

The next step

by Eileen Hocken

Several years ago the Ministry of the Environment put a freeze on further development in Paradise Point because of the potential of future water contamination in the absence of a proper waste disposal system in the area.

The Ministry of the Environment indicated at that time that they would undertake a "private water and sewage system study" of the area.

When two years went by with nothing being done, Port McNicoll Council again approached them and asked that the study be conducted.

The Ministry of the Environment refused the request as in their opinion, the solution to the problem was seen to lie with the municipal services rather than with private systems.

On Oct. 16, 1981, an investigation and report on providing sewers and year round municipal water service to Paradise Point was authorized by Council, at their own cost.

The study was conducted by Reid and Associates Ltd., Consulting Engineers, Barrie.

Port McNicoll Council then sent the completed report to the Ministry of the Environment along with a request for financial assistance towards the project.

There are presently no sanitary sewers in Paradise Point and only seasonal municipal water supply. The water mains are laid with as little as twelve inches of cover in places because of the presence of

bedrock.

Because of the minimum cover, the mains and services are extremely prone to freezing. For this reason the water has been traditionally cut off in November and turned back on in May.

The permanent residents are forced to rely on wells or carry in water during the winter.

Sanitary waste is disposed of by means of septic tanks and tile fields.

The residents, many of whom wish to winterize cottages and retire to the area, are not pleased with the Zoning Bylaw which does not allow further development until municipal services are provided. There is considerable pressure that something be done.

Council has done all they can at this point and now it's a matter of waiting to see what The Ministry of the Environment will decide to do about this major concern.

Reeve John Moreau is hosting his second Get-Acquainted Night for the people that participate in the affairs going on in the village of Port McNicoll.

The invitations have been mailed already. This important evening will take place at the Community Centre on Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a buffet lunch and entertainment by Gil Robillard and his band.

This get-acquainted night is exactly what the name implies. It gives everyone a chance to meet the council members, the members of the different committees and boards, some of the village employees, etc.

On Friday, Jan. 22, the Port McNicoll Community Centre will be the sight of a mass visitation of Lions Club members from the surrounding district.

Invitations to 20 other Lions Clubs have been sent out. This will be a dinner meeting. Introductions and some pin trading will take place.

This is an excellent way to meet the members of other clubs and find out what they are doing in their hometowns. The Lions Club has planned a Monte Carlo night (games of chance) to spice up the evening's festivities.

The Community Skating Party which the Recreation Board had planned for last Saturday was postponed until this Saturday, Jan. 23. The rink couldn't be cleared off fast enough to allow any skating to take place.

Do plan on attending this family oriented outing Saturday night. The skating party will be from 7 to 10 p.m. It will feature a bonfire, music to skate to and a snack bar will be open for the sale of hot chocolate, coffee, etc.

The skating party is free of charge and it's going to take place at the out-door rink at Port McNicoll Park (up on the hill).

The village of Port McNicoll recently sent Wintario an invitation to hold one of their weekly Wintario draws at the Community Centre. The reply has not been received yet but Port is hopeful.

Port McNicoll Community Centre could really use a piano for its hall. I'm writing this in the hope that somebody out there

has a piano which has been collecting dust in a basement or family room.

Perhaps you have thought of getting rid of your piano and just didn't know of anyone in the market for one. Please consider the Port McNicoll Community Centre. They would appreciate hearing from you. Just contact the village office: 534-7281.

The poor weather conditions on Saturday didn't stop the Port McNicoll Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders from going tobogganing in Victoria Harbour.

They met with the Victoria Harbour girls at St. Paul's United Church around 10 in the morning. The Honey Harbour packs had been invited too, but couldn't make it because of the hazardous road conditions.

The girls had lunch in the Church hall - hot dogs, hot chocolate and do-nuts. Fresh air and exercise, needless to say, gave them all good appetites.

The girls had sing-songs and played games while inside the building. Around 1 o'clock, some of the hardier types went back out tobogganing. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves despite those icy gusts of wind.

Do we have a budding celebrity in Port McNicoll? John Brown of Eighth Avenue in Port who plays for the village hockey team, has caught the eye of Bun Deschamps, the talent scout for Olympia Sports of Midland.

John is a serious choice for the fall draft. Are we going to lose you to Olympia Sports, John?

Victoria Harbour

by Mr. M. Gervais

Mrs. Genny St. Amand and her daughter Mary have returned from Vancouver B.C., after spending the Christmas holidays with her daughters, Sandra, Susan, Brenda and Denise.

While they were in Vancouver the engagement of her daughter Denise St. Amand was announced to Mr. John Inkpen of

Vancouver.

He is the son of Ambrose and Eva Inkpen of Burin, Newfoundland.

About 60 Victoria Harbour Senior Citizens enjoyed a bus trip to see the Christmas lights decorating the residences in Midland, Penetanguishene and surrounding country recently owing to the generosity of CKMP Radio Station, The A.E.

LePage Real Estate, and the Penetanguishene Midland Coach Lines, after which they were treated at McDonald's.

Everyone appreciated the kindness of these people.

The Bon'homme Committee is busy making plans for the Winterama to be held on February 6, 7, and 8.

There will be a Senior Citizens Bake Sale.

Food Hamper Draw and other activities in St. John's Church.

Georgian Club Senior Citizens held its business meeting in the Recreation Room of the Legion Hall on Jan. 7. Following minutes by Mrs. Marjorie Bressett,

treasurer's report by Mrs. Helen Gatenhouse, the correspondence was read by Mrs. Nell Johnson, and Mrs. Hilda Savage gave a report of trips and taxi.

It was reported there were 108 members and four new members were

introduced. Social convenor Mrs. Mary Despin Entertainment Mrs. Edna Donovan card convenor Mrs. Delia Murphy gave reports. It was decided to have a Valentine Pot Luck Luncheon on Feb. 11 at 12:30. Mr. L.

Latondress said the carpet bowling etc. at St. John's Church would be started on Jan. 8.

The Parks and Recreation Committee is holding euchre parties in the St. John's Hall every other Friday evening.

Home from Vancouver

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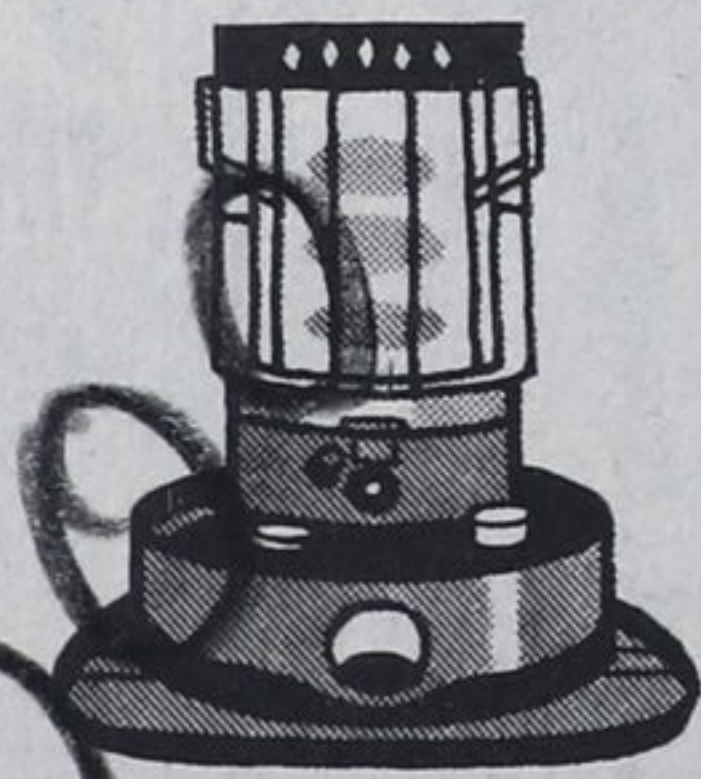
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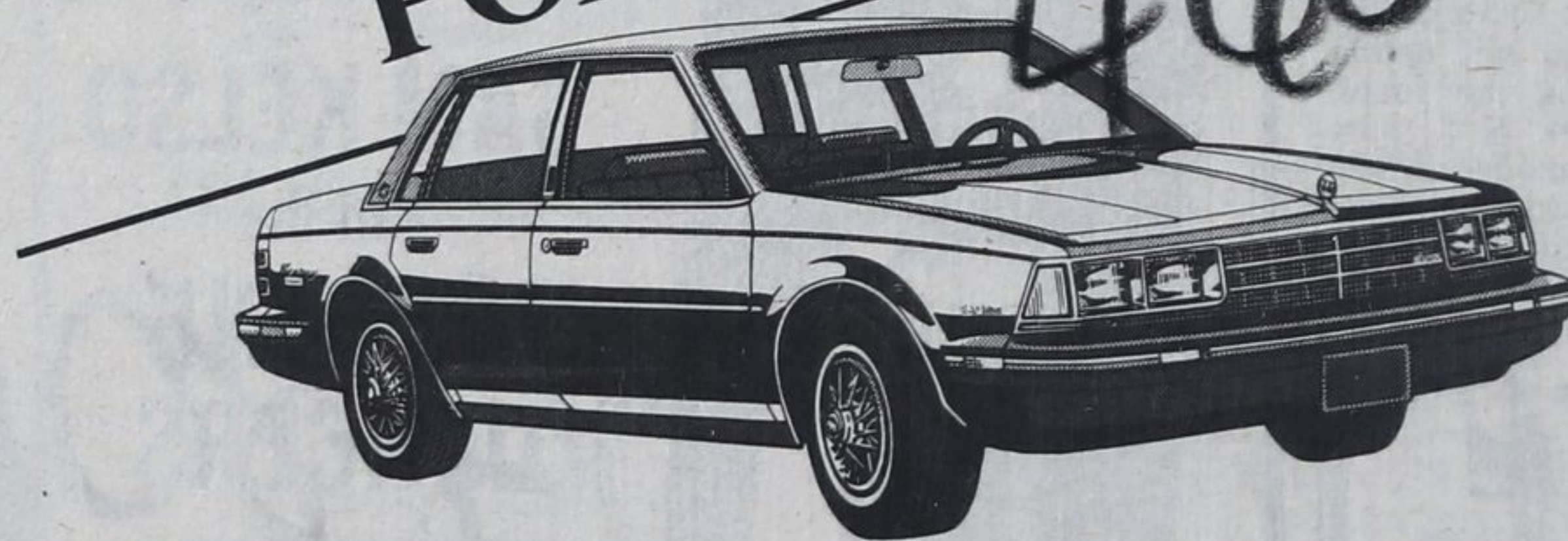
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