



### Looking back

Old-timers may recall the R. E. Simpson Funeral Service where it stood years ago in the town of Midland. The building it occupied now houses Barber and Haskill Furniture, right on the corner of King Street and Elizabeth Street. Obviously, the ledge on the out-

side of the window provided a much-needed resting place for these young men in the 1930s. Shown left to right are "Salt" Todd, Bob Gray and Doug Crawford. Photo supplied by Jack Ayres.

## Parking policy may have hurt business

A controversial parking policy that may have scared business away from the downtown core was discussed at a town committee meeting last Monday night.

The "cash in lieu" policy, where downtown businesses would be forced to pay over a thousand dollars to the town if they didn't supply their own parking, was put down as being anti-business by the chairperson of the planning and development committee.

"The cash in lieu policy is not the best thing for downtown businesses," said chairperson Councillor Gail Barrie.

"It is definitely not the way to go. The committee

does not wish to hamper development downtown." Under the cash in lieu policy, every business that develops, builds or acquires property on King Street north of Elizabeth Street is required to pay \$1,350 per unit.

"It is quite an additional expense," said Barrie. "If you have eight units with no parking, the extra \$10,000 can make or break the decision."

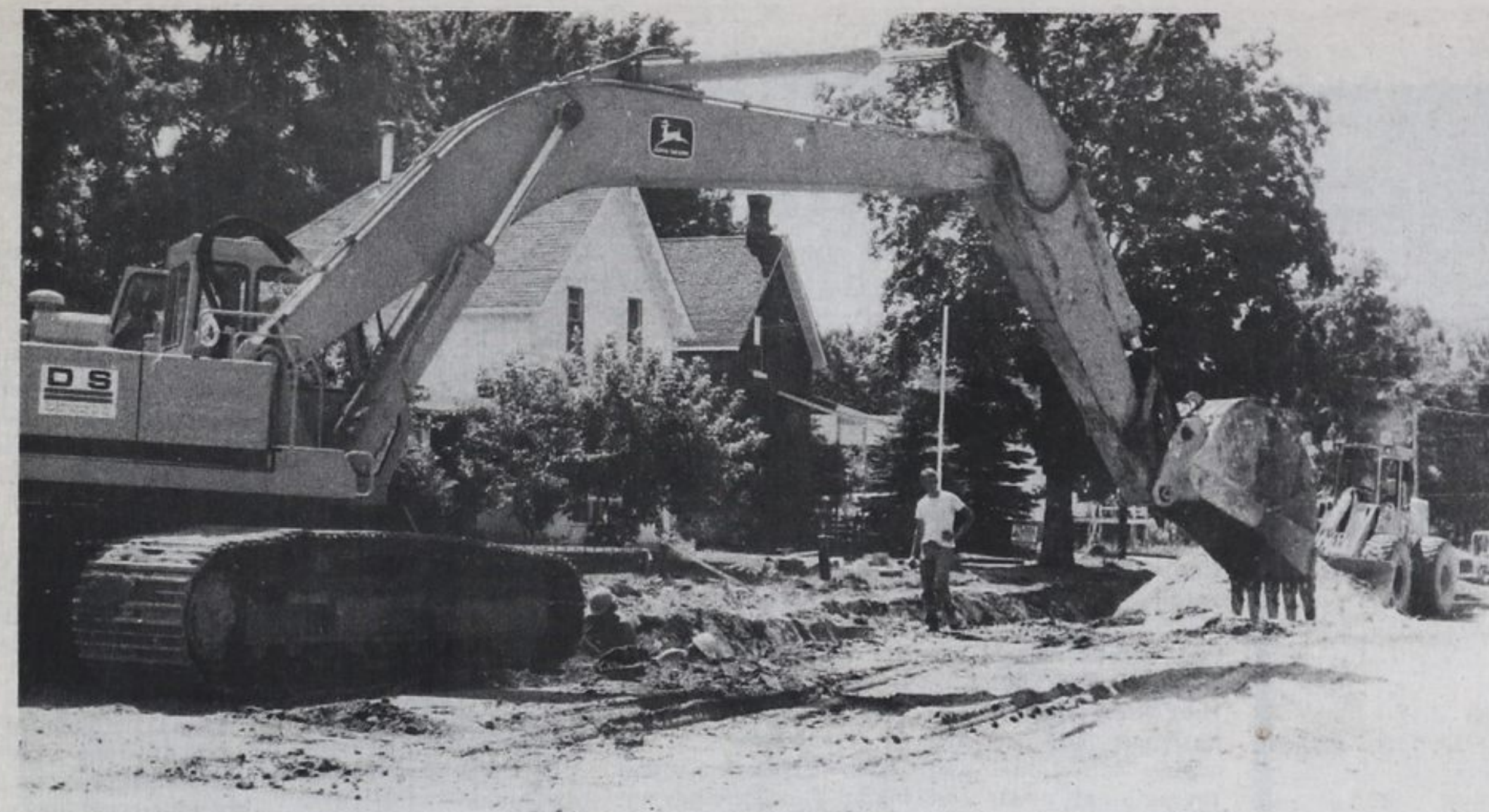
The committees recommendations were to be heard at last night's council meeting.

## Police say call of theft false

A Midland man has been charged with public mischief after police received a false report of a stolen motorcycle.

On July 4, according to police, a man called to report the theft of a motorcycle. However, when police recovered the motorcycle July 21, they discovered it had not been stolen.

They have charged 21-year-old Duane Robert Edgar with public mischief. He is to appear in court Aug. 10



### Replacing sewers

Work crews are busy on Peel St. replacing storm drains and sanitary sewers. The job was started earlier this month and should be complete soon.

## French centre features jazz

The French Activities Centre begins its seventh annual Festival Quenouilles on August 7.

The centre's programming co-ordinator Richard de Grandmont says the two day festival will feature events for the entire family.

Festival Quenouilles, or the Bullrush Festival, starts the evening of Friday, August 7, with the Rene Lavoie Quartet playing mainstream jazz at the Cafe Annette.

Ottawa based Lavoie is a well-known Canadian saxophonist whose quartet features other established jazz performers.

The following morning on Saturday, August 8, at 9 a.m., visitors to the centre will be able to enjoy a pancake breakfast with CFRH Radio Huronia. The pan-

cake breakfast will be live, on air between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and feature local and provincial personalities.

On Saturday afternoon, at 2:00 p.m., there is free admission to Lafontaine en Action. The afternoon picnic will feature local musicians, swimming and other events.

The festival closes Saturday evening at the French Activity Centre with Neil Lefave playing the 'Danse de Cloture'. Lefave and his band will feature a wide selection of dance favourites from pop to country to swing.

Information about the festival is available from the French Activity Centre at 63 Main St. in Penetanguishene or you can call 549-3116.

## Objection to law dismissed

An objection to a zoning bylaw which will allow houses to be built on the north side of Victoria Street in Midland was tossed out at a hearing.

Dr. Douglas Donald, who owns property near the affected area, objected to the zoning change because he was concerned about soil erosion at the back of the properties.

Donald argued his case before one member of the Ontario Municipal Board in the council chambers in Midland July 16.

His case was dismissed. Town clerk Fred Flood says the construction of the proposed housing can start immediately.

Donald was not available for comment.

Developer Jack Stollar of Barrie plans to build 49 single-family houses on

property he owns on the north side of the street.

Stollar says the objection by Donald was "frivolous" and a waste of time by the OMB.

Flood estimated the hearing, which lasted one afternoon, cost the town between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

Developer Stollar said it was not fair that the ratepayers of the town should end up paying for the hearing.

Meanwhile, Stollar said plans are still in the works for housing subdivisions to be built next to Little Lake.

He said he is working with the municipality to determine how the water run-off system would work. There have been problems in the past with pollution in Little Lake caused by drainage into the lake.

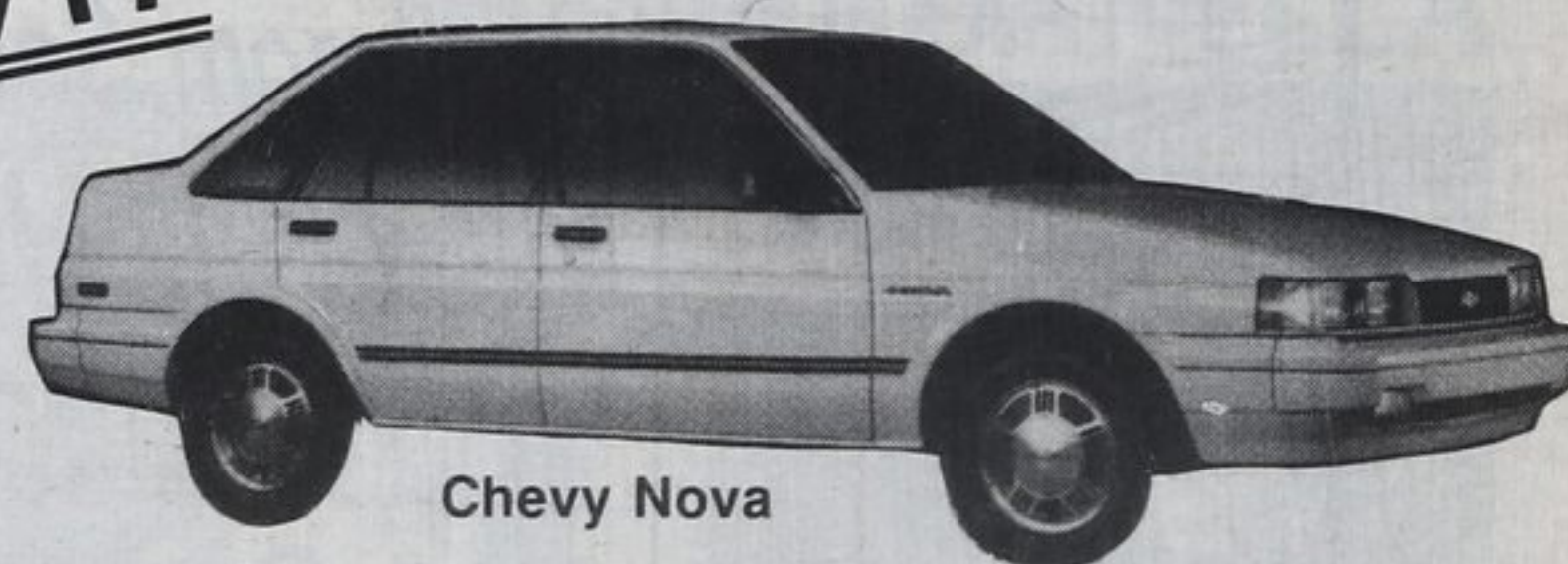


### Ice cold

Hockey was the thing to do for young men back in the 1930s, much the same as it still is today. Back in those days, however, the game was a bit different. Here, two young Midland lads, Eddie Ayres and Doug Crawford, pose in front of the old Midland Arena (now the Curling Club) after a game.

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## Puppet show to play tomorrow

On Wednesday, July 29 at 3 p.m., the library is pleased to present "Charlotte and her friends." A delightful program of puppetry, mime, stories and ventriloquism. How to be Your Own Nutritionist by Stuart M. Berger, The Diet Principal by Victoria Principal and When Rabbit Howls by Trudi Chase.

The following is a list of our new books:

Fiction: Blowout by Thomas N. Scortia, Close Quarters by William Golding, To Sail Beyond the Sunset by Robert A. Heinlein, Polonaise by Jane Aiken Hodge, Pale Kings and Princes by Robert B. Parker and Heartstones by Ruth Rendell.

Wednesday summer film flicks: July 20 at 1:30 p.m., Circus slickers, The Circus: Serrina becomes an Acrobat and Anoop and the Elephant.

Don't forget the puppet show July 29 at 3 p.m.

## Outside trucks cause concern to committee

Out-of-town catering companies may be about to face attempts by Midland to run them out of town.

At a public safety committee meeting last Thursday night, Mayor Al Roach recommended a bylaw be drawn up to charge such out-of-town catering trucks a \$500 annual fee.

That fee would hopefully be enough to make it unprofitable to do business in town, said committee members.

"We're only here to protect local people," said Councillor Carolyn White.

## 'Townhouse' to get new meaning

What does the word "townhouse" mean to Midland Town Council? The answer to that was to come up at Monday night's Midland council meeting.

Last week, at a planning and development committee meeting, the subject of defining "townhouse" came up because of a developer's plans to construct houses - connected underground - which appear to be separate dwellings.

The dwellings would have a common wall or foundation, according to Councillor Gail Barrie, chairperson of the committee.

She said the council would be asked to approve a new definition which would allow such housing to fall under the "townhouse" definition. "It would have an advantage for the developer," she said. "But it would also be an advantage for people who can't afford a \$100,000 house."

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