

## Tay offered deal

Midland Point will have two more years of Midland fire protection, or none.

The fire protection agreement for the Midland Point area of Tay Township which exists between the township and the town expires next March 15.

The township has asked the town for a quote on fire protection for a two year period, and by the month.

Midland has told Tay that two more years of fire protection will cost about \$30,000 in the first year, and about \$40,000 in the second year.

The township currently is paying at a rate equivalent to \$20,000 a year, which is itself a recent increase.

Midland's position is that \$40,000 a year represents its cost. "That way we don't make money, we don't lose money," public safety committee chairman Buzz Brown said. "We're not trying to put something over on them," Alderman Carolyn White said.

Midland calculates its cost of fire protection at \$54 per year per household. The most recent census of Midland Point gives 744 housing units there.

Tay Township is considering renewing the agreement with Midland, building and equipping a fire station in Midland Point, or making an arrangement with Penetanguishene.

To Penetanguishene Fire Chief Ted Light's knowledge, the township

has not been in touch recently with that town.

Midland public safety committee member Alderman Robert Brush estimated that a fire hall would cost Tay between \$50,000 and \$75,000. Fire Chief Hal Beifry said a new pumper fire truck costs \$185,000 and delivery takes a year. Tay also would need to find volunteer firefighters.

In the case of a fire in Midland Point, both Midland and Tay Township respond. Since the Midland Fire Department is so much closer than the closest Tay Township fire hall, a fire in Midland Point can be out before a Tay truck gets as far as Midland.

In the case of a fire in Midland Point followed by a fire in Midland, the fire in Midland Point would not be abandoned by Midland firefighters, Chief Belfry said. Not all of the Midland firefighters would go to a fire in Midland Point. If extra help was needed, Tay firefighters would assist Midland firefighters in Midland.

## Sea cadets

Sea Cadets will be on the streets of Midland on Dec. 12 and Dec. 13.

The members of Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corp 286 Trillium will be selling tags to raise money.

The Huronia Branch of the Navy League of Canada sponsors the sea cadets. The Midland Civic Centre is the meeting place of the sea cadets.

## Help for divorced

A special weekend is being offered by the North Simcoe Catholic Family Life Centre to the separated, divorced and widowed on Saturday, Dec. 13 and Sunday, Dec. 14, in Midland. The New Beginnings program is designed to help individuals cope with the loss of a spouse caused by separation or death.

The death of a relationship can be a traumatic event for most people. The North Simcoe area is noted not only for its high senior citizen population, but also suffers the unfortunate reality of separation and divorce. Statistically, one in three marriages break down; and since women live longer than men, there are seven widows for every widower.

What people may fail to appreciate is that the experience of separation can be very similar to the experience caused by the death of a spouse: both the separated and widowed suffer the loss of a love.

When a spouse dies, or when a separation occurs, the initial reaction frequently felt is shock and denial. The issue of choice in the matter is particularly relevant. Both the widow and the separated person will experience some depression caused by hurt and pain. Although they may attempt to deny it, any loss is always accompanied by anger. In both circumstances a person will probably attempt

to "negotiate" with the former spouse or with life (God?) in order to alleviate some of the pain and anger—spiritual band-aids, booze, or another relationship provides quick solutions.

What a person goes through during these times of initial loss can be an intensely emotional experience; the strength of these feelings can frequently surprise and confuse people. They may become extremely irritable, impatient, and over-sensitive; their emotions take them for a roller-coaster ride, they find it difficult to eat or sleep, and they can't seem to control their agitation. Although time normally reduces these symptoms, the experience of the loss of a love may continue to bother them for many years. And it can trap them into self-pity, isolation, and unwillingness to risk.

New Beginnings is an ecumenical venture to help the separated, divorced, and widowed come to terms with their loss so that they can begin a new life. It is a practical programme which attempts to deal with the real issues faced by being single again.

If you would like to register or want more information please contact the Catholic Family Life Centre (526-9397). If you know of someone who may be able to benefit from this program, now is the time. New Beginnings is offered in Midland only once a year. All are welcome.



## HMCS Barrie

Robert Herron's 54 inch model of HMCS Barrie, launched in Collingwood for service in the Second World War, is being put on permanent display behind the bar in the

Midland Legion. Herron chose HMCS Barrie because his late brother William sailed aboard. The model is made of more than 1,000 pieces and took two years to build.

Lorne Butler was another Midland man who sailed on the Barrie.

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