



### Special tribute

A dinner was held at Midland Legion Sept. 30 in honour of the athletes from the Adult Rehabilitation Centre in Midland and Huron Park Public School in Midland that competed in the

Special Olympics in Ottawa. The dinner was well attended by members of the community who clearly were proud of the athletes, many bringing home national medals.

## Local business changes hands

The Home Hardware on Yonge Street in Midland changed hands earlier this year, bringing yet another Norman family member into ownership within Home Hardware's chain.

Bill and Maureen Norman took control of

the business in July from the Knowlton Brothers.

Don and Doug Knowlton have stayed on in the local store while a third brother has taken up full-time farming.

Also, all the other employees have stayed

on too which will serve to keep a consistent working relationship with the public.

Bill Norman isn't the first of his family to own and operate a Home Hardware store. His brother, Bob, owns and operates Allandale Hardware in Edmonton.

The Normans have two sons, Greg, 13, and Ted, eight.

### Unique program

## Learn to enjoy your preschooler

by Don Lawrence  
"All too often, parents tolerate their preschoolers. It can be fun to have preschoolers."

That statement by Ross Spearns, resource person for the "Enjoying Your Preschooler" program held in Midland-Penetanguishene every year, sums up the philosophy behind that program.

The program will again be starting Oct. 14 at Midland Civic Centre and will run every Wednesday morning for eight weeks from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m.

A maximum of 15 applicants will be accepted for the program with the criteria for registration being first come, first serve.

Admission for the program is \$5 and you can register at Midland YMCA or the Contact Centre on First Street in Midland.

**Program Organizers**  
Spearns is the resource person for the program and his qualifications in that capacity is his training in child psychology.

He will be aided in the program by Mrs. Pat Fleming who will actually run the program, this being her third year with this program.

An assistant activity leader will also be helping with the program but so far, no one has volunteered for that position.

Each week, the group will explore a different topic and topics range from security of children's environment to language development.

The hour and a half of each week will be broken into six 15-minute segments which start off with a creative play time for mother and child, followed by a 15-minute group activity time.

After that will come a discussion time for the mothers while the children are kept busy by the assistant activity leader.

Mothers and children will then be re-united for a craft session in which the two are encouraged to work together on some craft.

A short snack time follows that and the day

concludes with a short playtime.

#### Objectives

The objectives of the program are very simple in that it attempts to teach mothers the "most effective way to deal with the kids" and is actually a "preventative psychiatric program."

According to Spearns, the time between the first one and a half to four years of the child's life are the formative years psychologically as well as physically.

He says, "We're increasing chances children are going to develop well through the years."

The program is run "to facilitate the parents, having fun and enjoying their children" as well as to "show parents how to allow their children to develop properly."

Spearns says, the program is not only open to mothers. Fathers are welcome as well if they can be present at the program.

The program has been in operation in this area for about five years

### Driver gets off on wrong foot?

There were no charges laid in an accident, Friday, when a Midland resident lost control of a vehicle he was driving with his left foot.

Kevin Marchildon, 19, of Bay Street, Midland, was driving his car with

his left foot because his right leg is in a full cast.

He was making a left turn off King Street onto Yonge Street West when his foot applied too much pressure on the gas pedal.

That caused his car to spin around, striking a

parked car on Yonge Street. The other car was owned by Stephen Cadden of Scarborough, \$400 damage was done to his vehicle.

Only \$150 damage was done to the vehicle driven by Marchildon.

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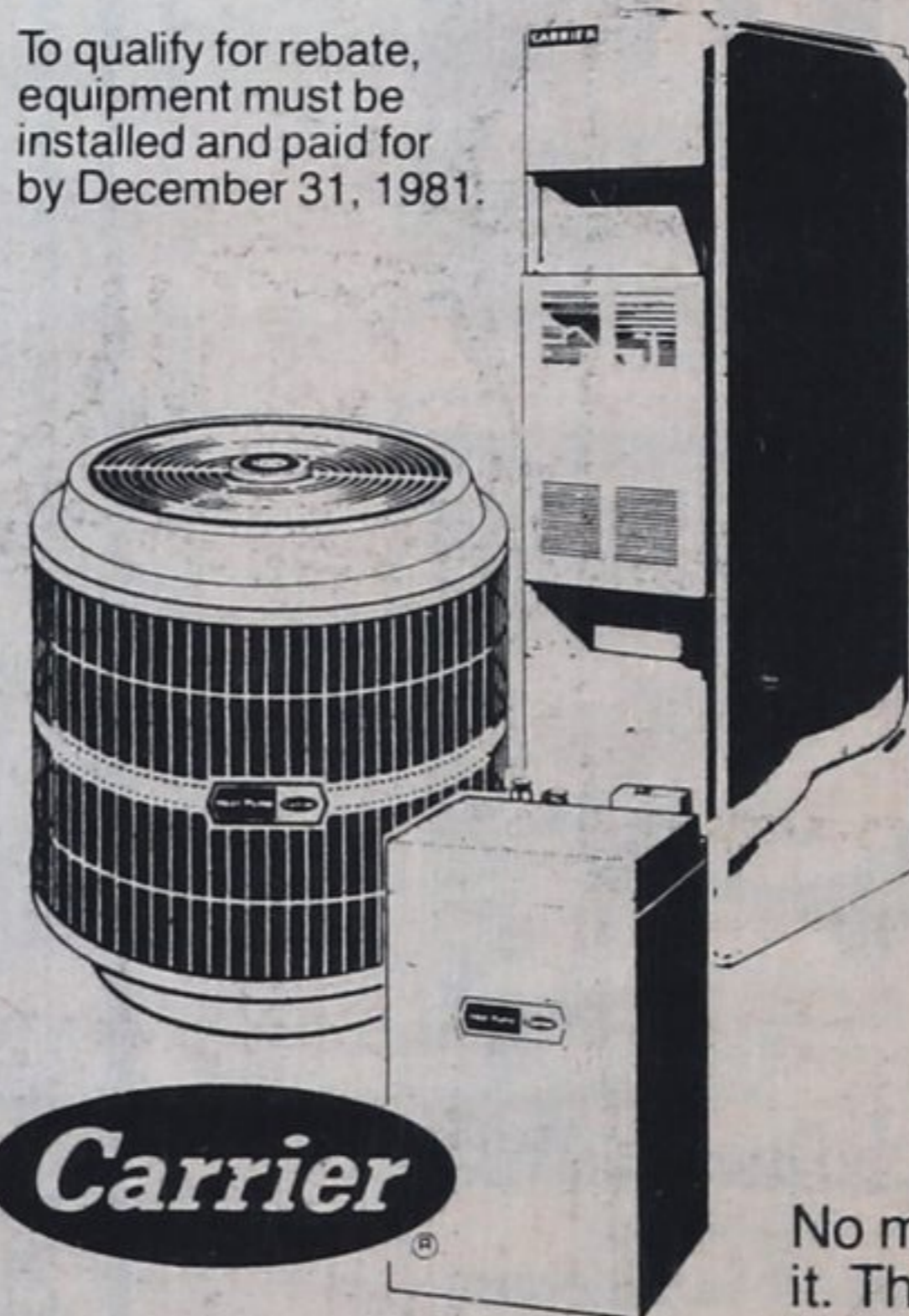
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