



## Don McNee seeking third term on council

Don McNee, a resident of Church Street in Penetanguishene is seeking re-election as a councillor for a third term.

He is Public Safety Committee Chairman, Arena Chairman, Member of Finance of Committee and the Industrial Commission. He is the council representative on the Penetanguishene-Midland joint Economic Development Committee.

He is manager of the local Canada Employment Centre. Don McNee says he feels a major issue



facing Penetanguishene and in fact, the area, is unemployment and in

particular lack of employment opportunities for our youth.

He says, there has been some industrial growth in town such as the new Techform plant, increased production at Grew Boats, and an addition to the Advanced Extrusions plant.

All of this growth resulted in new jobs. A new Industrial brochure has been developed by the Municipality and serviced Industrial land

is available for new industry or expansion of local industry.

McNee feels members of Penetanguishene Council have been able to work in harmony to get things done. He feels council, town administration and town employees have all participated in making Penetanguishene the progressive town that it is.

Recent town accomplishments and improvements include:

the North end sewer project, completion of Phase Two of the Town subdivision, Park Street subdivision, Arena renovations, Lincoln Court apartments, Tannery Cove project, and the possibility of a major expansion of the Bay Moorings complex.

Many of these accomplishments, particularly those in the private sector indicate confidence in the future of the Municipality.

## MUNICIPAL ELECTION UPDATE '85

# Embattled mayor questions finances of his opponent

by MURRAY MOORE

Al Roach yesterday in a short and blunt speech described to St. Theresa's High School students his side of the past stormy three years of Midland council. He also contrasted the campaign of his opponent to his own campaign.

"I have had nothing but problems since Day 1, 1982," the mayor said. "My one great accomplishment has been to survive."

Part of a divided council agreed that the wrong man was elected mayor, he said. "They tried to make it hot for me, thinking that maybe I would resign. I don't resign if I believe in something."

Roach's three years included one heart attack. He is at the centre of an incident which occurred during a closed meeting of the council. Alderman Patrick Kearns has

charged Roach with assault. The case is scheduled to be heard in Midland provincial court six days after the election.

Roach told the students that his opponent, lawyer Ted Symons, has his picture "on every page" of the local newspapers. He wondered about the source of his money. Roach said he has no money, but he has volunteers. He also said he writes all of his material. "I don't have a ghost writer."

Roach suggested that the "old clique that ran the town for years" before his election "is trying to take control again."

The students were asked to judge each candidate for the town's six aldermanic seats on the basis of independence.

His words were "harsh," Roach said, but someone is orchestrating his opponent's election campaign, and writing his ads.

Roach said he spent \$900 in 1982, and, because of inflation, expects to spend in the area of \$1,100 this year. The students were told that he does not owe any favours.

The students heard that 33 cents of each tax dollar is spent on the municipal debt, or \$900,000 of \$3.2 million. The cost over the coming years to retire the debt will be \$14 million.

A pressing need in the town is extension of storm sewers to the 33 locations which do not have that service, although residents in those locations pay the same taxes as the rest of the town's residents, he said.

Roach illustrated the situation on the council by noting that one of the town's alderman has yet to visit the mayor's office to discuss a problem. Roach was describing the need for aldermen to be available.

## 'Reconciliation is the issue'

### Deputy-reeve candidate Argue

For Art Argue, one of the two candidates for deputy-reeve of Midland, reconciliation of the council is the key issue of the municipal election. "If we have a divided council again, we are back to square 1 again, aren't we?"

Argue, age 62, was reeve of Midland in 1962, when municipal elections were held annually. Two years should be the maximum length of a council's term, he thinks.

If the next council is to operate efficiently, "a lot of ego and partisan bias will have to be put behind." If the council acts as a whole, not as groups, "all else will fall into place. Nothing will be insurmountable."

Argue claims, "I have no ego that must be stroked. I will work for the people, as people before me have done."

The choice of mayor is "immaterial." Argue's philosophy is, "I will vote for (a proposal) if it is good for the community. I will oppose it if it isn't."

The Fourth Street resident describes himself as semi-retired.

Nov. 7 Organizers of Penetanguishene's 39th Annual Winterama will hold their first meeting on Nov. 7, at 7:30 p.m.

The location of the meeting is not yet known, but for more information contact the Penetang-Tiny Chamber of Commerce Secretary Joyce Sauve, at 549-2232.

The Winterama '86 committee is looking for new people to assist in planning the festivities on Feb. 14, 15, and 16.

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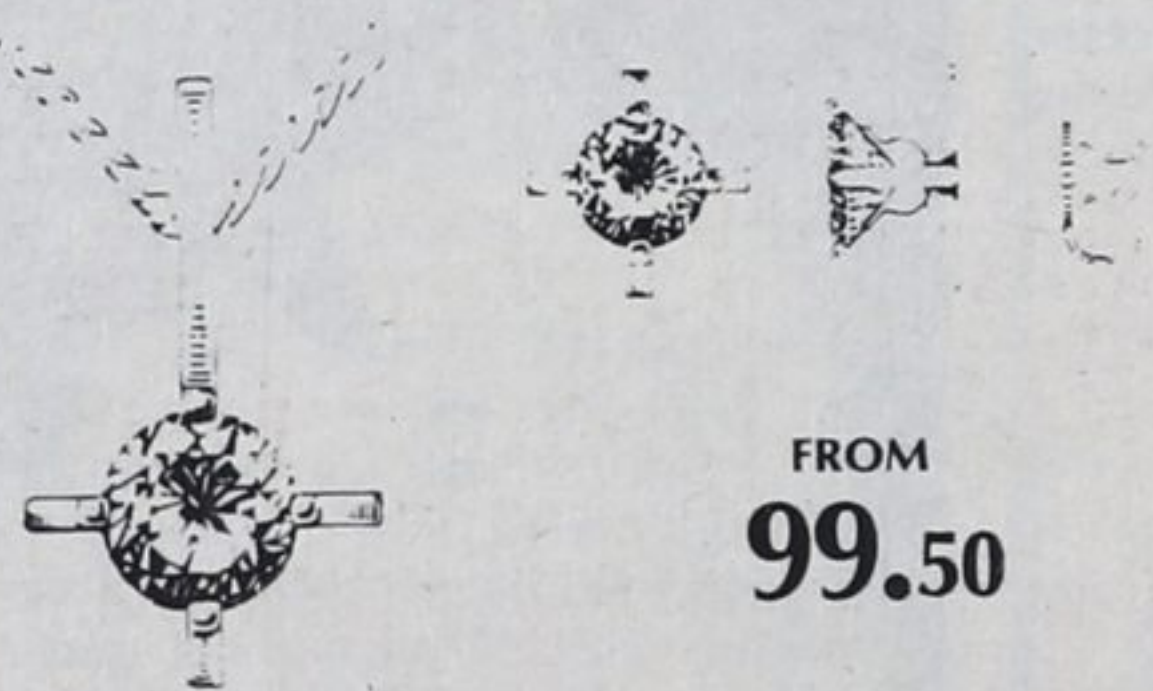
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Annual meeting for all concerned snowmobilers to determine the feasibility of continuing to groom trails in the area, depending on your support. Maple Valley Club, Lafontaine, 1 p.m. Please attend if

you wish to see groomed trails.

Nov. 9

The annual dinner dance of the Huronia District Hospital auxiliary has been moved to the ballroom of the Highland Inn. Tickets, \$40 a couple, at

the hospital gift shop until Nov. 5. Music by the Fig Leaf Jazz Band.

Nov. 9

Midland District Singles Club regular

dance in the Wyebridge Community Hall.



## On Nov. 12 RE-ELECT BEV DAY REEVE of Midland

- 2 years Alderman, Ward 1
- 2 years Deputy-Reeve
- 3 years Reeve

### My goals are:

- To attract new industry
- To cut unnecessary government spending
- To keep taxes at an affordable level
- To provide good, honest representation

**DAY, BEV**

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