stayner Collegiate Institute.

Cool, wet weather first and then...

We needn't tell you that the official beginning of fall arrived earlier this week.

As for Indian Summer, it appears we will have to wait since the weatherman is calling for several cool days with cloud and precipitation over much of the area. The...

If only ducks could read this...

Expect to wake up tomorrow to the sound of shot guns as this year's duck hunting season gets off to a real blast one-half hour before sunrise.

It's going to be a big show

All systems are go for the start next week of the International Plowing Match on the Gordon Atkinson Farm at Crown Hill, northeast of Barrie at the junctions of 400, 11 and 93 highways.

The IPM rolls into high gear on Sept. 29 and will continue through until Oct. 3.

There will be plowing competitions, exhibits, parades, ladies programs, special events, historical displays and lots more.

Fine, jail for UIC fraud

Gerald Holmes, of 48 Main St. Penetanguishene, pleaded guilty in Midland provincial court on Sept. 21 to six counts of UIC fraud.

Holmes, 35, was fined \$500 and will serve in addition four days in jail. He will pay to the Unemployment Insurance Commission \$549 in benefits he collected while working July through October of last year.

During the time he was working for one of two companies and earning \$1,800, he drew \$549 in UIC benefits, a UIC official said Tuesday.

Orser off to England today

Brian Orser, of Penetanguishene, Canadian Senior Men's Figure Skating Champion, is leaving this morning for England where he will be competing.

Orser will be returning early next week.

French Centre fund raising off to good start

Although no official counts are available on the Centre d'activites Francaises' fund raising campaign, things are said to be going well with some very major pledges already having been recorded.

There is, according to Basil Dorion, general manager for the French Activity Centre, one pledge for \$2,000 and at least six or seven for \$1,000 each.

JA about to start

Junior Achievement (JA) is about to start another season in Midland - Penetanguishene.

Last Friday directors began a recruiting program at St. Theresa's, ESPSS and MSS. A general meeting has been slated for RCA on Sept. 30 starting at 7 p.m.

As in the past JA will operate every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at local industries to be announced later.

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