

# Free three-hour parking on lots a boon to shoppers

by Doug Reed

Free three-hour parking in Midland's four municipal parking lots has been a boon to shoppers since its inception at the beginning of this month.

Thanks to Midland Business Improvement Area (your downtown merchants) and the Midland Parking Authority, shoppers are now able to park worry-free in the four lots for up to three hours at a time.

The new system, designed for the convenience of shoppers, is the result of an agreement worked out between the BIA and the Parking Authority which replaces the town's year-old Parking Validation Program.

BIA chairman Peter Palmer likes the new free three-hour parking program saying, "Now all one has to do is wheel into any of the four lots and park for free for three hours."

"The whole idea is to make it easy for our customers."

The BIA official noted, since the new program came into being there has been a rush too by employees and employers for permit parking.

Permit parking can be arranged at a monthly rate of \$10.

About 100 spaces on municipal lots have been set aside for those wishing to park all day. The monthly \$10 fee is a small amount to pay com-

pared to the fines motorists face if they exceed the free three-hour limit.

Palmer feels shoppers in downtown Midland will be the big winners as more and more of them turn to using municipal lots.

"Our objective is not to make life unbearable. On the contrary under the new system people will have more time to shop downtown and not worry if their parking meter has run out."

The best part of the entire exercise is now there's free parking in the heart of Midland 365 days a year.

Local residents and those visiting this area from out of town should remember this when they make plans to do their Christmas shopping, or for that matter any time they visit the downtown core to shop.

It's nice to know in this day and age that there are still a few things that are free.



## For a good cause

For the second year in a row (on Nov. 27) members of Midland Y's Men's Club will be holding their Art and Antique Auction at Ste. Marie among the Hurons. Members of the Huronia Crafts Guild and others will be providing their works of art to be auctioned off. Guild president, Paul Rollinson of the Odd Copy Book Store,

right, presents Y's Men's Greg Rice with a signed copy of the late Wilfrid and Elsie Jury's Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons book published in 1953. Other books Paul is seen donating are a copy of the late Dr. P. B. Rynard's well used book on pediatrics and another book on Ste. Marie.

## Midland puts up opposition to Tiny's Amendment No. 23

by Adrienne Graham Gardner

Town of Midland has replied to a request from the Ministry of Housing for clarification of its position on Amendment 23 by refusing to negotiate the matter with Tiny Township.

A copy of Midland's letter to the Ministry was sent to Tiny with a brief covering letter and a copy of a resolution by Midland council "declaring our position to be that we wish all matters relating to this Amendment to be considered as part of the negotiations with the Township pursuant to the Town's application to annex lands in the Township of Tiny."

Commenting on Midland's response to the approach by Tiny for negotiations on the zoning amendment, Reeve Morris Darby said "It's an awful roundabout way to answer a letter."

The Reeve noted that negotiations with Penetanguishene and Tay had led to their approval of a revised version of Amendment 23.

He said "It would appear incumbent upon Midland to meet with us for discussions."

"You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink."

Amendment 23 deals with that section of Tiny covered by the Highway 27 Study which has been the object of annexation proceedings by Midland.

A recent agreement with Penetanguishene providing for significant down-zoning of commercial areas along the highway was achieved by Tiny.

Midland is now the only stumbling block in approval of the zoning amendment by the Ministry of Housing.

## Target set at 325 pints of blood: Grise Dec. 9 clinic

Wednesday, Dec. 9 has been set aside by officials of the Huronia Branch of the Red Cross to hold their next blood donors' clinic, reports branch president Frank Grise.

The clinic will be held at Midland Legion from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Next month's target is 325 pints of blood, Grise (a Midland-Coldwater lawyer) stated this week.

At recent clinics the support from

residents in North Simcoe has been overwhelming.

If all goes well and the weatherman plays ball with clinic organizers, the Wednesday, Dec. 9 Blood Donors' Clinic in Midland ought to be the best attended one in the clinic's history.

What better gift to give at Christmas than the "gift of life."

Don't forget the Red Cross is counting on you.

## 'Jaws' will put bite into missions

Tiny Township motorists will be glad to know that the township has decided to purchase a "Jaws of Life" to be used in extricating victims of road accidents from their cars.

Council approved the \$5,617 acquisition of rescue equipment on Tuesday.

A Boss "Jaws of Life", two chain and come-along sets, an air cutting gun and chisels are among the equipment purchased.

The new rescue devices will be mounted on the water department truck which was purchased this spring, a considerable saving will be made by the joint use of equipment already owned by the water department such as a generator, air compressor, acetylene torches and hydraulic hoist mounted on the water truck.

In approving the purchase, Councillor Ron Hamelin said "If (the Jaws) save even one life, it's worth it."



## Essay contest winners

The winners of a Remembrance Day essay contest sponsored by the Penetanguishene Legion, from left, Shelley Quesnelle, Burkevale School, Lise Magnan, St. Joseph School, and

Laura Grabinsky, Corpus Christi School, with Penetanguishene Legion member Vern Farrow. The three girls read their essays Wednesday evening following a Legion dinner.

## Human relations litigation takes on a new twist

# Supreme Court of Ontario delivers judgement

Since September 1979, the Simcoe County Board of Education has been the defendant before the Supreme Court of Ontario in an action related to a school program entitled Human Relations.

The deliberations since then have centered on the identification of an issue that could properly be tried in court.

On Oct. 27, 1981 a judgment was delivered in the Supreme Court of Ontario in which the court concluded, that after one unsuccessful attempt by the plaintiff to draft a claim which disclosed a "triable issue" the second attempt at least alleged

an issue which is "triable".

Therefore the court declined to strike out the current S.T.O.R.E. statement of claim but did give the board leave to require further particulars of the allegations contained therein and adjourned the application to the Master for that purpose.

The suit is being brought by William Gowanlock both personally and as a class action.

The recent judgment of the court was that a class action suit could be brought but it must be brought on behalf of all of the taxpayers of Simcoe County rather than on behalf of the membership of an

unincorporated organization called S.T.O.R.E.

It was further found that the action complained of must be one that was outside the statutory authority of the Board and that damage must arise from the action, not merely displeasure.

The main issue identified in the Supreme Court judgment centers on an interpretation of a section of the Education Act which is not the function of a Court on a motion prior to the trial of the issue and the hearing of evidence.

At this time, the status of the Human Relations program remains unaffected

and schools have been directed to continue with implementation activities which are monitored carefully by the Board and its administration.

The Board maintains that it has developed a program which has considerable value both for the teachers and students in its schools, a program which was developed with the benefit of a great deal of public involvement, with the knowledge and consent of the Ministry of Education and for which adequate provision has been included to meet the expressed concerns of parents.