

Warden comes to Port

by Eileen Hocken

Another Get-Acquainted night in Port McNicoll - another success! Reeve John Moreau organized his second get-acquainted night which was held at the Community Centre last Wednesday.

It received T.V. coverage with parts of it being aired Jan. 28 on CKCO-TV and the whole of it broadcast at 8:30 p.m. Sunday and Monday on Cable 12.

Reeve Moreau held this event to make the people realize all the volunteer assistance we get from so many people, all the work that is needed to run a village even the small size of Port McNicoll.

It also made it possible for the different groups and committees to outline or briefly discuss their projects and plans for the coming year.

According to Reeve Moreau, "Our Community is terrific! One we can all be proud of." He feels it's about time other municipalities become aware of this and it's equally important that the residents of Port McNicoll appreciate that the Council members are doing their best to see that the village is run as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

Port McNicoll has seen many new changes in the last year and the one we are most proud of is our new Community Hall on Seventh Avenue.

Special guests that evening were the Warden of Simcoe County, Russel Cooper, and his lovely wife. Apparently it's one of the first times a Warden has attended any function in Port so we were doubly honoured to have Warden Cooper present.

One thing Warden Cooper will never forget is the small blunder he made when he thanked Reeve Moreau for inviting him and his wife to the get-acquainted do and then praised the Council of Victoria Harbour for the good job they were doing in and around Port.

Reeve Moreau's laughing rejoinder that all his trouble in trying to get Port McNicoll on the map didn't seem to be paying off too well when even the Warden of Simcoe County referred to Port McNicoll as Victoria Harbour.

Ted Walker, our deputy-reeve, introduced the different members who work in the Municipal office and also spoke of the plans Port has for building a new Library in the village.

To date, approximately \$3,700 has been raised for this project and an attempt is being made to form a fund-raising committee - the funds to go towards the construction of this new Library.

Leo Copeland, roads commissioner and president of the Lions Club had several introductions to make. He complimented the Road Superintendent, Vic Kelly, for the good job he and the men working with him were doing.

Leo also spoke briefly of the Lions Club and the progress this fairly new group has made in the village. With the help of government grants, they were able to fix the skating rink at Port McNicoll Park and build heated washroom facilities to accommodate the skaters.

This is just one of the projects the Lions Club have accomplished in the past year. As Leo said, "We're new, but trying to do our best."

The principal of Port McNicoll Public School, Lloyd Farquar, had some sad news to impart that night, and though this is unofficial as yet, Port school might lose its well-liked principal to Midland's Parkview School.

In turn, the principal of that school, Jack Bell, is to take over for Mr. Farquar. We will hate to see Mr. Farquar go in September, but wish him the best of luck in his new school.

Mr. Farquar, who has been in Port for the past 10 years, complimented the village in their use of adult crossing guards.

Marg Lemieux, the president of the Senior Citizens Club, spoke of their involvement with "Silver Thread" which is formulating in Midland. If you are, or know of any senior citizen living alone, please give the name and address to Mrs. Lemieux or Mrs. May Moriarty who is helping to organize the Midland group.

Mr. Art Bell, another well-known personage in our community, is General Manager and Treasurer of the Port McNicoll Credit Union.

Art was instrumental a few months ago in releasing a sizeable amount of money which a very active group of people began to raise back in 1964 for the construction of an arena in Port.

The arena wasn't built but the funds which were deposited in an account at the Credit Union accumulated interest and dividends over the years until there was almost \$5,000 in this account.

The money was turned over to the Recreation Board for the purchase of tables and chairs for the new Community Centre.

Mrs. Golda Beech and her brother, (dubbed the Golden Pair of Port McNicoll) were introduced by Reeve Moreau and Mrs. Beech presented with a plaque which is to hang underneath a lovely wall hanging she made and donated to the Community Hall.

This hanging is a work of art, lovingly made by an expert and Port is proud to show it off. It represents the Port McNicoll Community Centre with its opening date displayed in the centre.

There were about 55 people present at the get-acquainted party, too many for me

to be able to name in this column. There were also many who were unable to be there.

For those who might be new to the village, I would like to mention some of the groups who help in the running of the community.

The Council members not previously noted here: Ross Cameron and Chris Merritt; Clerk Treasurer, Alex Hancox; Librarian, Cherry Hancox; Assistant Librarian, Lanna Garrett; Members of the Recreation Committee, Library Board, Planning Board, Committee of Adjustments, Property Standards Committee and Fire Department.

There are also Monsignor Belanger, Father Egan, Rev. Al Farthing; Doctors, Talbot and Besley; also Bill Nickolson and Rosemary Thompson, Chairmen of the Group Committees for the Guiding and Scouting organizations. Larry Perrault, president of the Port Legion; and Doug Haig, the village's solicitor.

A dance topped off the evening's festivities with the popular Gil Robillard and his band playing. A lovely lunch followed. Thanks extended to Connie Kelly and Joyce Burns who worked hard in the kitchen while the rest of us had fun.

Badminton for adults will be starting today at 8:30 p.m. at the Community Centre. There is a \$5 registration fee for the season.

The Parents' Group Committee will be holding a Euchre Party to raise funds for the Guiding Organization in Port.

This will take place at the Port McNicoll Legion on Monday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m. Admission price is \$1.50 per person. Everyone is welcome - the support will be appreciated.

There will be a 50-50 draw and many prizes. Refreshments will be served after the card playing.

Wyebridge

by Jeanne Webb

The community was saddened by the loss of another one of its senior residents. Mr. Howard Marcellus passed away at Penetanguishene General Hospital, on Jan. 26, in his 88th year. He had been hospitalized for about three weeks, having suffered a fall. Mr. Marcellus lived in the Wyevale area most of his life until the last year or two, he was at the Georgian Manor in Penetanguishene.

The funeral was held at the James Lynn Funeral Home in

Elmvale on Jan. 28, at 2 p.m. Rev. John Locke from the Wyevale United Church conducted it. Deepest sympathy is extended to the immediate families and to relatives.

The Recreation Group is sponsoring euchre parties in the school library on alternate Tuesday nights to the Family Focus of the 80's series. The latter features films and speakers. The euchre on Jan. 26 was well attended.

The Recreation Group has another Bea in It's Bonnet. They are

sponsoring a logo contest for its association. Everyone, young or old, is eligible. The logo chosen will be made into a sign and mounted in the large signboard in the village near the Centennial Gardens. All entries

must be received by Feb. 25, to be ready for judging at the regular monthly meeting that same night. These can be turned in either at Cliff Grenier's store or at the school.

We are pleased to know that Mrs. Lorna

Webb is doing well after surgery and has been convalescing at her daughter Margaret's.

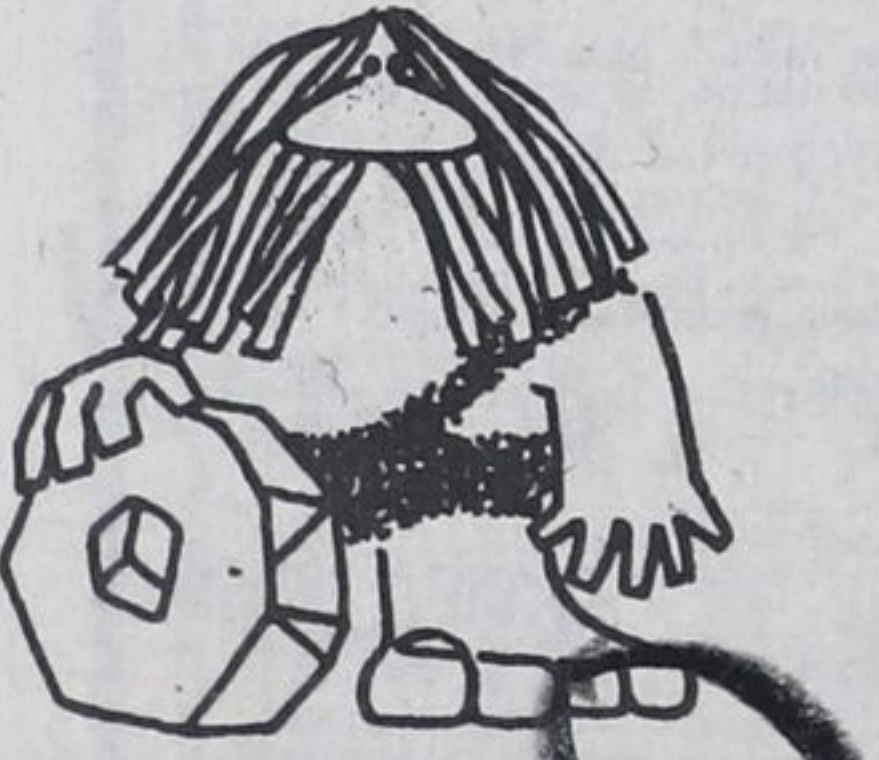
Welcome home to Sherry and Frank Newell and family. The Newells have been living in British Columbia the past year. From all reports, 'there

is No Place Like Home'. It is good to have them back.

Rosalyn Hussey and Reese Dunsford spent a very enjoyable holiday in Florida recently staying with the Dunsfords there. Several couples from


the village spent another memorable weekend at the Hasting's cottage near Huntsville. They reported lovely weather and a beautiful day for a snowmobile safari last Saturday. Storm warnings hurried them home on Sunday.

Wyevale saddened by loss



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