

Club is looking for town squares

Leading the edge of the square dancing revitalization in Midland is the Midland Grand Squares, a young club by standards but with a doe-see-doe future ahead of it.

The Grand Squares have been getting together at Huron Park Public School on Robert Street on Friday nights from 7:30 to 10 for about a year and a half now.

In that time they peaked at about 50 members and now dropped down a bit to 30.

Club spokesman Bob Harris says the Squares need another five couples to keep it going.

"If you don't know how to dance we'll teach you," said Harris, adding that the group will welcome square dancers of all ages.

This square dancing is a bit different from the traditional style. The music is more modern, as are the

dance steps, says Harris.

"Rather than the old-time fiddling stuff, you can dance to stuff you hear on the radio today," he said.

In hopes of bringing more people into the fold, the dancing club will be appearing in the middle of the Mountainview Mall on Thursday nights between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. for the next two weeks.

They will be there both this Thursday and next performing in front of shoppers.

Last week a large crowd gathered every time the Grand Squares turned up the tunes and professional caller Dean Fisher of Collingwood turned on his microphone.

About 16 dancers demonstrated the fun and laughs of square dancing, making a few boo-boos but laughing it off with each other.

Harris claims there are more than 40,000 square dancers in Canada, in-

cluding approximately 25 clubs in the Georgian Bay area.

He is hoping more Midland and area couples will give either the

Midland Recreation Department a call at 526-4770 or him at 534-4337 to join the club and square the nights away.



Swing your partner

They were swinging their partners round and round and dancing up a storm in the middle of the Mountainview Mall last

Thursday, as the Midland Grand Squares tried to drum up interest in the club. They

were hoping, also, to attract new members into the fold.

Gignac appeared in court again

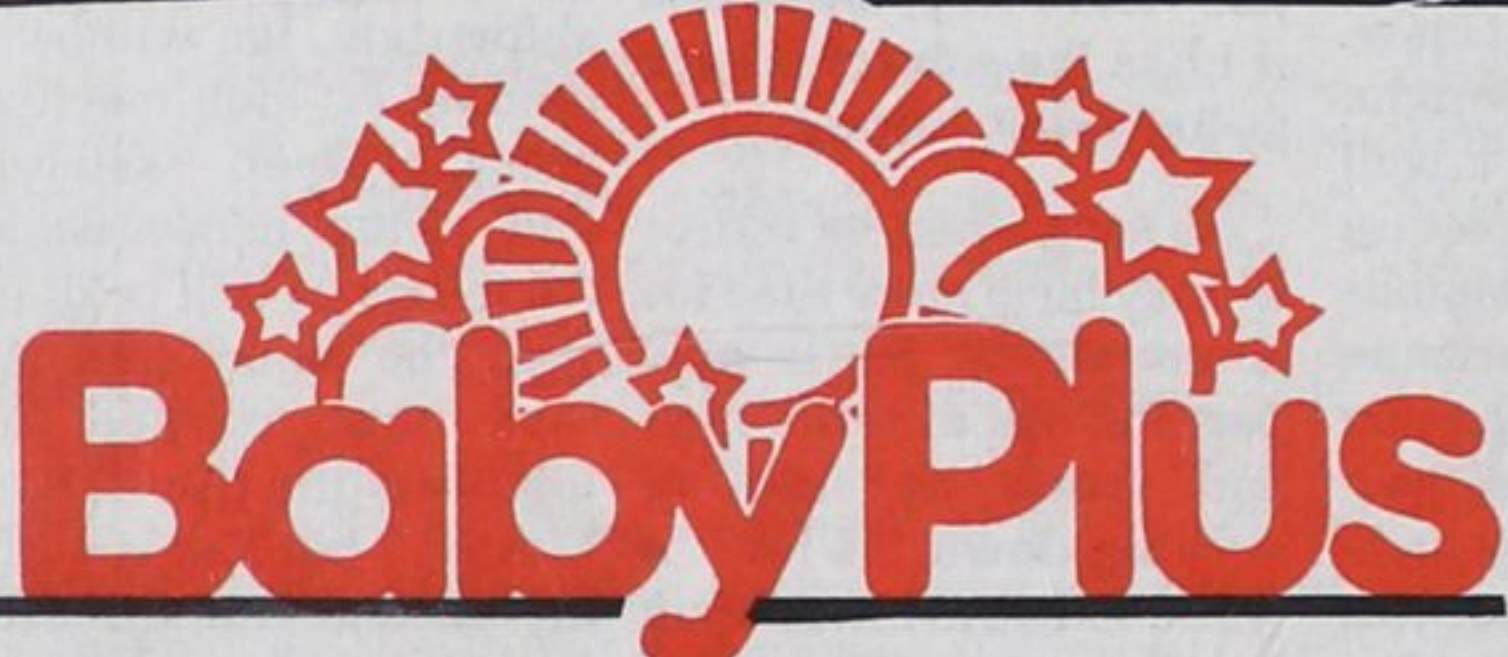
Lillian Gignac of Midland will appear again in court in Barrie on Sept. 4.

She has appeared for the purpose of a date for her trial on arson charges being set a number of times since her arrest, most recently last Friday.

Gignac, 35, was charged

on Dec. 31, 1986, with setting fire to St. Margaret's Catholic Church. She is charged also with setting fire to a Fifth Street house last Nov. 27.


Gignac has been kept at the Penetanguishene Mental Health Centre since her arrest.



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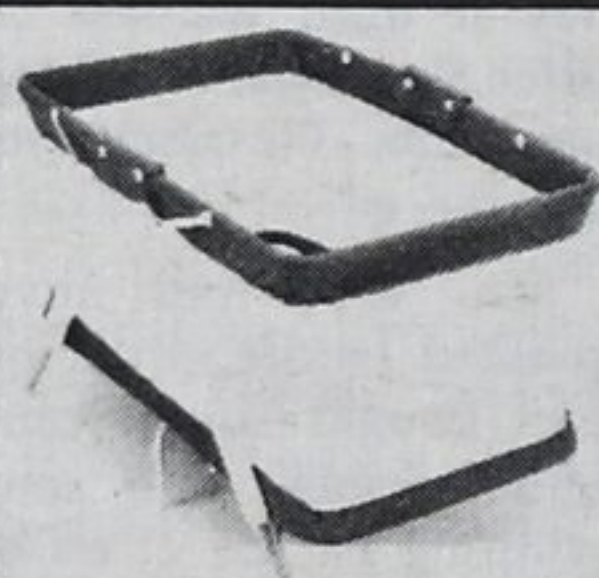
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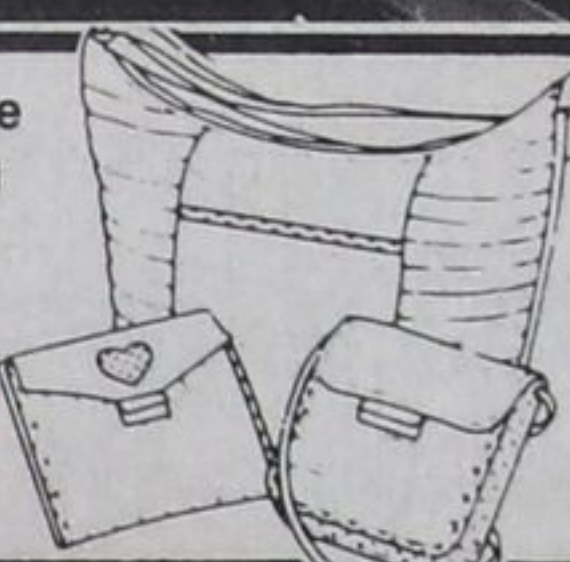
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