

# McLean's tenure in public life, a plus



by ALLAN MCLEAN

Allan McLean comes to provincial politics after long service at the municipal and county levels of government, having been first elected to public office in 1963, to Oro council. In subsequent years he was elected as deputy-reeve, then reeve of Oro Township. In 1980, he became warden of Simcoe County.

Possessing a keen interest in the land, McLean purchased his first farm in 1959 and currently has a 200 acre dairy farm very near his birthplace in Dalston, north of Barrie.

He is past director of the Simcoe County Holstein Association, past chairman of the Conservation Authority of Ontario for the Central Region, and past chairman of the Nottawasaga Conservation Authority.

McLean was elected to the Ontario Legislature for Simcoe East in 1981 and has been a member of many House standing committees, including those on administration of justice, procedural affairs and general government. Premier Davis appointed him chairman of the standing

committee on general government and to the post of deputy whip in 1983. Premier Frank Miller elevated McLean to the Executive Council or Cabinet of Ontario by naming him Minister Without Portfolio and Chief Government Whip in February, 1985.

As chief government whip, McLean is in charge of the government caucus office and government members' service bureau. His responsibilities include arranging the membership for all standing committees in the Legislative Assembly and monitoring the activity of those committees. He looks after attendance in the Legislature and keeps all members informed as to what votes are expected. McLean now sits as a member of the board on internal economy and the Legislative planning committee.

An active Shriner and avid sportsman, he enjoys boating, hockey and fishing.

McLean is married to the former Marjorie Blythe of Midland, and has four children, Gary, Nancy, Sandra and Patsy. They now make their home in Orillia.

Some of the things he has accomplished for Simcoe East:

Midland: CARP program (\$449,000 plus), Library (\$99,000 plus), Community Centre (\$191,000 plus), negotiations with new Mitsubishi plant to locate in Midland, Extra funding for Midland YMCA and downtown revitalization, new highway rescue truck, assisted Rotary with \$48,000 plus for harbour town dock.

Victoria Harbour: \$4.6 million provincial investment for new waterworks, refurbishing of Town Hall, support for local marinas, special funding to pave street.

Port McNicoll: Help with new fire hall, arranged grant for community centre and town hall, assisted with library renovations.

Orillia: assisted in obtaining \$100,000 plus from Canada, Works program for St. James Court Non-profit apartment corporation, \$1.5 million approved for waterfront

development, another 01.5 million to come.

Tay Township: \$121,000 plus for Sturgeon Bay bridge, \$25,000 for parkland acquisition. Mara Township: \$50,000 BILD program grant.

Many more grants, funding and financial support for all township, cities, villages, towns etcetera in Simcoe East.

Youth: Continually working for job development programs, funding and education training, retraining and counselling.

Separate Schools: Still in its infancy form, there will be public meetings and input from all interested, affected and related individuals, association and groups before a basic draft for legislation is even prepared, which, in itself, will take a considerable amount of time. The government will not move on the legislation until the recommendations from the implementation committee, which is currently studying the issue, have been received.

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### John "Alex" Craig

The death occurred in Huronia District Hospital on April 24, 1985, of Elizabeth Street, Midland resident John Alexander "Alex" Craig. The Glasgow, Scotland native was 85 years of age. His illness was lengthy.

Surviving him are his wife Iris May Craig, his sons Neil Alexander and Keith Watson, and his brothers and sisters Jean (Mrs. Harry Wales), Margaret, Jim and Watson. He had five grandchildren.

The son of Alexander Craig and Jean Aitchison attended an English secondary school as an architectural apprentice. He married Iris May Hawkes on Aug. 1, 1938, in Barnehurst, Kent.

John Craig was an administrator and accountant of St. Andrew's Hospital, and

bookkeeper for Midland Foundry Penetang Foundry, Georgian Bay Tourist Company, and Glen Morr Frocks.

The Knox Presbyterian Church, Midland, member was a past member of the Midland Lions Club. Mr. Craig served in the British Army Royal Engineers Signal Corps. Rev. Len Self of Toronto officiated at the funeral service held April 27 in Nicholls Funeral Home. Interment in Lakeview Cemetery, Midland.

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Parade to kick off 1985 Red Shield Campaign in area

Midland Salvation Army's annual May Red Shield Campaign officially kicks off this Saturday morning at 11 a.m. with a parade from the citadel to the parkette next to the library.

Blitz night is Monday, May 6. This month's goal is \$25,000, reports Lt. Ray Braddock, commanding officer.

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