

Police shelling out

Once again this year, Penetanguishene's boys in blue will be shelling out Halloween treats to the Town's youngsters while on patrol Friday evening.

According to Penetanguishene Police Chief Robert Cummings, as in years gone by, the Penetanguishene Rotary Club are co-sponsoring with the Police a special Halloween program in the Town.

This Friday evening, while on-duty police officers patrol the streets in the Town, they will be shelling out packages of treats.

Cummings explained such a practice gives the local police an opportunity to have a very positive involvement with the area children rather than just negative contacts when youngsters are in trouble.

"We want the children to know we support them," said Cummings, "and that we support Halloween and we are behind them going out and having fun trick or treating."

Once again this year the candy will be supplied to the local force by the Penetanguishene Rotarians.

Last night members of the Rotary club and a representative from the police had their annual get together to package the candies.

Subdivision plan set

Pendeco Subdivision Developers Ray Marchand and Don Granger left last week's Planning Advisory Committee meeting confident that construction in phase two of their development could begin in the spring.

The PAC and Penetanguishene Town Council had already approved, in principle, the proposed development just on Dunlop Street across from Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School.

"If phase two progresses like phase one, we will be very pleased," PAC Chairman Ross Spearn told the delegation.

700 tourists greeted

The Centre D'Activites Francaises greeted over 700 French tourists this summer, and the group's hoping to shake more hands all year round under a program run jointly by L'Association France-Ontario and L'Organization Radio-Television in France.

The program encourages workers in France to come to Ontario for their holidays by pushing lower rates and Franco-Ontarian hospitality and culture.

The Association France-Ontario is hoping to expand its program in France, and Richard De Grandmont, the program coordinator at the centre, says the association's expecting "well over 1000 (visitors), between 1500 and 2000."

De Grandmont says the program is making a significant contribution to the community.

"By doing that (encouraging tourists from France), we promote the centre, the Town, the Chamber of Commerce, the area, the province and Canada," he said.

The Director of the Centre, France Picard, says the program will run all year eventually.

"It's a matter of cleaning out the bugs...of time and of organization," she said.

Chamber faces further cutbacks

The financially-crippled and ill-supported Penetanguishene-Tiny Chamber of Commerce has pulled the plug on the Welcome To Penetanguishene sign.

President Bill Waters says he turned off the lights this past weekend to save money. When told of the Chamber's move, Penetanguishene Mayor Ron Bellisle commented perhaps it was a good move on the part of the Chamber, because the Summerama sign hadn't been turned around to advertise Winterama.

As for Winterama, the Chamber has enough money to fund the festival, but not

enough manpower to organize and run it.

Tiny Township Clerk Guy Maurice told the Citizen money was available from Tiny Township and "council would entertain a request (for assistance)".

Waters admits the funding and manpower problems the Chamber's been experiencing go hand in hand.

"The lack of funds may have been the cause (of the lack of willingness to help)," Waters told the Citizen.

At the Chamber's annual meeting last Tuesday night, most of the audience was made up of award winners; only five interested members of the 90 invited ones attended. Waters added over 300 invitations in total were sent out.

At the outset, there wasn't a quorum, until Councillor Bob Sullivan arrived at 7:45 p.m.

The financial report for the Chamber shows the merchant group is paying almost \$350 a year to keep the Penetanguishene sign lit. The Chamber's bank balance is currently \$2,317, which is "probably enough money for Winterama," Waters said.

Waters stressed the Chamber of Commerce itself is not defunct just because the office is closed and secretary Joyce Sauve is laid off.

In response to a comment made by Penetanguishene Mayor Ron Bellisle to the Free Press about the secretary's being laid off, Waters says the Chamber spent no more money on her salary and the executive did not officially hire her on full-time.

"She worked longer hours over a shorter period of time," Waters said. "We made sure we had staff for the peak season, and during the off-season, the Chamber's being run on a voluntary basis by members of the executive."

Waters agreed with the Mayor's comment to the effect of the Chamber's problems going deeper than just finances.

The problems are not new, Waters said. On January 25, 1983, the Chamber had a meeting discussing the role and fate of the Chamber.



Awarding experience

Penetanguishene's Chamber of Commerce President Bill Waters presented Bev Steele with a certificate of merit last Tuesday night at the Chamber's annual meeting. Waters

says Steele's work for St. John Ambulance was an outstanding contribution to the medical organization and to the community.

FLEC reps elected for both boards

This past week, both public school and separate school supporters elected their French Language Education Council members (FLEC).

On Thursday night, over 650 public school supporters voted in Basile Dorion, Alvin Gravelle, and Genevieve Roy.

The 7 p.m. meeting at Ecole St. Joseph climaxed with the announcing of the winners at 11:25 p.m. Gravelle was the biggest winner, taking 514 of 665 votes cast. Dorion and Roy followed him closely together with 394 and 392 votes respectively.

The separate school board elections were held Sunday afternoon at St. Ann's church, and within an hour, two FLEC members were acclaimed. The third spot was already taken by a current Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board Trustee, Gabe Marchand.

Simone Levert and Ernest Vaillancourt were nominated and acclaimed to work through 1987 and 1988 with Marchand.

As well, the newly-elected public school FLEC members were on hand Sunday to congratulate them.

Alvin Gravelle, when asked how the two boards would work together, said, "There are areas where we will work together. We'd like to have a French secondary school in Orillia

and Barrie."

The sentiment was echoed by Vaillancourt, who told the Citizen, "I would like to rekin-

dle the priority of establishing a French secondary school in Barrie."

Both FLEC will be sworn in Dec. 1.



In victory's limelight

French Language Education Council members Alvin Gravelle, Genevieve Roy and Basile Dorion were elected by public school supporters Thursday night. Voter turnout

was high, and Gravelle captured 514 of the 665 votes cast. Following behind him were Roy with 392 and Dorion with 394. The three will take office December 1.