

by Jeanne Webb

The Wyevale School library was pretty well packed on the evening of Jan. 19. It was Family Focus of the 80's night. A special film on the Canadian Society For The Prevention of Cruelty To Children was presented, featuring Doctor Elliott Barker. Dr. Barker was also present to lead a good discussion on the matter. The Recreation Group is sponsoring three more nights of this.

The next one, Feb. 2, at 8 p.m., in the school library, will feature three families and different approaches to child-rearing.

The next Recreation Meeting will be in the United Church basement on Jan. 28, at 8 p.m.

The Pine Ridge Women's Institute held their monthly meeting Jan. 21, at the home of

Mrs. Alvin Cox, with 16 present. The Roll Call was answered by naming a country and telling of either an export or an import relating to that country.

Mrs. Evelyn Braithwaite gave a paper on How We Are Polluting Our Environment. This was very interesting. There was also an enjoyable contest on the same subject.

The Motto for the evening was To Know A Country Is To Understand It's People.

The hospital visitors for the month are Doreen Grenier, Margaret Martin and Verna Nerpin. A tasty lunch was served by Mrs. Alvin Cox and Mrs. Leonard Hales. The next meeting will be at Mrs. Phyllis Benson's.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Ab Martin is home from the hospital.

The Family-Focus of the 80's: There are many indications that the 'Do Your Own Thing' theme of the 70's is giving way to an increased focus on the family. The Wyevale Recreation Group is pleased to present a series of four evening programmes on topics relevant to this current emphasis on the Family.

Programs will take place on alternate Tuesdays, at 8 p.m. in the Wyevale School Library.

The first one was held yesterday.

There was a half hour film - 'The Greatest Cruelty' - by the Midland Rotary Club, MacLean Hunter Cable T.V., and the Canadian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Dr. Elliott Barker, President of the C.S.P.C.C., was present to discuss his work in relation to the Family. Everyone is welcome.

The Euchre players will be glad to note that their will be a Euchre in the School Library on Jan. 26, at 8 p.m. - sponsored by the Recreation Group.

Mrs. Verna Nerpin is home after spending a beautiful week in Bermuda. She went with the Christian Discovery Group, that originated from the

Thornhill United Church, with the Leader - Gordon Hunter. Four others from the Elm-vale and Waverley areas joined the group. They thoroughly enjoyed the Fellowship and had time to explore the Island. Coming back to huge snow banks was a bit of a shock.

Wyevale Free Methodist Church held their monthly Missionary Night on Thursday, Jan. 14, at Elmira Freeman's home. The Theme was 'Colour Your Life With Love and Understanding'. Everyone enjoyed the two skits on Reading and the Charades Game, depicting life in Central Africa.

We have just come through another Week-End Special storm. A week ago many people were stranded because of the suddenness of the Sunday storm. This past week-end, with so much of the light snow having fallen, people were a little more cautious, and stayed closer to home. Many thanks to the Snow Plough Crew, who are doing a super job of keeping the roads clear. We are pleased that the skating rink is in full operation and that so many are able to enjoy it.



Dress rehearsal

Monday was dress rehearsal night for cast of the Midland Secondary School Drama Club production of My Fair Lady. Here, Professor Higgins (John Gallagher) and Eliza Doolittle (Julie Noack) appear in one of the more

dramatic scenes from the play, which also includes 18 musical numbers and an impressive array of period costumes. The play will be presented each night from Jan. 27-30 in the MSS cafeteria. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

Day wants to know why so many going to convention

Midland's Deputy-reeve Bev Day isn't happy Midland will be sending four representatives to the Ontario Good Roads Association Convention in Toronto, Feb. 22-24.

Public Works Committee chairman Alderman Ian Ross, Alderman Joseph Blake and Alderman Bob Jeffery are to join Commissioner of Works Percy Ehler at the convention.

Day wanted to know why so many people were going to Toronto when there was a push on to conserve tax dollars this year.

Alderman Ross stated, he hadn't attended a convention since being elected to council and that was his reason for going.

Alderman Jeffery said, "I'm brand new on

this committee (public works) and I'd like to go for the information and knowledge you can get there."

Alderman Blake had no comment, nor did Commissioner of Works Ehler.

RC board hopping

It was coal to Newcastle night in Barrie at the Jan. 20 meeting of the Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board.

For some considerable time the board has been seeking a capital allocation from the Ministry of Education to build a new school in Tottenham to relieve the mounting enrolment pressure on St. James School in Colgan.

That pressure is expressed in five classrooms which need to be replaced, four portable classrooms, and concern about space for special education programmes.

Now the board has received a recommendation from the Simcoe County Health Unit that current enrolment will necessitate an extension to the present tile bed at St. James School. Concern was expressed at another waste of money in the continuing

saga. The board approved development of plans for the extension to the tile bed amid suggestions that the project not be rushed just in case the Ministry of Education might come through with a capital allocation in the next month or so.

Its concern about accommodation needs was also addressed by the Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board in a resolution to be presented at the annual meeting of two trustee associations to which the board belongs. As a result of the Jan. 20 board meeting, delegates at the annual meeting of the Ontario Separate School Trustees Association and L'Association francaise de Conseils scolaires de l'Ontario will be asked to approve the following resolution: "Whereas, even the growth needs of many boards are not being

met, and, Whereas, many students in the province are accommodated in sub-standard buildings, and, Whereas, many students in the province have programmes limited by a lack of resource centres and general purpose rooms and these students should not be penalized because of the size of their school, and, Whereas, the extension of special education services in the province will compound accommodation needs, Be it Resolved, that the Ontario Separate School Trustees Association continue to draw to the attention of the Minister of Education the need for increased capital funding annually to meet actual requirements of the

Full agenda greets trustees

times."

High Schools
The following resolution was approved by the Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board at its Jan. 20 meeting:

"that the Board of Directors of the Ontario Separate School Trustees Association express to the Minister of Education the sincere hope that the current review of secondary education in the province will result in the long anticipated recognition of the right of Roman Catholic parents to have their children receive their whole secondary school education in Roman Catholic Separate Schools."

The resolution will be forwarded to the annual meetings of both trustee associations to which the board belongs.

And in other business at its Jan. 20 meeting the Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board:

(1) Approved 1982 salaries for its board office staff.
(2) Supported the application of one of its teachers to participate in a Ministry of Education assisted study year in Special Education. The board's support will be considered by the Ministry of Education in its approval process.

(3) Appointed the following members to

review teachers' salaries: G. Marchand R. Givens, J. Brennan, and L. LaPlume.

(4) Appointed the following members to further consider high school education: M. Ronan, P. O'Toole, J. Crawford, M.J. Quilty.

(5) Appointed the following members to consider the insurance needs of the board: R. Givens, G. Ouellette, L. LaPlume, and J. Feehley.

(6) Received an update on the development of the board's special education plan which is being readied for board consideration previous to May 1 submission to the Ministry of Education.

CRTC reaches decision

Decision 82-109 released in Ottawa on Jan. 18 by the Canadian Radio Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has approved an application by Maclean Hunter Cable TV serving Midland, Penetanguishene and surrounding area to increase the monthly subscriber fee from \$7.25 to \$8.50.

The commission considers that an increase of \$1.25 will enable Maclean Hunter to maintain the quality of the technical and programming services offered to subscribers. The new rates will become effective Feb. 1.

Theft of machine

A 10 horsepower snowblower has been stolen from a garage belonging to David Jolie, of McPhee Street, Port McNicoll. The theft occurred between Jan. 20 and Jan. 21.

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