



End of Vacation Bible School

These children all took part in the closing ceremonies of Vacation Bible School held at Knox Presbyterian Church last Friday morning. They performed delightful skits, sang songs and everyone had a great time. The bible school was sponsored by St. Paul's United, Knox Presbyterian and Calvary Baptist Church.

Help here for entrepreneurs, says government official

Governments are ready to help anyone who wants to start a small business and are prepared to give them a hand getting money to do it, too.

Last Thursday night, more than 40 potential entrepreneurs crammed into the basement of the Penetanguishene Public Library to hear how they can get interest-free loans to start a new business.



This man means business

Gary Angst, a representative of the Ministry of Trade and Technology, is shown here during a seminar held in the Penetanguishene Public Library. Angst has performed hundreds of such seminars, telling potential entrepreneurs how to get a small business started with government help. About 40 showed up.

The speaker was Gary Angst, from the ministry of trade and technology. Angst is a veteran of several hundred such lectures across the province. He told the crowd there is help there when they need it, but starting a business and succeeding means a lot of hard work.

"We all share the fear of making the wrong decision," Angst said at the opening of the talk. "If this seminar helps you then you've invested the time tonight wisely."

"A fair number of new businesses don't make it," he went on to say. "And a fair number give it a good shot but don't do things quite right."

"Entrepreneurship really shows you what you're made of."

Angst said good planning is the key to success. Presenting a business plan to a banker is the first hurdle an entrepreneur must cross. If that plan is sloppy or poorly done, no banker will loan the money, he added.

"You have to give the impression you know how to organize yourself," he commented. "In business, what you don't know can hurt you."

But on the good side, he pointed out, "the benefits of entrepreneurship are attractive - independence, control, decision-making -

the buck stops here."

"And speaking of bucks, you're in this for a profit."

Angst then went on to describe several programs run by both the federal and provincial governments to help get new businesses off the ground.

The Ventures program is one of them, he said. Loans of up to \$15,000 are given with interest rates just one percentage point above the prime lending rate.

"The start-up of a business has a lot to do with finances," he said. "You want to use other people's money, and at a decent interest rate."

The audience was mostly enthusiastic, and about half expressed a strong interest in starting their own business.

Village gets final payment

Municipal Affairs Minister Bernard Grandmaitre announced on Aug. 27 the \$2,250 final payment of a \$15,000 community planning grant for the Village of Victoria Harbour.

Grandmaitre said the grant was used by the municipality to prepare a waterfront. Community planning grants are designed to encourage municipalities to review and update their planning programs, zoning bylaws and other planning documents.

The grants may also be used for special studies on local issues such as lakeshore development or commercial development along highways, and for energy-conserving planning measures.

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The Midland Canada Employment Centre filled 174 regular and casual vacancies during the month of August according to an end month release issued by CEC Manager Don McNee.

McNee said that the 174 filled vacancies exceeded the previous months totals and more than doubled the number of jobs filled a year ago. The majority of jobs were in the manufacturing (70) construction (25) and retail (17) sectors. At the end of the month there were 138 unfilled vacancies with 23 of them in the retail area.

The report indicated that recruiting was underway for persons interested in apple picking in the Collingwood area. Transportation is provided from Penetanguishene and Midland.

Training courses with September start dates include Nuring Assistant, Cabinet Making, Carpentry, Commercial Refresher and Office Systems Operation. All training is given at Georgian College sites in Midland, Orillia and Barrie. Those participants directed to training by the Canada Employment Centre receive, unemployment insurance or a training allowance.

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