

# RCA report expected

by Murray Moore

A consultants' report, with recommendations on how the nearly 700 current employees of RCA in Midland can keep their jobs after Dec. 31, is expected in late September, Jeff Peck, the representative of the 450 members of the International Union of Electrical, Radio, and Mechanical Workers (IUE) employed at the Midland colour picture tube plant, said this week.

The Toronto firm of Crosbie and Armitage is employed by governments and private firms wanting to buy and sell businesses, Peck said.

The union is paying for the study, the cost to be divided between the union local and the entire union. The cost has not been decided, Peck said.

RCA isn't a party to the study. "As far as I'm aware RCA hasn't changed its

mind" about closing the plant at the end of the year, Peck said. The plant is continuing to run to satisfy legislation about plant closings, and to fill outstanding orders for colour picture tubes, he said.

The purpose of engaging Crosbie and Armitage is to "make sure that every avenue is used to keep the plant open," Peck stated.

Six hundred employees have been laid off at the Midland RCA plant last summer.

## ROOTS

# Visitors discover heritage

Alex Hailey sparked interest in genealogy. People like Catherine Drinkwater are helping to preserve it.

The Orillia resident hopes to attend the third annual "Descendants' Day" at the Historic Naval and Military Establishments (1817-1856) in Penetanguishene on Saturday, Aug. 21 as a unique way of courting her family roots.

Miss Drinkwater is the great, great granddaughter of Reverend George Hallen who served as the first rector at St. James-on-the-Lines church in Penetanguishene from 1840 to 1876. Reverend Hallen died six years later at 88 years of age and was buried at St. James. St. James-on-the-Lines was built in 1836 for the British military garrison and nearby villagers. The church has many unique features including exceptionally wide aisles once accommodating soldiers marching four abreast.

Catherine Drinkwater has many fond stories to tell, etched in the letters and diaries of her earliest Canadian ancestors. She has a soft spot for the diary compiled by Eleanora Hallen, one of the reverend's daughters. "Her diary contains information about their daily life, like any other diary, and Eleanora always said exactly what she thought, which doesn't make her any different from children today," Drinkwater said.

Drinkwater's home is filled with many reminders of her ancestry including original silver, ornaments and letters. Her walls are graced with sketches and water colours created by Hallen's daughters and depicting southern Georgian Bay landscapes from the mid-19th century.

Drinkwater attended Descendants' Day when it was first introduced in 1980 and said the experience gave her family heritage "a lot more meaning when you know the people were there 150 years ago". Fifty-five families have registered as

descendants at the special event the past two years and, in keeping with tradition, descendants who visit the Historic Naval and Military Establishments on Saturday, Aug. 21 will be admitted free.

Descendants' Day provides a window into people's past by facilitating discussion among descendants and enabling visitors to take a penetrating look at the lifestyle of their ancestors. A tour of the Establishments generates its own memories for the descendants as they visualize their forefathers working in the authentic setting. "I would like to see Descendants' Day as the stepping stone for increased communication with descendants, perhaps in the form of a newsletter put together periodically by the Establishments," commented Drinkwater.

The hours for Descendants' Day are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with the last admission at 4:30. The Historic Naval and Military Establishments are located at the end of Church St., Penetanguishene.

## Dr. John S. Corcoran was known as 'Corky'

Funeral services are to be held from Knox Presbyterian in Midland this afternoon at 2 p.m. for the late Dr. John S. ("Corky") Corcoran D.D.S. who died Sunday at Huronia District Hospital.

The popular Midland dentist was in his 66th year at the time of his untimely passing.

Friends of the late Dr. "Corky" Corcoran may call at the Lynn Funeral Home until noon today. Then to Knox Church where funeral services are to be held. (Casket will be open in the church from 1 p.m.)

Interment is to follow at Lakeview Cemetery. In memorium donations to the Harmonize For Speech Fund, Logopedics Foundation, SPEBSQA, would be appreciated by the family.

Dr. Corcoran leaves his wife Helen and children Junia of Toronto, Sandy of Oakville, Janis (Mrs. W. Rinehart) of Toronto, Susan of Waterloo and Dennis of Toronto.

He also leaves grandchildren Jeffrey, Darren and Ryan and sister Gwen Corcoran of Toronto.

The late "Corky" Corcoran was a veteran, served on the bridge of the local Power Squadron, taught sailing and enjoyed the waters of Georgian Bay.

He sang bass with the Huronia Harmonizers as well as served on the barbership singing group's executive.

Those who knew the late Dr. John S. Corcoran were shocked to learn of his death.



## Top brass at official opening ceremonies

Waubushene's new \$1.8 million water treatment and distribution plant was officially opened Monday. Reeve David Walker of Tay, centre, is flanked by former Simcoe East MPP Gord Smith,

left, and incumbent MPP Al McLean, right. They were three of scores of officials who took part in the official ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

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Le Centre en aout presente au rez-de-chaussee une exposition de peintures du groupe local "Georgian Bay Art Club". Ces oeuvres peuvent etre achetees a un prix qui me semble fort raisonnable considerant l'originalite des toiles et la qualite des cadres.

**UN VOYAGE NOUS EST RACONTE...**  
Le Cafe en plus de pourvoir ses clients d'une chaleureuse atmosphere presentera vendredi le 20 aout a 20:30, Daniel Marchildon dans le role du personnage historique le pere Laleman.

Assiste de diapositives prises lors de l'expedition "Destination Ste-Marie", Daniel nous fera revivre les peripeties d'un voyage en canot de Quebec jusqu'au pays des Hurons. A ne pas manquer!

### UNE AUBAINE:

Premier rendu, premier servi! La boutique vend en dessous du prix de detail le reste de son inventaire de T-shirts

Stanfield du Festival des Quenouilles. Il y en a environ 40 de differentes grandeurs pour enfants et adultes pour le prix derisoire de 2.99. Ce sont des articles de qualite que vous payeriez 7.99 habituellement.

N'oubliez pas que votre carte de membre vous donne une reduction supplementaire de 10 per cent.

### LES CORRIDORS MURMURENT...

Les enfants sont beaucoup plus energetique que l'adulte moyen lorsque vient le tempt de jouer et faire des tours pendables...

"Les moniteurs"

### LA FOIRE BIVOUCAC:

La peche miraculeuse, le jeu d'echasses (deux long batons munis d'un etrier sur lequel on pose le pied), le lancer de precision, la roue de fortune, voila des jeux qui nous rappellent d'heureux temps. Le 25 aout a Perkinsfield, une foire pour tous les participants des trois camps Bivouac.

Lors de l'inscription chaque festivalier sera octroye des coupons echangeables sur le terrain de la Foire Bivouac. Avant d'emettre d'autres coupons le "Grand Banquier" deleguera des taches speciales a ceux qui auront tout depensees les leurs.

Voila une bonne facon de valoriser la sage consommation meme a dix ans...

# La foire bivouac