

Letters

Censorship at Midland town hall

Dear Editor:

The March 11, 1985, action of the majority of Midland council of designating and giving Midland's municipal Clerk, Fred Flood, discretionary authority to decide what printed material can be left at town hall for the information of the public, is a violation of the Canada's Charter or Rights, illegal and most decidedly inoperative.

The legislation giving effect to the new censorship rule reads: "All items to be on public display, i.e., on counters and so forth, be done so at the 'discretion' of the clerk. Anyone wishing to leave pamphlets, handouts, and so forth must necessarily seek the approval of the Clerk prior to doing so."

I notice that the politicians who authored and voted for the retrogressive censorship legislation,

were cute enough (so they think) not to involve themselves as 'censors' per se, of what printed or written material is 'fit' for public consumption, but using the backdoor approach which simply means that the clerk will be instructed by the ruling majority as to what material to censor, as he was several months ago on a municipal flyer that was widely distributed throughout Simcoe county.

It is now conceivable, that certain local, provincial and federal politicians who feel jilted and are unhappy about the press they are receiving, could get their political friends on Midland council, to effect a ban on the distribution of any publication they may disapprove of, within the confines of the municipal building.

Yours very truly,
William J. (Bill) Ogilvie

C. of C. praises directory

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on an excellent 1985 Midland Directory!!!!

The Midland Chamber of Commerce recognizes the efforts of your staff in putting together this excellent guide of services and highlights in

Report ready next week

Dear Editor:

On Tuesday, March 26, 1985, the Commissioner of Official Languages, Mr. d'Iberville Fortier will be tabling his 1984 Annual Report.

As Mr. Fortier's comments and recommendations on the Official Languages Act and on the bilingual services offered to the Canadian public by its government are of interest to you and your subscribers, we will be sending you a summary of the report and a press release

Midland and area.

We are proud to be distributors of this booklet.

Yours sincerely,

-R. Kennedy
Chairman
Tourist Committee

highlighting regional facts and recommendations.

Should you wish to write an editorial on the subject or do an interview for an article, you may contact my office as of Wednesday, March 27; we will be more than happy to be of service to you.

For more information, please feel free to call us at (705) 675-0656 (collect calls are accepted).

Therese Boutin
Commissioner's Representative
Ontario Region

Chalk up another good weekend for flying

Last weekend was a great weekend for flying in and out of Huronia Airport, reports John O'Hara, airport manager.

404 centimetres of snow and we're still counting

A total of 404 centimetres of snow has fallen on the Gateway to the 30,000 Islands since Nov. 2.

That works out to 159.05 inches. By this time last winter we had seen almost the last of the white stuff.

During the winter of 1983-84, a total of 276 centimetres (108.66 inches) of snow had blanketed Midland-Penetanguishene.

As well as the usual traffic, a Medi-Vac plane from Pittsburg on a mission of mercy from Florida to Midland landed at the tri-municipal airport on Saturday and stayed over to the following day.

Meanwhile, two student pilots from Switzerland continue to take training from Four Seasons Flight Academy at the airport.

By this summer, 60 others from Switzerland will be here to take similar lessons "since it is cheaper to learn flying here than it is in Europe."

According to O'Hara, many airports overseas charge a tax for every landing "including touch-and-go."

Now hear this! MSS is represented at Ontario Junior Achievement Conference

The Ontario Regional Public Speaking Competition at this weekend's annual Peel District Junior Achievement Conference will feature its first ever competitor from Midland Penetanguishene.

Belynda Cleland, a Grade 12 student from MSS, will be among five Junior Achievement speakers from across Ontario who will address their colleagues at a mid-day banquet in Toronto's Ramada Inn, Saturday, March 23.

Cleland, an active member of the MSS Debating Club, will be speaking

on, "How can young Canadians foster the development of the entrepreneurial spirit in Canada?"

Local Junior Achievement Program Manager Roger Flint describes Cleland as a "polished speaker" and he is expecting her to do well in the competition.

The Regional winner will receive an engraved plaque and an all expense paid one week trip to London, Ontario for the National competition.

A \$500 scholarship awaits the National Junior Achievement public speaking champion.

May election in Ontario? Premier Miller would know

Here we go again! A story in The Toronto

Dollar watching makes you dizzy

With the Canadian dollar's daily fluctuations it's becoming next to impossible to predict the worth of the money in your pocket.

In June 1970 the Canadian government arranged for the value of the dollar to float, in order to establish a more realistic rate of exchange.

Early Friday morning, \$1.40 Canadian was required to buy just one American dollar.

In May of 1962 our one dollar bills were worth 92½ American pennies.

March 21

Midland-Penetang Field Naturalists Club special members night, 7:30 p.m. at the Wye Marsh.

Star, yesterday speculated, a May election in Ontario is now a certainty and that all that remains is for Ontario Premier Frank Miller to set the precise date.

Ever since "The Man from Muskoka" was

sworn in as premier of the province there's been wide-spread speculation he'd call a Spring election.

He did reveal one thing last week: he'll be calling the Legislature back to work on April 4, one day before Good Friday.



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Firefighters attend a night school too

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These monthly conferences of the Simcoe

County Mutual Aid Fire Association are held on a rotating basis by participating communities.

Tonight Midland's Deputy Fire Chief Clarence Moreau and several of his firefighters will be attending the 8 p.m. Association meeting at St. Andrew's Church Hall in Breckin. CNR Police representative

Gary Heatherington is the guest speaker.

The next SCMAFA meeting is scheduled for April 17 in Collingwood.

MARCH 26

The next meeting of the council of the County of Simcoe has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 26 at 10 o'clock in the morning at the Administration Centre, Midhurst, Ontario.

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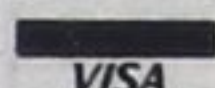
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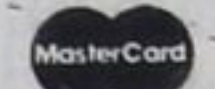
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