



### Library due to one man's gift

Thanks to the generosity of a former resident, Port McNicoll will be getting a new library, behind the village office. From left, Reeve John Moreau, library board chairman Cathy Hall, and the village council representative

on the library board, Deputy-reeve Ted Walker, hold a \$10,000 cheque from Jack Young. Young is also loaning the village a further \$15,000, interest-free.

### Generous donation

by Eileen Hocken

The chairperson of the Port McNicoll Library Board, Mrs. Cathy Hall, and council's representative on the board, Deputy-reeve Ted Walker, were presented with a cheque for \$10,000 by Reeve John Moreau on Monday.

This generous donation was from a private individual, Jack G. Young, a former resident of the village. Young's association with Port McNicoll goes back a long way.

His father was a member of the committee that gave Port McNicoll its name back in 1917 and the Youngs were the third family to make their home in the small community.

Mr. Jack Young was so interested in books and reading that he used to bring books into the village when he worked on the boats and he would pass them around to the people. He was very conscious that Port McNicoll was without the services of a public library.

This donation was also presented as a memorial to a brother, Joe Young, who lost his life in a drowning accident in Georgian Bay in the 1930's.

Besides this contribution of \$10,000, Mr. Young has also promised the village another \$15,000, interest free, until Port McNicoll receives more money in the form of government grants for the new Library building.

One of the conditions imposed by Mr. Young is that the check not be cashed until the Port McNicoll Library Board has \$5,000 on deposit in the Library Trust account. The Library Board foresees no problem there as they fully expect to have this amount by the 1st of May.

The land alongside the Municipal offices on Fourth Avenue has been donated by the village of Port McNicoll for the Library. Hopefully, the residents of Port McNicoll will see their new library finished by the fall.

## Abortions Blake distressed

Midland's Alderman Joe Blake says he's distressed by statistics the town has received from E.T. Pritchard, administrator of Huronia District Hospital concerning therapeutic abortions being performed at HDH.

Earlier this year Blake asked Shirley Whittington, Midland council's representative on the HDH board, to provide council with information on the aboard subject.

In a letter addressed to Clerk Mike Owen, dated April 21, Pritchard noted, "Our fiscal year runs from April 1 to March 31 and for the past 11 months of this fiscal year we have performed 63 abortions averaging 5.7 per month. This does not include spontaneous abortions or still borns.

"For your information, we have a Therapeutic Abortion Committee which is approved by the board, and who meet to determine the validity of the abortion, and sign the necessary certificates as required under the Criminal Code of Canada."

Based on HDH's statistics Blake, Monday night during a regular town council meeting, projected that during the same period some 54,000 abortions would have been performed in hospitals across Canada "and to me that is nothing more than abortion on demand."

He added, "if this is so... then I think we should do something about it."

Blake is by far Midland council's most vocal and concerned law-maker when it comes to being opposed to abortions.

### Special ed. plan okayed

Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board approved its Special Education Plan at the April 21 meeting of the board.

The plan which took a full year of development will now be presented to

the Ministry of Education for perusal. Highlights of the plan presented by Committee Chairman Jim Crawford include a statement of philosophy, the addition of coordinating and consultative staff.

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