

# Brigade now meeting in Penetang

The Midland-Penetanguishene St. John Ambulance Brigade has found a new home. The Brigade is using a municipally owned building in Penetanguishene. Meanwhile, the building in Midland on William Street which the group was forced to abandon last December remains empty.

Yesterday, Midland's clerk said that he is waiting for the town's parks board to notify him whether the parks board is interested in taking over management of the William Street building. The addition of the William Street building as a community centre would give the town two community centres, one on Yonge Street, commonly called the Civic Centre, and the William Street building.

Designation of the William Street building

as a community centre would mean the town could apply for grants from the provincial government for use to pay for renovation of the building. Grants for such a purpose were available in the past but are not now available, the clerk said.

Yesterday was the deadline for receipt by the town of applications for a new position in the town of the municipal payroll, that of recreation co-ordinator.

The recreation co-ordinator's job will be to see that the Civic Centre is well used, and the William Street building too, if it becomes a community centre.

The town has received 70 applications for the job.

Until the future of the William Street

building is decided, the cost of renovation can't be determined, the clerk said. Decisions such as whether to keep or improve the kitchen, and whether to make the washrooms accessible to the disabled, need to be made first, the clerk said.

Applications for the recreation co-ordinator job were received from across the country.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade had to vacate the William Street building last December when the building's furnace became unsafe to use. The Brigade has been given the use in Penetanguishene of the former McGibbon Lumber Company office, at the corner of Water Street and Owen Street.

The Penetanguishene location is very convenient because it is a central location. It has a garage for the group's van, Divisional Officer Beverley Steele said.

Midland set aside \$15,000 in its 1984 budget for renovation of the William Street building. St. John Ambulance Brigade Superintendent David Stone was told by the members of Midland council that his group would be allowed use of the building again, but they could not give him a date.

In the interim before the Brigade moved to Penetanguishene, the group met in the Midland Civic Centre. The group prefers a building which it can use at any time. Plans for future use of the William Street building include its use by more than one group.



## A big, big Huronia welcome for Pope John Paul II

This bilingual sign of welcome for Pope John Paul II went up at the Martyrs' Shrine last Friday. A sign twice its size

will be erected at the area where the Pope will land in a helicopter to begin his visit to

the Martyrs' Shrine and Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons, on Sept. 15.

# Area artist combines history with landscapes

by

PETER SPOHN

The 17th century Jesuit Mission to the Hurons and the landscape of the Lafontaine area are dramatic inspiration for several drawings and paintings now on exhibit at the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland.

The exhibition of 10 works by Lafontaine artist John Hartman is located in the Filion Centre (basement level

of the Shrine church), until Sunday, Aug. 19.

The exhibition, **Wendake - This Land is Sacred** is open for viewing seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Filion Centre is entered from a stairway inside the front of the Shrine church.

Hartman's work has been reviewed by art critics in the Hamilton Spectator and the Globe and Mail, who have described the works as "very unpretentious, but the best of them are unexpectedly moving; and, taken together, these modest drawings constitute an unusual, original re-thinking of the problem of depicting Ontario."

The paintings are abstract landscapes on which are drawn small human figures acting out various events in the Jesuit mission to the Hurons. Hartman views the landscape, usually harshly depicted, from the air, creating what the artist describes as "a springboard for imaginative leaps into a mythic landscape space."

"By combining historical events with contemporary images of the landscape, the work ignores the convention of a single-point-

in-time perspective. The angel's viewpoint allows treatment of the spaces as broad colour fields upon which the incidents of the human drama are portrayed far below in tiny detail."

Hartman says that by showing the human drama in tiny detail, "an integral but minute part of the poetry of the landscape (is expressed)." Some of the titles of Hartman's works on display: Prayers, Penetanguishene Bay; Abandoning Ste. Marie; Ahoendoe, The Winter of Deprivation on Christian Island; Night Flight from Christian Island; Arrival in Wendake; Wyandot - The Dispersion of the Hurons; The Revenge of Etienne Brule's Sister. The works were created in 1982 and 1983.

Hartman describes the Lafontaine area - la plaine de Lafontaine - as peaceful and gentle in the summer months, remote and even cruel in the winter. Many of the landscapes depict the area when the sky is slate gray and the waters of Georgian Bay are covered by black ice. Hartman's tiny figures contend with a harsh land. Hartman says he would get a feel

for the landscape when he was painting by climbing up Lafontaine hill, where the view includes Penetang Bay, the outer harbour, Beausoleil Island, and beyond.

Hartman has prepared an introductory videotape for viewers of his work, explaining the history and landscape he is depicting. It runs for about 10 minutes and can be seen in a screening room ad-

acent to the centre.

Hartman holds degrees in both economics and fine arts, from McMaster University in Hamilton. He was born and raised in Midland. He has received awards from the Ontario Arts Council.

The artist's paintings are for sale, with 30 per cent of the proceeds donated to the Jesuit Mission in North America.

# Al Tucker writes song about Martyrs' Shrine

by

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A Penetang area resident has written a song called Martyrs' Shrine to commemorate the Sept. 15 visit of the Pope to Huronia.

Al Tucker of Lafontaine is an amateur songwriter and decided that the Papal tour was inspiration enough to complete the words to Martyrs' Shrine, a song he wrote a few years ago but didn't complete. He has had a record cut and tape recording made. The flip side of

Martyrs' Shrine is a song called Shondecti. Moondog Studios of Toronto is producing the record and cassette tape. Tucker said on Tuesday that he hopes the song will be heard over local airwaves within the next several days.

Tucker also said he played Martyrs' Shrine for Father James Farrell, director of the Martyrs' Shrine and that he enjoyed the music. It is to go on sale at the Shrine souvenir shop. A small book will

be sold along with the records and tapes.

Some of the proceeds of record and tape sales will go to the Shrine, the Friends of Sainte-Marie and the Addiction

Research Foundation of Ontario, in Toronto.

Tucker produced a song commemorating the Town of Penetanguishene's centennial in 1982.

## \$2,500 damage

A garage on Champlain Road in Township of Tiny, owned by Theophile Bqtineau, sustained an estimated \$2,500 damage over the weekend after a vehicle

is said to have crashed into it.

The vehicle, believed to be blue in colour, fled the scene before the mishap was reported to Midland OPP.

# Owen is confident of victory

by

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Despite the Liberal Party's lack of organization across the country, Simcoe South Liberal candidate Bruce Owen says he has the organization to beat Ron Stewart and break the 60-year Tory hold on the riding.

Owen came within 3,000 votes of beating Stewart in 1980. Pollsters consider a margin that thin to be a swing riding.

"We just need 1,501 votes to win. We're sucking up votes from the NDP because they just don't have the calibre of candidate to win," said Owen.

Owen accompanied Prime Minister John Turner to Orillia last Friday.

The candidate and Prime Minister met for private talks for a few minutes before Turner delivered a speech that reporters covering the Prime Minister said was the best of the campaign.

Owen said he has strength in the Elmvalle area. "In the last election, we carried half of the polls in Flos Township. The Conservatives carried three and we carried three."

Owen said he hopes to carry four or five polls in Flos. He said he will be campaigning hard in the Elmvalle area and has dedicated organizers working for him.

Owen's Flos-Elmvalle campaign chairman is Ted Roberts, principal of the Elmvalle District High School. He has also appointed poll captains to organize turnout and scrutinize the vote.

"I don't believe anyone should consider Simcoe South a safe Tory seat. We took 10,000 votes off their lead between 1979 and 1980 and I think it's likely we can get the 1,500 that we need to win," said Owen.

During his speech in Orillia, Turner, who was introduced by Simcoe North candidate Al Martin and thanked by Owen, said Liberals in the area must work hard to elect the two candidates.

"Return Al Martin in Simcoe North and Bruce Owen in Simcoe South. If you want me to form the next government, you must elect Liberal candidates. We don't have a presidential system in Canada, we have a British parliamentary system and the way we form a government is by electing Liberal members of Parliament," Turner said.

Owen's day with Turner will likely be the last during this election campaign. The Prime Minister has no more stops scheduled in the Simcoe County area during the campaign.

Conservative Leader Brian Mulroney is expected to visit Barrie later this month.