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## RC board picks its top brass

Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board has a new chairman and vice chairman and one of them comes from this part of the county.

Trustee Ed Malcolm of Bradford was nominated and elected by his peers Wednesday night at the education centre in Barrie to chair the board in 1982.

He replaces Mike Ronan of Colgan who had captained the board during this past year.

Malcolm was the board's vice-chairman this year.

Meanwhile, Midland's Mary Jo Quilty was promoted to the rank of vice-chairman at this week's RC board meeting in Barrie.

She was picked for the post from the 16 trustees who attended the board's initial (1982) meeting.

Normally both the chairman and vice-chairman are the same people picked two years in a row to fill the post of chairman and vice-chairman however that format was changed this week when the incumbent chairman announced earlier this month he wouldn't seek an additional term as head of the Catholic School Board because of other (personal) business.

Following the transfer of the gavel to the new

chairman, trustees and others were appointed or re-appointed to a number of RC board related boards and committees in the county.

Mrs. Quilty and Midland trustee Lloyd LaPlume were re-appointed to St. Theresa's Private Board while of local interest too was the re-appointment of Rita Smith to represent the board on the Midland Library Board.

Next Monday evening a committee of the RC board plans to be in Lafontaine for a meeting there to review what to do with a portion of the continuation school once staff and students from Le Caron High School who have been using the facilities move to their new high school now under construction in Penetanguishene.



### Centennial song

Penetanguishene has an official song and has been officially adopted by the town's centennial committee. The

song, written by Allan Tucker, was premiered last night by the songster.

## Citizen briefly

### Important meeting

Tiny-Tay Huronia Handicapped Association is to hold a general meeting next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the K. of C. Hall.

If you are physically handicapped and need help, your input will be of value to this meeting.

### Planning to meet one week earlier

Because of the Christmas season, Penetanguishene councillors will be meeting for their monthly meeting a week earlier than normal, reports Clerk Yvon Gagne.

That session is slated for Monday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers on Robert Street West.

### Honourary member

John O'Hara, chairman of the Penetanguishene Chamber of Commerce, announced this week, Diane Greenfield (the town's centennial co-ordinator) has been made an honorary member of the chamber of commerce.

O'Hara praised Greenfield's past contributions to winterama and the town's summerfest program, calling her "a dedicated person."



Co-ordinator

Greenfield is co-ordinating next year's 100th birthday party for the town.

### RC board meeting set for Dec. 16

Next regular meeting of the Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board is planned for Wednesday, Dec. 16.

As usual this meeting will be held in the evening in the education centre at Barrie.

### Former councillor released from jail

Sam Ancio, a former member of Midland council, was released earlier this week from Guelph Reformatory after serving six months of his two-years-minus-a-day sentence.

Ancio was found guilty this spring of a number of charges relating to a domestic incident in Midland on Dec. 6, 1981.

The most serious charge was one of attempted murder. Ancio who is now on two-years probation won an appeal for a new trial.

No date for that trial has yet been set.

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# Can't understand why the surprise

## Simcoe Centre MPP thinks money for Suncor well spent

by George Taylor, MPP

Surprise over the recently announced intention to purchase 25 per cent of the shares of Suncor Incorporated by the Ontario Energy Corporation has been expressed by many, including myself. This surprise was essentially caused by the apparent suddenness of the purchase, the lack of prior consultation with all members of cabinet and caucus and the departure from what is traditionally considered Tory philosophy.

On closer examination, however, the Suncor investment is no sudden departure from policy. When the Ontario Energy Corporation was established, it was given a mandate to increase Canadian control over domestic energy supplies. The Suncor transaction fits appropriately within this mandate.

The lack of prior consultation with either cabinet or caucus was necessary to prevent competition and speculation. Undoubtedly the purchase was sound, whatever one may think of increased government participation in the petroleum industry.

Final judgement on the Suncor investment must wait for several years. Some have complained about the size of the investment: the use of \$650 millions of tax dollars which might have been used for other programs. This view must be balanced against the fact that in an economy heavily dependent upon adequate energy supplies, petroleum, a major source of energy, is a precious commodity indeed.

On review and on balance, I believe the Suncor deal to be a wise investment in the future of Ontario and Canada. The premier

has explained that the province's investment in Suncor will encourage Canadian investors to show more confidence in the energy business and to participate in Ottawa's goal of Canadianization of the oil and gas industry.

The Suncor investment is not socialism but Progressive Conservatism. Indeed, the investment does not differ greatly from the province's participation in the Syncrude project, nor the government's involvement in other fields, such as transportation, tourism, loans to manufacturers and encouragement of industrial research and development.

Analysts expect a major increase in the activity of Suncor in frontier areas. This activity should result in the opening of new petroleum wells, and a good return on our province's investment in the industry.

Energy supply is a global requirement, and

while the provincial government, through the Ontario Energy Corporation, is committed to increasing Ontario's self-sufficiency in energy supplies, we cannot ignore those world trends which have a direct impact on our farmers, manufacturers, workers, industrialists, you and me.

Ontario will continue to press ahead in the development of new technologies which will enable us to obtain the maximum benefits out of the fuels we presently use, and develop new energy sources, such as biomass, fuel alcohol and wind power.

Just as the creation of Ontario Hydro in 1906 and the establishment of the ministry of energy in the early 70's, the province's investment in Suncor will stand as a sound, progressive move to keep Ontario supplied with the energy she needs.