



Clutch-a-thon pit stop

Lawrence Charlebois and Pat Crawford massaged the feet of Russell Buttineau, at 8 a.m. Saturday. Buttineau was in his 70th hour of the CKMP Clutch-a-thon. He lasted until 8:30 p.m. The endurance contest continued for another three hours and two minutes.

General manager's job opening

Aug. 8 is the deadline for the receipt by Midland's clerk of applications for the new position of public works general manager.

Dan Whitfield was one of the four engineering department employees informed on June 24 that that department has been abolished. He has been kept as acting general manager until two weeks after a general manager is hired.

Last week Whitfield, asked if he will apply for the

job, answered, "I'm looking at it. I don't know what they have in mind."

Mayor Al Roach said he was welcome to apply, Whitfield said. Whitfield meets all of the qualifications specified in the advertisement for a general manager, he said.

Whitfield left a job in Oakville after 10 years to come to Midland. He has been here for two years. "I am beginning to wonder if I was right to move up here."

Troop of troupers

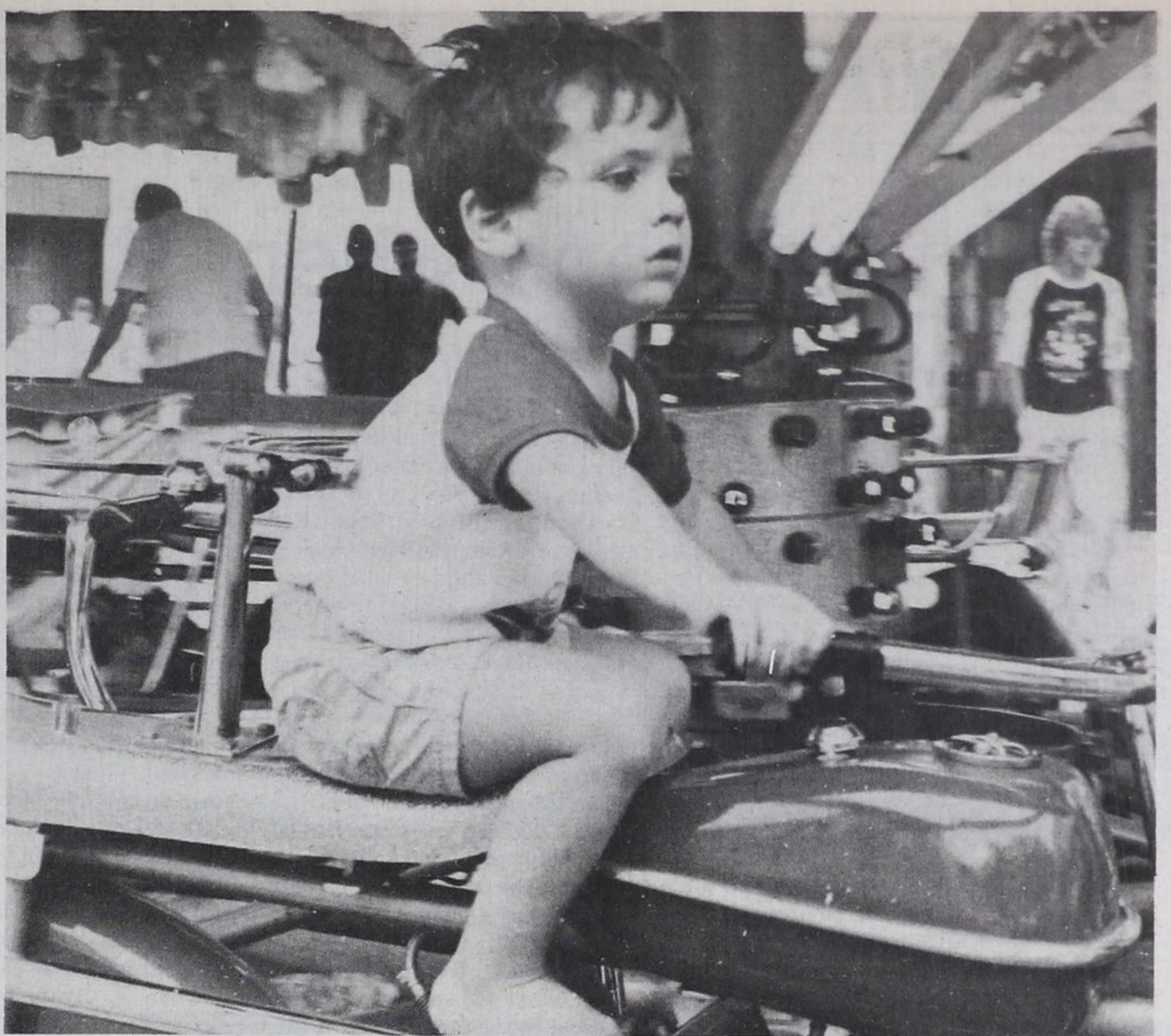
Attention all kids! On Aug. 7 at 2 p.m., the Trent Travelling Troupe will present Red Riding Hood and Sleeping Beauty in the Midland Public Library. Admission is free.

The following is a list of new books available in the library as of July 18.

Fiction. The Highbinders by F.M. Parker, Q Clearance by Peter Benchley, Barrier Island by John D. MacDonald, The Lamplight and the Stars by Eric Malpass, Women are Bloody Marvellous by Betty Burton, A Dead Liberty by Catherine Aird.

Non-fiction. The McGill Report on Male Intimacy by Michael McGill, The Rise and Fall of the British Navy by Richard Humble, Comrades: Portraits of Soviet Life by Alan Bookbinder, A Hot-Eyed Moderate by Jane Rule, Spike Milligan by Pauline Scudamore, How to Live Longer and Feel Better by Linus Pauling.

The films scheduled for July 23 are Africa Screams, Ride 'em Cowboy, Midget Car Maniacs. Films begin at 1:30 p.m. in the children's library. Admission is free.



Motorcycle rides

Young Bradley Earles is not sure if he wants to drive a motorcycle when he gets big, but he did enjoy the motorcycle ride at the midway at last week's Sidewalk

Sale. This motorcycle-go-round was only one of the many attractions for the younger crowd at the annual event.

Two Tiny sailors sail around Bay

Rod Prouse of Lafontaine and Steve Nunn of Bruce Peninsula to Hope Island, a distance of 70 miles. Prouse estimates he and Nunn covered in total close to 300 miles.

The pair left in their 16 foot, two hull racing sailboat from Thunder Beach on July 9 and returned a week later.

On their last full day of sailing Prouse and Nunn

travelled from the tip of the Bruce Peninsula to Hope Island, a distance of 70 miles. Prouse estimates he and Nunn covered in total close to 300 miles.

"It was pretty fast sailing at times."

For hours on end the two men were propelled in their small craft by the wind at a speed of between

15 and 20 miles per hour through big waves.

They don't know if anyone before them has circum-navigated Georgian Bay in a small racing boat.

Prouse says that the unusual aspect is that they sailed in such a small boat. Hobie Cats commonly are used for a day of racing, not trips of hundreds of

miles. Catamarans are proven as long-distance craft, though. "The Polynesians used to go thousands of miles in them."

The men went up to Killarney, the top of the Bay, and returned along the other side, along Manitoulin Island and the Bruce Peninsula.

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