

# Conservatives contrasting themselves favourably

The candidates for the Conservative nomination in Muskoka-Georgian Bay are presenting themselves as a one-for-all, all-for-one group.

Some of the four Conser-

vative candidates are contrasting themselves favourably in comparison with the Liberals. The Liberals elected Ken Black of Bracebridge as the Liberal candidate last

month.

George Beatty, speaking at a PC candidates meeting last week in Midland, described the Liberal nomination meeting as "a lesson on how not to hold

a nomination meeting." The Liberals, despite a team of 15 advisors from Liberal Party headquarters, took six hours to count the votes of three ballots. The results of the ballots

weren't announced, Beatty said.

Liberals are saying that their candidate is fated to replace Frank Miller, on the basis that four former premiers have been succeeded in their ridings by another party's candidate. The Liberal's reason that the riding organizations of the former premiers were "tired," Beatty said. The membership of the Muskoka-Georgian Bay Conservatives stood at 1,100, Beatty said, with additional memberships continuing to be received.

Bruce Stanton spoke of "instant Liberals" and a

Liberal organization which doesn't have the "grass roots" which the Conservatives have.

The PC candidates, while sure that one of their number will be the first MPP for the new riding of Muskoka-Georgian Bay, are less uniform in speaking about which party will form the next provincial government.

Edith Nichols and Bruce Stanton each said a riding office would be established in Midland. Nichols called a riding office here a necessity. Stanton said Midland deserves an office

because Midland and area, with one-third of the population of the new riding, has the riding's largest cluster of people.

Allan Moses said an office in this end of the riding, in addition to a main office in Muskoka, would be opened only if a need was proven. Beatty said he would be here regularly and that a local telephone number should be arranged. The members of the party's riding executive would have to be the first line of response to inquiries to the MPP, Beatty said.



## Frequent visitors

The four candidates for the Conservative nomination in Muskoka-Georgian Bay, as a group and otherwise, made four public appearances in Midland and area in the past two weeks. Above is the scene in the Athe-

nian Hall during a candidates meeting. Seated from left, beside moderator Scott Warnock, are Allan Moses, Bruce Stanton, George Beatty, and Edith Nichols.



## Sold

The sold signs have gone up on the For Sale sign planted on this parcel of land on south King Street, Midland. A 50 unit family housing development will

be built by Midland Mountainview Family Co-operative Inc. The housing project is being subsidized by the federal government.

## Students register at CEC office

Approximately 400 students registered their availability for work in the first month of the Canada Employment Centre for Students office opening in Midland's post office.

Office supervisor Tammy Smith said that 21 students had been matched with work.

In the next couple of weeks approval will be received for government employment programs, leading to more career-related summer jobs, she said.

The jobs in the first month were in restaurants, and odd jobs associated with spring.

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## Monitoring phosphorous

Monitoring of the amount of phosphorus in Little Lake should begin this year, a town official expects.

The Town of Midland has taken delivery of a commissioned proposal from Barker Terp Gibson Ltd. on the subject. The public works committee will make a recommendation for the town council at its next meeting, in May, public works manager Ken Cave said.

The Simcoe County District Health Unit already tests samples of the lake water, checking the level of bacteria. The lake has been closed to swimming in the past.

The proposed monitoring has three aims: to determine the quality of the water; to discover the amount of phosphorus presently in the water; and to use that information to determine how much development can be permitted in the lake's watershed.

Cave said he is confident that the quality of the water will prove to be "pretty good." He expects that controlled and orderly development in the area will continue. "I'll be surprised to find that there are any major problems."

The last comprehensive study of the water in Little

Lake was conducted in 1977. That study was updated last year.

Phosphorus accumulates in the lake, carried into the outlet-less body of water by storm water runoff. Too high levels of phosphorus will endanger the lake's plant and animal life. Little Lake is the scene of an annual bass derby.

Samples of water would be collected May through

October, three times a week from four locations, by town employees. Cave said the town hopes the Ministry of the Environment will analyze the samples for free.

Barker Terp Gibson Ltd. has been paid about \$5,000 to produce the proposal.

Only recently has the development around Little Lake anticipated in 1977 begun to materialize.

## Exec elected

The Royal Canadian Legion held its general meeting last Tuesday to elect a new executive for the coming year.

Held in the Normandy room of the Penetanguishene Legion, approximately 90 voting members were present to see the new officers elected.

Filling the president's chair will be Kitty Perrault, with Herb Parker as first

vice president and Denis Robitaille second.

Sitting on this year's executive are Una Dupuis, Al Crisp, Bill George, David Rice, Al Lizotte, Leon Vanouershelde.

Vic Valliere was elected Sgt. at Arms.

Outgoing president Ivan Robitaille will sit on the executive for the coming year to help with the transition.

The new executive will take office on June 1.

## Stoppers nabs 28

Twenty-eight people have been charged since a Crimestoppers program began in the county on Jan. 12.

Ontario Provincial Police Constable Jim MacDonell yesterday said that \$48,650 in stolen property has been

recovered. Fifty dollars worth of drugs have been seized because of tips to Crimestoppers.

Eighty-four tips to Crimestoppers were considered worth investigation. The statistics cover the District of Muskoka as well as Simcoe County.

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