

Port McNicoll

by CLARA POWER
On behalf of your Portarama Committee we wish to thank all of the many people who were either involved in, or came out to support, the Portarama festivities.

I don't have all the names of the winners in all events as yet. Tracy Cadieux was one of the Anglers and Hunters winners. She won a Hostess float to enjoy in the water this summer.

On a personal note, I want to thank the balloon-blowers and tiers, the clowns, and the school for the space. Howzatt for team work?

And to all those who took part in the Talent Showcase: Marilyn Jowatt, Carol Newlands, Barbara Hawke, Toni Jackson, Sherry Juneau, John Power, Monica Tietz, and Sean Pietz; The break dancers Mathew Spak, Doug Gibson, Jason Henderson, David

Baker, "Aldebaran" with Kevin Belcher, Pat Adamson, Bill Graham and Mark Westbury; Mr. and Mrs. Kasper and their karate pupils.

A special thanks for being so patient, standing in the drizzle while awaiting the decision of "weather", or not, to cancel the show because of rain. You all displayed real professionalism.

Thanks again - hope we see you again next year.

Library News

The Library board met on May 29, in the meeting room.

Eleanor Lattimore was welcomed as the newest member of the Library board.

Last month our circulation of books totalled 1,030.

On May 16 Clerk-Treasurer Ted Walker brought some members of the Vespra Library Board into our library. These people were Shawn Fox (librarian),

George Bui (chairman, library board), Wilma Giffen (sect., library board and treas. Vespra Township), Linda Parker and Marie Frankcum (library board members). They are planning a new, larger, library, and included us in their tour of different libraries in the area. Ted and I

showed them around and answered their questions. They were impressed with our facilities. Each of the visitors received one of our Port McNicoll Library buttons. You know, the ones that say "We feed book-worms hers."

Special mention must be made of Vern and

Vicky Stuckey for their work on the Library float that won honourable mention in Portarama.

I mentioned in a previous column about Lana Garrett, our librarian, selecting 19 new juvenile books. This time she has selected seven non-

fiction adult books entitled North American Marsh Birds by Gary Low and William Mansell, Alaska and the Yukon by Collins, Diana Princess of Wales, The Book of Fashion by Jane Owen, Side Launch by Robert Woodcock, Destination: Sainte-Marie by Stephen

Somerville, Iacocca, an Autobiography by Lee Iacocca, In God's Name by David A. Yallop, and two adult fiction The Talisman by Stephen King and Peter Straub, and The Seduction of Peter S. by Lawrence Sanders.

Come on in and browse!

Victoria Harbour

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Oops...I inadvertently said the Chamber of Commerce's next meeting would be held in September. It will be held June 13, at 7:30 p.m., in the municipal office.

Ray Brien, vice-principal of Victoria Harbour Public School, will become principal as of Sept. 1. We wish you every success, Ray.

Clara Pelletier and Donna Lavereau of the Victoria Harbour Post Office are two very friendly ladies. During their annual Employees Week programme they have been selling pins with the Post Office insignia, the dove of peace, and are donating half of the profit to the Block Parent program.

The Girl Guides have had a tour of the Post Office, and each Guide received a sweatband with the Post Office logo. (Clara, my daughter, pinched mine.)

These ladies are also holding a letter writing contest and will give me the results later.

Library News

The Victoria Harbour Library, and the Waubaushene branch, will be holding their summer reading days program starting when school closes in June.

Participants will receive discount tickets (\$4 off) to Canada's Wonderland. Tickets are to be used between Aug. 20 and 25.

Rosemary Hawke tells me that the Library will be putting on the Trent Travelling Puppet Show again this summer.

Huron Office Supplies has donated a prize for St. John's Church bazaar and craft show to be held in Waubaushene on June 29. Sheila Hamilton,

librarian, tells me that Hostess Chips have donated a Munchie doll. And watch out for the Care Bear.

The Lions Club will be having its installation of officers on June 26 at the Harbour Diner.

They are busy setting up their summer golf schedule. The Lions play six nine hole courses in the surrounding area.

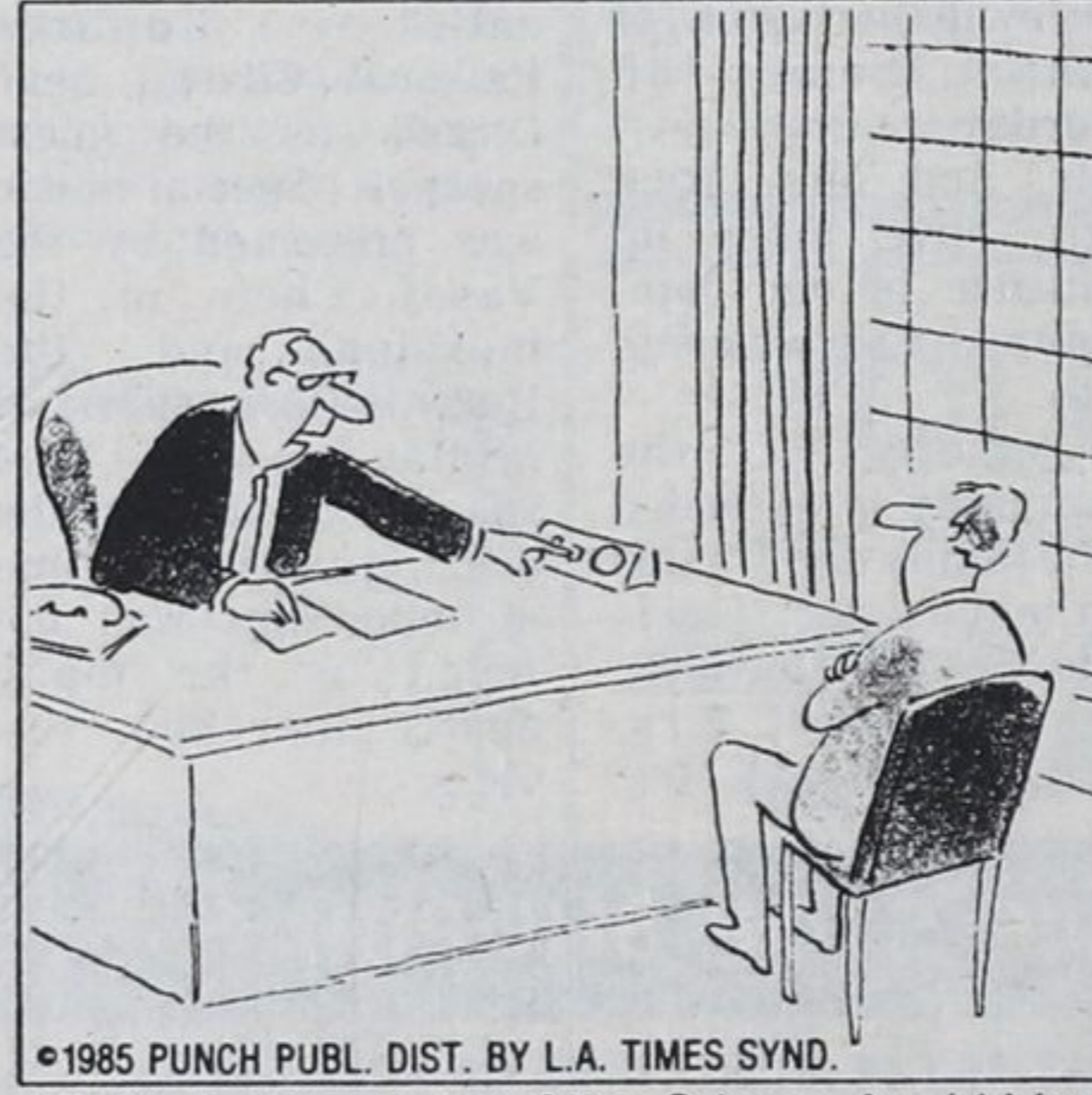
The fellows are also planning their annual Summer Fest for August.



Briar's on the job

Briar de Lange, sporting the uniform of the Midland Chamber of Commerce's Tourist Information Officers, is busy stocking shelves with a wide variety of information brochures to be handed out to our visitors this summer. Briar, who is a 20-year-old Bachelor of Arts student at the University of Toronto, has been on the job since early May for the Chamber, setting up her summer schedule for her team of "goodwill ambassadors" who will be greeting visitors to Midland at the Tourist Information Centres at Midland Harbour and Martyrs' Shrine. On Briar's team are Tami Hicks, Lee Anne Jones, Denise Kellow, Cheryl Marchand and Sandra Niblock.

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"Refresh my memory, Miss Grimes. Am I hiring Mr. A.P. Larkin or firing him?"

Paperbacks

THE GREEN VELVET ELEPHANT: An engaging new fictional work by Anne Fergusson begins with four children gathered together after the death of their mother. To each, she has written a lengthy letter about her life. To Janet, "Mother" describes her youthful days in Paris in the 1930s where she lived in rented rooms and wandered through the city. All the while she finds that her preconceptions were wrong, her own mother's advice was misguided and her polite Canadian manners are a bit stifling. She is proud of Canada though and fairly soon races back to Quebec where the events of the next three letters take place. In 1970 she finds that Quebec has "no future for me or my descendants...Never would they (the French-Quebecers) blame their plight on their own priests, politicians and businessmen. They had always blamed it on me, and they were going to keep right on." This is a tiny, self-published effort, written with honesty and charm (Anne Fergusson, \$6.95).

MASQUERADE: "A love affair is a masquerade in which each partner tailors his role to the other person's needs and desires." So says author Lisa Kroniuk who tailors her second book to this theme. In 15 short stories she explores the fantasy aspect of relationships by introducing a "house" overseen by a Madame La Farge, who turns fantasy into reality (a kind of red light Fantasy Island). Nothing explicit here, only "normal" fantasies are allowed in. Some of these stories are a bit morbid, whereas some, such as the ones featuring shy Marcus, ring true and are funny as well (McClelland & Stewart, \$9.95).

-Patricia Job

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