

Incoming tourists

This helicopter was at the annual Summerama festival in Penetang last weekend, taking all who dared for a stunning five-minute ride over the bay. The trip cost \$14 each.

Caterpillars still have damage to do

The population of tent caterpillars is on the increase, and while that may not mean a big problem this year, there will be more area damage in the next few years.

"Infestations come and go in something like a 15 to 20 year cycle," explains Ed Sutherland, Management Forester with the Ministry of Natural Resources. "The population is on the increase so there will probably be more damage next year and in the next few years."

Sutherland says the Muskoka region has had far more damage than Simcoe County.

The two most prevalent types of tent caterpillars in the County are the forest and eastern tent caterpillars. The eastern tent caterpillar spins a tent-like web for protection during the larval stage, while the forest tent caterpillar doesn't really live in a tent. "The forest tent caterpillar is the one that is most destructive when we have high populations," says Sutherland.

It is bothersome enough to be rated among Canada's six forest enemies. It is generally more familiar to people than other destructive forest pests because of its tendency to migrate in large masses during the larval stage and to appear in massive moth flights during outbreak years.

Outbreaks of forest tent caterpillars may last from three to six years, depending on weather conditions and other natural control factors. Outbreaks of the other species are seldom as severe and widespread.

Tent caterpillars are not too particular about their diet. They feed on the foliage of trembling aspen and other members of the poplar family, and on sugar maple, birch, ash, oak and many other deciduous trees and shrubs.

Fortunately, the caterpillars seldom kill trees outright, even when they completely strip them of foliage. Radical growth of the tree is reduced,

however, and it is almost certainly weakened, making it more vulnerable to disease. Development of the tree may be affected for two years following an attack.

In the County, Sutherland says that while some trees have been damaged, they will certainly recover.

Tent caterpillars feed in colonies and while the eastern variety forms tent-like webs for protection, the forest tent caterpillar does not make a tent but clusters in masses on the stem of the host tree, living on silken mats and spinning silken paths for travelling.

Fortunately, the caterpillars are controlled by various natural factors. Starvation often wipes out populations that have "exploded" under ideal conditions and subsequently exhausted their food supply.

Also, the caterpillars are attacked by more than 40 types of parasite.

Mechanical means of control, without the use of chemicals, are often sufficient to remove tent caterpillars from single trees and small groups. Egg masses may be knocked off twigs, and twigs bearing colonies of caterpillars cut off and burned.

Lutherans have chance at church

Lutherans are getting closer to having their own church in Midland.

On Sept. 9 a rezoning application for land on Yonge Street adjacent to the existing Alliance Church will be heard.

Members of the Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church meet for Sunday services in the Athenian Hall.

Two new faces on college board

At the last meeting of the Georgian College board of Governors, two new members were welcomed as appointees to serve on the college governing body. They are replacing two members whose term of office have expired.

Han Witt is replacing Midland representative John Leitch (former Board Chairman), while Peter

Lemon comes to the Board from Owen Sound.

Witt is general manager and vice-president of Engineering for Ernst Leitz (Canada) Limited in Midland. He has an extensive business and community background, including positions as director and advisor of the Junior Achievement Program in Midland and

director and president of the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

Lemon recently returned to university after working in radio news for 15 years. He is now running his own business in financial and managerial consulting after graduating from University of Guelph with his honors degree in Agricultural Science. Cur-

rently, Lemon serves as an alderman on Owen Sound city council and has held numerous senior office positions including branch chairman for St. John's Ambulance and director of the Grey Bruce Regional Tourist council.

John Fennell of Midland is chairman of the Board of Governors, and the two

vice-chairmen are Marilyn Schinbein, Hanover, and John Christensen, Gravenhurst. Other Board members include: Harry Barons, Orillia; Dr. Edward Beator, Oro; Archibald Brown, Barrie; Bradley Davis, Tobermory; Eleanor Ley, Shelburne; Dora Logan, Parry Sound; and Mary Erichsen-Brown, Collingwood.

Uniting the visual and literary

The cover of "Oasis in Time" an elegant hard-cover book of poetry and photographs, is graced by a picture of a seagull in flight at Woodland Beach. Photographer Jim Ford took the shot while visiting his parents, Jim and Marg Ford, Allenwood Beach

residents. "I grew up in Pine Grove, but I spent all my summers as a kid up here at Woodland Beach," says Ford. "Quite a few of the photographs (in the book) were taken around this area.

Ford's photographs are complemented by poetry by Ruth Churchill Pepler of Hanover.

Ford, a relief pharmacist, met Pepler while working in Hanover.

"I was working in Hanover across the hall from a doctor's office. Ruth

works in the doctor's office. In discussion we talked about our creative outlets. Hers is poetry, mine is photography, so we decided to get together, says Ford.

Ford says Pepler was a bit apprehensive about showing her works, written over many years. She had no need to be, as Ford cannot praise her poetry highly enough.

"Her poetry creates word-pictures in your mind."

The poems were matched to photographs from Ford's collection, numbering in the thousands he has taken over the years. Many, says Ford, were taken on the way to pharmacy jobs all over Ontario.

He uses a Olympus OM1 camera, "the old manual style," which he says he carries everywhere he goes.

According to Ford, the idea for the book started about six years ago and it has been a full-time project for the last year and a half.

"Every step of the way this book has been one problem after another," says Ford. The book required a lot of patience. We tried to get it out for several deadlines, but it seemed this book had a life of its own.

However, Ford says all

the delays have made for a better book and 500 copies were sold before it was even released.

"Oasis in Time" is co-published by Summerhill Press and Woodland Press, both of Toronto. It will be distributed nationally by Collier Macmillan Canada. Signed copies are available in the Village Store (formerly the Gala Gift Shop) in Elmvalle and at Huronia Office Supplies in Midland.

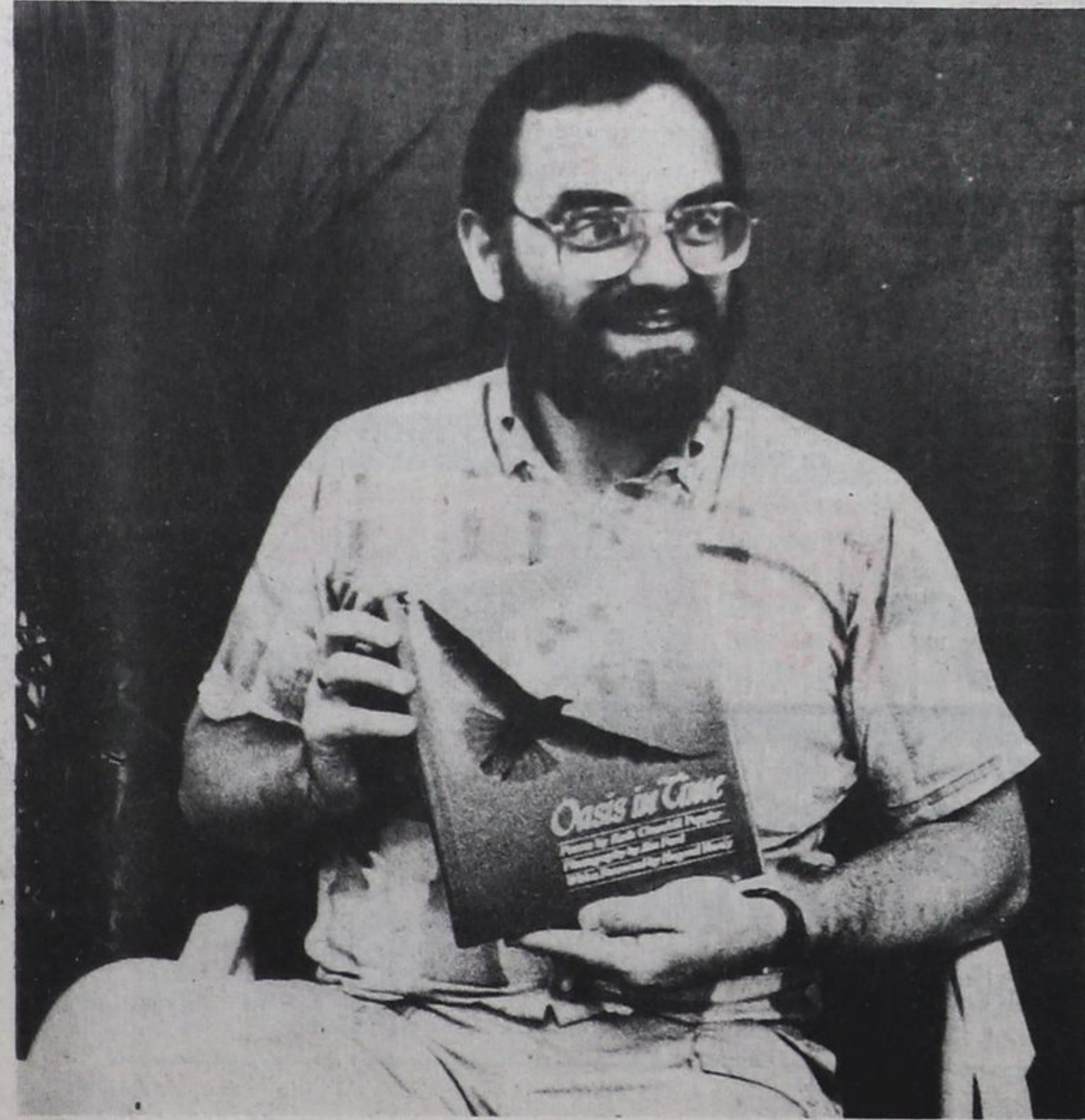
Park cars a problem

Midland's board of park management has been asked to review the creation of a parking area in Woodland Park.

The request came from the Town's public safety committee.

The committee noted that cars parked on Woodland Drive and

Howard Street by users of the park are creating a safety, and a traffic problem.



Jim Ford

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