

# That's My Line

## Rod Prouse local artist

by Carol Dimock

Local artist Rod Prouse will be exhibiting a selection of his landscape paintings at the "Centre d'Activites Francaises" in Penetanguishene this month. The show opens on Thursday, Aug. 19 at 7:30 p.m. The artist will be in attendance on opening night.

Prouse, whose paintings show in major galleries across Canada, has been living in the Lafontaine area for four years. This is the first time his work has been exhibited locally.

Born in England in 1945, Rod Prouse emigrated with his family to Toronto shortly after the war.

His father is also an artist, and Rod's early interest in art was encouraged and supported by his family. He was

inspired by the beauty of the beaches, forests and villages near the family cottage at Deanlea Beach, where he spent the summers of his childhood.

Rod Prouse graduated from the Ontario College of Art in 1968. He has travelled extensively throughout Canada, the United States, Mexico, the Caribbean and Britain, painting on location. Several years were spent teaching art in a private school in Ontario. In 1973 Prouse moved to Nova Scotia, where he devoted his time entirely to developing his painting, showing his work in local galleries.

His first one-man show was in Toronto in 1976, and it was a turning point in his career. He received critical acclaim, and all the paintings were sold.

Prouse decided to settle permanently near Lafontaine in 1978. He lives in a log cabin overlooking Georgian Bay, and enjoys painting the beauty and drama of the landscape throughout the seasons.



Using oil paints and a mixed media technique of pastel and watercolour, Prouse has developed a unique, expressive style. His paintings can capture the carnival atmosphere of Wasaga Beach as well as the peace of tranquil lakes and snow-bound farmlands.

Rod Prouse has had many successful one-man shows in Toronto, Montreal, Halifax, and at the McMichael Gallery in Kleinburg. His paintings are included in many private and corporate art collections across the country.

Prouse was pleased to be asked to show his paintings at the "Centre d'Activites Francaises".

"I'm really happy that my neighbours and friends around here will have the chance to see my work", he said.

About 20 paintings will be on view, mostly landscapes painted in the Lafontaine area this year. The Prouse exhibition will continue until Sept. 7.

# No way to log calls, YET

## Long distance calls piling up at town hall

Monday night, for the second council meeting in a row, Midland Alderman Ian Ross has left no doubt he's becoming exceedingly annoyed that there is no workable system at the present to check who makes long-distance phone calls at town hall.

Earlier this summer he proposed that a log be kept of all long-distance calls.

This week he noted calls were still not being logged. Mayor Moreland Lynn called Ross' attention to an Advisory and Administrative Committee meeting the mayor chaired July 26 in which the subject "was thoroughly discussed."

At the conclusion of that meeting it was agreed "that the clerk would circulate a memorandum to all departments advising no personal long distance calls could be charged to the corporation."

That's not good enough for Ross nor is it for Alderman Joe Blake who observed that a check of phone calls

via a logging system could determine if the calls in question were unwarranted or not.

Ross expressed his displeasure at the "disregard" for his original proposal that a log be kept.

Lynn said a log wouldn't serve any purpose unless it "is audited and who should do that?"

Both Ross and Blake noted, about \$2,000 is being spent each month on long distance calls from town hall "some of them," according to Ross, "have lasted 42 minutes."

Alderman Jack Gerow said each department "should keep little slips near their phones to record each call. That's how we do it in my business."

Council agreed after more than 30 minutes of discussion to attempt to set out a policy regarding long distance calls and how they should be logged.

It's expected the subject will come up again this month when local lawmakers meet in-camera at an Aug. 18 caucus meeting.

## POLICE BLOTTER

An unidentified Brampton man can thank his lucky stars he was quick-witted.

Saturday afternoon while pulling his motorboat out of the water at Sunnyside the man's half-ton truck and trailer rolled into the drink.

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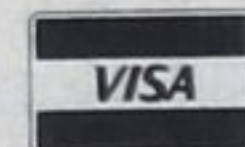
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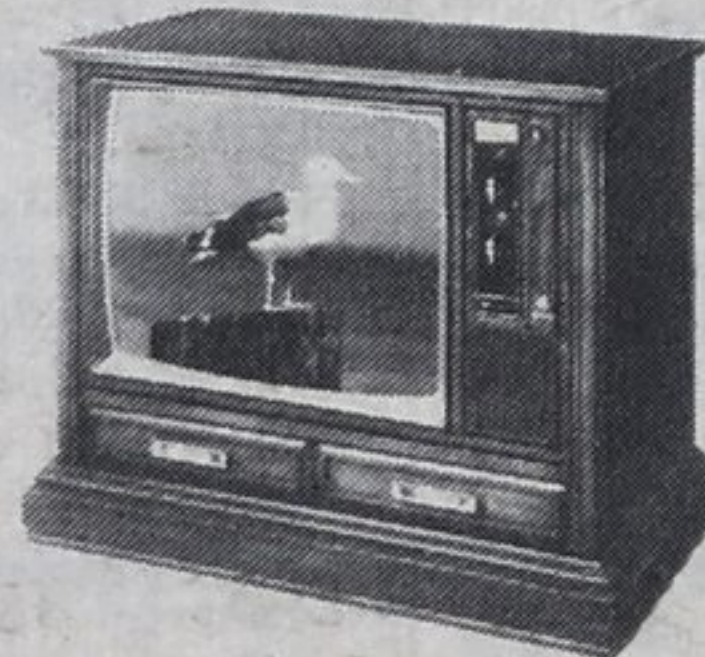
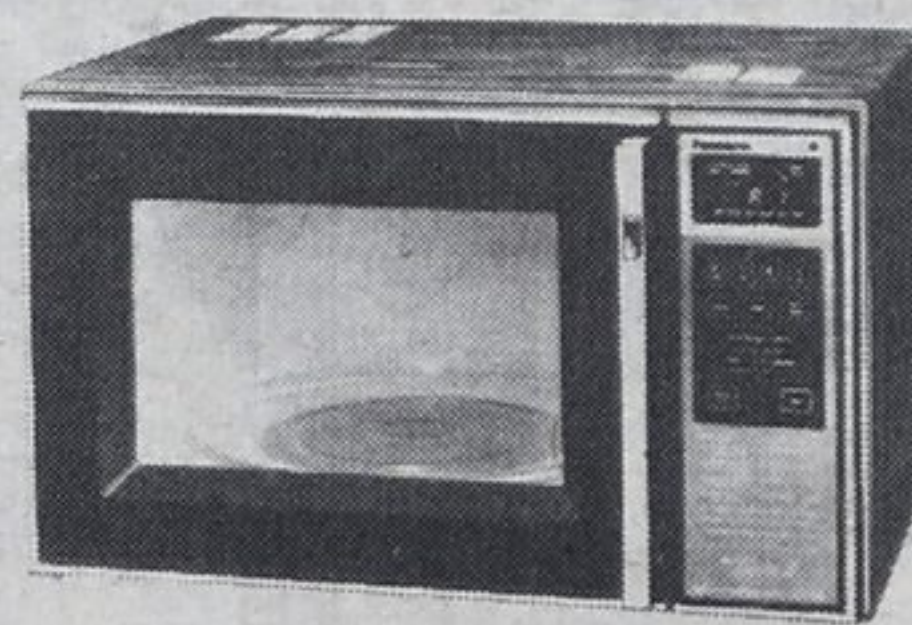


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## It's a green light for gala parade

Midland council, Monday night, gave the green light to the town's Homecoming Committee to stage a torchlight parade from the town dock up King Street to the arena.

That gala event is to take place, Friday, Oct.

1 commencing at 7:30 p.m.

However no decision was reached this week by council concerning a proposed Sidewalk Sale to be held in conjunction with Homecoming '82 by BIA merchants.

Alderman Jack

Gerow, council's representative on the Homecoming '82 Steering Committee advised his colleagues, his group would be meeting today to discuss the matter since it would be the first they would be considering such an event.

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