

# Budget up 35 per cent

The Simcoe County Separate School Board of Education estimates education taxes will rise by about seven per cent.

However the board's 1987 operating budget, unveiled in Barrie, last Wednesday, calls for an overall increase of 35 per cent, or \$11 million more than its 1986 budget.

Part of the increase is due to a deficit of \$298,000 carried over from the previous year. The deficit was the result of unexpected expenses in 1986.

Enrollment in separate schools, in Simcoe County, is up by seven per cent. As well, the board's jurisdiction was expanded to include schools in Bracebridge and Gravenhurst.

This combined with a proposal to build a new school in the Bracebridge area has boosted the board's operating costs to \$44.5 million.

Legislation to take effect in September 1987 has also added to the board's costs. In the new school year,

the separate board will have authority over a complete school system. This will allow students to complete their education, from kindergarten to grade 13, in the separate school system.

While the board raises some of its funds from municipal taxation, most of its operating revenue comes from the provincial government in the form of grants.

This year the province will provide \$34 million or 77 per cent of the cost and 20 per cent, or \$9.2 million, will come from the

municipal sector.

A five per cent increase was allowed for goods and services. It will also maintain the board's lead in computer education.

The budget includes an allowance for the addition of 25 mobile classrooms in the county as well as funding for construction of Pope John Paul II in Barrie and St. Jean de Brebeuf School in Bradford.

With an enrollment increase of seven per cent the board will be responsible for the education of 10,000 students.

## Volunteer awards

Fifteen area people will receive a provincial volunteer service award in Orillia on May 8.

To be recognized will be Bill Byrick (Friends of Sainte-Marie), Roland Desroches, Juliette Maurice, Joan Northcott (French Centre), Rosita Desroches, Claudette Paquin (Place Lafontaine), Medora DeVillers (Pene-

tanguishene Centennial Museum), Margaret Hood (Huron Museum), Adrien Lamoureux, Yvon LeVert (ACFO Huronie), May Moriarity (Silver Thread), Jochen Schmidt and Renate Schmidt (German Canadian Club), Lin Sullivan (Midland Adult Reading Council), and Rita Smith (Midland Public Library).



## Dressed for summer

Heritage Penetanguishene pulled out the stops and put on a fashion show to raise money for the Penetanguishene Angels' restoration fund. The show held in the

Brian Orser Room at the arena, drew a crowd of more than 80 people.

## Heavenly fashion show boosts Angels

Penetanguishene residents had a chance last Thursday to see the latest in spring and summer fashions.

More than 80 people attended 'Heavenly Styles', a fashion show put on by Heritage Penetanguishene to raise funds for the Penetanguishene Angels' restoration project.

Speaking for Heritage Penetanguishene, Wilf Guthrie said he was very pleased with the turn-out.

"There are more people here than we anticipated."

Fashions were provided by The Armoire, Gignac's Children's Wear and Village Leisure Wear. And 24 models sported the

latest in beach wear, sports wear and more formal attire.

Youngsters new to the world of modelling but keen to display the new styles delighted spectators.

The fashion show is one of a number of fund raising events to be held by Heritage Penetanguishene to raise money for the

restoration project.

Other sponsors of the show included Dion's Flower, Georgian Manor, Huronia Historical Parks, Penetang Bottling Co. and Penetang IGA.

Also helping to make the evening a success were organist Bob Bruer and hostess Michele Couett.



## Science winners

Peter Kitay, grade 7, Matthew Boucher, grade 5, and Rebekah Hines, grade 6, helped Ecole St. Joseph take top place at the Area Science Fair held in March.

Three young scientists will go on to represent their school at the Simcoe County science fair later this year.

## St. Joseph's takes top spot

Ecole St. Joseph came out on top of the Area Science Fair held last month.

The school won three first prizes at the fair held at Midland Secondary School.

Science instructor Pierre Dubois said the school won the 'Best School at the Junior Level', 'Best School Overall' and 'Best Overall Project'.

Matthew Boucher, grade 5, won 'Best Overall Project' and 'Best Category' with his engineering science project.

Two other students from the school took firsts at the fair.

Rebekah Hines, grade 6, won first prize in the Life Science category. Hines designed a project to see whether cats could distinguish different geometrical shapes, a triangle, square and circle. Three boxes were marked with the shapes and the cats rewarded if they entered the appropriate box.

Peter Kitay, grade 7, won first prize in the Junior Science section with his examination of the petroleum industry. Kitay's experiment looked at how oil and water separate underground and how refiners process crude oil.

The three junior scientists will be working on projects for their entry in the Simcoe County Science Fair to be held later this year.

## Police Report

### Various charges laid

On Tuesday, April 7, at 2:00 p.m. Penetanguishene Police responded to a hit-and-run call.

A spokesman for the police department said the driver was apprehended and the damages, which were minor, settled.

The police responded to a call from the Brule Hotel shortly after midnight on Wednesday.

A person was taken into custody and put in the back of a police cruiser where he smashed the rear side window, got out and damaged its antenna.

Damage to the cruiser amounted to \$175.

The man was charged with mischief, trespass and resisting arrest.

Penetanguishene police held the person for the Barrie police who had an

outstanding warrant for his arrest.

On Saturday a Penetanguishene resident was taken into custody following an altercation with a police officer.

Police were responding to a call about an intoxicated youth seen in the Shanahan Rd. area. When Officer Geffros arrived at the scene he found a young man lying on the road.

The youth began to wrestle with the police officer. As a result Officer Geffros got his arm caught in some wire fencing.

A young man was taken into custody.

Officer Geffros was treated at the Penetanguishene General Hospital treated for minor injuries to his right arm and wrist.

## FLEC stands fast on language issue

The French Language Education Council (FLEC) is not going to reverse its decision to phase out French-language instruction at Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School (ESPSS).

At a meeting in Barrie, last Wednesday, the three-member council said there is no change in their position.

The FLEC trustees made their decision to curtail French-language courses at ESPSS on Feb. 23 following the release of a report which maintained that enrollment in those courses declined between grades 10 and 13.

According to former Schools tour Town offices

This week municipalities are celebrating 'Local Government Week'.

The event is promoted by the provincial government in conjunction with municipalities in the province to help raise public awareness about local politics.

The Town of Penetanguishene Council will be opening its doors to school groups from the area.

Clerk-Administrator Yvon Gagne said school groups will be given a tour of the municipal offices, as well they have been invited to attend special sessions of council.

The sessions, held during the day, will illustrate how local government makes its decisions which directly affect the community said Gagne.

FLEC chairman Alvin Gravelle, the phase-out will take place over five years with as little disruption as possible.

FLEC's current policy will see grade eight students from French-

language elementary schools able to take 'French as a first language' courses but only for one year.

Students currently enrolled in French courses at ESPSS will be allowed to

continue their studies in French until graduation.

FLEC chairman Basile Dorion had said, previously, the council could reconsider its decision but made no commitment.



## Spaghetti supper

Enid Annaud and Frances Evans worked behind the scenes serving plates of spaghetti and sauce at the Penetanguishene Presbyterian Church's third

annual spaghetti supper. Close to 260 people attended the fundraising supper with proceeds going to help restore the church's brickwork.