



Craft Sale

The Georgian Manor senior citizens home held its annual craft and bake sale earlier this month and judging by the turnout the event was a great success. Pearl Richardson is seen here with some of the crafts she had for sale at her table.

Orillia officials reluctant

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Dion said the bottom line, is that "they didn't want to see Tiny fighting us" and if the circumstances don't change then negotiations would cease because they will talk to us as "one and not separately".

Although NSWMA and Tiny officials spoke after Thursday's session, Dion said there nothing concrete was decided about the two

sides sitting down and discussing the possibility of joining forces again.

Tiny Township Deputy-reeve Dr. Peter Brasher, who was also at Thursday's meeting, said although Orillia officials were concerned over how long a temporary site would be needed by the six municipalities, he did not agree with Dion on the fact that negotiations would not be possible if the two sides

could not reconcile their differences.

"Orillia officials were very reluctant to jeopardize the lifespan of their dump and wanted a reciprocal agreement," said the deputy-reeve. "It didn't seem like that to me, (that Orillia wants the two sides to join forces) they are just worried that licencing of a dump is a long way down stream."

Band impact on audience

from Gilles Cinq-Mars

From an overseas telephone call on Friday April 17 to Don Limoges, Gilles Cinq-Mars the principal of Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School (ESPSS) reported that our students are living a very hectic pace.

On Sunday, April 12, the group visited Canterbury, experiencing history first hand. Later that day a tour of Dover castle was scheduled which, of course, included the Cliffs of Dover.

On Monday, following a good night's sleep, the group toured the Boosey & Hawkes Instrument plant. This company specializes in the manufacture of woodwind and brass musical instruments.

The band then performed for the employees of the plant.

The chairman of the board of Boosey & Hawkes was in attendance and was impressed with the musical talents of our students.

Later on Monday visits to Windsor Castle and shopping centres were scheduled, followed by an 8 p.m. play, "No Sex Please, We're British".

On Tuesday, the day began with a visit to Hampton Court, Henry VIII's palace. From here, the group travelled to Croyden for a concert at one of the schools.

They played to a full house, and again were well received.

Wednesday was the opening ceremonies for the Harrogate Festival at the Royal Hall.

A number of groups took part in the Opening

Ceremonies, but our performers were the only Canadian representatives.

From an audience of 2,000, of the two groups receiving the loudest applause, our's was one of them.

Thursday was an easier day, with a visit to York Minster. While the students attended a dance that evening, the principal and music director attended a civic reception, where they presented a photo-

graph by Budd Watson to the Mayor of Harrogate.

On Friday, the group left Harrogate for Knaresborough, where they performed at an open air concert to an audience of some 500.

At the time of the call, they were at Derby, preparing for an evening concert.

As a final comment, Cinq-Mars stated that our young people are doing an excellent job in their efforts as Canadian representatives.

Legion receives hand-crafted gavel

The Penetanguishene branch of the Royal Canadian Legion is the recipient of hand-crafted gavel which will add dignity and a touch of beauty to official meetings.

The gavel was presented to legion president Ivan Robitaille by William George who made the mallet.

"It's a beautiful piece of work," said Robitaille describing the gavel which is made from seven different types of wood and includes brass, mother of pearl, and plastic inlay.

George said he could not estimate the total number of hours it took to make the mallet during the year-and-a-half he was working on it.

"The top and bottom are made of lignum vitae, the hardest wood known,"

said George.

He said the materials were laminated and then finished.

The front and back of the mallet is ebony another very hard wood which gives the gavel a rich dark colour and the handle is made of lighter coloured

Brazilian rosewood.

George said the mother of pearl was difficult to work with.

He used it to make the legion's branch number, 68, and initials which appear on the head of the mallet.

Each character took

more than an hour to cut out.

"I had to use a jewellers saw," he said adding that only a saw with a very fine blade would allow him to make the detailed lettering.

With George during the presentation was his son, William Jr.



Presents gavel

William George, left, presents Penetanguishene legion President Ivan Robitaille with a gavel he spent more than a year-and-a-half working on. The gavel is made from some rare and exotic woods as well as mother of pearl inlay.

In court

Penetanguishene resident Gregory St. Amant, 24, appeared in Provincial Court in Midland last Monday to face charges of assault causing bodily harm.

The charges stem from an incident which occurred off the ice, at the Penetanguishene Arena in March, and saw a hockey player taken to hospital.

St. Amant had his case adjourned until Nov. 9, 1987.

Fashion

Ecole St. Louis has a spring fashion show planned for Sunday, April 26.

The show to be held in the gymnasium at Ecole Secondaire LeCaron will feature close to 40 models, students from St. Louis and their parents.

Stores providing garments for the fashion show include l'Armoire, Gignac's Children's Wear, The Loft, Patricia and Zellers.

The show will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$3.50 per person. For further information contact Monique Dupuis at 526-8245

PROBE fights to keep French

The Preserve the Rights of a Bilingual Education (PROBE) group is stepping up its fight against the French Language Education Council's (FLEC) move to remove French language courses at Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School (ESPSS).

Speaking on behalf of PROBE, Linda Desroches said the group is getting help from the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF)

"OSSTF is helping provide with information on how the school system works."

FLEC made its move to scrub French language courses at ESPSS in February following the release of a report which indicated enrollment in French language instruction at the school declined between grades 10 and 13.

The move angered many parents who wanted to ensure their children received a bilingual education.

Desroches noted that many francophones are also upset with the council's move.

Last week FLEC stood by its decision to phase out the courses.

FLEC chairman Basile Dorion said earlier the council would consider delegations which opposed the move but FLEC's determination to continue with its plan was made clear with last week's decision.

At present the French language trustees have the right, under Bill 75, to administer French language instruction in Simcoe County.

However one of the moves PROBE is considering is an appeal to the

Language Commission. But French instruction at ESPSS may continue, although reduced, following an announcement by the English Language Committee of the Simcoe County Board of Education last Tuesday (SCBE).

The SCBE was responding to calls by PROBE and other concerned parents to maintain the bilingual program at ESPSS.

Desroches said PROBE's goal during the next few

months will be to continue its opposition to the removal of French language instruction at ESPSS and keep the issue in the public eye.

"We want the institution left alone. I am francophone; I'm not against French," said Desroches adding it is important to receive an education in both languages.

"This is a bilingual country," she said.

Moreau hopeful

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help for them. The poor guy who's married, age 35, who finds himself out on the street, has a choice of welfare or unemployment. There aren't any government programs to help him."

Orser named an Orillia man who is rumoured to be another possible candidate.

Orser said he wanted to seek the Liberal nomination before the last provincial election, but he couldn't then give the job all of his time. "A good number of people" have offered him support recently.

Moreau is the long time reeve of Port McNicoll and a past warden of the county. He was born, raised, and educated in Penetanguishene and lived for seven years in Orillia. "I believe that this makes me very familiar with the entire riding."

Moreau described himself as "a caring type of person who is concerned about the quality of daily life for all residents of the riding, of whatever age; seniors, the environment, controlled industrial growth, child care, single parents, and the unemployed between age 35 and 65."

Al McLean will represent the Conservatives in Simcoe East in his third election. Perennial New Democrat candidate Fayne Bullen likely will represent the NDP.

Midland, Port McNicoll and Victoria Harbour, Tay Township, and Waubashene are no longer in Simcoe East. Penetanguishene, Tiny Township, Flos Township and Elmvale, have been added to Simcoe East.



New restaurant

The Commodore will formerly change hands next month. But new owner John Mealing is working on opening a restaurant on the second floor to complement the lounge and dance area downstairs. Mealing says the restaurant will feature good pub fair along with pizza, the house specialty.