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Shots exchanged early Sunday

A Tiny Township resident received a gun shot wound to his leg early Sunday morning during an exchange of shots with Midland OPP.

The man was later rushed to HDH for treatment. For the full story turn to Page 3.

SCBE report on roofing issue to be ready next month

issue heating up in county

A report on the alleged roofing scandal involving a number of Simcoe County Board of Education buildings is scheduled to be presented to the school board's trustees two weeks from today.

Committee member, and board vice-chairman, Wendy MacKenzie, said yesterday that the names of all of the schools that have been tested will be released at that meeting, as part of the report.

Earlier this month, board trustee Frank Prothero raised the subject, charging that all of the work that was supposed to be done on the roofs of some school buildings was not done. A committee had been investigating the

charges since last August.

A new committee was formed the same evening that trustee Prothero broached the subject at a public board meeting.

The new committee has met once, and will likely meet once more before next Wednesday's SCBE meeting. The results of testing by consultants of eight to 10 school roofs should be delivered for that meeting, MacKenzie said.

Sam Neilly of Lefroy is the committee chairman. Other members are Lloyd Fletcher of Oro, Roy Edwards of Vasey, Janet Kiff of Orillia, and board chairman William Straughan.



Francois'

Out of 3,000 names entered in the Dock Lunch annual World's Largest Christmas Stocking Draw, the name of Francois Charlebois of Penetanguishene was the name drawn to make him the winner of the huge stocking stuffed with toys and food.



This is Cedar Point: looking across the bay one can see there's still no ice on the water and here it is nearly the end of December!

CITIZEN BRIEFLY

Lots of rain BUT no snow...for now

Rain we have had of late...but no snow. So far this winter a total of 33 centimetres of snow has fallen on the area compared to 189 centimetres of snow by this time last winter.

Christmas Day baby born

Huron District Hospital and Penetanguishene General Hospital between them report one Christmas baby, a nine pound two ounce boy born Christmas Day born at HDH to a Midland couple, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Mustard of 684 Harvey Avenue.

As of yesterday, the most recent birth at Penetanguishene General Hospital occurred on Dec. 22. A nine pound 14 ounce girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Les Gillespie of 25 Simcoe Street, Elmvale.

Carson inquest set for Jan. 12 in Midland

The second of two inquests into the suicide of patients held in one of the maximum security wards in the Oak Ridge division of the Penetanguishene Mental Health Centre is scheduled to start on Jan. 12.

Stanley Carson and Mitchell May killed themselves in separate incidents in different wards in Oak Ridge, Carson on Aug. 26 and May on Sept. 13. A third patient in Oak Ridge, Stewart Bomberry, killed himself on Sept. 26. No inquest was set for that death.

The May inquest, called at the request of the dead man's father, has run two days and will continue next year.

OPP spent a busy Christmas

During the week ending Dec. 28, Midland OPP conducted a total of 91 investigations.

A number of those police probes centred around a series of 25 break-ins in the area. Const. Murray Cooper, community services officer with the local detachment pointed out yesterday.