

County school board finds busing proposal is 'not very popular'

Parents of Medonte West Central schoolchildren met in Hillsdale with school board officials on Tuesday, April 5 to discuss the proposal of busing approximately 50 grade 4-8 children to HCES.

School board officials told the group that the facilities at HCES would be better for the children, but the parents of Hillsdale are more concerned about the long bus ride, the possible crowding of classes at HCES and the effect on the community as a whole.

"We had an excellent turnout for the meeting", reported Verna Wolsenden, group spokesman, "approximately 75 parents and interested residents, all opposing the idea."

Also at the meeting were Frank Archer, HCES principal, and Bill Pestle, Medonte West Central principal.

SCBE representatives were Rod Rankin, Don Beatty and Gareth Thomas, Superintendents of Schools, and Richard Boswell, Superintendent of programs.

In a telephone interview last Wednesday, Mr. Boswell said, "It's a very tentative proposal. We're considering reorgan-

izing the school and programming facilities because of the size of the school and its staffing requirements.

"It's clearly not a very popular proposal with the community", Boswell said, "and certainly the parents' opinion will be taken into consideration when the board addresses the matter. Tuesdays' meeting was only the first opportunity the board had to discuss it with the community."

Boswell called last Tuesday's meeting "very productive", and said that the school board now has a good idea of the parents' view. He said, "There were a lot of good questions asked, and answers given," but Verna Wolsenden says the parents "asked a lot of questions but didn't get many straight answers. We wanted to know how much it costs to run our school, and how much it would cost to change things. They told us there'd be a saving of \$36,000 in sending the children to HCES, but didn't show us the figures to support that estimate."

The next meeting on the subject, a Regional Committee of Trustees meeting, was scheduled for Tuesday, April 12 at the Hillsdale school. The

parents' group appointed a committee of six to prepare a brief for

a spokesman to present to the school board at the meeting.



Brushing for evidence

Midland Police Constable Dan Gilbert brushes the side of a car stolen from Town Centre Texaco, in the passenger seat of which is the Town Centre Texaco safe. The car, with the safe

inside, was apparently abandoned in a private driveway at Yonge Street and Midland Avenue, not far from the gas station.

Floating oil not unusual says harbourmaster

Midland harbourmaster "Gus" Brunelle yesterday said he wasn't aware of an excessive amount of oil floating in Midland harbour.

Some oil is always to be found in the spring on the water in the harbour, he said. He filed a report this spring about oil appearing around the area of the town dock, apparently issuing from the municipal storm sewers, and the matter was investigated, he said yesterday.

A boom remains in the water at Maple Leaf Mills, at the north side of the harbour, where an estimated 200 gallons of oil leaked through a crack in the side of the laker Beechlen around March 12. The decision to lay a charge in that case will not likely be made for five or six months.

Eighty-six and going strong in Midland

Not many of those you say? What if we told you there are 400 odd—all members of the Midland Horticultural Society—which held its first meeting in 1897. From its very beginning, the society has established its reputation as a group actively concerned with improving the community.

The Midland Town Centre renewal project earned compliments for planning and planting, another phase of civic beautification along

with the harbour area, Dominion Avenue, and an ongoing Free-Tree program. Thousands of bulbs, contributed and planted by the society, brighten planters, parks and flower beds at Huronia District Hospital. In all, hundreds of volunteer hours are put in by members in planting and cleanup.

But it isn't all work. Eight open meetings, the fourth Monday of each month, at Calvary Baptist Church, feature top speakers and

demonstrators on a broad range of topics (beekeeping to Japanese flower arranging). Three major flower shows, plus several smaller ones, as well as district workshops and seminars, and in-club instruction in floral design, cover most interests. Midlanders 'in the know' have already circled May 7, the date of this year's On-The-Dock-Plant-Sale, and are looking forward to the very

popular Canada's Birthday Celebration at the Watson Gallery, July 1. Some society members derive great satisfaction from sharing their expertise with nursing home residents and hospital patients in the plant therapy program. Others are happily committed to the next generation of gardeners, devoting much time and energy to noon-hour classes for children in local public schools.

The free year book gives advance notice of all society activities, plus handy information. Members are also entitled to substantial discounts on garden needs from a number of local merchants, as well as free tool-sharpening service, tool loan and access to pooled experience, together with a warm welcome to a truly friendly group!

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