



Cold cash

Kim Marchildon is bundled in an old fur jacket on Saturday at the Midland YMCA. She was taking the cash at a garage sale, held in the parking lot of the YMCA, to raise

cash for the aquatic stall to cover operating costs. They are also holding a 50-50 draw.

Forklift rodeo set for arena

This Saturday, 36 forklift operators from Midland, Orillia, Barrie and the surrounding areas will show off their skill and expertise in their profession as part of the third annual Forklift Rodeo being held at the Midland Centennial Arena.

According to local organizer Ron Sauve, Saturday's event being sponsored by the Industrial Accident Prevention Association is set up like an obstacle course of routine problems a driver could encounter during a working day.

Each of the drivers will go through the course and be given demerit points for every obstacle hit during the timed run.

Industrial Prevention Association (IAPA) organizer, Marjorie Neilen says the event gives qualified forklift truck drivers the opportunity to develop and demonstrate preventative driving skills in a simulation of the safest possible working conditions.

Two winners, one from the Barrie area and the

other from the Midland and Orillia areas, will be chosen during the Rodeo to represent the two sections at the Ontario Championship that will take place in Niagara Falls in June.

Judges in the competition will be local volunteers of the association.

The competition between

the drivers representing the various firms in the area will begin at 9 a.m.

According to Sauve, already the local section of the IAPA is gearing up for the Provincial Championships in 1988 that are slated to be held in Midland.

The competition is open to the public to attend.

Wasaga gearing up for summer

The Wasaga Beach OPP will be increasing from 10 staff members to 29 by mid-June.

Wasaga Beach Police sergeant Charlie Turner says one corporal and three officers will join the force May 13 and an additional 15 will be transferred to the Wasaga division by June 10.

Two police cars, two Honda 250 cc all terrain cycles, and a 23 foot inboard-outboard Grew boat will be added to the list of equipment.

Turner says crowds in the Wasaga Beach area grow to about 100,000 in the summer months.

Many of the calls to the

police department are for minor disturbances from parties. Turner says other most common charges are liquor violations and assaults.

Turner doesn't know what kind of a summer his force will have.

"The complexion of Wasaga Beach has changed for this year, the beachfront is being changed and high water levels are expected," says Turner. "I really don't know what to expect."

Things may be changing in Wasaga Beach, but it will probably remain one of the more popular summer vacation resorts in Ontario.

Marigolds blooming

Spring in full swing at Wye Marsh

The Wye Marsh is alive with the sights and sounds of spring, giving birdwatchers, photographers, artists and nature lovers new opportunities for delight and discovery.

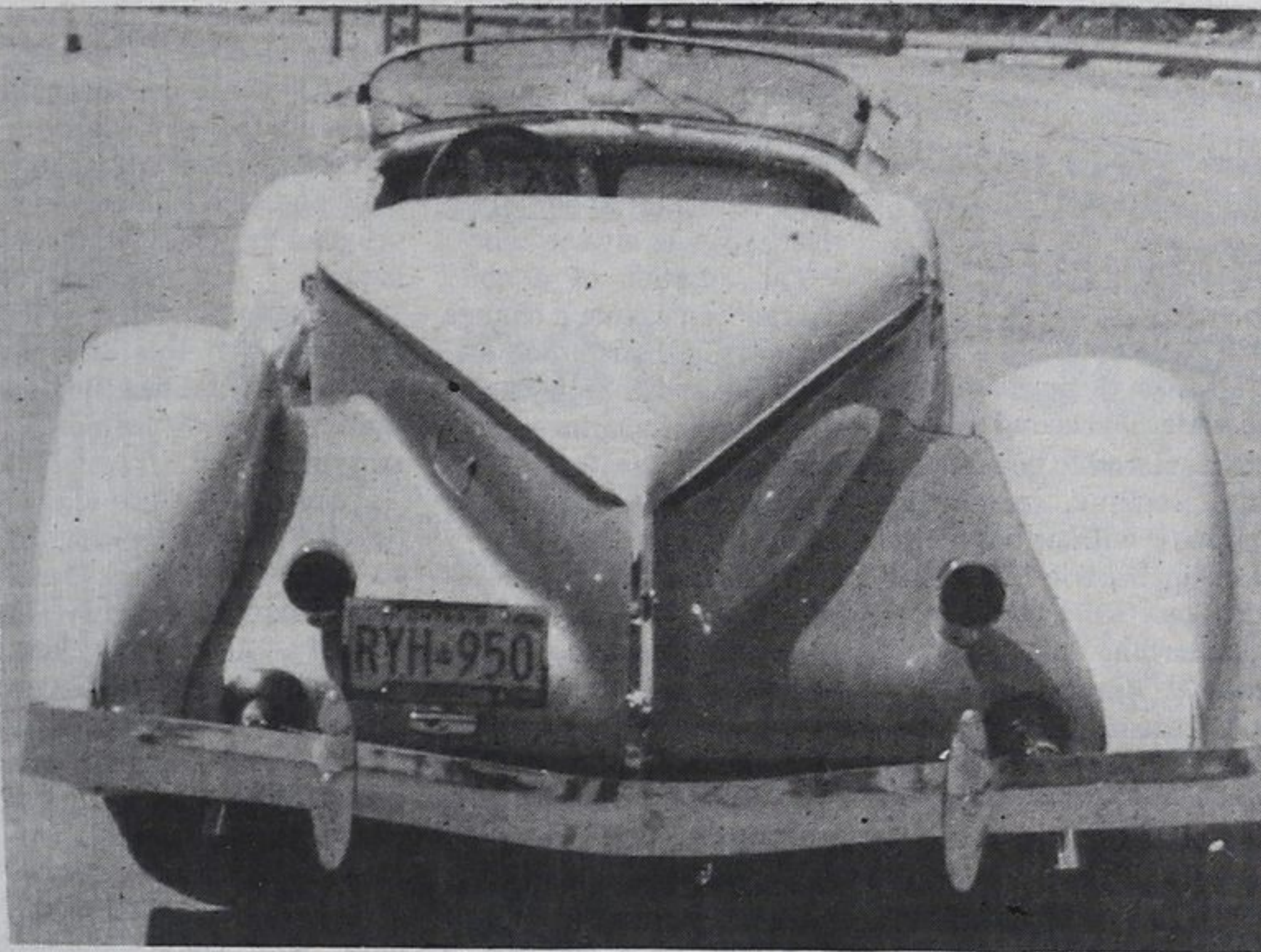
Each day, new arrivals can be seen and heard along the Marsh Boardwalk and nature trails at the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre. The familiar song of the white-throated sparrow, recognized by many as the star of the spring bird symphony, was heard for the first time last week. Bitterns and rails are calling in the marsh along the Boardwalk, and Caspian terns have arrived and are feeding in the marsh. Red-winged blackbirds are in the midst of their lively courtship displays and battles.

Many of the migratory waterfowl have now moved north, but locally-nesting species such as blue-winged teal, wood ducks, mallards, black ducks and Canada

Geese are here now and busy making their spring homes. Wye Marsh naturalists expect that the warblers will be passing through any day now - if you come out to the Marsh, you might be the first to spot one.

Marsh marigolds are in glorious golden bloom along the Boardwalk and the Identification Trail, and the fiddleheads are almost finished unfurling. The forest floor is covered with delicate blossoms to delight the eye: red and white trilliums, spring beauties, blue cohosh, trout lilies and downy yellow violets can all be seen along the Identification Trail.

Don't miss these fast-fleeting wonders of spring. The Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre is open seven days a week, with guided nature walks scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, call 526-7809.



Classic lines

Cliff Watson of Wyevale, restored this with a spotless Corvette engine, is worth in the vicinity of \$40,000, although Watson wouldn't part with it for almost any amount.

Scottish past in Penetanguishene

by Don Parker

The songs of Scotland's poets, it's unique music and the sight of it's colourful costumes are known around the world.

From this country of poets and preachers, warriors and wanderers, dreamers and daredevils, inventors and explorers, comes such extraordinary and different items as purple heather, blue bells, scotch whiskey, bagpipes and the kilt.

From this country too, came the 79th Cameron Highland Regiment. Many years ago a detachment of this proud, old regiment served right here at our own Fort Penetanguishene. In early 1829 a small body of the 79th, under Lieutenant David Matheson, came here as the sole line of defense and protection for the settlers. They remained here until late in 1831.

This fine, old regiment enjoys a stirring history that goes back to the first half

of the sixteenth century, and includes the Jacobite Rising of 1745; the landing at Glenfinnan of Bonnie Prince Charlie, and the Battle of Culloden.

Now, the ghost of the 79th has come to our area, a ghost you will see in the tartan that was worn by these brave warriors of yesteryear. The Penetang Legion Pipes and Drums has recently adopted this same tartan, the Cameron of Erracht, as part of its uniform. This tartan, with such direct ties to our past, binds us closer to our history, and declares a deep pride of association with those who have gone before. It is a definite link to our dim and distant past.

Thus will you catch a glimpse of history marching through the streets of Penetang. If you listen real hard you just MIGHT hear, faint and far off, fading echo from the ages. Perhaps the ghosts will be pleased.

Flowers-in-a-gift for Mom.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11.

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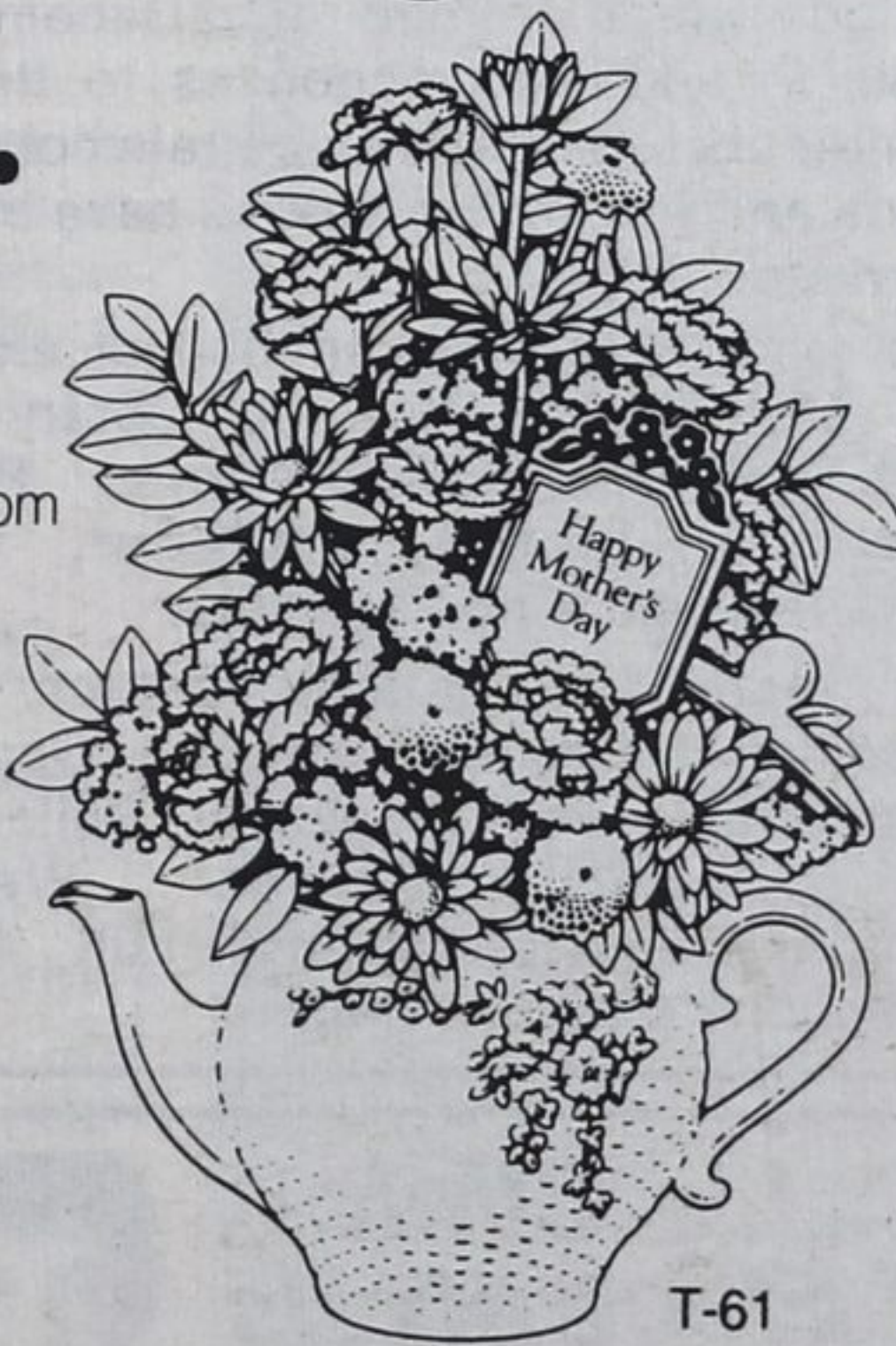
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Spring is the time to clean furnace

You're probably so happy to be rid of the cold weather you'll just turn off your furnace and forget all about it. Problem is, you'll probably turn it on again in the fall without having it serviced.

Homeowners who fail to have their warm air or hot water heating furnaces regularly inspected and cleaned risk carbon monoxide poisoning.

Recently, in Toronto, a coroner's jury found a woman had died in her home from carbon monoxide poisoning attributed to

clogged flue passages in the furnace which prevented combustion fumes from being expelled up the chimney. Recirculation of these fumes through the burners produced carbon monoxide.

Carbon monoxide can go undetected because it is colourless, odourless gas. It causes headaches, dizziness, drowsiness, nausea and, in large doses, death. So before you turn on the air conditioner and forget all about your furnace, have it cleaned.

YMCA finances not budget priority

The Midland YMCA could have really used a grant from the Town in 1986, YMCA chief executive officer Austin Matthews says. The lack of a grant for the YMCA was "extremely disappointing."

Last year the YMCA received \$25,000, or half of the amount which it requested.

Last November a majority of the candidates elected to town council were new politicians who, to date, in concert with returned members, have followed Reeve Bev Day's very strong belief that town taxes are too high.

As far as the YMCA is concerned, the Y offers a valuable service to Midland and area. More than 2,000 people are YMCA members. Three hundred and ten, or about 15 per cent, do not pay membership dues. The Y policy has been not to refuse anyone membership. The result has been subsidization of some members. But, Matthews said, the Y cannot continue to give away something for which it receives no income.

The Midland YMCA operating deficit is \$26,000. The accumulated operating deficit is \$100,000.

As of last Friday, Elmvalle has been the only area municipality to give the YM-

CA a 1986 grant: \$1,500.

The Y's 1986 budget is a break even budget, Matthews says, at \$680,000. Salaries of staff have not been increased, but certain costs which the Y must pay are rising. By way of example, Matthews said that the Y's liability insurance has risen 850 per cent in one year, from \$1,500 to \$13,000.

Day, who as Town finance committee chairman was in charge of the Town's 1986 budget, says that the YMCA has a bingo as a new source of revenue, and that the profit from the games should help the YMCA financially.

The Town council passed the 1986 budget at its most recent meeting. Included in it is money marked for payment to consultants who will examine the Town's number, and use of its, employees, and make recommendations.

Reeve Day hinted that some council members think that some employees can be dismissed. "Quite a few members on council" think that further savings are possible, the reeve said during discussion of the budget. "We have to cut somewhere." The Town has too many employees," he said. "We have to trim a lot of the fat...because we have to."