

# Le Caron to visit Timmins

Le Caron students are busy raising money for their trip to Timmins from April 6-8 and will attend a combination hockey tournament/cultural festival.

To help pay for the trip, the 41 students are selling cheddar cheese at about \$6 per pound.

Since students aren't allowed to sell door to door, hockey coach Jean-Yves Chartrand said they've also held a dance and are appealing to various businesses for help.

Chartrand said he was

considering a teachers vs. team fundraising game at the Penetang arena where they practice at noon hour Fridays. The practice is needed, said Chartrand, because the rules are a different at the tournament.

"There is no middle line, which means you can pass over one blue line and the red line. It makes the game quicker and more exciting."

Other rules include being ejected from the game for your second minor penalty and ejection for a major.

Another interesting difference is the point system. Each team gets a point for being ahead at the end of each period. Also, scoring is only 60 per cent of the total.

"You get 40 per cent for good behavior. So if you lose 5-4 but played it cleaner, you could still win," said Chartrand.

Ten jazz band members and 11 drama students also will be at the event, putting on their own shows with other schools.

The three-day gathering is well attended by the French-speaking

schools across the province. Chartrand said there were 30 high schools at last year's meeting in Ottawa.

Yvon Levert, principal, said he was enthusiastic about the hockey team doing well, but the important thing was contact the students would have with other francophones.

"It is very important for students to have social and cultural opportunities to interact with other French-speaking students across the province."



## Timmins bound

Members of the Le Caron hockey team pose for a group picture at the Penetang arena. The students are practicing for a tournament for Ontario french language schools that takes place this April in Timmins.

# Booklet aimed at town's history

A local man, Dave Dupuis has spent two years producing a history and information booklet on Penetanguishene.

Dupuis got the idea for the booklet, which will be available in May, while on his honeymoon at Peggy's Cove in Nova Scotia.

"I met an artist there who had written a

booklet about Peggy's Cove. He told me how he went about it and I thought it was a great idea."

Dupuis knew a lot about the town because he was born and raised here. As a result, he realized there had never been anything to display or promote the town.

In order to make the

booklet more interesting to a wider variety of people, Dupuis put a little bit about everything into it, including a number of illustrations, which he drew himself.

"I'm not much of an artist, but by the time I finished I got pretty

good," he said.

Each topic, which include key figures to the town's past, are illustrated with a drawing, which helps get the story across.

Dupuis said he also tried not to date the book so it could be good for

40-50 years.

He starts the booklet with a geography/history of the town, explaining where Penetanguishene got its name.

"It comes from the Abinaki term for 'Place of the white rolling sands.' I also show that the Jesuits

lived here for 20 years before they thought of living at Ste. Marie."

The booklet also includes more recent history, such as Brian Orser, the Howard curling team and information on fishing in the area.

Dupuis said the booklet

will cost about \$5 and the town will help with its distribution. The book is aimed at the tourist market, so likely sales locations will be the town office and the chamber of commerce building at the dock.

## Stories offered in two languages

The Penetanguishene Public Library is offering a story hour for preschool children each month.

Librarian Rosemary Marchand said the program is to provide some activities that will benefit young children.

For instance, a French story will be read every second month, which better serves the children, who are more comfortable with that language.

Along with the story, the library offers a film and arranges some small games and crafts for the children.

Every month has a different theme, with the last one being the snowman.

"The children had to make a snowman out of

paper and pin a hat on him, sort of like pin the tail on the donkey," said Marchand.

The story hour is held once a month and the next one is Feb. 25 at 10:30 a.m.

The story hour was tried three years ago, but cancelled due to lack of interest.

"We're really pushing it with the parents. People who come into the library definitely know about it," said Marchand.

She said the response has been good so far and attendance grows with each session.

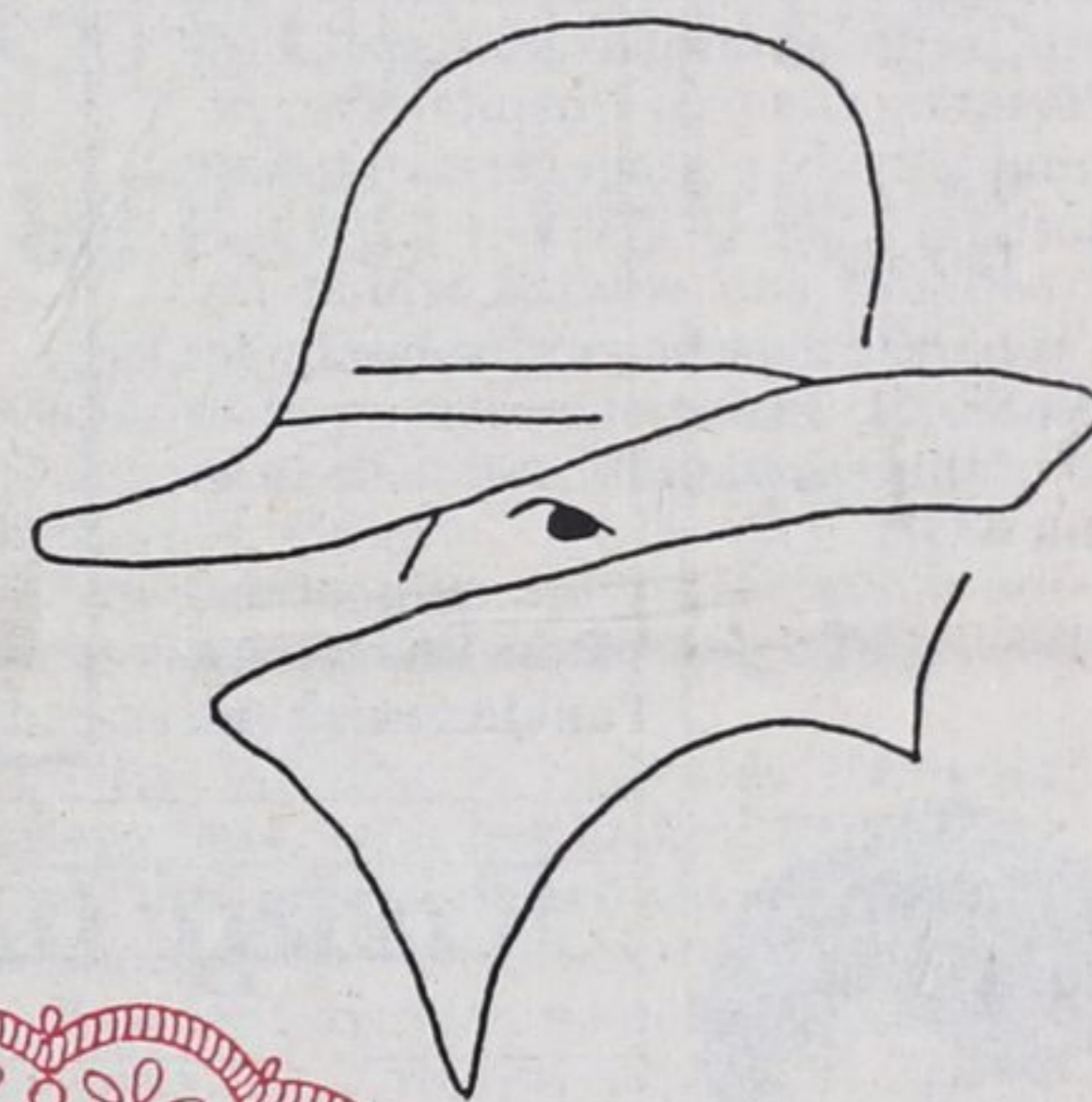
"I hope it continues to work well. There seems to be more of a need for it with more people in the area."

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