

Committee of Adjustment

Board won't be deterred by OMB rejection

The Penetanguishene Planning Board will continue to challenge before the Ontario Municipal Board any local Committee of Adjustment decision that the board thinks is contrary to local bylaws despite the recent loss of just such a challenge before the OMB, the board's chairman says.

Planning Board chairman Ross Spearn says that the board challenged a Committee of Adjustment ruling that approved the building of a tool shed despite the fact that it was closer to a house than the town's bylaws permit.

Spearn added that the Committee's decision was not necessarily wrong; the committee

considers "different aspects," he said.

The board challenged the Committee's decision because the board wants to see local bylaws observed, he said. The board also fears a loss of control over development if local bylaws can be ignored, Spearn said.

The board has approved in principle the expansion of the Dock

Lunch. The board's approval and accompanying conditions for approval will be considered by the town council.

The application to run a group home on Edward Street was formally withdrawn at last Monday's planning board meeting, the chairman said yesterday.



Gathering her thoughts

Gathering her thoughts at centre of this picture is Miss Dominion of Canada Elizabeth Logger of Hamilton. She spent Friday evening and Saturday here in North Simcoe attending the Elmvale

Maple Syrup Festival. LEFT: this year's festival queen Lisa Robertson, RIGHT: Amy Russell, princess.

Queen's Park report...

MPP's post won't keep him away

by Al McLean,
MPP Simcoe East

This month Premier Davis appointed me to sit on the Provincial Legislature's Justice Committee, a committee that deals with all aspects of law and justice in the Province of Ontario.

While committee work will mean that I must spend more time at Queen's Park, I want to assure all residents of Simcoe East that I will continue to spend as much time in the riding, listening to your concerns and working for your needs, as I have in the past.

Sluggish economic conditions are at the forefront of every agenda in the Legislature these days. With the creation of a new Ministry for Industry and Trade, Premier Davis has demonstrated his commitment to get our Province's economy moving in a higher gear.

Ontario's new Industry and Trade Minister, Gordon Walker, has made job creation his first priority. This means greater emphasis will be put on job-creation programs already in place as well as further encouragement for industry to co-operation in training and apprenticeship programs.

Job Market

Recent headlines about the importing of skilled workers demonstrates the opportunities available in today's job market. Ontario's community colleges offer a wide variety of skill-training and apprenticeship programs. Why can't our own people get more involved in skilled trades?

An example of the

new Ministry's commitment to job creation is the new auto parts technology centre announced for St. Catharines.



The Confederation Generation is here! It is set-up in the Penetanguishene Town Office at 10 Robert Street West and is open Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This exhibit recaptures the excitement of the Confederation Years. It features reproductions of illustrations from The Canadian Illustrated News, Grip Magazine and the Northern Lakes Guide - all publications of the 1870's and 1880's.

The exhibit focuses on two main subjects: National Culture and Organized Sport. There are other areas of concern - eg. changing status of women, organized labour. The visitor is sure to have an enjoyable and educational experience. This exhibition is sponsored by your Centennial Committee and Festival Ontario.

Penetanguishene's first history book has already started into the printing process at Midland Printers where it is being printed.

The book is packed full of pictures of Penetanguishene's past - many of which have been retrieved from the provincial and federal archives. This pictorial history would in itself be a collector's item but when combined with the written history this history book will become a benchmark when referring to local history.

The story encompasses chapters on the Hurons and their first European contacts, The Naval and Military Establishments, French Settlers from 1828 - 1850, the Towns "Golden Days of Growth" a list of street names and why they got those names, and much, much more. The book will sell for \$15 and will be released during the third week of June.

Pre-orders are now being accepted at the town office if accompanied by a \$5 deposit. The book will be published in both a French and English edition so please specify which you would like when pre-ordering.

After mid-winter slow down of Centennial events, things are once again beginning to speed up as many events are coming up soon, so remember to watch this column and other Centennial promotional material for these events.

—Brian Murrant,
Centennial Committee.

Contact

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During the week of April 19-24 we will be having Bonnie Trollope a student from MSS Co-operative Experience Program working with us in our office.

We are pleased to welcome Bonnie and sincerely hope the experience gained during this week will assist her with her career goals.

The Big Sisters Association of Huronia will be celebrating Big Sister week from April 18-24. Tag Day will be on April 24. For more information regarding Big Sisters call, Sandra Muxlow at 526-8620.

We would like also to say a word of welcome to our newest board member, John Chantrell, manager of The Catholic Family Life Centre.

Many thanks to Jane McVittie and Des Carpenter, for their years of support and contribution, to our Centre. Their resignations were accepted recently by our Board with regrets.

Pledge sheets are now available in our office for "CONTACT'S Second Annual Big Wheelie" bike-a-thon.

We ask that you have one person from your club or organization ride and members pledge to support that rider. We received excellent support in this venture last year and look forward to the same this year.

The solution to even the most difficult problem begins with the first step. If you have a problem, take the first step. Call CONTACT your Community Information Centre today.



Overture officielle - Edith Butler en concert

C'est cette semaine qu'a lieu la grande ouverture officielle de l'école secondaire Le Caron tant attendue. Les chambres des motels et hotels locaux sont toutes réservées - les Ontariois viennent fêter avec nous.

Des groupes et des individus ont organisé des activités pour souligner cet événement. Voici un aperçu du menu culturel et social de cette fin de semaine: Vendredi le 23 avril, activités à l'école: 9h30: festival de théâtre au gymnase - 1h30: cérémonies officielles, gymnase - 3h00: visite de l'école et léger goûter.

Activités au Curling Club, rue Owen: 5h30 à 7h00: souper en commun, élève \$3, adulte \$5 - 7h00: concert d'Harmonies scolaires, entrée gratuite - 9h00: EDITH BUTLER en concert, entrée élève \$4, adulte \$6. Samedi le 24 avril, activités à l'école: 9h30 à 11h30: ateliers: théâtral et sportif - 1h30 à 3h30: ateliers répètes - 8h00: danse pour les élèves, entrée \$3.

Activités au Centre d'activités françaises: atelier culturel de 9h30 à 11h30 et répété de 1h30 à 3h30. 9h00: soirée ONTARIOISE au Centre, artistes invités: Eric Laurin et son frère; Bobby Grenier; et, nous espérons, Basil Lafrenière et son père; entrée \$4. Si vous désirez plus de renseignements, n'hésitez pas à nous contacter soit au 549-3116 ou au 549-3202.

Le Centre sera hôte de deux groupes provinciaux: Regroupement culturel franco-ontarien et

Direction-Jeunesse qui se serviront du Centre comme local pour leurs rencontres.

Plusieurs personnes qui ont aidé à obtenir notre école seront avec nous pour fêter. Soyez des nôtres, vous reverrez des visages familiers et sympathiques - après le dur labeur, c'est le temps de fêter!

Stage Pour Artistes Et Producteurs De L'Ontario

Eric Laurin et Serge Prud'homme ont assisté à une formation offerte par la Fédération Culturelle des Canadiens français à Katimavik, province de Québec tout dernièrement.

Voici ce que Serge en dit: "Cette rencontre, organisée par la Fédération, nous permettait de connaître le fonctionnement et l'organisation de tournées de spectacles. On entendait des conférenciers nous entretenir de sujets aussi intéressants que diversifiés tel que la publicité, programmation, négociation... enfin, tout ce qui concerne la mise en valeur de nos talents Ontariois.

Il va sans dire que les participants de cette rencontre ont pu bénéficier d'une atmosphère culturelle sans pareil en assistant aux comédies de théâtre et de spectacles de chansonniers et musiciens. On s'est amusé, donc, à chanter, danser tout en participant à une formation comme producteurs ou artistes nous permettant, dans le futur, de nous faire bénéficier de tous ces talents."