

Goal: saving hungry herd

Midland lawyer and a farmers' survival group teaming up

Midland lawyer John Gorman was giving legal advice from a farm somewhere in the neighbourhood of Bardford, Ont., yesterday, his Midland office said.

Gorman has joined a new group, the Canadian Farmers' Survival Association. The group's immediate aim is to help Bradford-area farmer Cesidio Romanelli with the care of his reportedly underfed and starving prize herd of Charolais cattle.

Gorman is reported to have said he will live and work in a barn owned by Mario Romanelli, Cesidio

Romanelli's son, for six months, while advising Romanelli, and other farmers who are in danger of losing their farms.

Gorman in a radio interview said that he hopes to attract the aid of some of the number of lawyers who are currently out of work to the cause of helping farmers in danger of losing their farms.

The Canadian Farmers' Survival Association wants to be given responsibility for the Romanelli farm. A firm of chartered accountants was assigned by the Supreme Court of Ontario to run the farm, after the farm was

placed in receivership last week.

Romanelli reportedly owes the Royal Bank of Canada \$900,000. When the bank refused him further credit, he dumped three cattle carcasses at the front of a Toronto branch of the bank, explaining that the cattle starved because the bank would not lend him the money he needed to feed his cattle. The Ontario Humane Society has the care of the herd.

Gorman has been involved in other causes, including COMA, a group opposing religious cults, and SCAN, a group which opposed industrial development of Midland's waterfront. He was also a defender on historical terms of the dismantled Hog's Bay Trestle at Port McNicoll.



MP in attendance

Simcoe North MP Doug Lewis, left, was one of the local politicians at the reading Monday of the proclamation officially starting Penetanguishene's centennial year. Continuing to

the right are Mayor Ron Bellisle, Reeve Art Stewart, and Councillor Ken Tannahill. Over the mayor's left shoulder is Midland Mayor Moreland Lynn.

Radio-TV auction plans in the works

Plans are already well in the works for Midland Rotary Club's annual radio-TV auction to be staged on the evening of Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m. over Cable 12 and CKMP.

This popular fund-raiser is one annual event you'll not want to miss.

Further decline: CEC 3,000 register

A further decline in placement activity occurred in the Midland Canada Employment Centre area during December, according to a month end report issued by CEC Manager Don McNee.

McNee reported that 59 jobs had been filled during December, a figure lower than the previous month and lower than forecast. With a number of local manufacturing firms having lay-offs and plant shut-downs over the Christmas period, very few hirings took place.

Hopefully, he said, conditions may improve during the first quarter of 1982.

At the end of December, there were over 3,000 people registered for employment at the Employment Centre.

Of that number approximately one-third were production workers.

McNee said that with the end of the shipping season occurring during December, the number of seamen registering increased considerably. The arrival of the ships in our area for winter docking also means increased work for some local firms who do repair and maintenance work on the ships.

The report concluded by saying that two training courses "Introduction to Employment" and the "Dining Room Service" course will be starting up early in the new year and applications are now being accepted at the Centre.

First nine months' results in

Motor vehicle-related accident statistics for the first nine months of 1981 show a 9.8 per cent reduction in fatalities over the same period in 1980, Ontario Transportation and Communications Minister James Snow said recently.

"There was a decrease of 115 fatalities from a total of 1,179 to 1,064," Snow added. "The decreases were most notable among drivers, from 525 to 480, and pedestrians, from 195 to 154."

"The only mar on the record," he continued, "was in the case of bicyclists where, unfortunately, there was an increase from 31 to 37 fatalities."

"The most notable reduction recorded was in September coincidental with the stepping up of the educational and enforcement programs on seat belt usage."

"During the entire June-July-August-September period," Snow noted, "driver and passenger deaths dropped from 471 to 401, or 14.9 per cent. And the figures for September were especially encouraging -- a drop of 32.2 per cent, from 171 to 116 -- the lowest September monthly total since 1959."

"While these figures are encouraging, they still represent a loss of life that must be considered unacceptable."

Tiny Twp. council briefs

All members of Tiny Council were present for the wrap-up meeting of 1981, held in Perkinsfield on Dec. 30.

Accounts

The following accounts were authorized by council at that meeting: General Accounts \$713,812 (including school board and county levies); Roads Department \$41,080; Fire Department \$733; Water Department \$10,437; Parks and Recreation \$18,756; Ainley and Associates \$1,039 (Subdivision accounts); \$5,949 (Planning Board); \$5,335 and \$15,939 Annexation or "intermunicipal studies".

Bridges

A subsidy of \$83,000 has been requested from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications towards the cost of bridges to be built on the 14th concession of Tiny and on the Tiny-Flos line. Total cost of these bridges is estimated at \$115,500.

Because of the high cost of the Leblanc bridge reconstruction on the 14th concession, the project was delayed until 1982, with the cost to be spread over two years.



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