

by Eileen Hocken

Nine Port McNicoll students from Grades 5 to 8 took part in a Public Speaking competition at the school last week. Chairman of the competition was Mr. Parkhill. Mrs. Wilcox and Mr. Farquhar were the judges.

Competitors were Sarah Eelles, Sheena Eelles, Tim Copeland, Bruce Busch, Analea Jackson, Lisa Thompson, Patty Twigg, Scott Garrett, and David Ardern.

Congratulations to the winner Bruce Busch and the runner-up, Patty Twigg. These two will be participating in the Oral Communication Festival which will take place at Regent Public School on Tuesday, April 27.

The public is invited to attend the competition.

Port McNicoll students have also been getting ready for the Red Cross spell-a-thon. Scott Garrett is Port's Intermediate representative while Tara Walker will be our Junior representative in the Spelling Bee.

The finalists will be spelling off with other

pupils from different public schools during Education Week, April 26-30. The spelling competition will be on Thursday, April 29 at Regent Public School beginning at 7:30 p.m.

During Dental Health Week the students of the public schools were invited to enter an Ontario Dental Association poster contest. The theme was "Smile Canada" and the kids obtained poster rules and specifications from their classroom teachers.

Jennifer Spak of Port McNicoll Public School was one of the youngsters who won an award in the poster contest. Congratulations, Jennifer!

The Elementary School Junior Basketball Tournament took place at Midland Secondary School last Wednesday. The Port McNicoll girls and the Parkview School boys came out winners.

A total of 120 players from Grades 4,5, and 6 were entered in the event.

The Port McNicoll girls were the victors in their three team matches, earning them a

place in the final, where they clobbered Regent School with a score of 24-12.

The Port girls defeated Corpus Christie 27-8 and Burkevale 14-12 in their pool. Burkevale won over Corpus Christie 34-6 in the next game.

Regent won the other pool with a 16-6 victory over Huron Park and a 27-26 point score over Parkview. Huron beat Parkview 14-13 in the other game of that pool.

The Parkview boys won their title with a narrow 8-7 decision over Port McNicoll.

We are very proud of the way the Port McNicoll girls and boys played their games. They put a whole lot of enthusiasm and fun into their basketball!

The Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt held at the Community Centre on April 10 was a great success. 100 children attended the event. The big prize was won by Carol Newlands. Congratulations, Carol!

If anyone missed Minor Ball registration on Friday, April 16, there's still a chance to

register the youngsters on Saturday, April 24 between 1 and 3 p.m. in the small room of the community Centre.

Prices are \$3. for Tee-ball and \$5 for House League. Anyone wishing to play Allstar can see George Hill at his home.

The Teen Dance held on Friday, April 16th at the Community Centre was very successful. About 80 youngsters showed up.

Thanks are extended to the chaperones, Judy Dubbin, Mrs. Cleland, Carol Quesnelle, Donna Jackson and Willie Bottineau.

The Recreation Board is still on the look-out for more chaperones to add to their list. If your teens frequent the dances, your name should be on that list of chaperones.

We would ask that you call 534-7904 and give your community the support it deserves.

The Adult Recreation Dance which took place last Saturday night at the Community Centre was certainly a night filled with fun.

The attendance wasn't quite what the Recreation Board had hoped for.

Drop-in Centre? steering committee takes step at a time

Former Midland councillor Nancy Keefe chaired Monday night's inaugural committee meeting of a group of Midland resource people who are looking into the need for a drop-in centre in Midland.

The idea, initially spawned by Midland Salvation Army's Lt. Ray Braddock, has now reached the point where a steering committee has been formed and a questionnaire is to be prepared to be circulated to pupils at two schools in the town.

Based on the study's findings, the committee will proceed from there.

"If the kids in say Grades 7 and 8 aren't in-

terested then it seems to me there may not be a need to operate such a centre," Braddock said yesterday.

If one is eventually established it will be located in the former Alliance Church building at First and Elizabeth streets in Midland.

The Salvation Army has been renting the structure since the former church's congregation moved to new quarters on Yonge Street West.

The committee is comprised of John Potts, Nancy Keefe, Lt. Braddock, Dr. Richard Thomas, Mary Gibson, Dan Downey, Dana Summers, Joe Blake, Joan Schirmuly, Verna Brookes, Jim Blackwell and Doug Reed.

Arbitration date to be set this week?

It should be known later this week where and when an arbitration meeting will take place between the Town of Midland and officials representing Local 1581 of the Ontario Professional Firefighters Association.

The union forced the hearing because of the laying off by the town last month of two town

firefighters. The layoffs are part of the town's efforts to bring this year's budget in line with last year's.

Meanwhile the Ontario Police Commission has been sent a letter asking the OPC to allow the town to lay off one civilian radio operator.

\$210,000 bylaw in the works

It is expected a bylaw will be produced in time for Monday night's meeting of Midland council to pay \$210,000 for the Edwards Parking Lot and a 12-foot by 165-foot building south of Edwards of Midland which the town plans to use as a walkway.

Yesterday afternoon at a special in-camera

meeting, Aldermen Richard Platt, Joe Blake, Bob Jeffery and Ian Ross met with legal counsel for both the town and Edwards.

It is understood the offer to purchase at that time was amended from council's original resolution earlier this year.

Not present at yesterday's meeting of

local law-makers were Mayor Moreland Lynn, Reeve William Orr and Deputy-reeve Bev Day, who had all, at an earlier council meeting this year, claimed a

No money

The Ontario Medical Association's 24-member board of directors in rejecting Queen's Park's latest offer last

conflict of interest.

Not present, too, were Aldermen Jack Gerow and Al Hennin.

Money for the deal is expected to come from a new CARP program.

Friday now indicate plans to step up their province-wide fight for higher fees.

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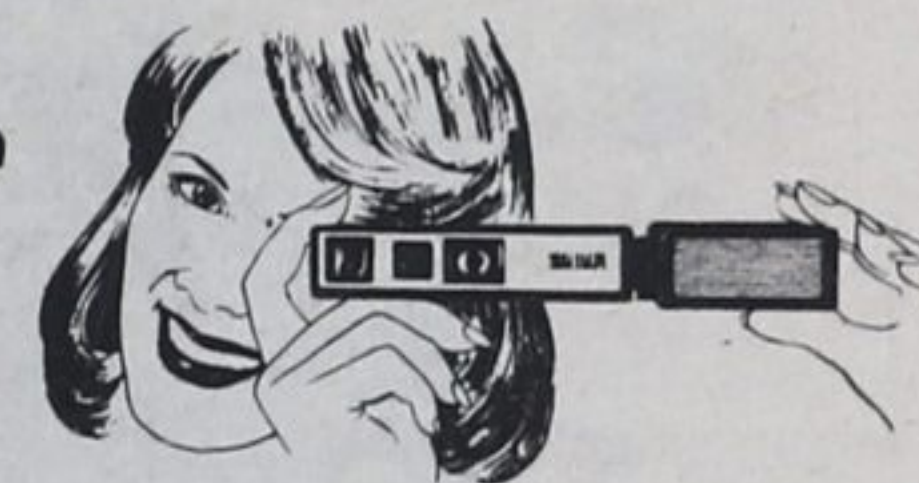
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Midland Chamber of Commerce

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

For Toronto Life Magazine



One photograph will be selected for the Midland Chamber of Commerce's next advertisement appearing in Toronto Life Magazine.

RULES:

- 1) Entrants must reside in Midland
- 2) Photograph is to be of the Midland area.
- 3) Photograph must be in colour
- 4) All entries must be submitted by May 15th, 1982

The winner will be announced in the newspaper shortly after May 15th.

For more information, contact:

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