

# Queen's Park Report

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This is the season of Thanksgiving, the time when one traditionally takes stock of the many reasons to be thankful and in our great Province of Ontario and especially in the area I am so proud to represent, these are abundant.

While reflecting on the season, it occurred to me that many people would welcome the opportunity to show their "thanks" in a tangible way. Such opportunities exist in the field of volunteer service, the very heart of community life in the many small towns and villages in Ontario.

There is a need for all segments of society to be of assistance to ensure that Simcoe Centre remains a healthy and caring community.

The people who devote their time to social and public service are the most important group of people in our society. I believe in the philosophy of helping others so that they might help themselves. The Ontario Government encourages and supports the concept of all ages, and both sexes, taking part in volunteer activities.

Statistics tell us that most volunteers are between the ages of 25 and 44. While our senior citizens are very often the recipients of volunteer services, our challenge should be to persuade more of them to participate. We all have a lot to share.

What seniors in particular have to share is their skills, knowledge and experience. We must remember that wisdom and knowledge can never retire. I believe strongly that

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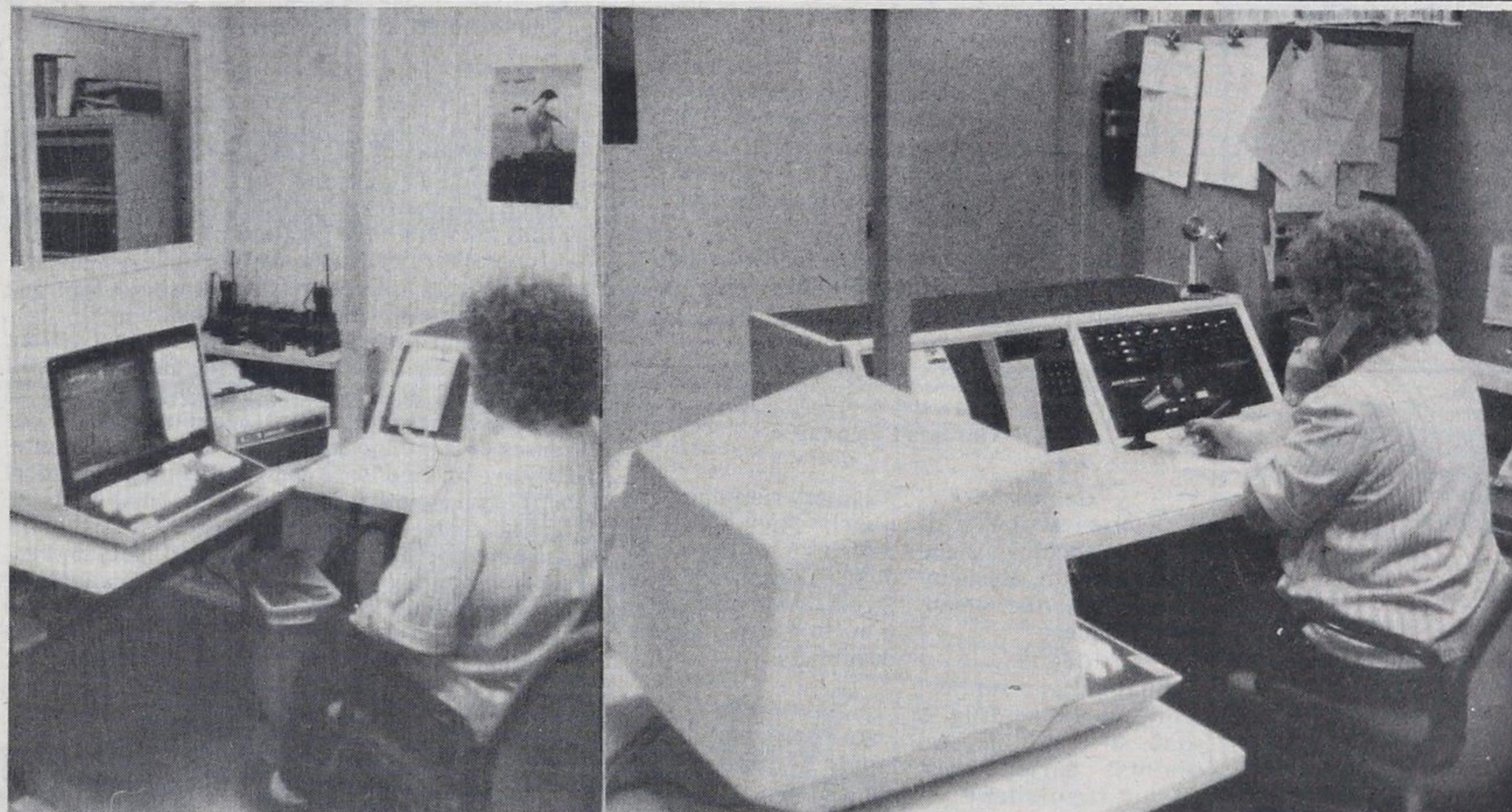
seniors have much to contribute to our society.

The kind of contribution senior citizens can make has been demonstrated through a group known as senior volunteers in Public Service. They carry out a wide variety of projects ranging from presentations to groups in the community and business sector, providing hundreds of hours to social agencies and nursing homes, acting as temporary grandmothers to children in day care and producing their own newsletter. They have set an example of leadership and compassion.

The establishment of organizations similar to the senior volunteers has been and should be encouraged. Communities could establish their own senior "talent" bank, the objective being to recruit seniors for volunteer work by maintaining a registry of community requirements with a registry of senior talent to fill those needs.

The sharing of time with all age groups should be encouraged. However, in the past decades, with a shifting and mobile society in which families are removed from grandparents and relatives by quite often huge distances and, in many instances, in different countries, each generation has been shut into its own compartment. We have, in effect, closed the doors to each other.

I believe volunteerism is the key that can open those doors for all of us and in this season of reflection and thanksgiving, perhaps some thought should be given to the tasks requiring volunteer services and the many achievements and rewards which can be attained by such a spirit of cooperation.



## Nerve centre at town hall

This is Lorna Shewfelt, a civilian radio dispatcher with the Midland police force in the control room of the local police department. CROs such as Lorna dispatch

calls for Midland and Penetanguishene police, Midland Fire Department, two Tay fire brigades and Port McNicoll Fire Department. As well CROs handled calls

for Midland PUC and Midland Public Works after hours as well as Town of Midland. They also have radio contact with Midland OPP. —Special photos

# College's the place to be

The rapidly developing world of microelectronics is revolutionizing industry and business operations. Senior managers are increasingly required to make decisions based on the new technology, and lack of knowledge makes effective decision making almost impossible.

With the goal of providing senior management with a basic understanding of the technology, The Ontario Centre for Microelectronics and Georgian College of Applied Arts and Technology are presenting a one-day seminar on Oct. 20.

Called "A Managerial Overview of Microelectronics", the seminar will address the fundamental con-

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cepts, the applications of microelectronics in business and industry, its potential, and future trends.

By the end of the day, participants will have a working knowledge of

the technology, its applications and benefits; will be better able to evaluate its impact; choose the most

appropriate technology to increase production, competitiveness and

profit; and will be able to identify new applications for microelectronics in their business.

The seminar will be held on Oct. 20, at Georgian College's

Kempfenfelt Centre near Barrie. The \$75 fee covers all course materials, lunch, and coffee. Registrations are required by Oct. 7.

For information contact Mike Ludolph, Employer Services, Georgian College, 728-1951, Ext. 330.

## Safety first a must

### Rushing to get on school bus could be 'deadly'

A common sight each morning is a line of lunch bags at the school bus stop and children playing. When the bus comes into sight, the children get into line in sequence as established by the lunch bags.

Late arrivals may be rushing or running from any direction, not always protected by the

flashing lights on the stationary bus. In the afternoons, younger children getting off a bus are prone to relish their new freedom from authority and rush into play.

More children have been killed, according to latest available figures, while waiting for, boarding, or leaving the school bus than while

riding it.

The engineering side of school buses has improved greatly. One innovation is a crossover mirror that enables the driver to see a small child who forgets instructions and crosses too close to the front of the bus after getting off. All buses require the driver to have this visibility.

The Canada Safety Council suggests one thing parents can do is ensure the child is following instructions. Occasional discussions about buses and school bus procedures will ensure the child understands what is expected. The parent also becomes more aware of instructions given at school.

## North Simcoe news briefs

### Fire Prevention Week church service planned

Firefighters associated with Simcoe County Mutual Fire Aid Association will be attending a church service this Sunday at 10 a.m. at Midland St. Paul's United Church.

The occasion will officially begin Fire Prevention Week.

### We'll be closed but have ear to ground

This newspaper's office will be closed on Monday, Thanksgiving Day.

We will, however, publish newspapers next Wednesday and Fridays as normal.

We hope you'll have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend.

### PGH tag day

Penetanguishene General Hospital's annual tag day starts today and continues tomorrow.

### Poyntz Street owner pleaded guilty

A justice of the peace has enforced Penetanguishene's zoning bylaw, and has fined a building's owner \$353.

On Sept. 14 Wilfred Piitz, the owner of 156 Poyntz St., pleaded guilty of having a dwelling place in a cellar or basement, and of having more apartments in a building than allowed under the town's zoning.

A third apartment was added to the building. The town's zoning allows only two apartments at 156 Poyntz St. Additionally, separate apartments are not permitted in any cellar or basement in the town.

### MSS grads get scholarships

Midland Secondary School graduates Andy Ahrens and Sandra Jones have each received a \$2,000 entrance scholarship from the University of Guelph.

### Mayor Roach will make it official

October is Stamp Collecting Month in Canada. And to mark the occasion Midland Mayor Al Roach will sign a proclamation to that effect this morning at the Post Office.

### RC Board meets in Barrie, Oct. 19

Next regular meeting of the Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board will be held in Barrie on Oct. 19.

### YMCA kicking off its annual drive

Midland Family YMCA operating Campaign kicks off its annual drive for funds on Oct. 11. The Y generates 95 per cent of its income from user fees and service charges and solicits the remaining five per cent as a subsidy from community leaders in the industrial, retail and personal sectors.

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Your YMCA serves 3,000 members and countless non-members who participate in a wide scope of fitness and recreational activities.

Currently there are 415 needy adults and children that have received sponsored memberships from the YMCA.

Campaign co-ordinator Jim Blackwell will be assisted by Bill Moss, Hudson Leavens, and Paul Deault who will be responsible for organizing the teams of canvassers that will be campaigning from Oct. 17 to Oct. 31.

### Today's Quote

"Experience is the thing that quickly helps us to recognize a mistake the second time we make it!"