



Arbour Day planting

Last Friday was Arbour Day. Monsignor Castex Public School students planted a flowering crab in front of their school. Among them were Grade 3 students Shawn Marchildon and Charlie Lesperance. The school students also picked up garbage in the area, as their contribution to Pitch-In Day.

Penetang water draws customers

On hot days, a familiar sight in Penetang is car loads of people lining up to fill their water bottles with fresh clean water from the town's artisan well.

Located at the corners of Robert Street and Champlain Road, the well in operation since 1922 provides cottagers and local towns folk with the purest water in Canada.

Penetang Water and Light Commissioner, Ernest Lalonde says the water is so pure because of large sand deposits the water flows through on its way into Penetang Bay. As a result the water is tested each Monday for chloroform and bacteria always comes back negative. The commissioner says the well is a cheap source of clean water because it does not cost the town money to pump it to the surface.

Natural pressure forces the water to rise 200 feet from bedrock to ground level. The pressure is caused by the water's movement from higher to lower ground as it travels from the surrounding hills to the bay. Lalonde says the pressure is strong enough to push the water 15 feet into the air if the well were left uncapped.

Lalonde says many cottagers prefer the water out of the Penetang well over their own shallow wells because they know they are getting the best in water quality.

Four years ago the town undertook an extensive renovation of the well.

The old gravel parking lot which was often full of muddy pot holes was paved and a new reservoir and filling station was installed.

Lalonde says this was done to spruce-up the area and make it more attractive to

Modellers meet

Radio Controlled Model Aircraft, cars and boats will be holding their regular meeting in the Centennial Arena Boardroom in Midland tonight at 7:30 p.m. Aircraft and cars will be on display.

Peruvian potato farm Clarke's next stop

Russell Clarke is going to Peru this fall, to live on a farm on the western slope of the Andes Mountains. The Carleton University political science and law student, age 19, expects to live and work from September to December with a farm family living east of Lima. The family probably grows potatoes, he believes.

This trip is through the auspices of Canada World Youth, a non-profit

organization sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency.

Clarke has been abroad before on an exchange program. Through a Rotary International program, he went to Thailand.

The Canada World Youth program is a Canadian non-profit organization which proposes youth exchanges between Canada and Third World countries. It has been in existence for 15 years. More than 6,000 young peo-

ple from Canada and 36 exchange countries have been participants.

The Midland Secondary School graduate is studying Spanish. He will have ample opportunity to practice before he goes to Peru. June through September in Ontario he will be working on a farm with Peruvians here on the Canadian end of the exchange.

Clarke's understanding is that the farm he is going to in Peru is a couple of hours walk from the fields. Since the area to which he is going is on the side of the Andes, the elevation will be higher than that to which he is used to.

World Youth is a programme structured to enhance an individual's understanding of the world

and self. It is available to young people age 17 to 20. Applications are accepted during the months of November, December and January of each year with a deadline date in mid-January. Further information can be obtained by con-

tacting the Ontario Regional Office, 627 Davenport Road, Toronto, Ont. M5R 1L2.

Clarke, who has been to Baffin Island also, will speak to 200 Midland Secondary students on May 22.

Police Week details

For the remainder of this week, Police Week in Ontario, the local Ontario Provincial Police detachment will be running a children's safety village, in Mountainview Mall.

The safety village was set up last Saturday as part of a child safety day program. Children learn to drive carefully by riding tricycles

through a village of miniature buildings and streets.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police will be represented for two days in the mall later this week.

The OPP will have slide shows dealing with impaired driving, burglary, and home security.



Off to Peru

Russell Clarke, a Carleton University student, is off to Peru this fall, through a Canada World Youth exchange program. The Peru trip will be his second exchange trip. Clarke has been to Thailand on a Rotary International-sponsored exchange.



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