

Diesel fuel seller upset with supplier

by RUDY FLEISCHMANN
John Robitaille, owner of the Texaco station on Vinden Street near Highway 93 outside Midland, is refusing to retail diesel fuel to his customers because of what he feels is the

exorbitant price Texaco charges as the wholesale price of the fuel.
Presently Texaco charges Robitaille 46 cents a litre, while his competitors sell the same commodity for 42.3 cents a litre, just a

short distance away. Robitaille feels that he is not getting the same deal that other Texaco dealers in the Barrie and Orillia markets are getting. In those markets, the same grade of diesel fuel is retailing for 42.9 cents a

litre. He just can't figure how those merchants can sell at that price and still make a profit, while he has to purchase it at 46 cents a litre.
Robitaille explained that the location gives him access to truckers

who use the fuel most, but due to Texaco, he went on, he is unable to attract much of their business.
Robitaille claims that the former owner, who went bankrupt, warned him about the giant oil company and Robitaille

said that this was the reason the former owner of the gas bar went bankrupt.
The Vinden Street dealer, who has owned the business for the past year and a half, has threatened to dump Texaco if the company

does not lower its wholesale price, and to go with another distributor.
Robitaille said that he only wants to satisfy his customers. He added that he does not like to see people being taken advantage of.

Port McNicoll

BY CLARA POWER
Library news. The book exchange was held last Thursday and Friday at our library. Some people have asked, What does that mean? It means that on Thursday Lana and I took over 2,000 cards out of the files, placed them individually into the matching books, making sure the books

and cards were in alphabetic, or numerical, order. Then all those books were stacked in their proper sequence on tables (borrowed for the occasion) ready for checking and packing.
On Friday morning the truck from Simcoe County Library arrived with another 2,000 or more books which had

to be shelved properly and date stamped. The index cards were removed from each book and filed in our card file.

While Lana, Trish and I were doing this, the Simcoe County Library staff were checking their file cards to match

up, and ensure that all borrowed books are either out on loan or returned. If any are missing we have to pay for them.

That, my friends, is what a book exchange is. In this way we provide our patrons with a new supply (2,190

books) of reading material every four to six months.

The Port McNicoll Lion's Club held its New Year's Eve dance in the Community Centre. It was a super bash, with dancing and a midnight buffet. The door prize of a weekend for two in Toronto was won by

Earl Widdes of Penetanguishene.

On Jan. 14, a pancake breakfast will be held in the Community Centre from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. This will officially kick off Local Government Week.

Reeve John Moreau and council are holding a Get Acquainted Night

in the Community Centre on Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m. It is an excellent idea to attend and get to know more about our village, and the people who we have elected to represent us.

There is a new boy in town! Mr. and Mrs. Hans Bartoschec had a son, born on Dec. 3, 1984.

Obituary

Wilson Brown

The funeral service for the late Wilson Elba Brown of King Street, Midland, was held Dec. 31, 1984, in James H. Lynn Funeral Home, Midland. Rev. Robert Ross officiated.

Mr. Brown died after one year's illness on Dec. 27, in Huronia District Hospital. He was 80 years of age.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Brown was born in Tay Township. On Dec. 30, 1931, in Toronto, he married Kathleen Lamb. After marriage he lived in Waverley. He retired in

1965. Wilson Brown was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Elmvale.

Surviving him are his wife Kathleen, his daughter Marilyn (Mrs. Ken Bartle) of San Pedro, Calif., and his brothers Earl of Midland, Bruce of Waverley, and Cliff of Willowdale. He had two grandchildren.

His sister Sheila Laframboise predeceased him.

Interment later in St. John's Anglican Cemetery, Waverley.

Thomas Heels

The sudden death occurred in Huronia District Hospital on Dec. 26, 1984, of Smith's Mobile Home Park, Midland resident Thomas Roy Heels. Mr. Heels was 58 years of age.

Thomas Heels worked for Simmonds Transport, and was a member of the Midland police force, of the Ontario Provincial Police, chief of police in Port McNicoll until 1975, and lastly self employed in the trucking business.

He retired after a heart attack in February, 1981.

The son of Roy and Mable Heels was born in Midland and attended Victoria Harbour Public School, Midland High School, and the Ontario Police College.

On Sept. 1, 1948, in Midland, he married June Norma Contois. After marriage he lived in Victoria Harbour, Port McNicoll, and Midland.

Thomas Heels served as a private in the army and was a member of the Port McNicoll branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

His wife June Norma, his son Thomas John and daughter-in-law Grace, daughters Susan Cheryl (at home) and Deborah Lynn (Mrs. Patric Collins), survive him. He had three grandchildren.

His sister Bayze McClelland also predeceased him.

Rev. Al Farthing

officiated at the funeral service held Dec. 29, 1984, in Nicholls Funeral Home. Spring interment in Lakeview Cemetery, Midland. Amazing Grace was played at the funeral.

6/49 prize still up for grabs

Most people who held tickets on Saturday night's Lotto 6/49 draw were both disappointed and relieved at the same time since no one won the \$8.6 million prize.

The eventual prize should be close to the record \$13.9 million won by Stuart and Lillian Kelly of Brantford, Ont., almost a year ago. Since the big win, the

rules of the lottery have changed. When the prize exceeds \$7 million, its growth is slowed by diverting 30 percent of the jackpot money into the second prize.

Even so, lottery dealers report booming sales of 6/49 tickets. Ralph Ladouceur of Parker's Variety in Midland said that the ticket sales for 6/49

have been booming since the morning following last Saturday's draw.

Every time a large prize, such as the 6/49, starts to grow, people tend to go all out in purchasing the tickets

Tickets for next Saturday's draw will be available until next Saturday at 1 p.m.

Victoria Harbour

BY CLARA POWER
Harbour Diner host and hostess Barbara and Lawrence Barr held a typical Scots New Year's celebration! Larry, of course, wore his kilt.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 523 held its New Year's party in the banquet room. Several sources claimed that if you weren't there, you missed a great party. The door

Vasey

The students from our community have returned to the halls of learning for another semester: Rodney Jones to Waterloo, Madeline Stewart and Ian Jones to Guelph University, and Sylvia Jones to Fanshawe College in London.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dundas of Port

McNicoll were Saturday guests of Mrs. Olive Edwards.

Mrs. Irene Vasey attended the Simcoe Presbyterian in Thorton on Monday.

Mrs. Gladys McLay has returned home after spending the holidays in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Graham. Mrs. Graham spent a few days here with her mother.

council will be holding its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 14, in the municipal office.

prize of a black and white TV set was won by Lucille St. Amante.

Winner of the Lion's Club 40 ounce draw was Tom Chapman of Victoria Harbour.

The Lion's Club held its monthly executive meeting in Harbour Diner on Monday night. Its next regular meeting will be held on Jan. 9.

The Lions will be raffling a 40 ounce Mini-Bonhomme. Tickets will be available soon.

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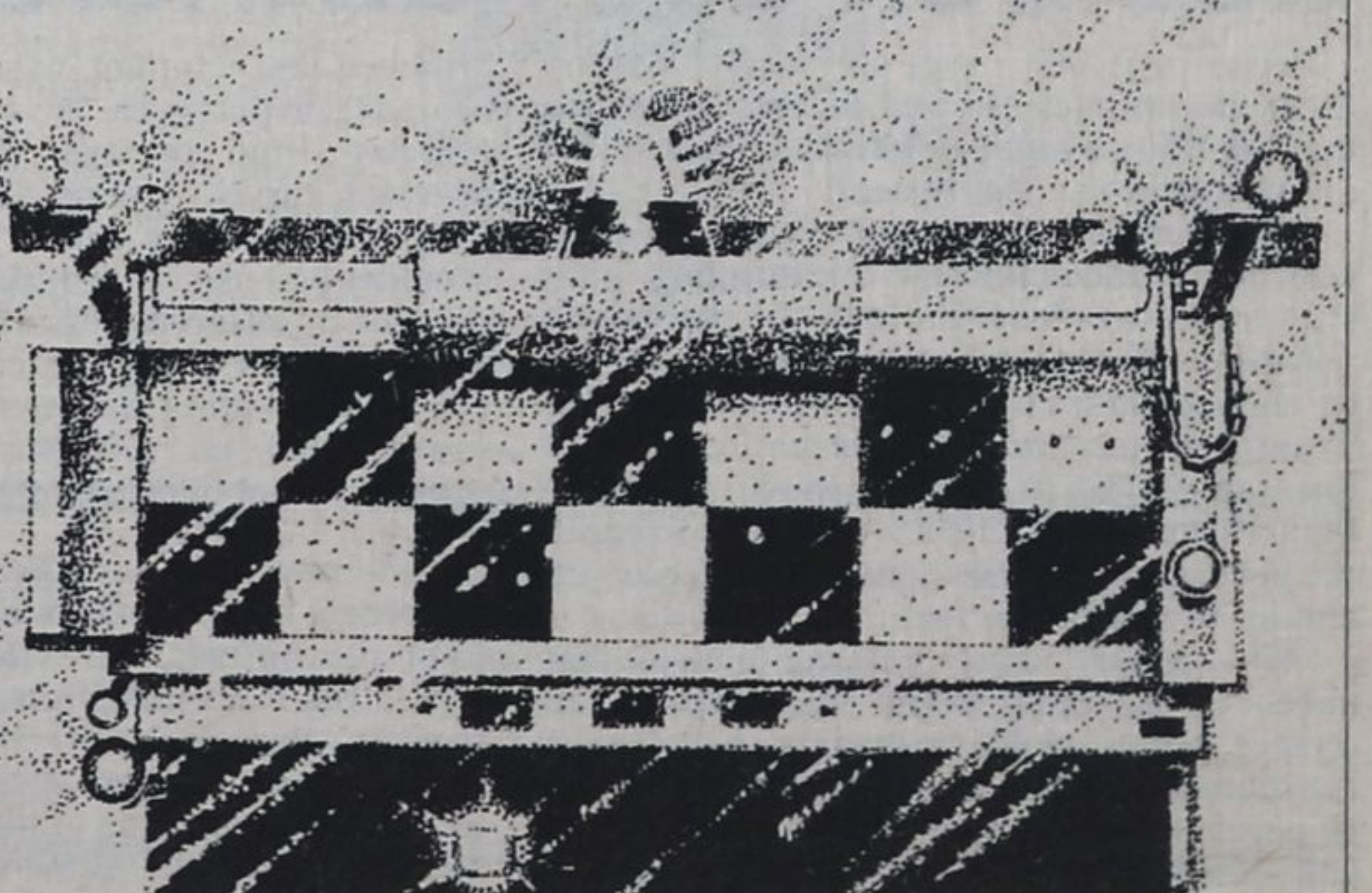
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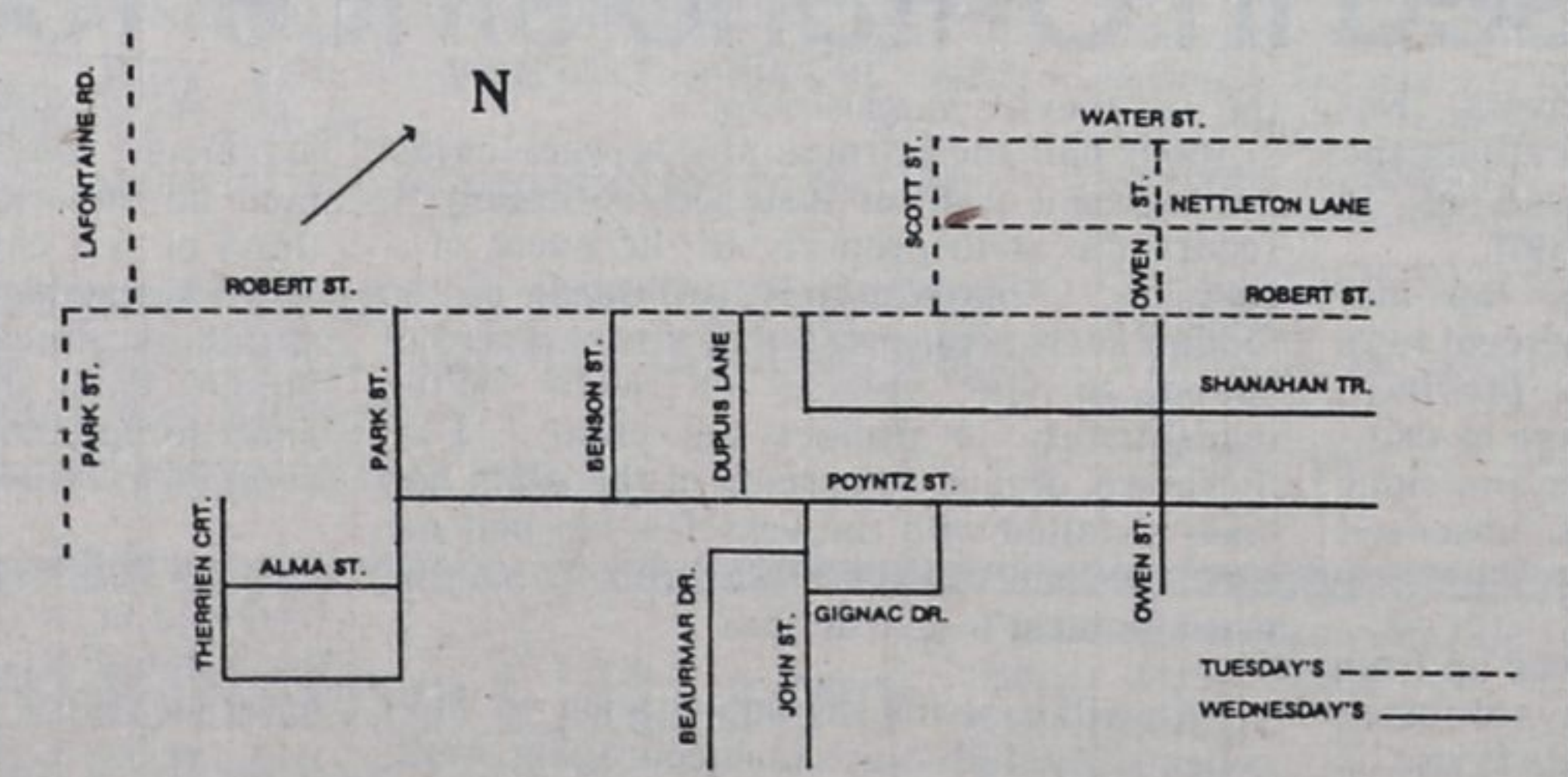


NOTICE of Change in Garbage Collection

Starting January 15, 1985, the garbage collection route in the west end of town will be changing days. The new route will be as follows:

Tuesday's Robert St., West St., Lafontaine Rd., Nettleton Lane, Owen St., (north of Robert St.) Scott St., Water St.

Wednesday's Poyntz St., Gignac Dr., John St., Beaumar Dr., Dupuis Lane, Benson St., Park St., Shanahan Trail, Alma St., Therrien Crt.



If you have any questions regarding the change please call PAUL SAUVE 549-7254.