Opener was great time

by Ed Pearson

The Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre, which used to be the Midland Medical Centre, was a busy place last week. Commencing with a community breakfast on Wednesday, there was four days of baby contests, theatre presentations, workshops on Indian government, Arts and Craft and sporting events culminating in a ribbon-cutting official opening for the new centre on Saturday.

The focal point for Native Awareness Week drew a large crowd of wellwishers, spectators, centre members and politicians. President of the Centre, Mr. Roger Jackson, codrummers.

ed out on some good the new premises. one-liners.

the speakers related to cultural and referral sersome instances during vices to Native people in their early schooling when the area of Christian their education was Island, Tiny Township, diverted away from their Penetanguishene, Midnative culture and educa- land, Port McNicoll, Viction. They urged the au- toria Harbour and smaller dience to ensure that the villages in the area.

native language and culture was preserved.

Father Schreteen, from Martyrs' Shrine, was invited to present the book Gyindamowinan a selection of readings by Fred Baragan, the noted Indian chronologist. The Friendship Centre aided in the translation and financial support for the publication. Austrian Printers of Penetang have been commissioned to release the book, it will be available from them shortly.

Muskoka-Georgian Bay candidate George Beatty, Doug Lewis, minister of state for Treasury Board and local M.P.P. Al McLean were on hand to add their congratulations ordinated the ceramonies to Council members. which were ochestrated by Midland Mayor Al Roach four enthusiastic young stole a march by bearing a gift, a handsome Midland Band Elders, Leonard Town flag. Roger Jackson Monague and Charlie thanked the town for the Tobey regaled the assem- co-operation enjoyed in bly with some humorous setting up the project and homilies which were lost reiterated that one of the on this reporter because aims of the centre was to the punch-lines were encourage interaction betdelivered in Ojibway. Judg- ween Native and Noning from the titters that Native citizens. He promiswere coming from one seg- ed that the town flag would ment of the crowd, I miss- occupy a place of honor in

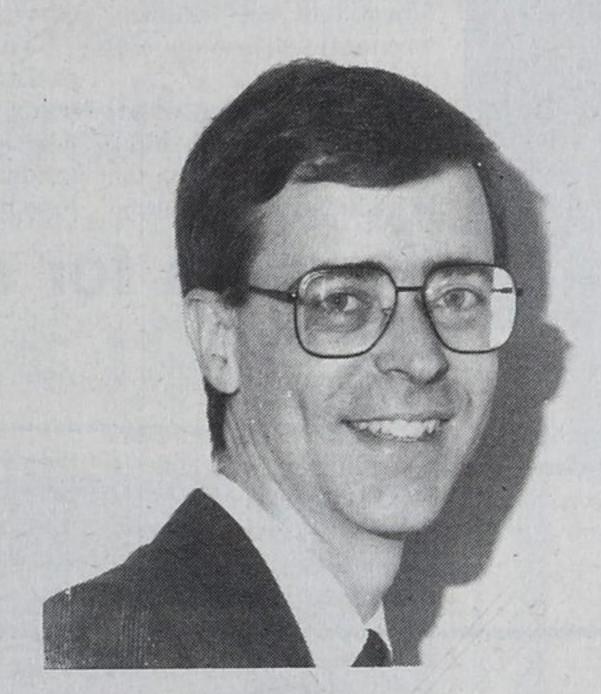
The directors of the cen-In a more serious vein, tre aim to provide social,



Ayash!

One of the best parts of Native Awareness Week at the Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre were the performances of Ayash, a play based on an old Indian legend. This is

one of the many mysterious scenes from the play.



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Lewis to meet with the Chief

Band (which controls the wants to discuss recuper-Christian Island reserve) ating some of the money it will meet with newly ap- now spends on services for pointed cabinet minister the reserve, such as snow-Doug Lewis to discuss starting a soap factory on the get nothing for that," said reserve.

ly scheduled for Sept. 24 in ching ramp. the Tiny Township municipal offices.

The meeting was discussed at last Wednesday's Tiny council meeting. The township will also join the meeting, as council has some concerns they want to raise.

wants to start the factory on the part of the reserve located on the mainland, at the north end of the township.

The Beausoleil Indian The township says it plowing and grating. "We clerk Guy Maurice. It also The meeting is tentative- wants to discuss a laun-

> The Chief of the Beausoleil Band, Bernard McCue, was not available for comment.

Simcoe North MP Doug Lewis was appointed minister of state for the treasury board last Thurs-The band reportedly day night, in a mini-Cabinet shuffle by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Approximately 20 people are expected to attend the meeting.

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