

## A better system?

Midland Alderman Joe Blake was annoyed, Monday night, that the town's public safety committee was even considering allowing Midland Fire Department to get off the town's dispatch system.

At a July 26 meeting of the committee, Fire Chief Terry Lethbridge reported that he was finding the present system "unsatisfactory."

He indicated at that time that he would prefer his department to answer its own emergency calls rather than relying on the present Central Dispatch System which is manned by Civilian Radio Operators associated with Midland Police Department.

During this week's council meeting Lethbridge cited examples where a lone fireman on duty working on equipment had not heard

a dispatch call.

Chief Lethbridge working in his office heard the call and relayed the information.

The dispatch system as it now exists was instituted prior to Lethbridge becoming chief.

The fire chief is of the opinion firefighters taking fire calls at the hall can retrieve more direct information and thus respond appropriately rather than relying on an interpretation given through a Central Dispatch System.

Alderman Blake proposed a louder P.A. or bell be installed in the fire hall to get the attention of those in the hall on the job.

The committee will review the subject again before council takes any action.

## Heavy traffic flows, concern to our chiefs

At a recent Midland Public Safety Committee meeting, Police Chief Ernest Bates expressed his concern over the amount of traffic on King Street, the flow of which he said is somewhat impeded by the new pedestrian nodes.

Accordingly, Chief Bates has requested that no left turns from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. be allowed from King Street onto Dominion and Hugel Avenue.

### INQUEST

## One of two dates set

Midland council chambers have been booked for two days commencing Aug. 25 so that an inquest can be held into the death of 55-year-old Bernard Cadeau of Victoria Harbour.

The Osborne Street resident reportedly suffered a fatal heart attack while lodged in the police cells at the Midland OPP detachment office on Highway 93.

The incident is said to have occurred May 23 after the man had been picked up by police earlier in the day.

Meanwhile it isn't known when an inquest will be held into the hanging death of 49-year-old Harvey Goudreau of Coldwater whose body was found hanging in the police cells in Midland on the morning of June 15.

The man had been charged by police the previous evening for being impaired.

## Annual meet

J.A. Midland/Penetanguishene Board of Directors will be holding their annual meeting at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31 at RCA.

The past year will be reviewed and the challenges for 1982-83 will be prepared to be met. New program director will be Eric Seward, Decor Metal Products. He is very enthusiastic about the brand new Canadian J.A. program.

It provides maximum benefit to our achievers in learning about free-enterprize, business and leadership as well as providing a supervisory experience for the advisors from local business.

The committee however declined to take immediate action opting instead that a further study of the traffic flow situation be undertaken and that comments from the Business Improvement Area (BIA) be solicited.

The committee did however recommend that a stricter enforcement by both the police department and bylaw enforcement officer be undertaken to curtail delivery stops and heavy truck traffic on King Street in the downtown core.

It was noted, delivery stops seems to be a particular problem at the pedestrian nodes.

After some discussion, the committee under chairman Deputy-reeve Bev Day recommended that "No Stopping" signs be placed at these locations.

It was further suggested, the signs be constructed in such a fashion as to make them aesthetically pleasing so as to fit into the rejuvenated downtown core.

And Fire Chief Terry Lethbridge reported, response time on King Street can take as much as 10 minutes during heavy traffic flow conditions.

The committee agreed there appeared to be no immediate foreseeable solution to reducing response times under the present conditions other than the stricter enforcement of disallowing delivery stops and curtailing heavy truck traffic along the central business district.



### Pied piper at lawn bowling club

What could be more appropriate than the sounds of Scotland opening the Sons of Scotland ladies' trebles tournament last Monday at the Midland Lawn Bowling Club? The revelrie didn't inspire

the local ladies quite enough, however, as rinks from Tottenham, Stayner, Orangeville and Allandale took home all the awards.

# SOUNDINGS

## they'll help keep records accurate during charting

by Bob Kennedy

One of the most astute and dedicated officers to serve in the British navy will receive special recognition as part of the third annual "Descendants' Day" program at the Historic Naval and Military Establishments in Penetanguishene on Saturday, Aug. 21.

Lieutenant Henry Wolsey Bayfield left behind an impressive legacy in his capacity as a naval hydrographer for the British navy spanning more than 50 years. The commercial and recreational boats plying the Great Lakes today owe a debt of gratitude to Bayfield for his painstaking work in the early 1800's.

In an attempt to learn more about the man and his lifestyle, seven costumed interpreters from the Establishments will re-enact the rigors of the day in a life of an 1820 surveying crew on Friday, Aug. 20.

The crew will camp overnight at the Establishments and will rise to a breakfast of oatmeal, biscuits and cocoa. Three crewmen will stay at the campsite throughout Descendants' Day to share their surveying experience with visitors.

The crew will take soundings of the inner and outer harbour of Penetanguishene Bay in a reconstructed 19th century batteau. The lines of sounding will be determined beforehand and accurate records will be made of the observations.

Measurements will be taken with a theodolite and the information will be complemented by sketches of the harbour to prepare an accurate chart. Very specific objectives will be outlined in advance and the men are expected to complete all the work before dusk.

The orders will be drafted by John Bayfield of Penetanguishene who is believed to be a direct

descendant of Lt. Bayfield. The orders will be given to crewman John Gilbert who will portray the role of Midshipman Philip Collins who served as Lt. Bayfield's assistant.

Gilbert regards Lt. Bayfield as a man "who typified the sort who helped to open up this country for settlement."

"Bayfield lived most of his life in the most adverse conditions; existing in complete isolation while responsible for the health and well-being of his crew. Despite this, he accomplished an amazing amount of surveying each season by driving himself constantly to extremes. A man of such spirit deserves recognition."

The Historic Naval and Military Establishments (1817-1856) introduced Descendants' Day in 1980 as a way of annually recognizing those descendants whose ancestors lived and worked at the Establishments in the 19th century. The remote British defense outpost was home to more than 70 people during its peak period in the early 1820's. Fifty-five families have registered as descendants at the past two events.

Descendants will be admitted free on August 21 and a registration desk will be situated in the foyer of the new Visitor Centre. Families are encouraged to follow the lead of other visitors who organized family reunions around "Descendants' Day". Free picnic facilities are available to visitors.

"Along with attracting new descendants, we are hoping to have many returning descendants this year as I know they will enjoy seeing our new Visitor Centre," Gilbert said.

The Historic Naval and Military Establishments are located at the end of Church St. in Penetanguishene.