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"Information is the hallmark of democracy"

Ray L'esperance will be sadly missed

WE WERE SADDENED last week to learn of the untimely death of Raymond L'esperance of Midland.

The long-time Midland Planing Mills employee was best known for serving on the Board of Penetanguishene General Hospital for 12 years. . . the maximum years one can serve under board policy.

He also served as the hospital's chairman for seven of those 12 years and left his mark on PGH as a very caring board member.

The late Raymond L'esperance had also been very active in the Knights of Columbus movement here in North Simcoe and had been a Fourth Degree Knight.

It has been said: the man who says, "It can't be done, is usually interrupted by someone doing it."

The late Raymond L'esperance was a "doer" who always put other people first. . . because he cared.

We shall miss the man.



'Guess who verified it was the coldest weekend this century?'

Letters

Our readers say...

Katimavik off on a new season

Dear Editor:

Hello to the population of Midland, Penetanguishene and Lafontaine.

The New Year has just begun, bringing cold, fresh snow and a new bunch of young participants to the area.

The Katimavik staff is proud to introduce those 28 young people coming from Falher, Alberta, where they spent their first rotation. They will be keeping the same work commitments held by the first group:

- Penetang Le Centre d'activite's francaises
- Mental Health Centre
- Lafontaine Le gout de vivre
- Lafontaine in action
- Midland Wye Marsh Centre
- Y.M.C.A.
- Huron Association for the Mentally Retarded

You will probably see them often, walking

downtown. Remember, most of them are a long way from home and, especially after the Holidays, they will appreciate a warm heart and a bit of friendship.

So, don't be shy and open your home to those curious young people full of energy and good will. Your involvement will make a big deal of difference in their experience of the area.

We will be billeting again from 31 of January to 13 of February. It is one of the Program objectives which help them understand the culture of the area and integrate them in the the Community. So, please, give us a hand and open your door to them. We need you.

If interested, contact Diane Veilleux 361-1318 or Holly Frazer 538-1275. We offer \$6.00 a day per participant to defray cost of food.

Thanks very much.

Diane Veilleux
Coordinator

Praises special events' coverage

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to you and the staff for being so helpful to The Salvation Army during this past year, and especially the past Christmas Season.

The notices that were written about the "tin can shows" as well as other special events, have

helped to make this a very successful year, both in response from the public, as well as in needs met.

May I extend to you, your family, and the staff, the warmest, best wishes for the New Year.

Your sincerely,
—Raymond Braddock,
(Lieutenant).

Choirs come in for well deserved praise

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Auxiliary to the Huronia District Hospital I would like to express our ap-

preciation to the choirs and groups who shared their musical talents with the patients of the hospital during the Christmas season.

It means so much to those who are confined to the hospital during the holiday season.

We would also like to say thanks to The Midland Times for their coverage of the projects of the Auxiliary.

Yvonne Hook
Public Relations Officer

Singles Club says 'Thanks'

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Midland District-Singles Club, I wish to express a sincere Thank You for your help in advertising our first dance.

The response was much better than anticipated. Again, thank you.

Sincerely Yours,
Patricia Moyer
Secretary.

Adds Canadian works

The National Gallery of Canada last year enhanced its collection of Canadian paintings, sculpture, prints, drawings and works in the decorative arts. Among the paintings acquired were works by

Cornelius Krieghoff, Adrien Hebert, James Kerr-Lawson, David Craven and Paterson Ewen. There were prints by Charles H. Wright and sculpture by John McEwen.

Encouraging news from Midland OPP

MIDLAND detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police issued some good news last week.

According to Staff-Sgt. William Boyd, the detachment's commander, fatal accidents were down last year in our OPP coverage area.

The story was the same too for motor-vehicle accidents in 1981.

That's encouraging news.

Much of the credit goes to the OPP detachment here for operating more moving radar patrols.

Motorists too should take a well-deserved bow for the manner in which they have been avoiding traffic accidents of any kind while motoring through this part of the province.

Let's hope 1982's year-end statistics will be as encouraging for the Midland detachment.

\$50,000 has been raised to date...

LAST WEEK, centre d'Activites francaises celebrated an important event. . . its eighth anniversary.

The French Centre, located in the former Post Office building on Main Street in Penetanguishene has grown in popularity since its inception.

Over the years it has offered a wide variety of programs and at present is involved in a major drive for funds.

The centre has already raised more than \$50,000 of the \$130,000 it needs to give the place a new look.

Wintario also plans to assist the centre by donating \$49,000.

As for the campaign itself, it won't end until at least \$80,000 is raised from the general public at large.

If you haven't already donated to this worthy cause, we hope you'll consider making one, no matter how large or small.

The French Centre needs your help. . . and it needs it now.

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