



Penetanguishene Chamber of Commerce announced last November a pledge a tree project that will result in the planting of a mature centennial forest.

Trees range in price from \$29 to \$140 and the chamber is asking you to pledge a tree and send in your payment before the end of April.

Already trees have been pledged by some schools, families and individuals and memorial trees have also been planted.

This centennial forest will become a living record of the year's celebrations but also the plan and pledge documents filed in the town's records will record for history your participation of today.

You can take part in this history making project by speaking with your neighbours, friends or family members and calling in your pledge today. If you require further information call the town office or the Chamber of Commerce for a complete price list.

If you caught the costume fever you may be thinking about entering the centennial gown competition during the July 4 fashion show.

The number of calls received requesting descriptions of period hats indicates that Easter bonnet stitchery is occurring around town. The fashion guides of the time describe the bonnet of 1882 as small but extravagant. The brims were small but the coverings were totally fanciful and descriptions include hats with fresh flowers, small stuffed animals and live birds. Feathers, bows, draping, lace and flowers were often combined in one hat and the catalogues indicate that hats frequently sold for over \$100 at that time. Catch the enthusiasm and construct some whimsical hat.

The same fun with design and fancy can be demonstrated in the dress a doll competition scheduled for July. Gloria Hitchman is the organizer for this competition. Call today for details.

"Something Different" the organizer for the quilt competition reports quite a few entries so far in the quilt competition. She has indicated that she is still accepting entries or calls of intent and will do so right up until the actual deadline of June 1.

So if your group has been thinking about a spring project why not make a quilt.

Town won't chop grant to Midland 'Y'

Blake fails in bid

Midland's 1982 budget summary was approved Monday night by a margin of 5-4 by a recorded vote following a lengthy discussion which was initially inspired by Alderman Joe Blake.

It was Blake who asked his colleagues to reconsider granting the Midland YMCA \$37,500 this year.

The YMCA received a similar grant to help cover its last year's operations.

Blake noted that by not giving the YMCA the grant this year and cutting the chamber of commerce's grant by \$11,000 the town would have enough money to pay two of the three firefighters it plans to cut from the town's payroll.

In any event the Blake proposal failed to gain the necessary support although it was reflected in the voting on this year's budget which was approved by a slim one-vote margin.

Following the regular Monday night council meeting, local lawmakers went in-camera to discuss personnel matters including grievances the town has been hit with since council decided to chop staff in an economy move.

Meanwhile Midland firefighter Harry Haworth has been given a new lease on life. He won't be let go at the end of the month as had been initially planned.

He'll stay on until Adam Staruck, a firefighter who is currently on sick leave, returns to work.

However firefighters Jim Ironside and Tom Toole are to be let go as planned by March 31.

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