

**\$1,188.  
raised**

The figure is impressive: \$1,188.50. That's how much money 44 students from Corpus Christi School in Penetanguishene raised through pledges for the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope campaign. Students participated in the local Marathon of Hope run Sept. 23.

Last Friday, in a special assembly at the school, the money was turned over to local chairman of the Canadian Cancer Society, Paul Mills. Also on hand was Const. Robert Skeaff of the Penetanguishene Police Department who helped to co-ordinate the run.

Students received certificates for their efforts.

## They'll be healthiest

by PATTY NEULANDS

The Penetanguishene II 4-H Homemaking Club has just completed a project called Fitness Fare with the help of our leaders, Helen Marchand and Marie Godfrey.

The project was based on fitness and nutrition and the fun name chosen was the "Nutrients".

Members included: President Cheryl Marchand, Vice-President Erin Holleran, Press Reporter Patty Neulands and Achievement Day Covenor Denise Dobson.

Throughout the seven meetings of the course, we learned about good eating habits and the four "s's" which are: stamina, structure, strength and suppleness. In meeting six, we had a Fitness Meet in which we ran an obstacle course and afterwards we spent a leisurely afternoon eating nutritious snacks, prepared by our members.

Our Achievement Program will be held Nov. 21, 1984, at 7 p.m. at Midland Secondary School.

## St. Ann's draw winners

The Ladies of St. Ann's Church, Penetanguishene held a draw Oct. 27 in the church basement and handed out three prizes

U.S. votes Nov. 6

# Only question remaining is how big Reagan's landslide will be?

NEXT TUESDAY'S U.S. presidential election will probably be the duller since 1972 for the TV audience tuning in just for the excitement of seeing whether the presidential challenger will be successful in knocking off the sitting president. Only the size of Ronald Reagan's margin of victory appears to offer any sense of anticipation.

Not since 1972 when Richard Nixon won the biggest landslide in U.S. presidential election history over George McGovern has the outcome seemed less in doubt than it is this year.

The big surprise in the presidential election four years ago came in how handily Reagan dispatched Jimmy Carter. It became clear as soon as the earliest returns came in that Americans were going to change presidents but right up until election day, a close finish was predicted. In fact, some pollsters said it was too close to call. The only sense of anticipation that remained after the results started to come in came with the sobering realization that the U.S. had just entrusted its future (and that of the world) to an extremely right-wing former movie actor who would turn 70 a few weeks after being sworn in.

In 1976, when Carter faced Jerry Ford, the outcome was fairly close. Starting the campaign far behind his Democratic opponent, Ford narrowed the lead to within striking distance of Carter. It was a close election with Carter winning by about three points.

The 1968 election 16 years ago was the last time there was no sitting president in the race. Lyndon Johnson could have sought re-election if he wished but declined in the face of violent opposition to his handling of the war in Viet Nam. Nixon began that year's presidential election campaign miles ahead of Democrat Hubert Humphrey but, in the end, won by less than one percentage point over Humphrey.

George Wallace ran as a third-party candidate appealing to the reactionary voter, helping to turn what likely would have been a comfortable win for Nixon into a cliff-hanger. The 1968 election came near the end of a wild and terrible year in U.S. history. The war in Viet Nam seemed likely to go on forever. Nixon campaigned saying he had a "secret plan" to end the war. Since it was a secret, he couldn't tell anybody about it. Nixon just said "Trust me."

Earlier in the year, Martin Luther King and Bobby Kennedy

had both been assassinated. Anti-war protestors in Chicago, where the Democratic national convention was held that year, were gassed and beaten in the streets outside the convention hall. Whole sections of cities were burned down in race riots. Chants of the day included: "Burn baby burn!" "Hey, hey LBJ, how many kids did you kill today?" The United States was a very scary place back then.

Johnson, who came to be known as a war president, was the "peace candidate" back in '64 when he ran against Barry Goldwater. Johnson said he didn't think it right for American boys to fight half-way 'round the world in a war Asian boys should be fighting. Goldwater's loose talk about nuclear war made everybody nervous back then.

One of the most remarkable aspects of this year's election campaign is how young people appear set to vote, by a wide margin, for Reagan. The weekly news magazines have reported that public opinion samplings indicate 18 to 25-year-olds form one of the most solid groups of support for the president. It's not particularly remarkable in that they're supporting a man in his early 70s, rather it's surprising that young voters, contrary to past experience, are flocking to the doctrinaire conservative candidate in the election. Where have all the young idealists gone? Times have changed.

Also, as has been noted elsewhere there is a widely-held view that the U.S. needs continuity in leadership: If Reagan is re-elected and serves a full four-year term, he will be the first president to do so in more than a quarter century. Not since Eisenhower left office in 1961 has a U.S. president served a full two terms.

And there is Reagan himself. Love him or hate him, he is identified with a sense of American renewal. Reagan has been identified as a winner in the last four years. You ask Americans about Reagan and most seem reluctant to run him down. Others say something that indicates they disapprove of him but you can sense even they are kind of proud of him.

Regan truly is the "Teflon President" to whom problems don't seem to stick. Issues are less important than image in this election and Regan's image is that of a winner. Barring the unexpected, he could be headed for the biggest landslide in U.S. history.

## Elders, Tribal Council make history in Midland

History was made Tuesday at the Georgian Bay Tribal Council Building on King Street in Midland when six elders representing the local native populations met for the first time since the turn of the century.

It was also the first time any representatives from both native and non-status groups in this area have co-

operated in establishing official policy.

The 1980 charter for the Georgian Bay Tribal Council calls for the elders to be actively involved in council business.

But the council's executive director Roger Jackson explains, the elders will be advisors to the elected council, without formal political status of their

own. But in addition to regular monthly gatherings, the elders will join board of directors meetings and draft motions and resolutions for debate in council.

Jackson says, the elders, who have long felt out of touch, were enthused by their long overdue involvement.

By working closely with their elders, noted Jackson, the Tribal Council hopes to ensure their decisions will more accurately reflect the attitudes of their entire community.

The youngest man at Tuesday's meeting was 60, and the oldest was

76. But Jackson says, among native peoples, "elder does not necessarily mean older."

A native person earns the name of Elder from having a broad range of experiences, good listener, and having a special spiritual understanding.

## Tragic house fire's cause is yet unknown

It's been one week since fire ripped through a Honey Harbour area home leaving death and destruction in its wake.

So far neither officials from the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office nor Midland detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police have been able to pin-point the raging inferno's cause.

Robin Corbiere, 11, and her 10-year-old sister Antoinette perished in the fire.

Firefighters from Honey Harbour and Port Severn managed to quell the blaze within 30 minutes of arriving on the scene but were unable to reach the youngsters initially because of the flames and smoke.

It was the second residential fire to take lives in this district.

Earlier this month, two Weston teenagers died in a cottage fire at Coutnac Beach.

# Tell your story, dump foes told

by MURRAY MOORE

Residents of Perkinsfield and area opposed to the dump outside the village should take their story to other people, starting with their neighbours in their provincial riding, provincial New Democratic Party environment critic Brian Charlton said on Saturday.

Charlton was one of the speakers at a demonstration held in the village and organized by the Tiny Township Ratepayers Association. Among the group of approximately 50 adults and children were five Greenpeace members, the provincial Liberal Party environment critic, and the Green Party candidate in the federal election, Steve Kaasgaard.

Saturday's march from the village intersection to the village school is the first of a series of peaceful demonstrations, Ratepayers Association President Anthony Lancia said. Lancia suggested that the dump

might not only not be closed, in three year's time, but that the dump might become the dumping ground for all of North Simcoe.

One of the local residents whose water has been contaminated, and who is being provided with water by the Ministry of the Environment, Gary Posey, referred in an interview to the recent decision of Midland council to support the mediated settlement. Midland politicians are not going to upset their constituents by voting against keeping the dump open, because of the higher cost of creating a new dump, Posey said.

The provincial Progressive Conservatives pay a great deal of attention to public opinion, and adjust their policies accordingly, Charlton said during a speech in the school gymnasium. But the government is able to ignore, without endangering the re-election of its local member, problems which only concern a small community, he said.

Charlton also said that, as the result of questioning of Ministry of the Environment officials about the area dump, he believes that the Ministry of the Environment knows little about what is happening underground here, but that the Ministry is making decisions, decisions that could make the pollution problem worse in future.

Getting the attention of the news media is not enough, Charlton advised. The people affected can tell the story more effectively than politicians. "We don't give it the reality that you people can give it."

Among the slogans on picket signs carried by members of the demonstration were, We had free pure water before. Now we pay for it and it might not be pure; Morrison Beatty and Gartner Lee report belongs in the dump also; Dump the dump committee; Lackie and council should resign now.

The group was reminded that the opportunity to change the people sitting on Tiny

Township council will come in a year, and that now is the time for people to begin to think about candidates.

Ratepayers Association vice-president William Ogilvie, a losing candidate in Tiny Township in the last municipal election, asked people to think about joining the association.

Bring people with you to the next demonstration, and get those people to bring people with them to the following demonstration, Greenpeace executive director for eastern Canada Maury Mason suggested.

Liberal environment critic Murray Elston called for the release by the government of more information about the dump.

One of the demonstrators, Jessie Manarey, a cottage owner on Cawaja Beach, said her family has not drunk their water for three years. The taste of the water changed, she said. She estimated that the cottage is four or five miles from the dump.