



Sally Anne Littleton: an old friend returns

Midland Rotary welcomed an old friend at their weekly luncheon on Wednesday, Jan. 26. Sally Anne Littleton, the club's first exchange student, was passing through Midland and paused long enough to address her former sponsors.

The native of Melbourne, Australia brought the club up to date on her life since she left to return to the land "down under".

Littleton finished her high school education and then proceeded on to medical school. She is now in her fifth year of what is a six year course in Australia.

During this year, the students are allowed to spend five weeks pursuing their personal medical interests in any manner they choose. Sally Anne is on her way to Kamloops, British Columbia to spend her five weeks at Royal Inlands Hospital. She is going into a general medical practice.

Littleton also gave a short description of the education system in Australia.

After high school, the student has to write an entrance exam to qualify for university. Each university course has an exam with a certain quota and cut-off mark. The entrance requirements are very stringent, but university education is free to those accepted.

The only charge, besides living expenses, is an annual students' union fee of \$200. This enables the student to partake of such extra-curricular activities as the library and examinations.

When asked what the exchange

program has meant to her, Littleton announced that the biggest thing she gained was a boost in self-confidence and a better understanding of herself. Having to deal with new and unnerving experiences without the aid of family or old friends, forced her to develop a stronger self image.

In short, Littleton analysed the personal changes as accelerating and cramming the growing up processes into one year.

Sally Anne Littleton stated that she felt at home immediately at entering the home of Ross Jones, who was one of her surrogate parents during her stay. Judging by the reception she received at Wednesday's meeting, the welcome feelings were reciprocated.

Dump site saga

by Carol Dimock
Township of Tiny council faced a heavy agenda at its regular meeting on Wednesday in Perkinsfield, along with the regular business of the township. Council heard presentations from four delegations. First to address council was Myron Hummeniuk, spokesman for Tiny Ratepayers Against Pollution (TRAP), regarding the MPT sanitary landfill site. Hummeniuk expressed TRAP's willingness to cooperate with the council and the North Simcoe Sanitary Landfill Committee (NSSL) in solving the problems at

the dump. TRAP is ready to share information with township officials and asks that council inform them of progress.

Guy Maurice, clerk-administrator of Tiny Township, said after the meeting that the council was very favourably impressed by TRAP's presentation. "We will do everything in our power to help them," said Maurice. "We will go out of our way to work hand in hand with them."

Second to address council was Fred Bidan, who came in response to a story printed in the Jan. 12 Free Press, Chemicals Dumped, resident claims. The Free Press story told of a Tiny Township resident's complaint about tanker trucks dumping liquid waste in a field near his home, and of dizziness he and his wife have suffered. The story included the quotation, "I don't know (if chemicals are being dumped) but whatever they're doing illegally I want them to stop." Bidan, whose trucks were dumping in the field, attended the council meeting to dispel any interpretation of the story that the dumping was illegal.

Bidan said that sewage was being dumped legally. This has been confirmed by Ministry of the Environment employee Lou Belcourt.

The third delegation to council was Les Dekany who wished to bring to council's attention the existence of 16 small garbage dumps at various locations in the township. Clerk Maurice said, "We have always been aware of the existence of those 16 dumps. Possibly there are more. As far as we know, only household garbage has gone into them, but I can't ab-

solutely vouch for that." William Ogilvie appeared before the council with a presentation regarding what he called "the apparent unfair and discriminatory application of certain provisions of Tiny Township restrictive area bylaw No. 30-77."

Ogilvie believes that the township has been unfair in prosecuting local businessman Gordon Beausoleil for a zoning violation while it has permitted Maur-Lac Ltd. to operate a business in a location zoned rural agricultural. Township officials explained that the Beausoleil case was complicated by Midland's annexation bid. Midland opposed

more commercial development at that location and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing put a freeze on commercial development in the area until after the annexation bid from Midland is settled.

"If not for the freeze, we might have considered an application for rezoning from Beausoleil," said Maurice. "As it was we had no choice but to prosecute."

The owner of the Maur-Lac property on Con. 13, Cheryl Lackie, has applied for an amendment to the restricted area bylaw. The application is now under consideration by the township planning board.

No action on OSSTF idea

No action was taken this week on a suggestion by the president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation that a special committee be set by the Simcoe County Board of Education.

OSSTF president Fred Larsen singled out the province's special education bill, the co-operative education program in the schools, the impact of computers, and proposed changes in the secondary school system. All of these items affect the teachers, and so teachers should be included in decision-making, Larsen told the board.

Larsen suggested the board establish a committee on which elected trustees, the board administration and the teachers would be represented, as well as other affected groups.

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says Capt. Rick Dill. "Once the enemy is located, Lieutenant-Colonel E.R. Nurse makes his plan based on information from reconnaissance. The groups will engage in a mock battle with blank ammunition. There will be no actual physical contact between the two groups," says Capt. Dill. "The encounter will be evaluated by control staff to determine the victor."

Also involved in the exercises will be the 427 Tactical Helicopter Squadron or "Lion Squadron" from CFB Pettawawa, Ont., and its U.S. counterpart, No. Two Troop of the 17th Cavalry from Kentucky.

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A child's emotional resiliency is truly remarkable and often under-rated. With adequate preparation, a child may attend the funeral and will be all the better for it. But the child must be told what to expect at the funeral. If he or she understands what is happening, there's a better feeling during and after the ceremonies.

Do not force the child to attend, though. If the youngster often tends to be highly emotional, keep him home and have him join the family later. Each child may react differently, but if you anticipate any problems, feel free to discuss this with us fully at your convenience.

Your questions and comments on this and other subjects are welcome in private or publicly through this column.

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