

Rotarians missed the good news

by Murray Moore
The man who told Midland Rotarians Wednesday that the town's "mayor and deputy-reeve don't seem to think there's a problem (with transients) and they don't know what to do" by evening had a recommendation from the town's finance committee, chaired by Alderman Richard

Platt that \$1,000 be given to the Salvation Army.
Salvation Army Lieutenant Ray Braddock cited letters from the chiefs of police of Midland and Penetanguishene, and from the Midland OPP detachment, recognizing the problem of transients here without a place to sleep, and explaining the Army's

central role in taking care of transients delivered to it by police, in his speech to Rotarians.

On Monday evening Midland council rejected a request from Lt. Braddock for financial assistance. If the town did the same job the Army was doing now, he said Wednesday, it would cost the

town \$40,000 a year.
Lt. Braddock also described a new venture of the Army's here, the renting of a seven bedroom house starting Aug. 1, to be used as a shelter for the homeless, particularly teenagers. The Army hopes to raise enough money to be able to buy the building after a year. The immediate need is for money to buy

furnishings.
The number of homeless teenagers between age 16 and 18 who are female is amazing and alarming, Lt. Braddock said.

Parents who tell their teenage offspring who are 16 years or older to leave home are not responsible for them, nor is the Children's Aid Society. They aren't

eligible for welfare until age 18, he said.
The Army has one house in Penetanguishene that the town rents to the Army for \$1 a year. The Roman Catholic Church has rented a house in Midland to the Army on the same basis. They are used as temporary places to stay for families who are unable to find housing they can

afford.
The drop-in centre the Army is arranging has "taken off," Lt. Braddock said Wednesday. A survey of local Grade 7, 8 and 9 students drew 261 responses. Eighty-seven per cent said they would use a drop-in centre, and 90 per cent said a drop-in centre is needed, Lt. Braddock said.

Centennial congress — 7,000 heading to Winnipeg

The centennial congress of the Salvation Army in Canada and Bermuda will be held in Winnipeg, June 24-28, reports Lt. Ray Braddock who along with his wife will be among the 7,000

Salvation Army officers from across Canada who will be attending this historical event.
As the Salvation Army in Canada prepares to begin a second century of service and while the

Midland Salvation Army continues to mark its 97th birthday in North Simcoe it is worth asking, if you had trouble, real trouble, where would you turn?
If your house burned down, who would take

you in? If your husband beat you, where would you run to?
If you were a runaway child in a strange city? If you were shut-in, alcoholic, sick, old, despairing, if you'd lost any reason to live,

where would you turn?
For countless thousands of Canadians over the last century, the answer has been -- The Salvation Army. The Army is a Church with its feet on the ground of human

dignity. The Army works to promote hope and faith through a program of spiritual guidance coupled with help of a practical, physical nature where it's needed.
And to make it all

happen, they work long, and hard. The Salvation Army cares for people where nobody else will.
The Salvation Army is still caring for Canadians, after 100 years.



Times they are a-changing

Times have changed, for Canada and for The Salvation Army. In this old photograph, early Army officers collect furniture and clothing for repair in their rehabilitation workshop and sale to assist in furthering The Army's work.

Today, many of those early social programs which were pioneered by the Christian Soldiers of The Salvation Army have been taken over by governments. At the time this photograph was taken, Canada had very little in the way of official assistance. You stayed healthy and working, or you went hungry and homeless.

Into this rough and ready world came The Salvation Army, first brought to Canada in 1882. The Army is

first and foremost a Christian Church with 1,500 trained officers, all of whom are accredited ministers of the gospel, offering an effective, vibrant church program. It has always opposed "pauperizing" people by subsidizing their living in poverty, always providing both practical and spiritual help. Therefore people who come to The Army in their time of need find sound spiritual guidance and assistance toward building a new life. A meal may be needed, warm clothing and other practical assistance. Today, many of The Army's social services that the Salvation Army pioneered (hospitals for unwed mothers, prison-door rehabilitation services and

others) are being offered by government agencies. But there are still many services which The Army is the only organization to provide.

A classic case is The Army's Harbour Light centres for alcoholics. In major centres across the country and in the north, where native people suffer from this century's most epidemic disease, The Army provides a place to come for help.

During an average year, the Harbour Light centres across Canada assist thousands of men. They offer food, shelter, a place to 'dry out' and rid your system of the lingering after-effects of alcohol abuse. They provide clothing where necessary

and direction towards a new job and a new start in life. And above all, they provide guidance towards the spiritual faith and strength needed to overcome alcoholism.

Not every man succeeds in climbing out of the pit he has dug himself into, but many do, with The Army's help.

The Salvation Army also provides Day Care services for working mothers, unwed mothers, homes for the aged, hospitals, counselling for families, suicide and drug counselling, prison visits, help for Canadian Armed Forces personnel overseas, and of course, the spiritual support for which it was first

formed. They approach every problem in the same frame of mind, not merely to cover up the results but to give the person with the problem the help needed to change his or her life for the better. They promote pride, self-confidence and faith, as well as physical betterment.

In its early days, The Army often had to fight physical battles with opponents, that's no longer the case, but the strength and spiritual integrity which sustained them is turned towards battling the problems of the present day. After 100 years of service in Canada, The Salvation Army is still caring.

Special visitors

Major and Mrs. Wilf Hammond, new divisional leaders of the Salvation Army were guests of the Midland Salvation Army last Sunday.

The visit came prior to the Hammonds and Lt. and Mrs. Ray Braddock leaving for Winnipeg and the Salvation Army's Centennial Congress.

Theme of the Congress is "A Joyful Noise." Group leader will be Dr. John Shewfelt.

Fruits of their labours

Most of us see The Salvation Army only at Christmas. To see more of the familiar blue uniform, all you have to do is to be in need. Prisoners in the local jail, battered wives, alcoholics, people who feel they have nothing to live for, unwed mothers, runaway children, all these and many more kinds of troubled people have come to know that The Salvation Army is one place they can always turn to for help.

The Salvation Army brought its Christian Soldier philosophy to Canada

exactly 100 years ago this year. At that time there were almost no social assistance programs of any kind, no unemployment insurance, no workmen's compensation, no hospital plans. You stayed employed and healthy or you starved.

The officers of The Salvation Army set out to improve the dignity and quality of human life, through a program of spiritual and practical help. They have helped countless thousands of Canadians to upgrade the quality and sense of value they had in

their existence. The Army has always been a Church, first and foremost but it's a Church with its sleeves rolled up and a ready welcome to everyone, no matter what their problems.

Staffing the services supplied by The Army is done by Army officers, many of them husband and wife teams. They work long hours for pay which is lower than the official minimum wage. Their reward, a feeling of accomplishment, both physical and spiritual. The result, easy: North Simcoe is a better place to live.

Hope the second 100 is as good as the first

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