

Firefighters receive gold medal from Governor General

Four of Midland's firefighters have received a fire services exemplary service medal from the governor-general.

Jack Pardon, Fred Grigg, Peter Staruck and Doug Hebner, received their medals last night during a town council meeting.

Jack Pardon became a volunteer firefighter on June 2, 1942. He has been a spare since May 2, 1985.

Fred Grigg has been a volunteer since Dec. 7, 1953.

Peter Staruck became a volunteer on Jan. 1, 1957, and has been a fulltime firefighter since July 20, 1959.

Doug Hebner has been a volunteer since Nov. 3,

1961. The fire services exemplary services medal is

given by the government of Canada on behalf of the governor-general.

The medal is recognition of individual long and outstanding service in the

high risk professions which provide public security.

Pardon, Grigg, and Staruck have received a fire services long service

medal from the provincial government, in recognition of 25 years of service.



Peter Staruck



Jack Pardon



Fred Grigg



Doug Hebner

Summer completion

If the Ontario government gives their seal of approval, Tay Township's Parks and Recreation Committee hope to have a Master Plan Study of the municipality completed by August of 1988.

At last Thursday morning's session, the five-member council gave their support to a proposal, put forth by committee Chairman Barry Norris and Vice-chairman Helen Swailes, calling for the council to apply to the Ministry of Recreation and Tourism for funding and approval of such a study.

In his presentation to council, Norris said the goal of the study is to provide the most feasible parklands and recreational programs for the residents of the township.

The study which would take approximately one

year to complete is estimated at costing close to \$30,000.

With the Ministry funding up to 50 percent of the venture, township officials would be responsible for a maximum of \$15,000. Last year, council budgeted \$8,000 which has been kept in reserve until now for such a study. The chairman also requested the additional money required come out of the parkland reserve account.

Norris told council, the major benefit behind undertaking such a study is the grants available to municipalities with a master plan study in place. Without the study, the township would not be entitled to grant money from the province.

The chairman added the study could be a money

making venture for the township, if it is found the municipality has excessive parkland that could be sold off.

After Thursday's meeting, the council will now write a letter of intent to the ministry asking for approval and funding for the study.

Umpires

North Simcoe Umpires Association are hosting a Rules Clinic (O.A.S.A.), April 26, 9 a.m., Regent School, Midland, corner of Russell St. and Ellen St.

The Clinic is open to new umpires, players, coaches and is a must for veteran umpires.

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Four new faces

The result of a membership drive by the Midland Rotary Club is four new names on the club's roster. Joining the club last week were, from left, Norm Gar-

cia, Dave Hamilton, Kamran Khozan, and Geoffrey Dixon.

Minister

Minister of Citizenship and Culture Lily Munro might be in Midland on May 11.

The minister tentatively is scheduled to be present for the official opening of the renovated Midland Public Library.

She also likely would be meeting with the North Simcoe Arts Council.

The official opening of the library will be held on May 11, whether the minister can attend or not. The opening will be at 5 p.m.

New VP

The son of Liberal candidate Ken Black is the new vice-president of communications of the Ontario Liberal Party.

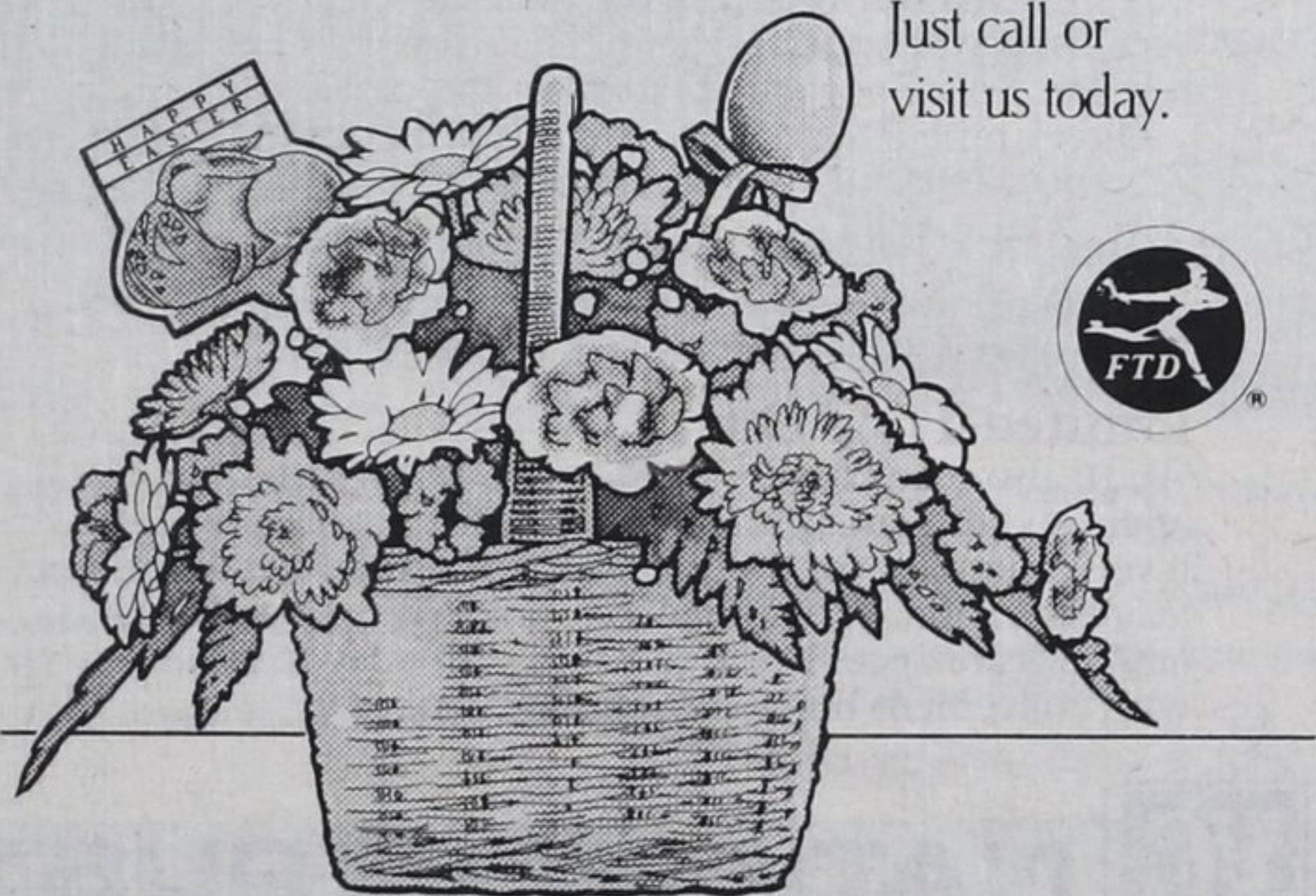
Greg Black, 32, was acclaimed during the party's annual general meeting held at the end of March.

Black assumed the position by acclamation. He is the director of communications for the Muskoka-Georgian Bay Liberal Association.

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