

French language explained

The Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board received a further report on French language governance from its French language instructional units committee at the Aug. 27, meeting of the board. The report resulted from Bill 75 receiving royal assent on July 10, 1986.

Highlights of the new bill were reported as follows: The legislation takes effect on the first day of October, 1986.

Any present board member who has rights under Section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms must, in writing, by Oct. 14, 1986, indicate if he/she wishes to be a member of the French Language Education Council of this board.

The board will have a council with a minimum of three members.

A French Language Advisory Committee style election must be held by Oct. 30, 1986 to elect members to this board's French Language Education Council if three incumbent members do not elect in writing to be members of this council.

This meeting must be advertised to the French speaking ratepayers of this board in our schools and local media.

The French Language Education Council is deemed to be constituted on the first day of December, 1986, and shall hold its first meeting before Dec. 7, 1986.

There are matters which are the exclusive domain of the minority language section of the board, and matters in the exclusive domain of the majority section of the board, and matters of common jurisdiction.

These "matters" can be transferred to other domains by majority resolution of both sections.

Estimated revenues must be allocated as outlined in the Act commencing 1987.

Liaison committees with the Simcoe County Board of Education are provided for in the legislation.

It is anticipated that the Ministry of Education will conduct some information sessions in the area for the general public.

New School - Bradford

The Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board has now determined what it will propose to the Ministry of Education for its new elementary school in Bradford. It is proposed that the new school, to be located in the southwest quadrant of the town, will have eight regular classrooms, two

kindergarten rooms, two special education rooms, a library resource centre and a general purpose room. Estimated cost of constructing and equipping the new building is \$1.6 million. A building proposal to the effect will be forwarded shortly to the Ministry of Education as a result of decision at the Aug. 27, 1986 meeting of the board. The design of the building will follow approval of the building proposal.

New Territory

The Ontario Legislature by Order in Council has extended the territory of the Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board. In addition to the Town of Gravenhurst, and the Honey Harbour area, the board will now include Bracebridge, the Township of Muskoka Lakes, and Gibson, and Freeman Wards of the Township of Georgian Bay. It was reported to the Aug. 27 meeting of the board that the next step in the process was the actual formation of Roman Catholic Separate School zones in the area concerned. The board will appoint a special ad hoc committee to provide planning liaison with the local people, to determine how to deliver Roman Catholic Separate School education in the area.



Tommy Shields

Tommy Shields came back to Midland last week from his home in British Columbia to perform a show at the Country Mill, on Balm Beach Road. The band, as they appeared last Friday night, had not played together for eight years. They per-

formed, however, as if they had been playing together for many years. Shields said that now he has been back, he wants to make a trip to Midland at least once a year.

Victims of crime need help

by Allan K. McLean,
M.P.P.
Simcoe East

One of crime's greatest ironies is that its victims often suffer a double injustice. Foremost, they are a criminal's victim but then, after an arrest has been made, they are mostly abandoned by the system on which they rely for justice.

The perpetrators have become the traditional focus of police attention. But still present and often forgotten are the people whose homes were broken into and who lost their closest personal possessions. There are also the people who have witnessed the crime and will then suffer the emotional trauma of having to testify in court.

Attitudes are changing but not necessarily for the better. The Liberal government has recently cut back on funding for programs to aid victims of crime. These cutbacks represent a dramatic departure from past policy.

The Progressive Conservative government was a leader in the field of victim/witness assistance. Programs introduced by the former PC government have been hailed as among the best in North America and have resulted in Ontario becoming a leader in the field of victim justice.

In 1984 the PC government announced its intention to establish a victim/witness assistance program in each of the provinces' 52 judicial districts.

The program called for the appointment of an assistant worker in the crown attorney's office in each district. Working in co-operation with the courts, lawyers and police,

they would ensure that witnesses were required to appear only when necessary. The workers would also assist in the completion of paper work and with making travel arrangements.

One of the most common complaints of victims and witnesses is that they are ignored by those presently working in the criminal justice system. They are not consulted when setting trial dates, are not advised what to expect in court and are not advised on the progress of their case. These problems could be immediately solved by an assistance worker.

A pilot project underway in London assists witnesses from the time they appear in court. Specialized services provided include babysitting, transportation assistance, trauma counselling, and education, as well as information about court procedures and locations.

A pilot project in Ottawa attempts to aid witnesses by determining in advance when they will be required to appear. Witnesses are

regularly updated on the progress of their case. This program has saved Ontario taxpayers more than \$250,000 in unnecessary witness fees in one year alone. Witnesses, especially police officers, are called only when it is certain that a case will proceed, and not for time-consuming remands and adjournments. A similar

Library mysteries solved

Can't find the book or information you want? Come into the Midland Public Library and we will be pleased to help. We will also be glad to show you how to use the card catalogue. It's really very simple to use and you then will have access to the entire collection. It only takes a few minutes to become a "pro" at using the library to its full potential.

The following is a list of new books available at the library.

Fiction. Give Fire by Robert Challoner, Adieu, Volodya by Simone Signoret, Demon Box by Ken Kesey, Sanctity by

Orania Papazoglou, Let Sleeping Dogs Lie by John Riggs, Patchwork by Carolyn Banks.

Non-fiction. Back Roads and Country Cooking by Sara Waxman, Mengele: The Complete Story by Gerald Posner, Hollywood:

Could YOU stop

to save a child's life?
Check your brakes...



The Exhibition and Sale

of
Oil Paintings by

Phyllis Moores Johnston

Continues until

September 21

at

The Budd Watson Gallery

520 Hugel Ave., Midland
10 - 5 Daily 1 - 5 Sun. & Holidays

PENETANGUISHENE CURLING CLUB

8 Owen St. 549-8981



—Registration—

Thurs., Sept. 11; Fri., Sept. 12; Sat., Sept. 13
7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

- NEW MEMBER PACKAGE INCLUDES:
1. Curling shoes (Bauer Bonspiel);
2. Curling broom (Ram Hogg Hair); 3. Instruction; 4. Membership 1986-87 season.

- PAYABLE in full and valid only until September 30, 1986

- NOTE: NEW MEMBER: One who has never been a registered member at Penetanguishene Curling Club.

NEW
MEMBER
PACKAGE
\$10000

JORY'S Specials of the week

Mon. - Sat.
Sept. 8 - 13

Surbex 500
100 tablets
Reg. \$11.08

Special

\$6.99

Webber
Vitamin E
100 capsules
Reg. \$5.99

Special

\$2.99

Webber
Calcium
500 MG
100 tablets
Reg. \$12.20

Special

\$4.99

Webber
Lecithin
1200 MG
120 capsules
Reg. \$5.25

Special

\$4.49

Super
Plenamins
100 tablets
Reg. \$6.67

Special

\$3.99

Centrum Forte
**Multivitamin
Multimineral**
130 tablets
Reg. \$9.35

Special

\$6.99

QUALITY SERVICE
& DEDICATION



**JORY'S I.D.A.
PHARMACY**
526-2781

264 King St.,
Midland

**YOUNG DRIVERS
OF CANADA**
MIDLAND PENETANG

NEXT COURSE DATES
Evening Course Starts
Sept. 9

- Up to 44% Discount Car Insurance
- Course Fee 100% Tax Deductible
- Visa Accepted

Young Drivers of Canada
303 Midland Ave., Midland 526-8500