

# Description appropos? councillor asks

by MURRAY MOORE

"Perhaps we are deserving of it, do you suppose?" Midland council member Nancy Keefe said this week, when asked to give her reaction to a Globe and Mail story in which Midland council was described as "one of the nastiest municipal bodies in Ontario."

The Globe story by a free lance writer described the first of a series of six mock council meetings for elementary school children, organized by Alderman Keefe and Alderman Dan Herbert, with the aid of town clerk Fred Flood.

Last Thursday a group of Monsignor Castex School students, elected by other Castex students and briefed by the clerk, were the first elementary school group to sit around the town's council table and pretend to be the town council.

Alderman Keefe said she was disturbed by the "connotation" of the story, but pleased as well for the publicity in the Globe, "because of the project."

The project is im-

## Council 'one of the nastiest'

portant, Alderman Keefe said, and "It looks as if we are doing something rather than scrapping."

The first mock council meeting was "very successful," Clerk Flood said.

Both Keefe and Flood made the observation that the Grade 8 students who have taken part, and who will take part in the mock council meetings, will be eligible to vote and to run for office in four or five years.

Last Thursday the

Monsignor Castex students started their meeting knowing in advance their position on the council. Committee chairmen came prepared to answer the questions which other students had prepared. Some student committee chairmen were "drilled" with question after question, the clerk said.

The Castex students' observance of protocol was very good, the clerk said. The student mayor vacated his chair to join in debate, just as

does Midland's mayor, the clerk said.

The students are presented with agendas of real issues faced by Midland's council. They debate and vote on some of the same questions faced by the elected members of the council.

Regent School is the next school scheduled to hold a mock council meeting, on Friday afternoon. Regent has added to the agenda prepared by the clerk the appointment of a person to fill a vacant council seat. The town

council went through the same exercise last month.

Grade 8 is a good stage at which to educate young people about politics and the workings of municipal government, Alderman Keefe said.

As for the story which appeared in the Globe: "There's not much you can do with newspapermen. They have a right to write it and to report it. They don't manufacture the news."

Mayor Allan Roach had no comment on the Globe story.

## Paperbacks

**Golden Boy: The Untold Story of William Holden:** When the news of William Holden's ignominious death in 1981 hit the newspapers his friends were shocked. Apparently he bled to death after hitting his head while drunk and alone at 63. Author Bob Thomas traces Holden's life story, beginning as Bill Beedle in California with small aspirations to be an actor. If it didn't work out, said Bill, he'd go to college and become a chemist. Holden's first big break came when he was cast in Golden Boy. His second break was the introduction to stars such as Glen Ford, Julie Andrews, Stephanie Powers and Bob Hope. He was best man at the wedding of Ronald and Nancy Reagan. He captured film after film, lady after lady. He cultivated a life-long fascination with Africa and the Orient. But his downfall, always, was alcohol. At first he used it to bolster his courage. Later the reasons were less complicated. Holden was lucky to have a lot of good friends - friends who were shocked at such a death - despite the fact, as author Thomas shows us, they shouldn't have been (Berkley, \$3.95).

**Growing Up:** A down-to-earth story of life during the Depression in an assortment of environments from the Virginia hills, to poor city life. Award-winning New York Times journalist Russell Baker takes the reader into living rooms and kitchens where promises were made, bragging occurred, confidences were exchanged and memories grew. Baker chose the writing profession early, shortly after he failed at hawking newspapers on street corners, because of the "ease of the writer's life, writers did not have to trudge through the town peddling from canvas bags, defending themselves against angry dogs, being rejected by surly strangers...writers didn't have to have any gumption at all." Gumption, however, is one thing Baker does have, as he probes gently at his past experiences, painful and sweet (Signet, \$4.95).

**Travelin Light:** Fugitive from another era, author Jim Christy still lives with the convictions of those times. This is a collection of his short stories, tales of hitch-hiking in America, drugs shared with Indians in South America, more common experiences blown into dramatic frame by singling out talks and actions that more often pass unnoticed. One gets the feeling Christy is caught in a time warp (Simon & Pierre, \$9.95).  
Patricia Job

## Something new at MHC

a two-choice menu

by PAUL SANDERSON

Within a month, patients at the Oak Ridge division of the Mental Health Centre in Penetanguishene will be selecting their lunch from a two-choice menu.

Patients in the institution's Regional division have been offered the selective menu program since early last month.

"It is my understanding that most if not all Ontario Psychiatric institutions either have or plan to offer selective menus," explains Mental Health Centre spokesman Jim Park.

Selective menus were first discussed for Penetang over a year ago, he says, for the simple

motive of offering patients more choice at mealtimes.

In December 1984, the institution's dieticians met with patient representatives from each division to discuss the concept.

Since the meeting, it was agreed to introduce a choice of two entrees at lunch time only, on a trial basis throughout the Mental Health Centre.

Park expects the institution will soon be looking to an expansion of the selective menu program to cover all meals.

He claims there is generally less waste when patients choose their own meals.

### If there's no smoke there's no fire...

As of press time last night, area fire departments were continuing to report good news.

The most serious occurrence over the past few days was a minor chimney fire in Penetanguishene that Fire Chief Ted Light described as, "nothing serious."

Midland's Fire Chief Hal Belfry is claiming to be on the verge of a new record with no fire calls for a week and a half.

## Obituary

### Charles Henry

The death occurred on Jan. 22, 1985, in Toronto General Hospital, of Queen Street, Midland resident Charles Everett Henry. The former baker and shipyard worker was 69 years of age. He had been ill for 17 years. He retired in 1973.

The Midland native was the son of James Francis Henry and Georgina May English. He attended Manly

Street School and Midland High School. He married Helen Sutter in St. Margaret's Church.

Rev. Dr. Paul Brown officiated at the funeral service of the Knox Presbyterian Church member, held Jan. 25 in Nicholls Funeral Home.

His wife Helen Henry, sons David of Mississauga and Jon of Midland, and daughter

Marilyn (Mrs. Mike Febbraio) of Downsview, and five grandchildren, survive him.

Brothers and sisters Waldie Henry, Millie Streithorst, Alta Latondress, Miss Verna Henry, Raymond Henry, Freeman Henry, and Orville Henry predeceased him.

Cremation, burial of ashes in Lakeview Cemetery.

## Obituary

### Ago Tamman

The late Ago Tamman of Fox Street, Penetanguishene, died Jan. 23, 1985, in Penetanguishene General Hospital, following a lengthy illness. He was 59 years of age.

Mr. Tamman was born in Estonia and immigrated to Canada in 1951. For the last 30 years he was a resident of Penetanguishene.

He had been employed as a tool & die maker for Decor Metal Products, now TRW, in Midland for many years.

His funeral service was held in Beausoleil Funeral Home, Penetanguishene, on Jan. 26 with Rev. A. Farthing of the First Presbyterian Church, Penetanguishene, officiating. Spring in-

terment in St. Ann's Cemetery, Penetanguishene.

His wife Audrey (Longlad) Tamman of Penetanguishene, his son Erik of Penetanguishene, and his granddaughter Rachelle, Audrey Tamman survive him.

Ago Tamman was pre-deceased by his parents & three brothers.

## Obituary

### Cathy Quesnel

The late Cathy Quesnel of Farlane Lake, Penetanguishene, died Jan. 24, 1985 in Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto, following a lengthy illness. She was 22 years of age.

Miss Quesnel was born in Toronto and lived her early life there. For the last 10 years she lived a Farlane Lake.

She was a student at Erindale College of the

University of Toronto.

Her funeral mass was held in St. Ann's Memorial Church, Penetanguishene, on Jan. 26, with Rev. R. Jacobsen officiating, assisted by Rev. V. Laurin. Spring interment will be in St. Ann's Cemetery, Penetanguishene.

Ron, Alain, Denis & Michael Blondin, David Quesnel & Stephen Craig, all her cousins,

were her pallbearers.

Her mother Anne (Mrs. Augustine Marchand) of Farlane Lake, brothers Don of Scarborough and Blair of Collingwood, and her sisters Judy Thompson of Caledon, and Marie Stacy of Mississauga, survive her.

Dear friend of Jim Stacy of Toronto.

Her father Lionel Quesnel pre-deceased her.

## Obituary

### Berniece Kilby

Berniece Kilby died in her residence, the Villa Community Care Centre of Midland, on Jan. 25, 1985. The Kingston native was 86 years of age. Benjamin Gibson and Alice Gibson were her parents.

Rev. Frank Edney of

St. Mark's Anglican Church officiated at the memorial service for the St. Mark's Church member, held Jan. 27 in the Villa.

Her daughter Gleniece (Mrs. A.E. Baker) of Thunder Bay Beach and grandchildren

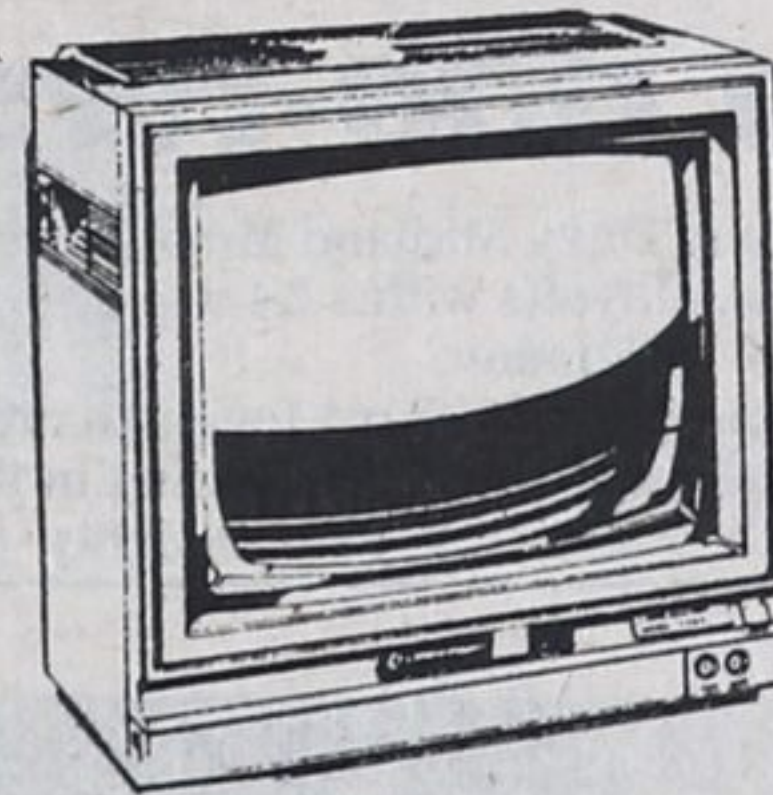
Leslie Lattimore of London, Ont., and Peter Baker of Toronto survive her.

Her grandson David Baker predeceased her.

Cremation, burial of ashes in St. George's Anglican Cemetery, Pickering, Ont.

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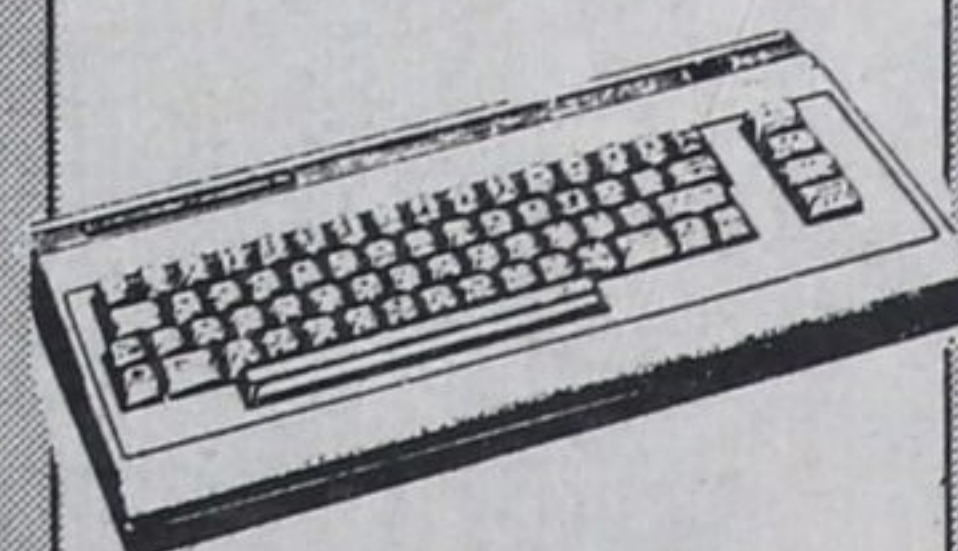
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