

Top candidates debate

It was called "Question Period" but there were times last night when the two candidates for reeve of Midland couldn't come close to agreeing on any subject.

The tone vastly improved later when the

two candidates for mayor in the upcoming Nov. 12 municipal elections got before the cameras and microphones.

"Question Period," was aired both on Channel 6 and CKMP last night to give voters

in the municipality a first-hand look at those running for the two top spots on Midland council.

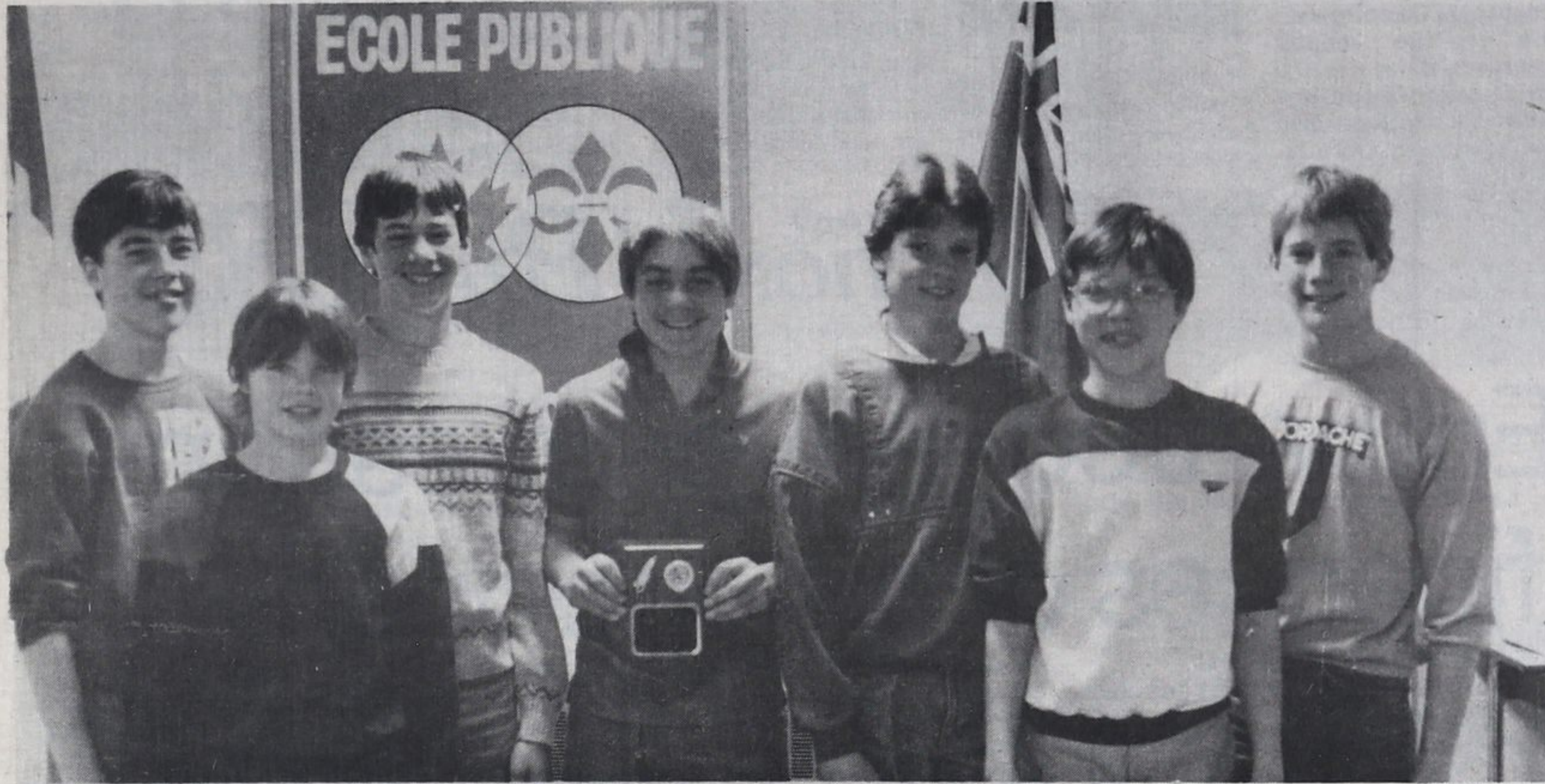
The simulcast was broken into two segments. Each began with opening comments from the candidates.

The media then fired questions to which each candidate was given an opportunity to reply. Closing statements from each concluded both segments: the one set aside for interviewing candidates for reeve and the other

one devoted to the men seeking the mayor's chair.

In his opening comments Reeve Bev Day was quick to point out "that I have been

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Penetanguishene's champs

St. Joseph's Senior Boys Cross Country team have a reason to smile. The group are showing off their plaque won at last

month's Area 3 meet held in Little Lake Park. The senior team (from left to right) of James Ferguson, Kevin Dorio, J.J.

Pauze, Ken Leroux, Derek Lotton, Chris Reid, and Joel Magnan place first out of 18 local school teams in the competition.

Hospital funding to be increased

Minister of Health Murray Elston has announced, all hospitals in Ontario will receive an increase of four percent in their basic allocation for 1986-87.

In addition, the budget increase provided to the ministry will permit a further 4.3 percent increase for growth and enhancements in hospital programs. Overall, the increase in provincial spending on hospitals amounts to 8.3 percent over the 1985-86 budget.

"These increases will bring total hospital spending by the Ministry to over \$4.6 billion. In making the announcement, the government is emphasizing its commitment not only to maintain the basic components of our

8.3 percent for 1986-87

health care system, but also to recognize the workload pressures in hospitals and provide funds for growth and enhancements in the system," the minister is quoted as saying.

The additional 4.3 percent will provide for: the completion of funds for ministry-approved programs started in 1985-86; bringing into full operation the three new hospitals which opened in 1985-86; growth in life-support programs in designated major and teaching hospitals (these include renal dialysis, cardiovascular surgery, chemotherapy, total parenteral nutrition and perinatal health);

workload increases due to hospitals treating more patients; an extra one percent for hospitals with fewer than 50 beds.

"The ministry has been authorized to approve funding for new programs to be started in the next fiscal year. The annual cost of these programs will total \$54 million," Elston said.

"The government is increasing its spending on this essential component of the health care system at a rate which is much greater than the rate of inflation. This commitment is being made at a time when the federal government is threatening, starting in

1986-87, to reduce the funds for health care transferred to the province. Our government will maintain its commitment to ensuring that the health care system in this province is adequately funded."

"In order to facilitate budget planning in the public sector, the increase in the basic allocation for 1986-87 has been announced much earlier than in previous years and, in addition, the 1987-88 increase in basic allocation of four percent is also being announced at this time. Inflation has stabilized at around this level and this should be reflected in public sector salaries and other costs of operation.

"I am certain that the announcement of the increase in basic allocation for both next year and the year after will permit the hospitals to plan their budgets with greater certainty and allow hospitals to plan effectively for the provision of adequate and effective services."

Credit problems continue to plague Ontario farmers

One of the scarcest commodities in rural Ontario today is time and it's already run out for too many of the province's farmers, says Harry Pelissero, president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

Pelissero was among 75 farm leaders from across the country who were in Ottawa this week to urge the federal government to take action to ease the farm crisis in Canada.

"We are looking for a commitment from the government to deal with the major issues facing agriculture today. So far, we have not been satisfied with their efforts, especially in the area of farm credit."

The government should introduce legislation to allow the courts to step in and make arrangements between a farmer facing foreclosure and the lending institution, suggested Pelissero.

He also called upon the government to lower farm credit rates and return the Farm Credit Corporation to its role of the major long-term credit source for farmers.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA), organizer of the lobbying effort, warned Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and his government that Canada's \$40 billion food industry is in serious

trouble. Farmers are suffering from high interest rates and low prices, said CFA president Don Knoerr. The escalating trade war between the United States and the European Community is robbing Canadian farmers of traditional markets, he added.

Farmers also want assurances that vital agricultural programs, such as supply management marketing

boards, the Canadian Wheat Board, and seasonal horticultural tariffs won't be bargained away when Canada sits down to negotiate a free trade deal with the U.S.

Emergency relief policies to cope with farm disasters, such as the drought that struck prairie grain and livestock producers this summer, are urgently required, the CFA told the government.

21 routine calls

Penetanguishene police made 21 routine calls over the weekend.

According to Police Chief Robert Cummings, the force had a quiet weekend investigating only minor incidences of liquor violations, a bicycle theft, and a few minor disturbances.

Recycling depot gets red carpet treatment

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After a month of operation, North Simcoe Waste Management Association's (NSWMA) Recycling Depot in the east end of Penetanguishene was officially opened during a short ceremony, Friday morning.

A number of local politicians were on hand for the ribbon cutting by Ministry of the Environment Central Region Director George Mierzynski and the NSWMA's Recycling Chairman Claude Buck.

In Mierzynski's opening remarks, he said the association should be proud of the depot which demonstrates the group's positive attitude in dealing with waste management.

The director added the association's partnership with the ministry in creating the depot creates a solution to the very serious problem of waste management rather than making the government a part of the problem.

Buck also voiced the sentiments of Mierzynski, saying the keen interest and co-operation of everyone involved is what the waste recycling project is all about.

Buck added, with the help of every municipality in the association, and the people themselves, the organization will be able to get the recycling project off the ground.

Lionel Dion, chairman of the NSWMA, was also on hand for the ribbon cutting.

Dion said, the provincially funded depot located in the Peinco Industrial Mall will help the association decrease the quantity of garbage going into landfill sites or into incineration.

Talking before the ceremony, Dion said that already between eight and nine tonnes of garbage have been collected and stored by the depot operator Ken McLellan.

According to the NSWMA chairman, the association has already received \$46,000 from the Ontario government which is their expected spending from now until the end of the year. If there is a deficit the provincial government will pick up the bill.

"This will never be a paying proposition," says Dion. "Any revenue from the sale of the paper, bottles, and cans will go towards paying McLellan (the contractor responsible for picking up the garbage)."

Presently, five people are employed at the depot located in the Peinco Industrial Mall.



Bishop Wall leads St. Ann's celebration

Penetanguishene's own Most Reverend Leonard J. Wall Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto came home Sunday to celebrate a special mass commemorating the 150th birthday of St. Ann's Church. The church was filled to capacity, with well over 500 people coming together to take part in the two hour service on Sunday afternoon. Bishop

Wall concelebrated the mass in French, English and Latin along with 16 other priest who have served in the parish over the years. A reception was held in the basement of the church following the service to give parishioners an opportunity to chat with the bishop and other visiting priests.