



Cold outside

Insulation being put between the inside roof of the building will be insulated next of the stone north wall of Huronia Museum should be a help in keeping the cold of winter out of doors. Museum assistant curator Jamie Hunter, standing beside bales of insulation batts, says the

Museum in the news for a better reason

This year was an eventful year at Huronia Museum. The roof came close to collapsing.

The coming year is supposed to be an eventful year, for a better reason. Next year will be the 40th anniversary of the museum on the shore of Midland's Little Lake Park.

Preparation is underway for a Huronia Museum membership drive, which will begin next month.

On Jan. 9, 1986, museum assistant curator Jamie Hunter made a weekly check of the interior of the closed museum. He noticed water on the floor. Further investigation revealed the ceiling in the northwest corner of the museum was sagging.

The cause of the seven inch deep bulge in the ceiling was a drift of snow four feet deep and 75 feet long on top of the museum's flat roof.

Some of the money to be raised in 1987 will pay for the repair of the roof. The provincial Ministry of Citizenship and Culture will pay half of the cost of repairing the damaged section of roof. The whole of the 20-year-old roof will be insulated in the spring. In-

sulation of the interior north wall is well on the way to completion.

Midland town council has given the museum board \$20,000 to pay for the roof. The museum board also is using \$8,000 which had been marked for a fence, a fence which is not going to be built, due to a lack of agreement with the parks board as to where it would be placed.

"Once the roof fell in, our desire for the fence collapsed too," Hunter said.

This year, \$5,000 was raised by the museum for Huronia Museum. The museum holds a bingo to raise money on Thursday afternoons. The income from the bingo games since May 3 of this year is \$2,500. The fund raising goal for 1987 is \$10,000, Hunter said.

Memberships will be sold in 1987, for the first time, for \$20 for a family. Museum members will be entitled to unlimited admission to the museum and village, 10 per cent discounts, and will receive in-

itations to special events and programs. More costly memberships will entitle a person to greater benefit, and recognition.

Electronic security for the Indian village is in the offing. A provincial grant will pay half of the cost.

In 1986 the museum opened earlier than normal, May 12, and is staying open until the end of this month. In 1987 the museum will open on April 6 and remain open until Dec. 20, 1987.

The Midland Rotary Club has given the museum \$2,500. The money is being used to get a \$7,500 provincial grant. The \$10,000 will be used to buy curatorial and office equipment.

Burkevale

Burkevale School Parents Auxiliary, will be holding a Christmas Bazaar December 17. The Bazaar will run from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Board discusses Regent

The building of a general purpose room addition to Midland's Regent School will be discussed by a Simcoe County Board of Education committee this evening.

The school board's newly created centralized services committee will review revised estimates, design, and specifications. The revisions were requested by the school

board. Parents of Regent School students have been lobbying for a general purpose room. Regent School, one of Midland's oldest schools, does not have a modern-size gymnasium.

To be decided by the school trustees is whether money for construction at Regent will be included in the 1987 school board budget.

Surfacing tenders

Tenders have been called for the resurfacing of Highway 12 between Highway 93 and Simcoe County Road No. 37, a distance of more than six kilometres which includes the bridge over the Wye River.

The bids will be opened at Ministry of Transportation and Communications headquarters in Downsview on Jan. 28.

Support rising for labour council

At least 400 Midland residents agree with the Midland and District Labour Council that four town employees should be rehired.

Labour Council President Jim Counahan says the number of business reply cards received by the council is "in the 400 range." The post office was given 4,300 cards to distribute, one to each household in the town.

By signing and mailing the postage paid card, a person indicates support for the position printed on the card. The labour council position is that the dismissals will not save the taxpayers as much money as the town council has suggested, and that service to taxpayers will be drastically reduced because of the town council action.

The purpose of the solicitation by the labour council of support for its position was to prove to the town council that the labour council is not alone in its opinion.

"If they do not change their mind, we can't force them," Counahan said. The point to be made is that the decision will be a factor in the next election. "It's not a dead issue."

The town council "could still turn around," Counahan's opinion is that a change of mind by the council, however, is unlikely. "It wouldn't matter if everyone in town told them. They are not responsive."

A number of telephone calls of support from people who don't want to sign a card have been received, Counahan said. Some people are reluctant to commit themselves by signing

because they are apprehensive about the possibility of their opposition being held against them, the labour council president said.

The returned cards will

not be given to the town. Arbitration of a grievance filed by the dismissed unionized employees will be decided by a three member panel in the spring of 1987.

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