

Clubs will be asked for \$100 each

Midland Rotarians backing Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children

by Murray Moore

The Midland and District Rotary Club is organizing the first Canada-wide Rotary Club project, in support of the Canadian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Dr. Elliott Barker, the society's founder, addressed the Midland club last spring. Member Fred Hacker, and current president Herb Henderson, are the driving force behind the recently launched mail campaign seeking a \$100 donation from each of the 400 English-speaking Rotary

Clubs in the country.

Dr. Barker, a psychiatrist who works with the criminally insane at the Oak Ridge division of the Penetanguishene Mental Centre, is convinced that the way to stop the creation of the deficient personalities that he sees in Oak Ridge is to educate young people before they become parents in how to be good parents.

The Midland Rotary Club is asking every other English-speaking Rotary Club in Canada to give a lifetime subscription to

the quarterly journal of the Canadian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children to five high schools in its area.

Dr. Barker believes that if the information is in the schools that it will directly, or indirectly, filter through to those that he is trying to reach. Parenting, he is convinced, may be the most important work a person may ever do in their life. The care of the unborn child, and the infant up to three years of age, is the factor that determines the personality of that child for the rest of its life, he believes.

A packet of information about the local Rotary Club's project has been mailed to the other Canadian Rotary Clubs. Responses should be forthcoming in a month to six weeks, local club president Henderson said Wednesday.

The Midland club has also produced a 30 minute filmed interview with Dr. Barker, with the co-operation of the local cable television station. Copies of the film will be made available to the other Rotary clubs, and MacLean-Hunter's other Ontario stations.



Santa coming to town

Santa Claus will be in Midland tomorrow afternoon for the Midland Civitan Club's annual Santa Claus Parade which starts sharp at 1 p.m. At 2:30 p.m. he has accepted an invitation from the Midland BIA

to meet people of all ages at the former Graham Swales store on King Street in Midland. These pictures were taken of St. Nick during last year's Midland Rec

Hockey League's children's Christmas Party and an earlier Santa Claus Parade in town. We're told Santa has since gained a few pounds.

Busy time ahead

for SCBE trustees

Trustees associated with the Simcoe County Board of Education will be attending two important meetings next week.

On Monday at 8 p.m. in the education centre at Barrie they'll be taking part in the board's 1982 inaugural meeting.

That session will involve the picking of a new chairman and vice-chairman for the coming year.

Then on Wednesday, they'll meet again for a regular 8 p.m. SCBE meeting.

Ward 1 alderman

At least nine in race as drama mounts

BY DOUG REED

Those interested in seeking a seat on Midland council, to complete the unexpired term of William Orr who was promoted recently to complete the unexpired term of Reeve Catherine Dion have until 5 p.m. today to let their intentions be known to Clerk Mike Owen.

So far Owen has received nine letters from local ratepayers who have indicated a willingness to sit on council.

The list includes the names of a number of former councillors: Jack Gerow, Miles Blackhurst and Jim Malcolm.

As well Bernie Desroches, Stan Dion, Margaret Moreau, John Gorman, Gord Maxwell and Ray Holcomb are listed.

During a special council meeting scheduled for 4:30 p.m. this coming Monday, the eight incumbent law-makers will be called upon to pick a new alderman.

Procedure

The procedure, according to Clerk Owen (as described in the Municipal Act) will be similar to the one followed during a normal election except each member of council must verbally declare who he is voting for.

Prior to the actual taking of the vote candidates for the position must first be nominated from the list of those who have applied for the job.

Meanwhile members of the Midland PUC accepted Commissioner Miles Blackhurst's resignation during a special PUC meeting, Wednesday afternoon.

The law requires Blackhurst to resign before seeking a position on council. A similar letter was forwarded by Blackhurst to the town to make everything legal.

Should Blackhurst fail to win a seat on council and re-apply for his old job on the public utilities commission, it is expected he'd get that job back.

However that river has yet to be crossed.

Electricity cheapest fuel in 'due course'

by Murray Moore

Studies have shown that electricity in "due course" will be a cheaper fuel than gasoline or oil, Hugh Macaulay, chairman of Ontario Hydro, said yesterday.

Two-third's of Ontario Hydro's electricity will be nuclear in origin by the end of this decade, he said.

Because the two

sources of electricity used by Ontario Hydro, water and uranium, are present in the province, Hydro can offer a stable rate to Ontario consumers, he said.

Macauley did not show concern that the question of how best to dispose of the radioactive waste created at Hydro's nuclear power stations is not near being an-

swered.

The waste accumulated to present is safely stored in pools of water, he said, and can be kept in that state safely forever.

Research into the best way of storing the spent fuel is ongoing. The fact that arbitrary deadlines for progress set by the federal government are not being met does not worry him.

Ontario's citizens want nuclear power, he said, even if they don't want it in their own community. But a person couldn't pick a safer place to work than in one of Ontario Hydro's nuclear power generating plants, or a safer place to live than on the opposite side of the fence from one of Hydro's plants, the Hydro chairman said.

Applicants for jobs in a Hydro nuclear power plant are examined to make sure they are healthy, and are regularly examined during their working life until age 65 and retirement, he said.

Macauley was at the Ontario Hydro area office in Penetanguishene yesterday during a visit to the area.

Firefighting...

Penetang smoke-eaters are keen

When Penetanguishene's 20-man volunteer fire department isn't responding to general alarms you can usually find Fire Chief Ted Light and his men at the fire hall at least once a week for training.

Two nights ago aside from taking part in a training program, firefighters undertook an inventory check of all equipment the brigade owns and operates.

"We meet for training the first and second

Wednesday of each month. The third Wednesday is mutual aid while the last Wednesday is set aside for a regular business night however you can find the fellows at the hall more nights than

that," a proud Fire Chief Light observed this week.

"We usually have a dozen or more guys out on these nights and it is encouraging to see how they take an interest in the department and in

firefighting."

Several months ago the local fire department hosted a Simcoe County Mutual Fire Aid Association meeting in Penetanguishene which attracted well over 150 firefighters to the town from the more than 30 fire departments in the county.

The night was set aside for a foam demonstration on a vacant lot next to the K. of C. Hall on Poyntz Street.

Later firefighters met inside the hall to conduct their regular monthly meeting.

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Time to give 'the gift of life'

Blood donors' clinic, Dec. 9 at Midland Legion

The date to remember is Wednesday, Dec. 9. That's when Huronia Branch of the Red Cross holds its next regular blood donors' clinic.

It has been scheduled for Midland Legion from 1:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

This month's target is 325 pints of blood. Now's

the time to challenge family, friends and fellow employees to join you in giving "the gift of life."

It is in short supply.....so please do your part next Wednesday...the Huronia Branch of the Red Cross is counting on you.