

# Big plans (and price tag) in the works

by Murray Moore

If the Midland Planning Boards plan of development for downtown Midland for the next five years is followed as presently proposed, \$1,245,240 will be spent. Midland taxpayers would pay about \$415,000 of that amount.

Midland taxpayers to date have paid, or have agreed to pay, one-third of the \$416,000 cost of buying three properties in downtown Midland. The province is covering the remaining two-thirds cost.

The town has acquired the Perrin property east of King Street for use as a parking lot: total cost, \$56,000.

An agreement of purchase and sale has been signed for the Edward's Village Square parking lot east of King Street, adjacent to the Perrin property, with the deal to close, according to Alderman Joe Blake, "very soon" within a month, when the province's share is received by the town: total cost, \$210,000.

An agreement of purchase and sale has been signed for the Duggan property on Bayshore Drive, to close by the end of October, also conditional on

receipt by the town of the province's share: total cost, \$150,000.

The planning board is also still interested in buying the Eleithea Shoppe on King Street or a neighbouring business, in order to construct a walkway connecting King Street and the municipal parking lot to the east.

A road will be put through the Duggan property some time in the future. Part of the agreement of purchase and sale is an agreement that the property need not be vacated until next May. When the CP Express lease on nearby Bay Street property expires, the Brewer's Retail might locate there. CP Express is moving to the warehouse on the town dock. Brewer's Retail's lease at its present location expires in the near future.

The town can get up to \$450,000 of provincial money to improve downtown Midland, if the town adopts a redevelopment plan by Oct. 30. Further provincial money would be contingent on future agreements between the town and the province.

Proposals for phase two of downtown development include improving King Street

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## Church parade will begin special week

A church parade will officially kick off Fire Prevention Week in Simcoe County next month.

Penetanguishene Fire Department will host the event Oct. 3 with a church parade to St. Ann's Church for 11 a.m. mass.

Firefighters representing most if not all fire departments in the county are expected to attend this special event.

Meanwhile Penetanguishene firefighters plan to hold "open house" at the fire hall on the evening of Oct. 5 (from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.) to bring the general public up to date on equipment the department owns and operates.

## Elmvale Fair Summary

The next Elmvale Fair Queen, whose identity will be announced during the fair, will be one of six young women between the age of 16 and 21 and a representative of an Elmvale business. The Queen will represent the fair at the CNE next year.

So far the lineup for the Fall Fair Friday Night show includes the Trampchamps, a trampoline act; Dicky Dean, a professional magician; and The Hastings Family, a family act which plays piano, accordion, fiddle, guitar, and sings and step dances.

Lead by the antique OPP car No. 1, the Elmvale Fall Fair Saturday Parade will travel from the public school along the main street to the fairground.

Parade director Frank Archer promises floats, decorated bikes, decorated horses, marching bands, vintage cars, and Queens and Princesses of the Fair. The parade's theme is A Promenade of Colour.

## Eastern Star - in the news!

The Manson J. Bradley Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star (Midland) spent over \$1,300 last year on benevolent work in the area.

At present a number of Eastern Star members from here are attending the 67th annual session(s) of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star.

Sessions are being held this week at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

The Order of the Eastern Star is a benevolent organization with a membership of 34,000 men and women, in Ontario and over 3,000,000 throughout the world.

The special project of the worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Barton, Madoc, and the Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Donald Symons, Orangeville, is "ARTHRITIS RESEARCH EQUIPMENT" for each of the five University Hospitals in Ontario. The Order supports many other charities, such as Cancer, Heart, Kidney, Diabetes etc. The members of the 260 Chapters throughout Ontario contribute voluntarily to the ESTAR PROGRAM (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership) 143 Student Ministers received Awards of \$400 each.

For more information you are invited to contact Mrs. Wendy

Brophey, worthy matron elect for 1982-83 at 526-2893.

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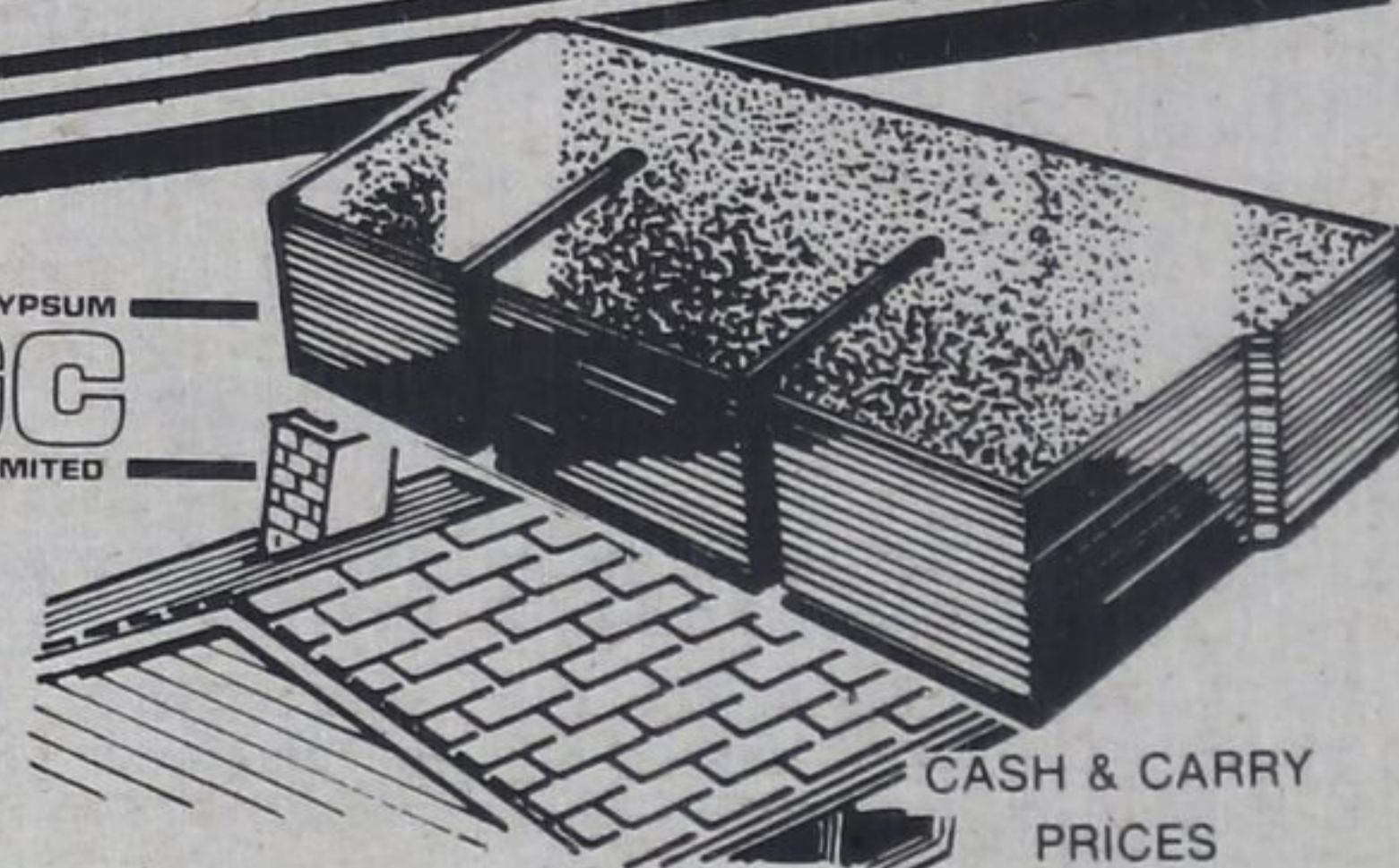


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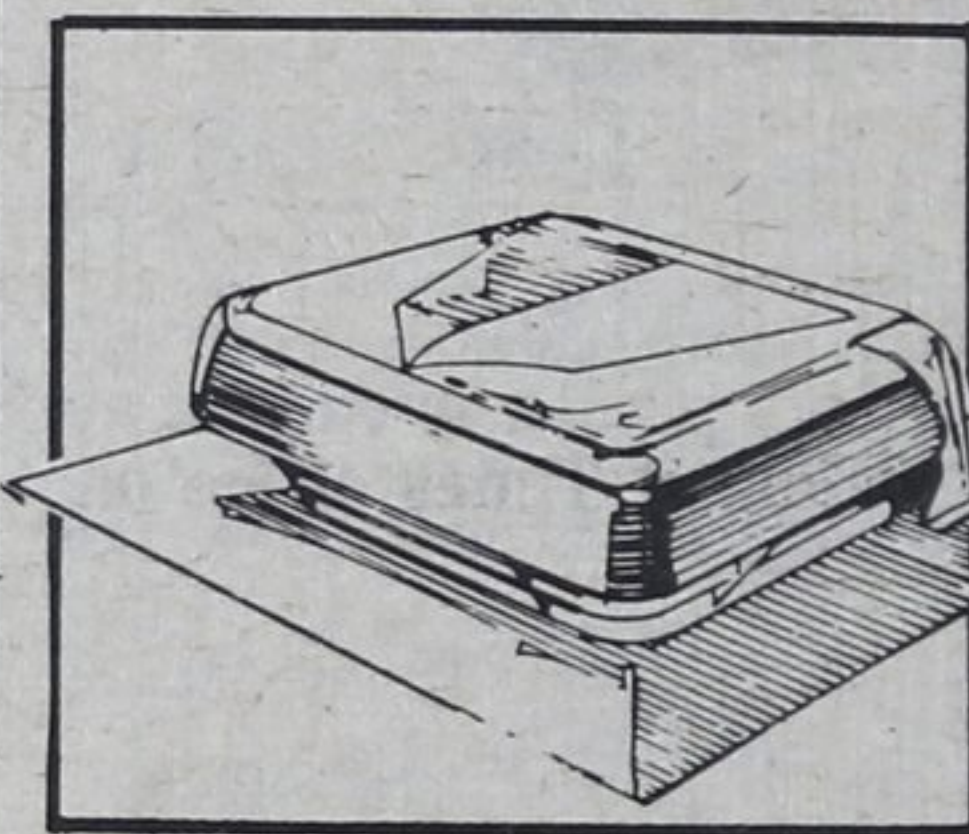
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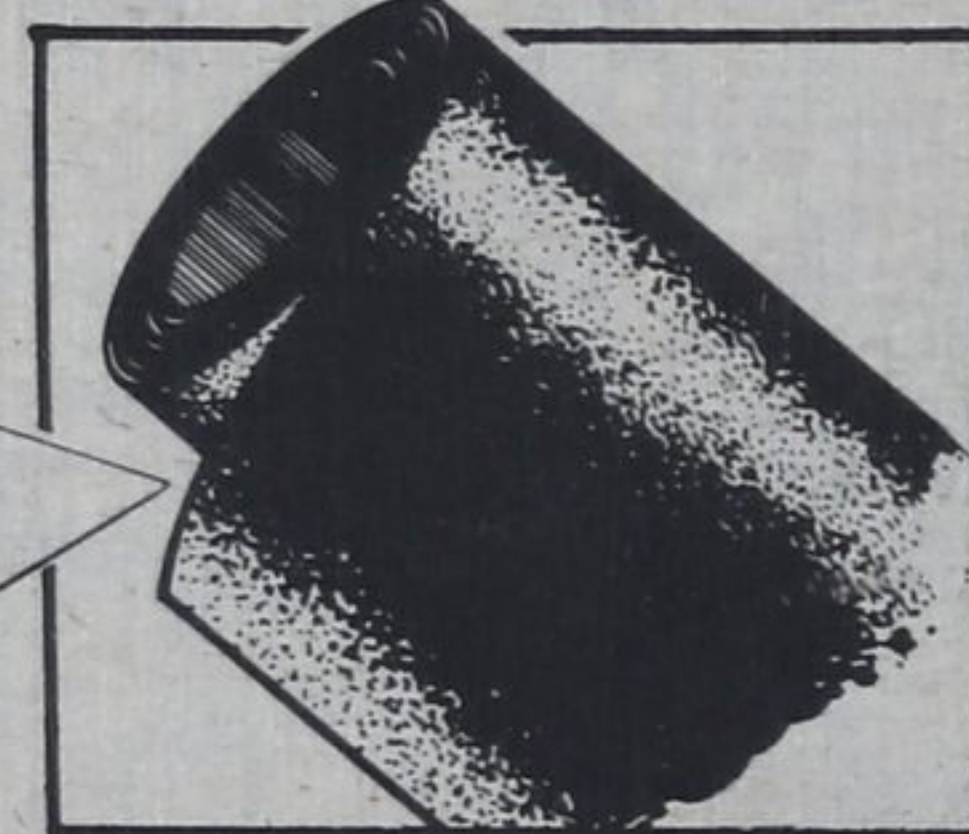


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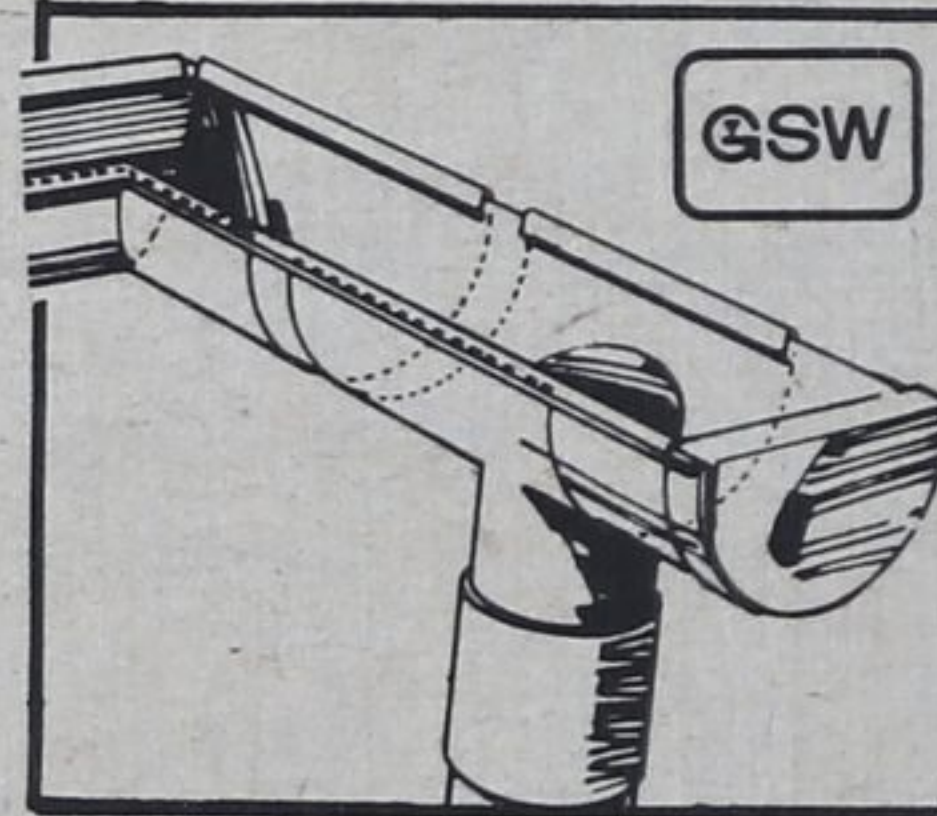


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