

A little bit of everything in Crow's Nest, Midland

Business at The Crow's Nest in its first month of business has been twice as good as expected by owner Gib Robinson. Robinson came to Midland and the southeast corner of King Street and Bay Street with antiques, finished art glass and supplies, collectibles, and new and used furniture, and "a little bit of everything," from Parry Sound.

Robinson is investigating the possibility of opening a flea market, in addition to operating the store.

A crow's nest is a place which is commonly held to be a place of treasure. Robinson says, explaining the name of his store. Crows are known for their propensity to pick up objects, especially shiny objects, which they supposedly take to their nests.



Art glass apprentices

Crow's Nest employees Chris Hill and Dave Charlebois examine a jewelry box made of art glass. They are two of three employees of the new Midland store who are learning in the store to make art glass items, such as windows, sun catchers, and lamp shades.

Roll call of closed businesses

Where have all of the jobs gone in Midland and Penetanguishene? The Midland-Penetanguishene Joint Manpower Assessment and Planning Committee starts with the closing of Motorola and Bausch and Lomb.

Listed as closing between 1977 and 1983 in the two towns are RUA (1,220 jobs), Motorola (250 jobs), Bausch and Lomb (210 jobs), Goman Boats (50 jobs), Furnitex (50 jobs), Lembo Corporation (39 jobs), Norse Boats (12 jobs), Vi-Wall Ltd., (10 jobs), B.F. Goodrich (10 jobs), and Videx Plastics Co. (5 jobs). The total of lost jobs is 1,856.

SCBE budget due March 31

Budget day for 1983 for the Simcoe County Board of Education is March 31. The board is aiming at keeping its new budget to its 1982, \$115 million level, but allowing an increase for inflation, says trustee Joan Jensen.

The board has created a new position, that of co-ordinator of computer science services. The job will pay a maximum of \$30,000.

George Fenn, the principal of Banting Memorial High School in Alliston, will be the Simcoe County Board of Education's newest area superintendent, as of next Aug. 1. Eight employees of the board, and 28 others applied for the job. The board has six area superintendents. Area superintendent John Pennock is retiring.



Cat in a pickle

What ever goes up must come down, right? Well maybe? It took this cat the better part of two days to convince itself this week to climb down from atop a hydro pole on Church Street in Penetanguishene. Rain probably forced the kitty to finally climb down from its lofty heights.

MHC 'only stable industry': committee

The unemployment rate in Midland and Penetanguishene is the highest that it has been in decades. UIC costs are at a record high level, the number of welfare cases has doubled, and a 30 per cent increase this year is forecast.

The Midland-Penetanguishene Joint Manpower Assessment and Planning Committee says in its Ottawa brief, "The only stable industry in the area is the Penetanguishene Mental Health Centre under the auspices of the Ministry of Health. This establishment is loaded to capacity and expanding, as it reflects other types of casualties from our economic plight."

"Research shows a hidden sector of people who have moved in with friends and relatives, are not employed, do not receive welfare and having exhausted UIC may not appear on the books of either agency."

And "These ranks will be swollen as UIC will run out for some estimated 497 people during January-March, 1983, and a further 500 people in December 1983."

Cost of servicing undetermined

Midland has not started to calculate the cost of servicing the section of Tiny Township, including the highway commercial strip, which it is trying to annex. Commissioner of Works Percy Ehler said yesterday.

Pictures should be redone, board told

Paul Benedet has offered to redo for about \$250, the sports pictures hanging in the Penetanguishene Arena, donated by the Toronto Star.

Some of the pictures should be replaced, and new mattes, backing and glass put with the good pictures.

Benedet approached the town Arena, Parks and Recreation committee. The board is waiting to find out if the Star will replace any of the damaged pictures.

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WHAT DO YOU SAY TO A GRIEVING WIDOW?

Because it is so difficult to know how a grieving person really feels, we advise that you not say: "I know how you must feel." It is not necessary to force a conversation, nor to extol the virtues of the deceased to the grieving family.

Silent expressions of emotion and compassion (like a firm gripping of the hand) and a simple, "I'm sorry," are frequently more eloquent than talkative attempts at eulogies.

Listening and just "being there" shows that you care. Your presence is an indication of your desire to be sympathetic and comforting.

Above all, don't try to jolt a grieving widow out of her grief. Time will do it for her gradually. She must first accept the loss, than begin to live with it and pass through several emotional stages before the natural healing effects of time take hold.

We welcome your questions and comments on this and other subjects-privately or publicly, through this column.

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