

Solicitor General will respond to renters' questions

Tenants with questions can meet Simcoe Centre MPP George Taylor, Ontario's Solicitor General, on Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Barrie Central Collegiate, Barrie.

The Simcoe County Tenants' Association and Simcoe Legal Services Clinic are sponsoring the meeting.

The solicitor general has been asked to comment on rent control legislation, police enforcement of the Landlord and Tenant Act, and to give his opinion on related issues.

Simcoe Legal Services Clinic, a community-based legal service, staffed by two lawyers, one community legal worker, and two support staff workers, is a law office which provides legal advice and representation on a wide variety of subjects. It is a part of the Ontario Legal Aid Plan and is locally run by a board of directors

representative of the community it serves.

Membership in the Simcoe Legal Services Clinic Association, available for \$5 per year, provides residents of Simcoe County with copies of all clinic publications and newsletters, and participation in the annual meeting with voting rights and an opportunity to stand for nomination and election to the board of directors.

In addition to the provision of legal services to those who come within the Clinic's yearly income guidelines of \$9,000 for a

single person, \$12,000 for a couple, and \$1,000 for each additional dependant, the Clinic has a mandate to help increase the awareness of the public as to its legal rights.

This is effected through publicly held seminars and public meetings, preparation of literature in areas of law perceived to be in need of attention, and

assistance in the formation of self-help organizations, which can influence landlords, income maintenance officials (FBA, GWA, UIC, WCB, etc.) and even local legislators.

Individual clients can be assisted in initiating or defending court proceedings that would normally be financially prohibitive.

The Simcoe Legal Services Clinic main office is located in Orillia. There are two satellite offices, in Midland and Barrie.

The Midland office is at 526 Hugel Avenue, telephone 835-2778 to arrange appointments. Hours are Monday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Simcoe County Tenants' Association was formed in January 1983 in answer to a need for an umbrella organization to assist the many individual tenant groups forming throughout the county.

Excessive rent increases, poor maintenance, and a general lack of knowledge of

landlord and tenant law, are just some of the items dealt with in regular meetings, publications, and educational seminars sponsored by the Association.

The following are some of the advantages provided to Simcoe County tenants who belong to the Simcoe County Tenants' Association:

Regular informative monthly meetings, assistance in the formation of individual tenant organizations, publication and distribution of newsletters and educational materials, regular educational seminars, up to date information on legislative change and the provision of an influential lobbying force.

Membership in the Association is available for \$1 per unit per year, payable through your individual tenant organization in a building, mobile home park, or per individual tenant, if you have no available association.



Slow and steady

Swaying back and forth, Billy Hay carefully crosses a rope bridge. The bridge was erected at the Wyevale

recreation park during the Scouts Snowfrolc held Sunday.

—Bruce Theyers photo

Egg producers get increase

Egg producers in Canada will be paid one cent more for a dozen Grade A large eggs beginning Monday, Feb.

6, the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency (CEMA) announced last week.

There were no

changes in the major cost factors - feed, pullets (young layers) and wages - over January but egg prices have been increased by one cent to recover \$1.9 million lost by producers during a two-month price freeze last fall. The one-cent increase will remain in effect until the full loss has been recovered.

CEMA sets the producer price of eggs at the beginning of each month to reflect on-farm costs using a cost

of production formula monitored by the federal government's National Farm Products Marketing Council. Prices paid by the consumer are determined by wholesalers and retailers.

POLICE BLOTTER

Midland OPP have arrested and charged a local resident with 24 counts of break and enter and two counts of attempt break and enter, following a recent investigation into several break-ins in the Silver Birch Beach and Balm Beach areas.

John Leroy Reynolds, 20, of Con. 2, Old Survey, Tiny Township, was arrested by police on Feb. 3. Investigation has led to clearing numerous break-ins in Tiny Township, police say.

Horticultural Society Past, present and future

by E. PORTER
President

The holiday season is past. The days are lengthening and the hours of sunlight longer each day. The seed catalogues are abroad in the land. Time for Horticulturists and would-be Horticulturists to be planning their spring planting.

The Horticultural Society in Penetanguishene was first activated in 1925 and discontinued for some years; however, it was re-organized by interested citizens on April 10, 1956, with Mr. Robert Graham as president, Mrs. Helen Dubeau as Secretary Treasurer, Mr. Graham, except for one or two terms, continues as president until his death. Mrs. Mary Charlebois, who had been first Vice President, took over the president's office.

At the annual meeting in the fall of 1983, Mrs. Charlebois decided to

retire from office. The executive for 1984 are as follows: Honorary president, His Worship the Mayor; President, Miss Elizabeth Porter; Past President Mrs. Mary Charlebois; First Vice President, Miss Kay St. Amant; Second Vice, Mrs. Peggy Dupuis; Secretary-Treasurer Miss Helen Dubeau. Other members of the society serve on various committees for the functioning of the Society and are chosen at the annual meeting for various periods of time.

The Society is a two-part group: first, the full membership who are working to beautify their homes and surroundings and help with care of public plantings in parks and public buildings. Then there is our Junior group, from six to 18 years of age, under the direction of Mrs. Janice Cadeau of Lafontaine. They call themselves

the Junior Green Thumbs.

The local Society is part of the larger group which comprises all of Simcoe County. The District group holds an annual meeting in spring and a workshop in fall. All the districts combine into the provincial Society which holds a meeting annually.

Two things are happening in 1984 which Horticulture has special interest in. One is the two hundredth anniversary of the province, and the other of really special interest to Huronia, is the visit of the Pope to the Martyr's Shrine in September. Hope the summer flowers will be at their best then.

Meetings of the Penetanguishene Horticultural Society are held on the third Tuesday of each month in the basement of the Public Library on Simcoe Street. New members are welcome.

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