

Fifty years a Jesuit

Last Thursday was the 50th anniversary of director of the Martyrs' Shrine Father James Farrell becoming a Jesuit. Father Farrell, right, accepted a present presented on behalf of the staff by Father Emmett McKenna, the Shrine's assistant director. Being a part of Pope John Paul II's visit to the Shrine is Fr. Farrell's favourite memory.

Fondest memory of Pope

James Farrell's fondest memory in 50 years as a Jesuit was watching Pope John Paul II meet the sick at the Martyrs' Shrine.

Father Farrell marked his 50th year as a Jesuit last Thursday. He and four other members of his class of 1937 gathered with three 60-year Jesuits at Ignatius College in Guelph last Friday.

Ignatius College is the starting point for all English-speaking Jesuits.

Fr. Farrell was the Pope's constant companion on Sept. 15, 1984 while he 1957 he was a teacher and

visited the shrine as part of his Canadian tour.

"I remember him dealing with the sick in the church: how he could reach out to each sick person no matter what else was happening."

Fr. Farrell has been the director of the Martyrs' Shrine since 1981. A past rector of Ignatius College, and of Campion College in Regina, he has been an administrator since 1957. Between 1966 and becoming director of the Shrine he was rector of the Canadian Jesuit missions. Previous to a student counsellor.

preparation for the Pope's visit, he said, "I don't know that I ever saw such cooperation: people wanting to do it and then doing it." times. Catholics, non-Catholics,

became director of the opening. shrine. "It may have

success.

always been here. I've ex-Thinking about the perienced it."

As mission director he visited missions in Africa, India, and Bhutan, travelling around the world four

Apart from the Pope's individuals and clubs, visit, notable events at the worked to make the visit a Shrine in the past six years have been the opening of The spirit of co-operaton the Filion Centre in the has been present in many basement of the church, of the things in which the renovation of the Father Farrell has been in- church, and the observolved, he said. "It's been vance last year of the 60th a good feeling" since he anniversary of the shrine's

Councillor asks why two lawyers needed

mittee will consider the ad- "It's hard for me to see us Whiteacre was for \$26,000. vantages of using one, not to have both Mr. (William) Some of the work for two, Toronto lawyers.

council meeting why the the work to one of the Fraser Beatty. Town was using two high- two?"

Midland's finance com- priced Toronto lawyers. The most recent bill from Whiteacre's firm and (the) which payment was re-Councillor Buzz Brown Fraser Beatty (law firm) in- quested was done by asked during the July 27 volved. Why can't we give Michael McKeown of

Museum thanks Town for gift, wants more

president John Yelland has thanked Midland council for the 1987 grant the museum received.

Reeve Bev Day, a representative of the Town to mark the museum's 40th curator Vern Farrow. assisting us with the root and insulation project," Yelland wrote.

"We hope to generate new interest and greater numbers of visitors to our community with these improved facilities," he added.

on the board, mentioned when the letter was acknowledged at the July council meeting, that the museum would like another \$1,400.

"We recognize that controlling budgets based on a

Huronia Museum board limited tax base is importhe community and the

tant for the well-being of Mayor Al Roach and Yelland cut a ribbon held region as a whole. We are by museum and Indian grateful to the council for Village director Jamie Last month a celebration Hunter, and former

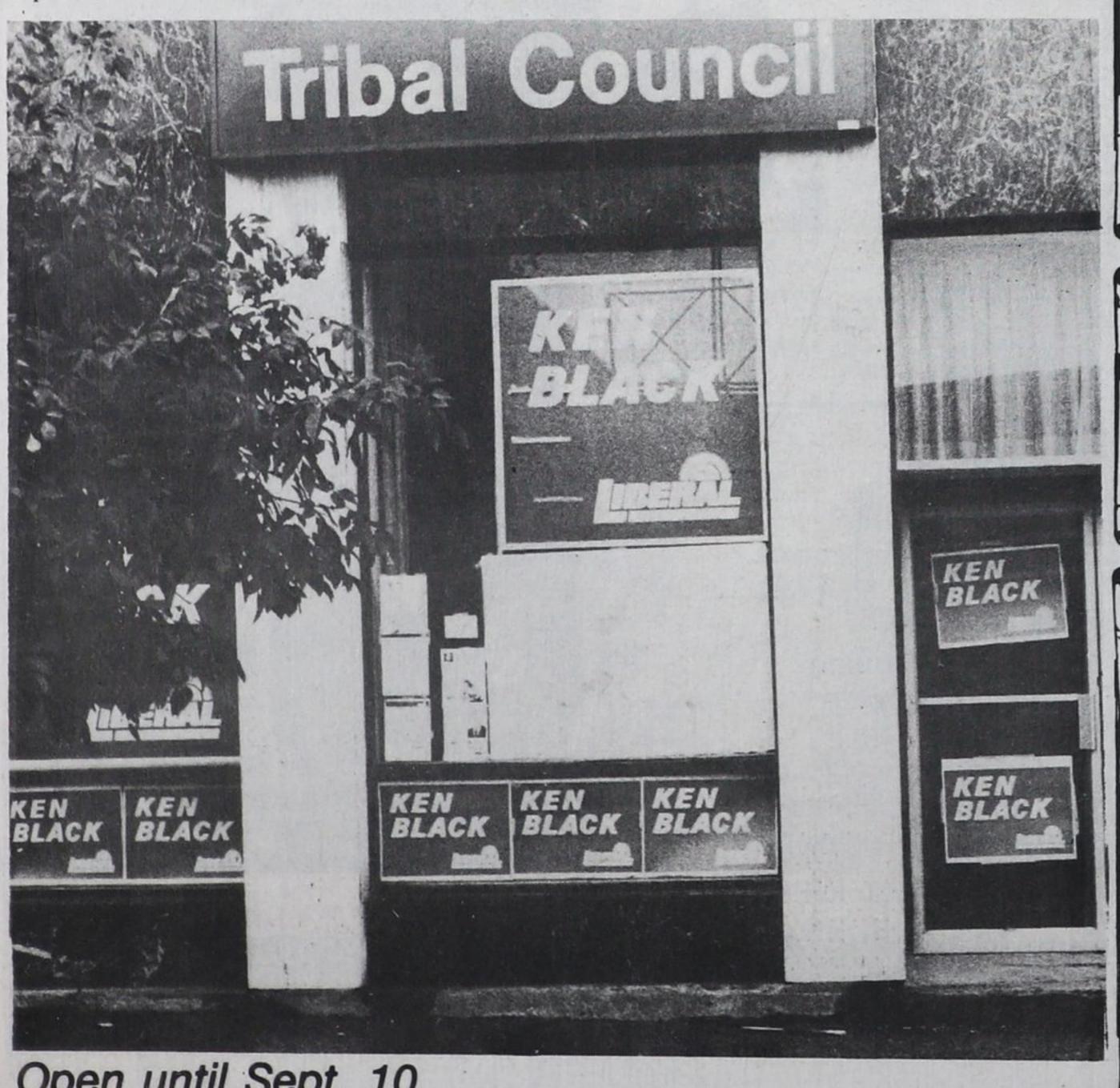
anniversary was held.

Building boom's value is triple that of 1986

The gap between value of building permits issued in Midland in 1986 and in 1987 continues to grow.

Through the first six months of this year, 214 building permits collectively worth \$11.5 million were issued. During the same period in 1986, 121 permits with a collective value of \$3.6 million were issued.

The comparative figures for June are \$1.6 million, 1987, and \$292,300 for



Open until Sept. 10

The Liberal campaign presence in Midland was established quickly. Campaign posters of the Liberal candidate in Muskoka-Georgian Bay were in the campaign office's window on Saturday morning, the day after Premier Peterson announced the election would be held on Sept. 10. Ken Black, the Liberal candidate, is in Midland today. He will be in this end of the riding several days a week during the election campaign.

