

People and places

Invitations are extended to law-makers

Midland law-makers have been invited to attend Township of Tiny's inaugural council meeting in Perkinsfield, Dec. 6, at 3 p.m.

Local politicians have also been invited to attend Tay's on Dec. 2.

Meanwhile, Mayor Moreland Lynn noted Monday night, the father of Tiny Clerk Guy Maurice died over the weekend as did the father of Midland Civic Centre manager Charles Hounstone.

The mayor extended the regrets of council.

Building picture isn't all that bad

During the month of October a total of 17 building permits were issued in Midland for construction valued at \$51,750.

In October of 1981, there were 16 permits issued for a value of \$15,750.

To date 141 permits have been issued this year for a total value of \$1,038,845.

During the same period in '81, a total of 149 permits were issued for a value of \$1,688,300.

Drowning inquest starts this morning in Midland

The death by drowning of Peter Robitaille, 34, formerly of Penetanguishene, during a sudden, violent storm last Aug. 28, is the subject of a coroner's inquest this morning in the Midland council chamber.

Robitaille was participating, with two companions, in the annual Midland Bay Sailing Club Hope Island Race, when the storm swept over Georgian Bay and swamped the craft which the three men were racing.

An inquest into the death in the Penetanguishene Mental Health Centre's Oak Ridge division last Aug. 23 of Stanley Carson, 32, which had been set for Dec. 15, has been set back. The Carson inquest, under Coroner Dr. Herman Jilesen, is tentatively set for Feb. 2 of next year, the Midland OPP has been informed.

The Mitchell May inquest resumes on Dec. 16. The inquest into the hanging suicide of Mitchell, in Oak Ridge's B Ward, last Sept. 13, went for a full day last Wednesday.

OTTAWA REPORT

Lewis says, UIC treats adopted parents unfairly

Doug Lewis, deputy opposition house leader and MP for Simcoe North urged the federal government to change the UIC maternity benefits provisions to include adoptive parents.

In a motion placed before the House of Commons, Lewis urged that adoptive parents be extended maternity benefits in the interests of "equity and fairness".

He noted a 1981 Task Force on Unemployment Insurance also recommended that the change be made.

"A number of my constituents have asked me why they, as adoptive parents, are not entitled to maternity benefits even though they are required by the adoption agency to

stay home with the new child", stated Lewis.

"In such cases the adoptive parents are just as unavailable for work as natural parents. It is very unfair to pay maternity benefits to one group and not to the other."

He added, "I feel very strongly about this issue and will continue to press the government to change this discriminatory situation."

Farewell speech Penetang is 'wide awake' says Tannahill

by CAROL DIMOCK

"This town is wide awake," Councillor Ken Tannahill told the Penetanguishene council Monday in his farewell speech. "Penetang is not in the ditch like a lot of places are. The town is in good hands."

Councillor Tannahill spoke in appreciation of his supporters in the election and all the people who voted. "I like this town, I enjoyed being here," he said, "and I hear nothing but good things said about the town of Penetanguishene. You get a lot done with a small amount of money here."

Mayor Ron Bellisle spoke of the 11 years of dedicated service Councillor Tannahill has given the town.

"I have been working with Ken for eight of those years, and I have enjoyed my association with him. I will remember and cherish my association with Ken for years to come," said the mayor.

Mayor Bellisle said he hoped that Mr. Tannahill would be willing to serve on committees or boards for Penetanguishene. Deputy Reeve Frances St. Amant echoed these sentiments.

Councillor Tannahill told council, "It was not a personal duel, running against Art. I'd been here long enough. It was time to move up or move out. I wish Art well."

Reeve Art Stewart, who defeated Councillor Tannahill in the election, thanked Tannahill for his good wishes and for the "Honest and gentlemanly way he ran his campaign."

Councillor Lionel Dion said, "Ken has always acted as a gentleman. Although there have been disagreements, he never held a grudge."

Councillor Bob Cascagnette, who was defeated in his bid to unseat Deputy-reeve Frances St. Amant, was absent from the meeting.

Informal meeting slated for Matchedash

Matchedash Council Chambers is to be the site for the first meeting of the Conservation Committee of North Simcoe on Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m.

A representative from the Ministry of Natural

Resources will be on hand to discuss water management in this region.

Representatives from the following municipalities have been invited to attend:

Townships of Flos, Medonte, Orillia, Oro, Tay and Tiny, the Villages of Coldwater, Elmvale, Port McNicoll and Victoria Harbour and the Towns of Midland and Penetanguishene.

...off the press

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This 260-page publication is a collection of articles written by area residents and published by the East Georgian Bay Historical Foundation.

The foundation is a nonprofit group of volunteers devoted to the preservation of the heritage of the Cities of Barrie and Orillia, the County of Simcoe, and the Districts of Muskoka and Parry Sound.

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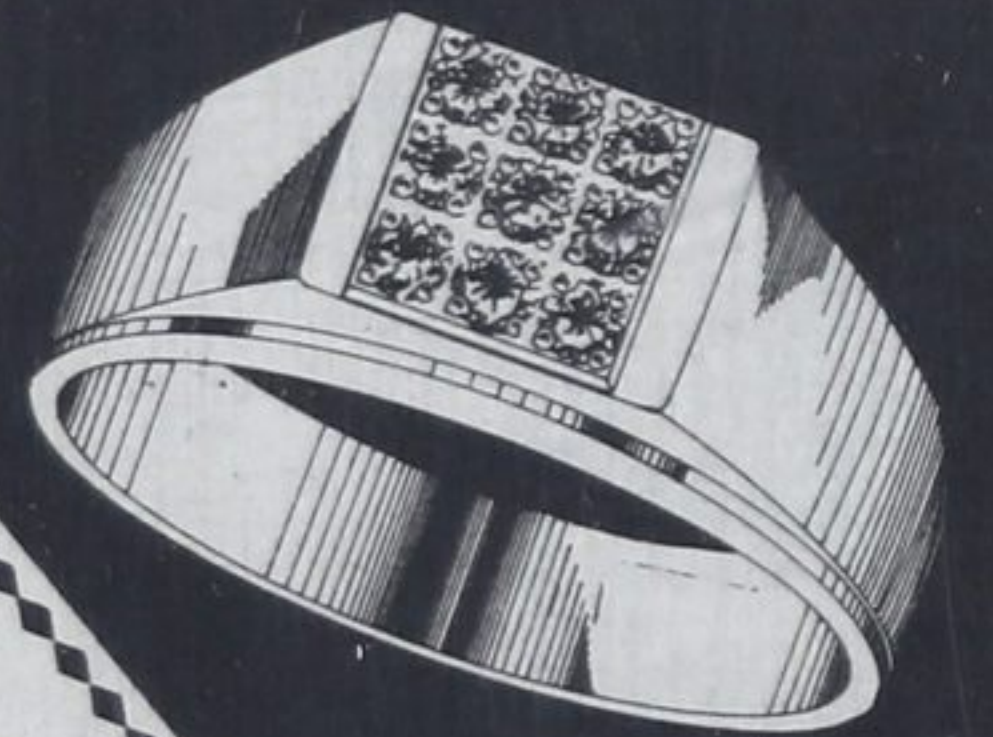
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