

We still want a school

St. Theresa's High School is very disappointed in the provincial government's negative decision on funds for a new building. But despite the great letdown, the school still has hope for next year.

Currently, the field of the school holds eight portables, and it is said that we are to expect three more in September. This will cause a parking problem, as there will be no room left in our field that was once used to play baseball.

Two years ago, the library was just a room with empty book shelves. Now it holds approximately 5,000 books and encyclopedias. Funds have been provided by the school budget, while one-third of the funds have been raised by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Our computer room has a student to computer ratio of 11 to one. The school owns 23 IBM computers and eight Apple

computers.

Ted Brusselers, a shop and woodworking teacher, stated, "I definitely expect to see an expansion of the shop program next year. Twenty-five per cent of the students will be involved in woodworking shops. At the moment, the grade 10 and 11 students are building sheds at the Annex on William Street." Brusselers is taking orders from the public for the sheds, as it allows the students to enhance a project while serving the community.

Some teachers claim that very little is practical about the building itself. It's the people that make the school, not the building.

Rick Presse, the new principal for the 1988-89, has great hopes for the future. He says, "I try to be optimistic in receiving funds for a new school. We are fortunate in coping with the growth and expansion of shops and woodworking to alleviate

over-crowding. The co-op expansion in the community also helps. However, continued growth will cause lack of space. We have no room on the property to place any more portables. The next stage in accommodating growth is to rearrange the portables that are now in the field.

"Any additional accommodations will have to take place off school campus," he continued. Our immediate concerns are for work areas and offices for staff members. We have done a good job in accommodating growth up to this point. Both staff and students have been extremely flexible and are maintaining good spirits. Everyone is very understanding and very patient."

Staff and students hope it won't be long until they celebrate their anniversary in a new building.

All Star
On May 11, St. Theresa's

hosted the first annual All-Star School Reach tournament.

Each of eight Simcoe County high schools sent its top student to compete. Two teams were formed: Team one was comprised of students from four Barrie schools; Team two was comprised of three Orillia high schools and St. Theresa's.

The competition was stiff and the questions were tough. After the first game, Team two led by 25 points. Game two was dominated for the most part by Team one (Barrie). However, Team two caught up and at the end of the second game both were tied at 535 points.

There was one question to go - and Pat Bowers from St. Theresa's answered it correctly to win the game for the Orillia-Midland team.

It was an exciting event and promoted good fellowship between eight area high schools.



Free testing

Helen Lange, a registered nurse employed by the Simcoe County District Health Unit, was helping the Quota Club Mountainview Mall. Testing is free at the on May 24, testing the hearing of Ryan Moreau and others who took advantage of the Quota Club-organized clinic in Mountainview Mall. Testing is free at the health unit.



Critic's Corner

by John Stoddart

Rambo lives a peaceful existence

John Rambo is living a quiet peaceful existence in a monastery in Thailand when he is approached by his old pal and former

commanding officer, Col. Trautman.

So begins Rambo III, now playing at the Roxy.

It seems the colonel would like to stroll over to Afghanistan just to see for himself if the Soviets are being as anti-social as the rumors all say they are.

Rambo says thanks but no thanks, which leaves the colonel to go by himself. Borrowing a chapter from the Jimmy Carter book, How to Rescue Hostages from Iran, the colonel's group crosses the border and is captured within 27

seconds. Guess who has to go in and rescue the would-be commandos?

You guessed it: John Rambo, and is he mad. From here on in it's sitting duck time at the shooting gallery.

Stallone not only stars in chapter three, he wrote it.

The film was shot with Israel standing in for Afghanistan, and the producers must have pulled out their hair when in real life the Soviets pulled out of Afghanistan before their film was released.

Stallone has taken a shot (no pun intended) at com-

edy (Rhinestone Cowboy) and drama (Over the Top): both were dismal failures, so by his own admission he's going to stick with making Rocky, Rambo and Cobra films. It's too bad he's so typecast; although he's not the world's greatest actor, he's capable

of much more. This film is more true to part two than part one, so if you liked that movie, go see this one: you'll love to see Rambo do what he does best. Restricted: extreme violence Rating: ** 1/2

Who gets to go?

When the circus comes to town...

Although I write film reviews the title does not refer to a 1937 Marx Brothers film. The circus I am talking about is the 1988 edition of the Shrine Circus, held on Saturday in the Midland Arena.

The Shriners did a good job promoting their show with posters, newspaper ads and radio announcements, but I must admit, I heard about it from my four-year-old daughter, who said, "If you don't take me, I'm never going to speak to you again."

When you're four, forever is a long time, so after toying with the idea of letting her know who was boss (five minutes approximately), I went out and purchased two tickets. To attempt to write about the Shriners and what they give to society would require the complete newspaper. These tireless gentlemen give of their time and effort so kids can enjoy a better life.

Not only were the ones at the circus thrilled, but all proceeds were given to help crippled children at the the Hospital for Sick Children.

On arriving I found we had to climb over 500 pairs of feet to get to our seat; it was only as I gently touched down that I was informed by my daughter, Gillian, that she would like to have a drink.

Daughters have a way of looking into their father's eyes when they ask for something. It's a technique that is mastered by the time they're two. By the way, they never lose this ability, it just transfers to their husband later on when they ask for a new wardrobe.

After returning with drinks in hand, we settled

down and the show began, an impressive light show was followed by a series of explosions. This accomplished two things: it thrilled the kids and it turned the little brown which I still had in my hair to white.

The pace picked up from

here with tigers, elephants, trapeeze artists and the kids' favorites, the clowns.

After the show was over I was exhausted: three trips to the candy counter, two to the washroom and one to retrieve Gillian's balloon.

I was sitting there asking myself why I put myself

through this when I glanced down at my daughter's face. It was glowing as she stared out in wide-eyed wonderment.

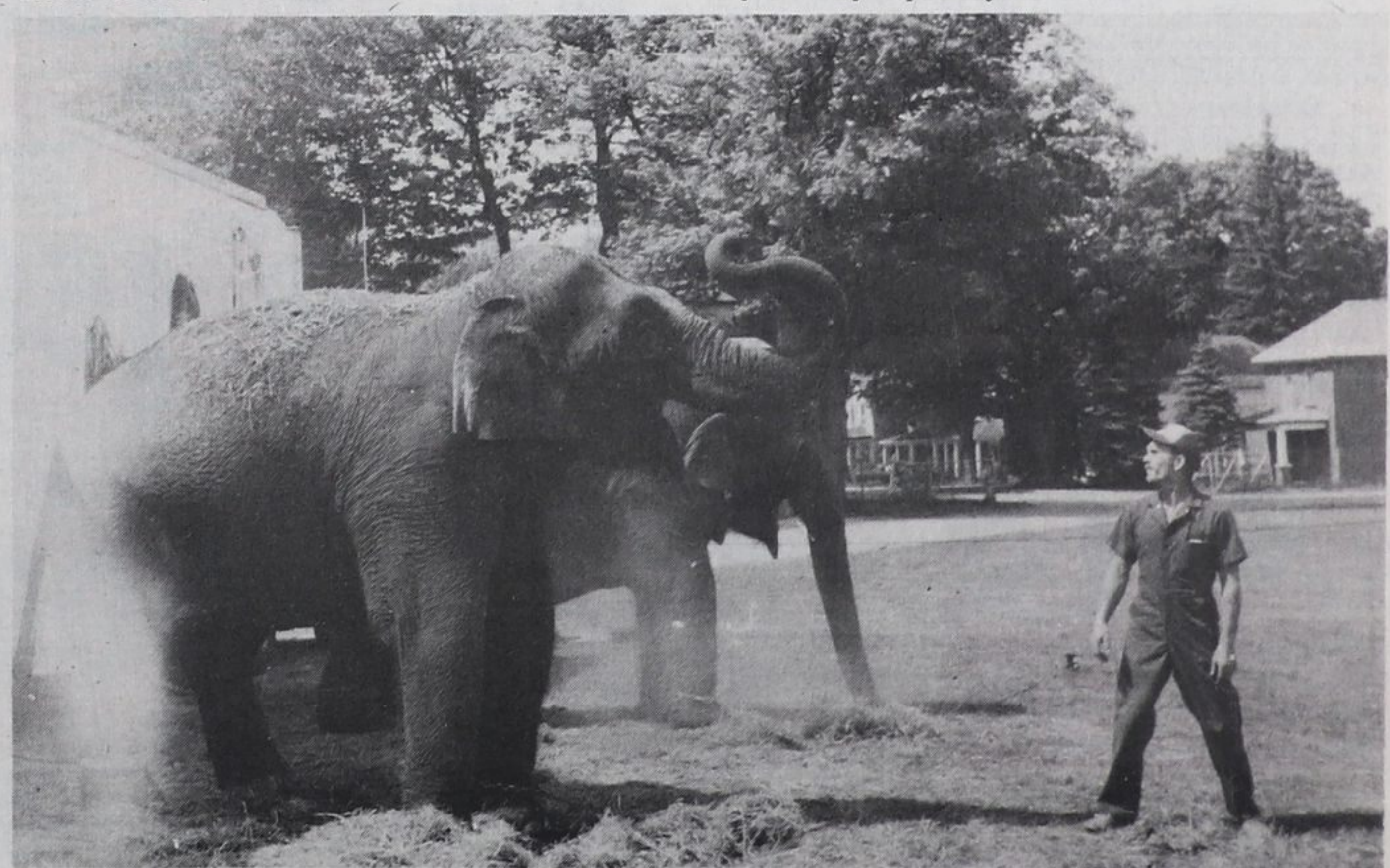
I had my answer, and yes you will see me there again next year.

You can't miss me, I'll be the one running back and forth.



Thank the Shriners

The circus has been coming to Midland for about a dozen years, thanks to local Shriners like Dave Brophy, above. This year the circus stayed for two days. The attendance was high enough that an arrangement to have the circus here for two days in late May 1989 has been made.



Elephant talk

Elephants outside the Midland arena means one thing: the Shrine Circus has come to town. This year the cir-

cus stayed for two days and four performances. Three were sold out. The fourth was three-quarters sold.