



Hawaiians for a night

The Midland Lioness Club hosted a Hawaiian Night in the Midland Shriners Temple last

Thursday. Earlier in the day the group donated a freezer to Rosewood. From left are Hawaiians

for the evening Donna Matz, Vi Kennedy, Dorothy Lamers, and Evelyn Walker.

Midland's mayor smiling

After six months of his second, successive term as mayor of Midland, Al Roach is smiling. He gives the current council a 9½ rating on a scale of 10. The previous council gets a ½ rating.

Six of the nine members of the council are both new to this council and new to municipal politics. The six, all aldermen, "couldn't be better," the mayor says. The council represents as a group every group in the town: white collar, blue collar, professionals.

One member of council says that the majority have formed a clique. Mayor Roach and Reeve Bev Day were in a minority of two in the last council. Last week Roach said that since the present council was elected, on one issue, on which three votes have been held, the same council members have voted the same way each time. "I don't call that a clique."

On the matter of the dismissal of former commissioner of works Percy Ehler, the mayor, the reeve, and aldermen Gail Barrie, Robert

Brush, Carolyn White, and Fred Pilon, have voted in favour. Deputy-reeve Nancy Keefe, and alderman Buzz Brown and Gale Niblock have voted against the Ehler related motions.

The deputy-reeve resigned the chairmanship of the public works committee because she felt other members of council kept her in the dark about their intention for the ex-commissioner. Ald. Brown is the councillor who uses the word clique to describe the six who carried the vote in the Ehler case.

Roach says that if his term of office as mayor were to end now, he would like to be remembered as a mayor whose office was open to all in the town, whatever their reason for an appointment.

To illustrate the difference in the two councils, Roach said that every member of the present council has talked with him in his office. Some members of the previous council never entered the mayor's office, he said.

Issues of the mayor's first

term, including his open door policy, and the argument over who should or should not open mail addressed to the mayor, have vanished since last November's election.

The present council talks about not spending money on other than necessary municipal services, although its 1986 budget was up 4.9 per cent. The council is prey to fixed costs and increases which it cannot affect, is the mayor's explanation. "At every level of government, the free lunch is over." The Town can't give grants to every organization which asks. The taxpayer has reached the limit of ability to pay, he said.

The studies commissioned by the council of the way the municipal government is run, and the recommendations that are expected to result that should save the municipality money, will be a guide for future councils, in the mayor's opinion.

Although Roach had a heart condition during his first term, and he struck an alderman during a closed

meeting, knocking him from his chair, he never considered quitting. Although the next municipal election is 2½ years in the future, he says that, with the co-operation of the present council, he will seek reelection as mayor for a third term.

This council has stuck to the debate of issues, without personal views and conflicts entering into politics, he says. Relations with neighbour Tiny Township until recently were strained. This council has given its approval to two readings of a bylaw that will cancel the Town's long standing attempt to add to itself the township's commercial strip. The mayor described as excellent the prevailing relationships between the two municipalities.

This council was elected on a platform of attention to basic services. The big project of the coming years will

be the installation of storm sewers, and improving of roads in the town's west end, at a cost of \$2.4 million. Midland will pay half. The work would be a major project in any municipality, the mayor said.

This year storm sewers will be installed and road improvements made to the surface in the area of Lindsay and George Streets.

The municipal debt stands at \$5 million. At current rates the cost of paying that debt is \$14 million. The last council did not add to that debt and the council of this day has not added to it.

The standing committees of the council make recommendations to the council, recommendations which the council generally accepts. The nine members of council are spending much more time on municipal affairs than did the previous council, the mayor says. "There's not too much disagreement."

Communion breakfast for CWL Meeting tomorrow

The St. Ann's C.W.L. had a communion breakfast in the Olympia Restaurant on April 28. Twenty-eight women enjoyed a special breakfast prepared by the staff. The rummage sale held in April was a huge success and our president, Annette Ouelette, wishes to thank all those who gave precious time to either sort clothes, prepare tables or to sell at the rummage sale.

The ladies worked very hard and packed 20 cartons of good used winter and summer clothes to be sent to the mission of White Dog, north of Kenora. These

boxes were shipped courtesy of Canadian Pacific Express.

On May 14 students from St. Ann's Grades 7 and 8 made their confirmation. Once again our ladies served refreshments after this big event.

A big thank you to all our quilting ladies who give up every Monday to quilt. All proceeds are given to St. Ann's C.W.L. and they in turn do good deeds with this money. Once again Ladies, a big thank you.

Thank you to Bernadette Juneau who looks after the depot for C.W.L.

Caution issued in acid leak aftermath

A caution has been issued in the aftermath of the leak of hydrochloric acid inside a transport truck parked by the CP Express building on Midland's waterfront, Town Fire Chief Hal Belfry says.

The fire chief received a summary of the report of the Ontario Provincial Police investigating officer last Friday.

Chief Belfry for his part said that his hope is that companies transporting dangerous goods will exercise more care.

On April 30, the Town fire department was called to the dock when smoke was seen inside a transport trailer. Hydrochloric acid leaking from a five gallon pail was soaking into other cargo.

The part of the load classified dangerous included 30 five gallon pails of the acid, one 46 gallon drum of lacquer thinner, and two five gallon cans of xylene.

The cans of xylene were not properly identified. According to the product iden-

tification number (PIN) required for dangerous cargo, to be marked on the bill of lading carried by the driver, the xylene was indicated to be a product highly flammable, and apt to burst into flame if exposed to air or water. In fact xylene would not spontaneously combust if mixed with water.

Because of prompt action, no one was injured, but the potential for serious damage was present, Chief Belfry said.

The xylene was wrongly identified by the shipper, he said.

The potential for trouble aside, "It was excellent experience. It was taken very, very seriously," the chief said.

CP Express, two shippers and two manufacturers, and Transport Canada have been cautioned to exercise greater care in the future in complying with regulations pertaining to the transportation of dangerous goods," he said.

Flower show next Monday

May Moods is the title of the spring flower show being organized for May 26 in Midland's Calvary Baptist Church. Viewing will begin at 7 p.m. At 8 p.m. Helen Skinner of the Toronto Garden Club, and Century Home magazine, will talk

about early Canadian gardens.

The Midland Horticultural Society, the host of the show, says that a large number of fine quality dahlia tubers will be offered for sale in the church parking lot, before the meeting begins.

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TOWN OF MIDLAND SPECIAL REFUSE COLLECTION

A special collection of residential refuse which is not normally collected as part of the regular garbage collection will be made during the week of May 26th as follows:

- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 26, 27 and 28th. All that part of Town lying East of King Street and including King Street.
- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 28, 29 and 30th. All that part of Town lying west of King Street.

This collection is for **residential refuse only**, such as discarded furniture, appliances, junk, mattresses, etc.

Commercial and industrial wastes, demolition materials, trees, tree limbs and brush, discarded vehicles, etc. will not be collected!

If in doubt, call your Public Works Department at 526-4275, ext. 14.

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