

# ESPSS in high gear

The dust has finally settled at ESPSS. Since September, the county's largest bilingual secondary school has seen an unprecedented growth in numbers in almost all departments. The school's enrollment is now over 700

students. Earlier this fall, the Board of Education authorized the hiring of two additional teachers in the math and social sciences area. In October, the board authorized the hiring of two additional

teachers to increase the staff complement to 44. The two additional teachers will be split between the Extended French Program, which has been growing since its inception, English and Basic Departments.

The dust has also settled over the Ministry of Education's controversial proposal to bus ESPSS students to MSS. The decision to preserve the unique bilingual nature of our school was applauded by parents, students and staff

alike. All extracurricular programs are also underway. The school is sponsoring three boys volleyball teams, three girls basketball teams (watch out for the Senior Lady Redskins as they go for their third GBSSA Championship), a football team as well as golf, cross country running, curling and tennis.



## Good help hard to find

Volunteer parent helpers are a vital part of Victoria Harbour Public School. Gay Richards has been helping in various capacities ever since her son John, now in grade 8, first began school. Currently she and Cathy Hancock are now assisting in the school's resource centre.

## Five only in new NSWMA

The five members of the reconstituted North Simcoe Waste Management Association have committed themselves to working together for the next 20 years.

Tiny Township, Midland, Penetanguishene, Tay Township, Port McNicoll and Victoria Harbour first came together as the NSWMA in

1984. The NSWMA is an umbrella organization through which the members dispose of their garbage.

One original member - Tiny Township - has dropped out because of a dispute over the location of the area's next dump.

When the location of the new dump is finally settled (approximately three years

from now) scales will be installed and the garbage from each of the NSWMA member municipalities will be weighed. Each municipality will be charged in proportion to its share.

That is a change from the current formula used to determine each municipality's share of the budget. Midland, by present

measurement - unit pickup - has been sending 40 per cent of the garbage generated by the five municipalities.

The share by unit pickup measurement of all NSWMA communities: Midland, 41.3 per cent; Tay, 25.8; Penetanguishene, 19.8; Port McNicoll, 7.2; Victoria Harbour, 5.9 per cent.

This year also marks the return of the ESPSS Spring Musical. Over 80 students have already signed up for the Cole Porter musical Anything Goes. Auditions will begin in a few weeks.

And let's not forget the bands. The ESPSS Concert Band has swelled to over 70 members and is bursting the seams of the music portable.



## Retirement facility opens

750 King Street both is the name, and the address, of what its manager describes as a retirement living facility. The first tenants

in the new 80 unit building on south King Street began to move into their new homes

last Sunday. The building is designed for active people age 55 and older.

## 750 King is for active, older folks

The first residents of 750 King Street, Midland, began to move in last Sunday. Manager Donna Gonneau described 750 King Street as a retirement living facility.

Gonneau defined a retirement living facility by saying what a retirement living facility is not: it is not a nursing home, senior citizens' apartment building, hotel, condominiums nor a home for the aged.

People who live in 750 King Street must be 55 or older, mobile, mentally alert and able to pay \$1,200 a month for one person or \$2,200 a month for a couple.

She said \$1,200 a month for one person might seem expensive, but not when the cost to a single older person of living in an apartment and paying for food, utilities, housekeeping and laundry is added.

Prospective residents have to pass a medical test and sign an open-ended residency agreement com-

mitting them to leave when they no longer meet certain criteria.

"We're just going to have to play it as we go," Gonneau said.

Typical 750 King Street residents are very active people who own a car. "In short they are roadrunners." The target group's idea of fun is to go to Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto to watch horse races, to frequent all the new shopping malls in Toronto, to attend cultural events and exercise classes and to be actively involved in the community, she said.

Residents eat all their meals in the 100-seat dining room. Nursing is provided around the clock and a doctor is on call, but the "heavy duty nursing" provided in nursing homes and homes for the aged is not provided.

The majority of 750 Queen Street's residents will be single women. Part of the service is a beauty shop and service in rooms,

a tuck shop, a program director to help provide activities wanted by the residents and delivery from a local pharmacy. Residents have a choice of moving into a furnished apartment, bringing some of their possessions or filling the apartment completely with personal possessions.

Relatives of residents can stay overnight for free if a suite is vacant and eat in the dining room at

reasonable prices.

Residents use cards in their doors to indicate to employees that they are well. A card goes on their door when they retire and is removed when they rise. The building doors are locked and full security is provided after 8 p.m. Each resident has a key.

The single level building sits on five acres. Gonneau hopes that some of the residents will want to garden. "That's an awful lot of grass," she said.

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