



### Library Week

This week is Library Week in Ontario. The schedule of events this week in the Midland Public Library was printed last Friday.

Above are some of the St. Louis School students who visited the Midland Public

Library last week, to learn how to use the card catalogue.

## 4-H club has election

The officers of the Ebenezer II 4-H Club were elected at the club's first meeting.

The executive members are President Karla Crawford, Vice-President Angela Bowers, Treasurer Diedre Henne, and press reporter Sarah Belfry. Also during the first meeting, on Oct. 7, the group started a project, Ontario Fresh Fruits and Vegetables.

The group's second meeting was held Oct. 15. During that meeting the grading of canned fruits and vegetables was discussed. Reconstituted fruit juice, fruit drink, fruit

flavored crystals, and fruit soft drinks were tasted and compared. The club members made and sampled an apple pancake.

### Dance for HDH soon

The annual dinner and dance of the Auxiliary to Huronia District Hospital will take place Nov. 11.

Tickets are \$50 a couple, and will be on sale at the hospital gift shop until the day of the dance.

It will be held at the Budd Watson Gallery on Hugel Avenue.

## Marina may be serviced

For Gord Blake, 1987 is turning out to be a good year.

His hunting party found a moose to shoot for the first time in years. And while he was away from Wye Heritage Marina, hunting, Midland and Tay representatives met to talk about the extension of town sewage and water services to the marina in the township.

Last week Blake said that he has been told by the elected leaders of both communities that each supports his request.

Blake first approached the town 10 years ago. He was referred by the town to Tay Township, the municipality in which the marina is located. The municipality in which the marina is located has to make the request of its neighbor, to ask that the town let the marina be connected to its urban services.

Until recently, the township's position was that it feared Midland would try to annex the land if it was serviced. Tay wanted Midland to promise not to attempt to annex. Midland wouldn't state that it wouldn't try to annex the marina.

Until the recent meeting, the town had a moratorium on requests from outside of the town to join the town's system.

Last week Blake said he has been told by Tay Reeve Bruce Tinney that the reeve is sympathetic. For the good of the community as a whole, Tinney told Blake he would support an arrangement with Midland, Blake said.

Mayor Al Roach has told Blake on several occasions that he supports Blake's request, Blake said. And he has a letter from the town to the effect that the town will look very favorably on a request from Tay for extension of services to Wye Heritage Marina.

Wye Heritage Marina is the largest marina in Canada. On the east bank of the mouth of the Wye River, the marina has 1,050 slips for summer-long boaters, and another 75 slips for transient boaters. No more slips are planned.

Connection to Midland's

sewage treatment plant, by way of a steel-cased pipe buried in the bottom of the Wye River, would mean plans for expansion on land could proceed.

The limitation under which Blake has been chafing for years is the marina's dependence on a tile field for sewage treatment. A tile field means a limited field before it has to be replaced.

Midland's water and sewage treatment service crosses Midland's border in a number of spots. Huronia Medical Centre, Huronia District Hospital, and Monsignor Castex Public School, in Tiny Township, are connected, as is Sainte-Marie among the Hurons in Tay Township.

Huronia Medical Centre had to wait for the election of the present Midland council for a servicing agreement. The previous town council rebuffed the doctors. Huronia Medical Centre didn't qualify because it wasn't an institution, that council said.

Wye Heritage Marina employs nearly 80 people at this time of year. Blake would like to hire six more mechanics in the spring of 1988. He wants to expand the existing service shop. He can't get a building permit because he can't show the health authorities how the extra sewage would be handled.

Similarly, the existing restaurant seats 68 patrons. A plan for a banquet room for 100 people was drawn at the same time, but again the limitation is lack of capacity to treat sewage.

Connection to Midland would reduce the risk of pollution, Blake said. That risk is low now. Although the tile fields are close to the river and Georgian Bay, they were overbuilt by a factor of two, he said.

Blake expects connection to Midland would cost more than \$100,000, plus the annual usage charge.

He can foresee hiring another 25 full-time people within two years, and employing additional people part-time to run a banquet hall. "That just takes oodles of people."

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