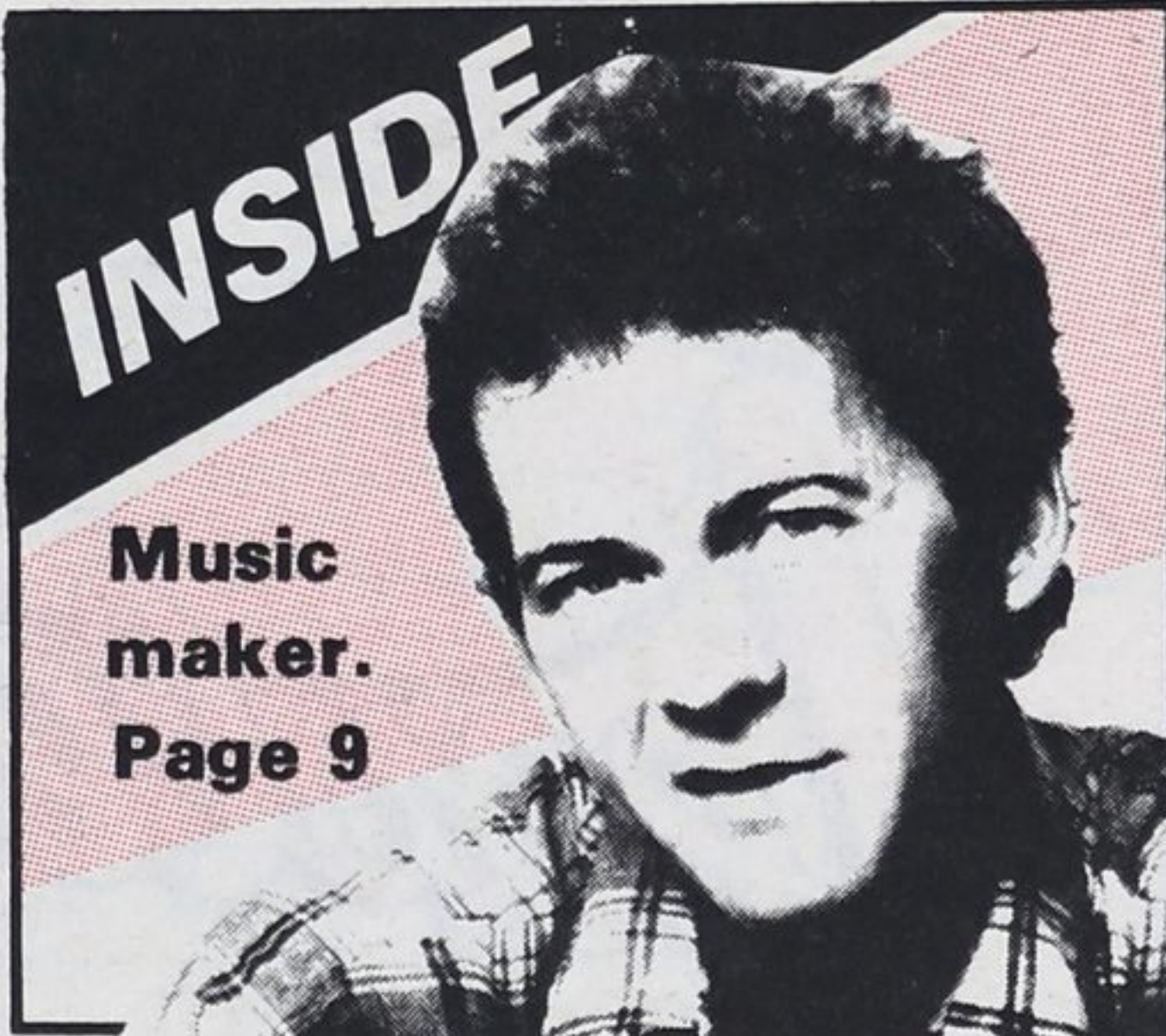




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Arena group urges lottery

\$10,000 in prize money

A lottery to raise \$34,000 to help pay for the expansion and renovation of Penetanguishene's arena is being organized.

Earlier this week the town announced that it is expected that the arena project will cost \$800,000, \$150,000 more than expected.

On Wednesday evening, 20 people representing groups which use the arena worked out the lottery idea. Details of the

lottery will be addressed again Nov. 23. The idea is to sell 4,500 tickets at a price of \$10 each. Five \$2,000 prizes will be offered, in five separate draws. The first draw would be held during Winterama, with the other draws to follow at three or four week intervals.

If all the tickets are sold, \$45,000 will be raised, from which \$10,000 in prizes and \$1,000 for advertising and printing and other costs would be deduc-

ted, leaving \$34,000.

Previous fund raising ideas have raised \$8,000.

Represented at the Wednesday meeting were ball hockey, the town's recreational hockey league, Penetanguishene Oldtimers, Pentanguishene Figure Skating Club, the Penetanguishene Kings, the Thursday Night and Wednesday Night groups, and the Industrial League.

Lottery tickets might be for sale in early December.

Stephenson, boards to discuss French representation

Minister of Education Bette Stephenson has agreed to talk about a recommendation that French students in Ontario be given special representation on existing school boards.

On Nov. 30 she will meet with the representatives of the 19 Ontario school boards which would be affected if the recommendation were accepted

by the provincial government.

The Simcoe County Board of Education, one of the 19, is one of the school boards which has indicated that a separate francophone school board would be preferable to special representation for francophones on the existing board. The area French Language Advisory Committee agrees with the local school board on this point.



DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS committee chairman Doug Leroux with one of the nine candles that will decorate downtown Penetanguishene for the Christmas season.

No flak for FLAC

No reaction resulted Wednesday from the Simcoe County Board of Education to the position of opposition to next year's provincial bicentennial taken by the area French Language Advisory Committee.

FLAC member Basile Dorion, who suggested the opposition at the most recent FLAC meeting, says that next

year is the 200th anniversary of the arrival in Ontario of a large number of United Empire Loyalists, and that the province's true bicentennial is later in this century, 1991.

The board accepted the report of the Oct. 27 FLAC meeting without comment.

Tourism development plan study gets hefty shot in the arm this week

Ontario Minister of Tourism and Recreation, the Honourable Reuben C. Baetz, announced today that his Ministry is prepared to provide up to 60 per cent of the funding (to a maximum of \$18,000) for a tourism development plan for the southern Georgian Bay tourism area.

"The whole point of the study is to gather information that will lead to development strategies. These will guide tourism operators, developers, investors, planners

and the area's municipalities in stimulating the tourism economy of the region over a five to ten year period," Mr. Baetz said.

The Towns of Collingwood, Meaford, Stayner, Thornbury and Collingwood Township, together, have committed up to \$12,000 towards the cost of the study estimated to total \$30,000.

Mayor Ron Emo of Collingwood said that the municipalities involved in the creation of the tourism strategy are fully committed to

the philosophy of targeted planning and a practical long range approach, in order to make the most of tourism development opportunities in the area.

George McCague, MPP for the Dufferin-Simcoe area, said that tourism is a major growth industry and praised the participating municipalities for their co-operation & efforts to develop a sound tourism development strategy.

The study will be supervised by a com-

mittee of representatives from the area, including Mayor Ron Emo of Collingwood, Mayor Gord Cropper of Meaford, Mayor Gordon Pyatt of Thornbury, Mayor Walter Borthwick of Wasaga Beach, Mayor Bruce Parton of Stayner, Reeve David McNicol of Collingwood Township and the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation.

The study program is scheduled to begin in early February, 1984, and will be completed by September, 1984.