

One lay off could be longer

The layoff of one of the Midland public works employees could be longer than the layoff of his fellows.

Ray Marion, public works committee chairman Councillor Fred Pilon said, might be laid off unless he agrees to be reclassified.

Marion, from 1975 until early 1986, had the position of mechanic's helper. That job was eliminated as a cost-saving measure. Marion's union filed a grievance. A labour board of arbitration concluded that although the town acted in good faith, the town owes Marion some loss of wages.

Marion and eight other public works employees were laid off at midnight last Friday in an unrelated action. Counc. Pilon said of Marion, "There's no work for him in that position so he is being laid off as well as the rest. When he comes back, the council will make a decision to lay him off or he will take reclassification."

Not laid off are the public works superintendent, foreman, lead hand, and the two most senior of the other public works employees. The nine laid off men won't be needed until spring cleanup can begin, when the ground thaws, unless snow falls, Pilon said. He estimated the nine men will be recalled in two or three weeks.

The arbitration report said, "Mr. Marion is entit-

ed to compensation for his lost wages, and we will remain seized to determine the precise amount of compensation due to him if the

parties are unable to determine this themselves. And the town may not simply parcel out the tasks of the mechanic's helper until the

mutual review of position descriptions, contemplated in the letter of understanding, has been carried out."

Parkview's film premiered

Parkview School, Midland, Grade 6 students celebrated, with ginger ale, the premiere last Thursday of the 10 minute film they helped to make.

The film, made in the Wye Marsh and at Mountainview Ski Hill, will be shown on Maclean Hunter Cable 6 this evening at 7:30 p.m., and tomorrow at the

Private meeting for developer

Representatives of Midland and the developer of 30 acres in Sunnyside were to meet in private last night.

Szeliga Investments local lawyer, Fred Hacker, described the meeting as very preliminary in nature.

Szeliga has until May 31, 1988, to exercise its option of having a right of way

PGH births

Sue Corbet and Paul Pilon, of Penetanguishene, are pleased to announce the birth of a boy Feb. 25. He weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces.

same time. Heather Leonard, the producer and director of the short film, titled Nature Awareness and Appreciation, said that the students were very co-operative: "just fabulous."

Parkview Grade 6 teacher Ron Godridge was the source of the project. Godridge took a summer course created by the

Canadian Wildlife and World Wildlife Federations, designed to be used in classes from kindergarten to Grade 12. Leonard learned about it while talking to Godridge, her daughter's teacher.

The workshop was named Project Wild. Teachers learned how to apply the course to a range of subjects.

Most of the film was taken of a snowshoe walk and cookout in the marsh. "Kids and television: they go great together. It brings out the best in them," Leonard said.

Leonard was impressed by the students' thoughtful handling of moral issues. "It shows that they really care about the environment."



Fun in the sun

Mountainview Mall's Fun in the Sun draw winner Alan Buttineau picked up his ticket to Orlando, Florida last week from mall manager Tom Bazinet and Larry Atkinson, from Atkinson Travel.

The Penetanguishene resident has one year to use his one-week holiday courtesy of Atkinson Travel and Wardair Holidays.

Pre-school screenings set

The Simcoe County District Health Unit has been informed that we will be able to provide vaccine for Haemophilus influenzae to physicians beginning in February.

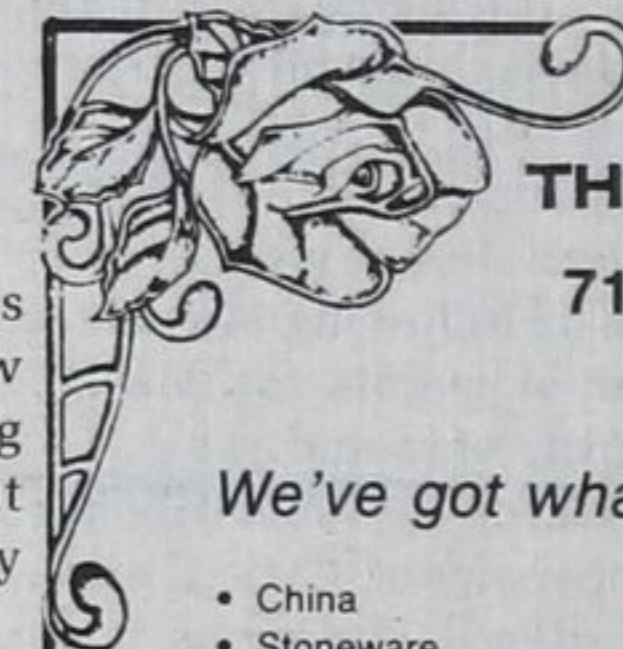
This vaccine, which is used to prevent Meningitis and Epiglottitis due to H. influenzae is an important vaccine for children from

ages two to four years of age. As the risk of these diseases decreases with age, the focus will be on the immunization of children aged two, and to older children particularly if they are involved in daycare or settings where they are exposed to many different children.

Doctors are advised they

can start placing orders with the Health Unit now and we will be distributing vaccine as soon as it becomes available in early February.

For additional information contact either Dr. Butler-Jones or Mrs. Donna Lackner at the Health Unit (526-2261).



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