

# Water, water everywhere but watch the calendar

Water, water everywhere, but not a drop to water the lawn.

Not, that is, if your house number is "even" and the day of the month is "odd."

Although the total ban on watering lawns and gardens was lifted after only a few days, the above-noted restriction still applies, says Midland public utilities manager, Art Evans.

He described the water situation last week as "tricky."

"The situation is still serious," said Evans.

Evans added that the police, firemen and public utilities workers are all on the lookout for people who are violating the water restrictions. If caught, he said, they can be fined.

However, he said, they will receive two warnings first. No one has been fined yet, he said.

Also, he noted, a total ban on unnecessary watering might be reimposed if "people don't control themselves, and if the drought continues - which has every appearance of

doing so."

The current drought is "the worst I've seen in 16 years," said Evans. All the rain seems to go either north or south of the area, he noted.

The PUC is planning to drill two or three new wells and erect a new storage tank on Montreal Street. Hopefully, said Evans, that tank will be in place next May or June.

## Cash and jewels stolen at shop

Midland police have launched an investigation into a break, enter and theft at a flower shop on Midland Avenue last Tuesday night.

About \$500 in cash and

\$100 in small jewelry items were taken from the store, according to police. As well, the crime left about \$700 in damage to a safe, cash register and door jam.



### Knight life

Bruce Roper from Claremont could be considered somewhat of an arms dealer; he travels from shopping mall to shopping mall selling, among other things,

models of suits of armor medieval knights used to wear. He was at the Mountainview Mall last week as part of a craft show.

## Resident blames crisis on pools

At least one Midland resident is not happy with the way the Town and the public utilities commission are handling the water crisis in town.

Bev Steele, who also works with the local St. John Ambulance, says the crisis is also angering other townspeople.

The Town of Midland has imposed restrictions on the use of water for lawns and gardens and at one point, put a total ban on such watering for a few days.

It has also raised the rates for delivering water to residents.

The whole water problem stems from an outdated pumping system; there is plenty of water for everyone but there is not a strong enough system to deliver it all over town.

The situation has left Huronia District Hospital without water on two occasions, because it is so far away from the water pumping station.

Steele says the way the Town handled the raise in rates may have confused some people. Waterworks committee chairman Tony Osler said, in a story in the June 23 Midland Times, that the first 2,000 gallons of water used per month used to be free. The change he announced at the time would force residents to begin paying for every drop.

Steele said that was misleading because there

has always been a basic charge for water, in effect, meaning the water was never "free." After that initial charge, the first 2,000 gallons used to be free. But now, there is the basic charge plus a charge for every drop used.

"People were assuming it started at zero," she said. "It never did."

"This is worse than a taxi cab. With them I start at zero - but I don't with the Town of Midland."

Technically, the initial, basic charge was not based on water used, explained PUC manager Art Evans. The charge used to be \$4.80 a month and then

2,000 gallons free. Now it is \$4.80 plus \$1 for every 1,000 gallons.

But Steele said she was quite angry when she opened her water bill this month to find a dramatic increase, from about \$9 to about \$20.

"People are fuming," she noted.

She also said there were too many building permits issued for swimming pools. She blamed the pools as a major cause of the water shortage.

With the increase in billing, "I am now paying for somebody else's swimming pool," she said.

## Car rolls over

An accident on Christian Island July 18 resulted in one man being hospitalized and a woman charged with impaired driving.

Midland OPP report that a 1976 Honda was speeding northbound on Omega Street at about 1:30 p.m. when it entered a ditch and rolled over.

Forty-one year old Donald King, a passenger,

suffered major injuries and, after being brought to the mainland was taken to Penetang General Hospital by ambulance.

Twenty-seven year old Candice Nolan was charged with impaired driving causing bodily harm as well as excess alcohol. She is scheduled to appear in Penetanguishene Provincial Court Aug. 20.

## 20 accidents

There were 20 motor vehicle accidents investigated by the Midland OPP between July 13 and 20.

Five involved personal injury. Ten were property damage only and the other five were of the non-reportable nature.



Looking for some extra fun. Come join us at the Commodore Hotel in Penetanguishene, and play the exciting game of Commodore Keno. This new game started last Monday and is proving to be a big hit.

Everytime you buy your refreshment at Replays Sports Bar you will receive a Commodore Keno card free. All you have to do to play is randomly pick any ten numbers, mark them on the card along with your name, address and phone number. You can even try your own favorite lucky numbers. If they weren't lucky before they just may be this time.

At regular intervals throughout the afternoon and evening 10 numbers will be drawn. You could find yourself a winner of one of many exciting prizes if your numbers match. The winners of the instant prizes then become eligible to win even bigger prizes in our bi-weekly Super Keno Draw.

Everytime you step up to the bar for a refill, you will receive a new card to pick 10 new numbers and increase your chances of winning. Just remember the rules that you will find on the back of your card and you will have a great time playing Commodore Keno.

This game is a lot of fun and you can play Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. until midnight. Bring your friends and visit Replays. There is a good chance somebody will go home a winner.

For something more challenging try the Name That Tune contest in the Pass. Hear the tune, write your answer on a slip of paper along with your name and put it in the drum. The person drawing the ballots from the drum will continue until someone wins, and that might be you if you have an ear for music. You will have a chance to win an album or tape of the artist featured. No matter how long it takes there is always a winner.

You can play Name That Tune on Thursday July 30th from 9 p.m. to midnight, with the draw being held at midnight. No matter which game you play, you and your friends are always a winner at the Commodore Hotel, located at 59 Main Street in Penetanguishene.

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