



50th anniversary

Lloyd and Adeline Henry of Port McNicoll who were married Oct. 29, 1932 and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the 30th of Oct. 1982 in grand style, which included a chauffering in a 1931 Lincoln to St. Paul's United Church for a renewal of their wedding vows.

After the church ceremony a reception was held at Brooklea Golf and Country Club which was attended

by approximately 100 guests from, Toronto, Ottawa, Morrisburg, Cornwall, Iroquois, Milton and locally.

Alan McLean MPP Simcoe East presented the couple with two plaques, which was added to additional Scrolls from Governor General Ed Schryer, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, Joe Clarke and Bill Davis, premier of Ontario.

Christmas hampers

350 families will benefit from Sally Ann's

By the time Dec. 23 rolls around, Midland Salvation Army will have arranged and packed a total of 350 Christmas hampers, each worth \$60 apiece.

To date, the local Sally Ann's collected \$18,000 from Christmas kettles and letters it has sent to business and industries in Midland-Penetanguishene.

Many of the toys for each of the hampers will be supplied, as a gift, from families at Base Borden.

Tin cans of food have been or will be donated from shows at the Roxy in Midland and the Pen Theatre in Penetanguishene.

The Pen will be staging its annual Tin Can Show this Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p.m., reports Lt. Ray Braddock of the Midland Salvation Army.

"The generous gifts we have received this year have been more than we expected given the times," Lt. Braddock observed Saturday morning during a brief interview at the Midland Salvation Army Citadel on Second Street.

"Any money left over will be used for our family services and welfare work in the area. These are difficult times yet so many people have come through for us...it has been a real joy."

Lt. Braddock revealed, "The spirit of Christmas often arrives unannounced. Last week a man came into our Citadel. We asked him what we could do for him. He said, he wanted to do something for us..."

"He did...he gave us a cheque for \$1,000. What a wonderful blessing."

If you would like to help the Salvation Army this Christmas, Lt. Braddock would like to hear from you.

Chalk up a big win for Midland

A new lease is to be prepared between the province of Ontario and the Town of Midland so as to allow the province to continue to use the town's council chambers for provincial

discussions with administrative and school officials of Huronia Regional Centre and the Adult Occupational Centre regarding the board assuming responsibility for the schools contained within the above mentioned centres.

And at last week's SCBE meeting in Barrie, trustees moved that smoking be prohibited during regular board meetings.

That is to be increased to \$100 a day, Clerk Fred Flood told council Monday night.

The new two-year pact will mean Midland will be paid \$10,900 per

year (since there are usually 109 court days in a year) for the next two years.

Last year's council, according to Flood, "Dug in its heels and wouldn't agree to

anything less than \$100 a day."

This year's council quickly approved the new arrangement.

Huronian Airport Commission is eyeing the Ministry of Tran-

sport for grants to help pay its airport manager as well as to assist in maintaining the tri-municipal airport in Tiny Township.

To this end, Midland council, Monday night, approved a bylaw that will allow the airport commission to enter into an agreement with the MOT to receive such funds.

The same bylaw Midland okayed this week was given one reading in Tiny earlier this month and three readings in Penetanguishene.

Christmas at Ste Marie - a time for gift-giving

by Bill Byrick

Sainte-Marie among the Hurons is a reconstruction of a 17th century French mission community where Jesuit priests coordinated their Christianizing movement in Huronia. The central mission headquarters was established in 1639 and by the mid-1640s, the Jesuits had initiated 12 missions in surrounding Huron, Algonkian and Petun villages.

Priests were assigned to each village and these Frenchmen spent the fall, winter and spring living with the Natives and teaching them about the way of the Cross.

Christmas was undoubtedly a very special religious celebration for the Jesuits and their Christian converts. Christmas was probably celebrated at Sainte-Marie as well as in the various mission villages.

A high mass, hymn singing and private prayer would have been the major events in both preparing for, and celebrating, the birth of Jesus Christ.

Gift-giving was a major part of the Huron culture throughout the year. Corn, fish and fur were often given to neighbours, including the Jesuit fathers. It was a sign of friendship.

The Jesuits also gave presents to the Native people in an attempt to secure their friendship. In order to Christianize, the Jesuits had to first secure the interest of the Native peoples. Iron axes, pots and blankets were a few of the items used to accomplish this task.

We are not sure if Christmas was an occasion for large exchanges of gifts, however, charisma of the season enkindled the hearts of all the Jesuits in Huronia.

August nuptials

Mr. and Mrs. John Moriarty are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Marilyn to Rick Nigro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Nigro of Barrie. The wedding took place on Aug. 21, 1982 at Vasey United Church. The couple are now residing in North Bay.

O Come All Ye Faithful



Christmas with the Salvation Army

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Sunday, Dec. 19, 1982

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