

In the news...

Legal counsel told to proceed: Ogilvie

Legal counsel for a group of ratepayers representing thirteen properties on Norene Street in Midland, according to William Ogilvie, have authorized legal counsel to

proceed with a negligence action against the town with regards to the way (according to a press release) in which a local improvement project for a sewer line had been processed.

RC board okays accounts at Wednesday's meet

At its Wednesday meeting in Barrie, the Simcoe County Roman Catholic School Board

approved January accounts totalling \$1,232,493.71.

Passed for payment by Tay Twp. council

A total of \$41,174.92 worth of accounts were approved for payment by members of Tay

Township council when they met on Feb. 11 for a regular monthly meeting.

Ministry declines to give grant to pay the bills

Medonte Township will not be getting a grant from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to help pay Medonte's unsuccessful fight of the annexation of part of the Township by Coldwater.

The cost to Medonte of opposing the annexation was \$86,110.43.

A.P. McNair and Associates of Barrie are being paid \$6,250 to prepare the zoning bylaw necessary to implement the township's of-

ficial plan.

The township is accepting applications for the position of deputy fire chief. The council has accepted the letter of resignation of Keith Ball from that position.

Council has directed the clerk to answer complainant about snowplowing by stating that the best possible job is being done and that a new piece of equipment is expected which will improve service.

Decor brass tight-lipped on layoff reports in Midland

Although it was widely reported earlier this week that as many as 150 Decor Metal Products employees have been laid off for a two-week period, the story couldn't be confirmed or denied by either officials at the Midland factory or at the Canada

Employment Centre.

None of the top management officials at Decor this newspaper attempted to get in touch yesterday could be reached for comment.



Bucks from Bell

Verna Marcellus (left), Secretary of the Midland Minor Hockey Association, receives a \$400 sponsorship cheque on behalf of the association from Bell Canada

operator Shirley Arbour. Bell Canada has sponsored the MMHA's Major Atom squad for the past three seasons.

ESPSS Principal's Newsletter

Parents students staff updated

by G. Cinq-Mars
Principal

We are now past the mid-year point at E.S.P.S.S. and the second and perhaps most vital set of examinations is coming up.

They are scheduled from Monday March 1 to Monday March 8 inclusive. I suggest that these exams are vital for several reasons: 1) students who did not do well on the first set of exams have opportunity to do better this term; 2) students who did well on the first set have an opportunity to qualify for exemption from the final June exams; 3) senior students, i.e. graduating students in Grades 12 and 13 have an opportunity to demonstrate academic ability as required by college or university entrance applications, as well as to their potential employers if they are headed directly to work.

We intend to distribute the report cards to the students on Thursday March 18 and request that you sign them and return them to E.S.P.S.S. the following day (before the March break which is from March 20-28). Please do not hesitate to call the school office, 549-7446, any time prior to the exams to make appointments, seek information, etc. regarding your student(s). We are at your service.

It is the time of year again when students are asked to make choices regarding their selection of courses for next year. The E.S.P.S.S. students will be doing that the week of Feb. 15.

Please insist that your

children discuss their proposed course choices with you, and again, should you require any information, please do not hesitate to call us. I feel it is very important that you be assured that your son or daughter is selecting courses that a) will in fact be given; and b) that serve their needs and best interests. I think that before you allow your children to make course, program, or school choices, you should be satisfied that what is advertised is indeed fact.

E.S.P.S.S. is proud to announce that the Penetanguishene Power Squadron has seen fit to institute a scholarship fund for graduating students of Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School whose post secondary education will be in a marine related field. We have a basic list of some 15 college and two university courses which the selection committee would consider as eligible for consideration.

We are very grateful to the Penetanguishene Power Squadron for this generous commitment to our students' education. This scholarship joins a list of some 25 other substantial scholarships and awards presented to E.S.P.S.S. students each year by individuals and organizations in the community. Such support is overwhelming and we thank you.

The Cooperative Education program mentioned in the last edition of this newsletter is growing and judged to be very successful by both

students and employers as well as our own teaching staff who are directly involved with the supervision of the co-op student activities.

Special thanks to Penetang Motor Sales, Handy Andy, Midland-Penetang Gymnastics Club, Town of Penetanguishene, Bill's Texaco, and the Butterfly School for demonstrating an appreciation of this fine program.

Participation in the Co-op program is especially attractive to senior students requiring only one or two credits to achieve the necessary number required for graduation.

The month of February is an important time for students who are projecting enrolling in a College of Applied Arts and Technology (CAAT) e.g. Georgian, George Brown, Humber, etc. CAAT application forms are available from the E.S.P.S.S. guidance office and those wishing to apply for early admission should complete an application form now.

Among some new computer programs being offered this coming year are: Algonquin College (Ottawa) - computer systems technology (2 years)

Centennial (Toronto) - computer systems technology

Georgian (Barrie) - computer programming (1, 2, or 3 years)

Humber (Toronto) - microcomputer business applications (40 weeks)

Lambton (Sarnia) - computer programming analyst (3 year co-op)

St. Lawrence (Cornwall) - microcomputer

engineering technology (3 year co-op) - junior programmer (48 weeks) Sault College (Sault Ste. Marie) - computer technology

Seneca (Toronto) - computer programming Sheridan (Oakville) - designing for computer graphics

If your son or daughter is showing an interest in pursuing his education at the CAAT College level, please advise him/her to pick up a copy of "Communicat" at the guidance office.

On the Driver Education front, we are happy to announce that in the first term, 24 E.S.P.S.S. students successfully completed the course. Each student received a minimum of 25 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of practice driving.

Congratulations are extended to the following students:

Christine Arbour, Louise Laurin Richard Beauchamp, Carmen Lesperance, David Bellehumeur, Mary Lo, Pauline Cascagnette, Carla McClinton, Michelle Charlebois, Donna Moreau, Michelle Dupuis, Carmen McNamara, Richie Dusome, Chris Pauze, Bert Gignac,

Steve Poole, Ken King, Claude Quesnelle, Paul Lacroix, Mark Quesnelle, Jean-Louis Ladouceur, Bryan Robillard, Michelle Lalonde, and Andrea Lau.

We thank the Penetang Motor Sales for the use of their 1982 Concord for this purpose.

The E.S.P.S.S. science department announces the following news:

Throughout the remainder of the school year the Science Dept. has invited experts to speak to Science classes on a variety of science related topics.

Speakers for February will be Andy Fletcher from the Tiny Marsh Office of the Ministry of Natural Resources. He will visit the Environmental Science classes to discuss the topics (a) winter deer management (b) fur-bearing animals and (c) the value of a marsh. Sargeant Westcott is coming in to speak to a group of year 5 about driving and alcohol.

February field trips include a Grade 13 Physics and Chemistry tour of Bay Mills in Midland. In the Spring Term, Dr. Beausoleil's Environmental Science

and Mr. Connell's year 3 Biology classes will visit the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto.

In the spring a Science contest for Grade 8 students attending local Elementary Schools will be run. A "Fun with

Science" demonstration will be presented in the local Elementary Schools by the Science teachers at E.S.P.S.S. to encourage an interest in the Science program.

Remember: examinations from March 1 - 8.

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