

Babysitting Co-op at YMCA

YMCA Babysitting Co-op has ended its first seven weeks. Parents have reported they are happy with the improvements. The families who are using the service have an input into the organization.

At the same time, a person has the option to pay

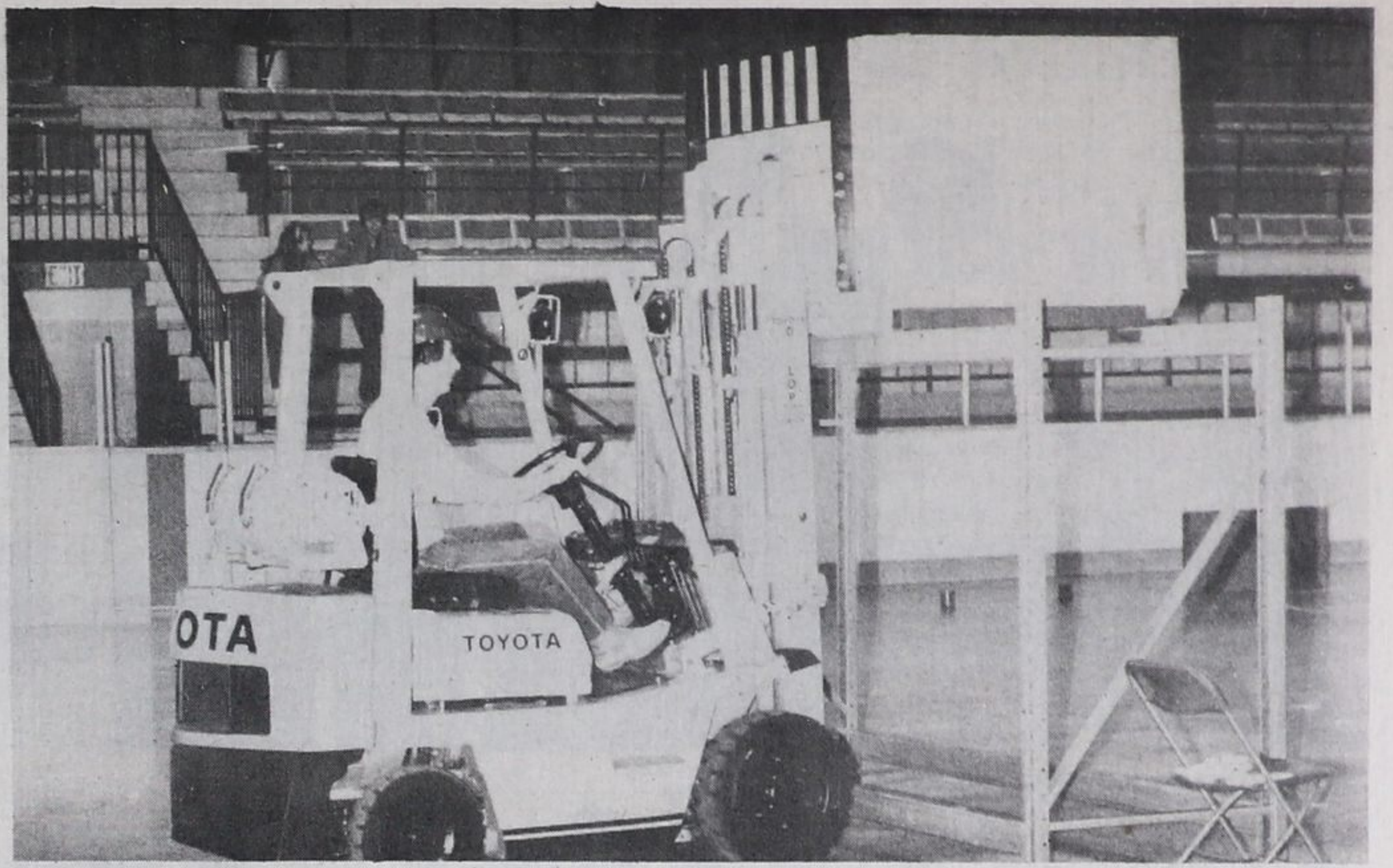
fully, partially, or not at all for a YMCA program. For example, an adult wishing to join the "55 and over swim" could pay \$25 for seven weeks or don't pay - babysit six hours. For preschool program, pay \$20 for seven weeks, or don't pay - babysit for five hours.

The Co-op service is offered to any person involved in a YMCA program. For every hour a person babysits, he or she will receive a \$4 credit toward any program or membership fee.

The babysitting co-op is based on the barter system to provide improved children services to program participants. At the same time it allows a financial option for members and non-members alike, to accumulate the credits valued at \$4 per hour in exchange for a deduction on individual program or membership fees.

Non-babysitting co-op members will receive the benefits of an improved babysitting service at the Y for a cost of \$1.25 per hour.

For more information, phone the YMCA today at 526-7828 or Susan Gadsby at 526-4686.



Forklift skill

Some people think it's hard to drive on a crowded road, but any forklift driver will tell you it's a breeze compared to maneuvering inside a busy plant. The Industrial Accident Prevention Association held a

forklift-driving competition at the Midland Arena Saturday, and drivers showed off their skills on a tricky obstacle course.

Head set demonstration for hearing impaired

A representative of the non-profit Canadian Hearing Association will demonstrate head sets for residents of the Villa Community Care Centre on the afternoon of May 25

The system being considered for the Villa is an infra-red system. Management of the Villa, and the Quota Club of Midland, have agreed to help pay for the system.

Similar infra-red systems are installed in the Georgian College Theatre, the Orillia Opera House, and in several Toronto area nursing homes.

The system's parts are an amplifier, microphones, and, for the person with the hearing loss, a headset similar to a portable stereo headset.

"Many of our residents have significant hearing losses. A hearing impairment can severely impede the social life of our residents. Many of our

residents would enjoy coming to our evenings of entertainment, watching a video movie, listening to a church service or playing bingo, but cannot hear enough even with their hearing aids," Mary Norwood, Villa Retirement Lodge activity director, said in a letter.

"Hearing aids do help in quiet situations, but in group activities they are actually noisy, filling the user's ears with cluttering background noises. To overcome this problem we are looking into having an infra-red system here at the Villa. We can achieve this only if enough interest is shown."

"Helen Keller, who was both deaf and blind, said that blindness cuts one off from things; deafness cuts one off from people. We hope this new system will help to improve the lifestyle of some of our residents," Norwood said.

Village booming

Port McNicoll is a \$1 million village.

At last Wednesday's regular council meeting it was announced that there is currently \$450,000 in construction going on in the village.

And that should top \$1 million by the end of the year, said clerk-treasurer Ted Walker.

All this building makes 1987 "a very good year," said Walker.

Budget time for Port

Budget time is coming up for the village of Port McNicoll.

Councillors will hold a closed meeting tomorrow night (Wednesday) to prepare a draft budget, said clerk-treasurer Ted Walker.

He said no major in-

creases are planned but some things, like garbage disposal and road repair, will cost more these days and that will reflect on the budget.

"But they usually try to keep the increase as low as possible," said Walker.

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