Council has to wait until Dec. 24: Act

Midland town council will not consider a replacement for Alderman Robert McLaughlin until his resignation.

19, On Nov. McLaughlin by letter indicated to the mayor and council that he will resign his seat on Dec.

The Municipal Act won't allow the council to name a replacement until the alderman has resigned, even though the alderman has announced his intention to resign.

McLaughlin gave his poor health as the reason for not attending Monday's meeting of town council.

Midland council opposes closing

Although the majority of spectators at Monday's meeting of Midland town council were supporters of Mayor Allan Roach, among the audience were members of the Friends of Wye Marsh.

The council gave its support to the group in the effort to keep the lederally-funded touristattraction in Tay Township from closing next spring. The Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre is being closed and its staff laid off by the federal government as part of its effort to reduce the federal deficit.

Provincial Minister of Natural Resources Alan Pope has said the province will not assume responsibility for the Centre.



This item caught their eye

Dr. Jas S. Martin, Left, and Wils Harrison were pictured Friday night at Ste. Marie admiring a work of art at Midland Y's Men's Club's annual

art, antique and craft (s) sale. The popular event was termed a great success.

-Special photo

Downbut The five full Friday was a sobering time for the five full

employees at the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre who received their official lay off notices.

The letters from Dr. William Mountain, assistant deputy minister of Environment Canada in Ottawa, declared the five positions at the Marsh to be surplus.

This latest development makes the proposed April 1, 1985 closing seem even more inevitable to the Wve Marsh staff.

Despite a vigorous campaign of protest petitions and letter writing, largely by the local conservation group "Friends of the Wye Marsh", there has been no official response from either Environment Canada or the Canadian Wildlife Service who manage the popular tourist facility.

Wye Marsh supporters have not given up the fight however. In hopes of getting a last minute reprieve, pre-printed cards addressed to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney or the Environment of Canada Minister urging a reconsideration of the April 1 deadline will be available free at the Mountainview Mall Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Chalk up another busy week for Midland

Eighty-one general occurrences were investigated by Midland OPP personnel during the week ending Nov. 26, reports the detachment.

During the same period, 10 motor-vehicle accidents on area highways patrolled by the OPP in North Simcoe were also probed.

Full house at Parkview for weekend Carnival

Everybody's expectations for the success of "Christmas Capers" at Parkview School were doubled on Saturday, reports PTA President Marj Downs, when over 400 people showed up for the student operated carnival.

Between 10 a.m., when the doors opened, and the 2 p.m. closing the school parking lot was so full that visitors were forced to leave their cars on the grass.

Inside, parents, pupils, and just curious local residents were encouraged to buy a few 25 cent yellow tickets and entertain themselves at a surprising variety of games and activities.

Testing your skill on the "Mini Gym" cost one ticket. Two tickets bought you a trip through the popular and mysterious "Fun House", full of clever tricks and traps designed by the kids. With an admission price of just half a ticket, the computer room was Saturday's best bargain, or you

could splurge from one to four tickets to have your face custom painted by a grade eight expert from Parkview.

At just one ticket for three throws, Parkview Prinicpal Lloyd Farquar, on his stool in the gym, was the target of countless wet sponges. He explained how the carnival was both a fundraiser for the PTA, and an opportunity for the community to focus on the school and its staff. But with water running down his face, after a direct hit from another soggy sponge, he had to admit, "We're really just here to have fun. That's all there is to

The 50 helpers behind the games and sales counters included Parkview students, PTA members and their husbands, teachers, and parents. But Downs says that the organizational work of Cathy Martin, Chairman of the PTA "Christmas Capers" Committee, was primarily responsible for the success of Saturday's community party.

Building picture is much brighter this year

As of the end of October, a total of 209 building permits had been issued in Midland

this year for a total value of construction of \$6,870,600

During the same

period in '83, 201 were formation is contained issued for a value of \$3,007,290.

The above in a report, tabled Monday night, at a town council meeting.





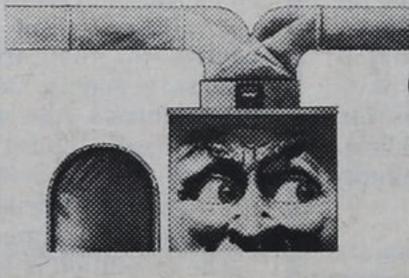
On the left? Bill and Kim, the twins, baby Sarah. They've revitalized their furnace with an electric plenum heater; it's one of the most economical ways to cut winter fuel bills. And they've turned the drafty old attic room into a warm nursery with insulation and inexpensive, easy-to-install baseboard heaters. There's a separate thermostat, so baby's room can be kept at exactly the right temperature without overheating the rest of the house.

On the right? Mike and Stellaempty-nesters. They've installed an add-on electric heat pump to help save money and heat their home in winter and they're looking forward

to the comfort of air conditioning next summer. It was easy to add, cuts their heating costs and adds to the value of their home.

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