

# Marchildon wants more than grass

Ron Marchildon, recreation and arena director, told the Community Services Group luncheon at Georgian Manor last Tuesday, the Penetang Parks Board would like to see council

indulge in "a little bit of blackmail."

He said it would like the town to insist a developer do more than just supply park land, as required by the Planning Act. He wants benches,

walkways and playgrounds.

He said the town could delay a development unless it gets what it wants.

According to Marchildon, they could insist

park land be improved to town specifications, not just allotted for parks, in new developments. Developers, he hopes, would have to give in to town requirements or get tied up in a time-

consuming Municipal Board hearing.

He admitted, "I don't know whether we can get away with it."

The town is getting more and more parkland

as development proceeds, Marchildon said, but he asked where the money can come from to develop the parks.

He suggested \$1,000 a lot extra would have permitted Tannery Cove to develop its park. He feels a beautiful park would be a selling point for the developer.

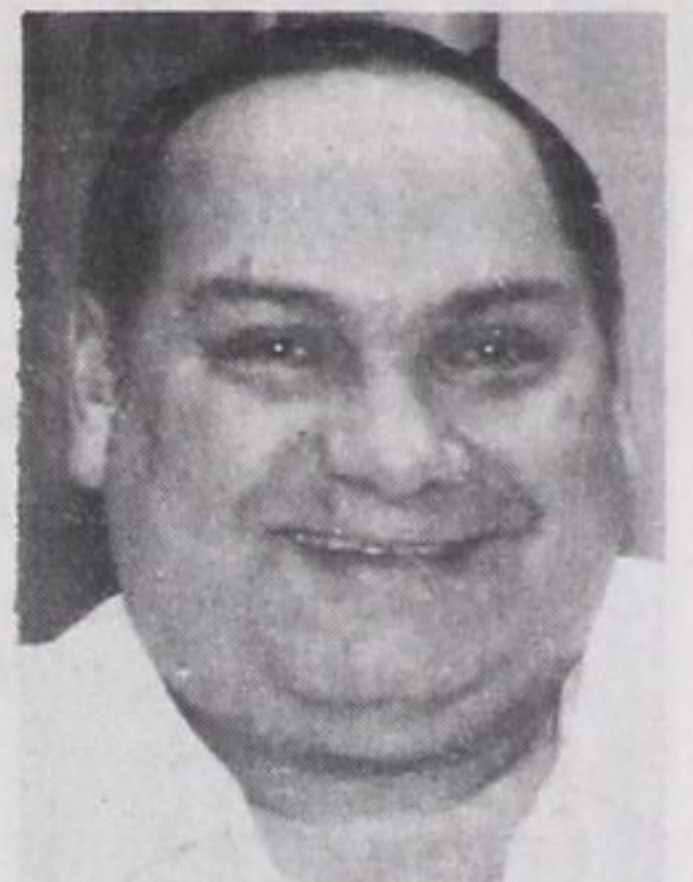
He pointed to the recent great increase in residential development in the town. Figures from the Penetang planning department show 587 new dwelling units were created in Penetang from 1982 to 1988.

Marchildon noted two new condominium developments have been proposed, one on Fox Street at Dutchman's Cove and one across from Bay Moorings.

He is concerned about the demand for recrea-

tional services he can't provide.

Parks don't bring in "a whole lot of money," he observed, and they are expensive to maintain.



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Tax money goes to "hard services" first, like water and sewers, Marchildon explained, and there's not enough left to cover "soft services," like parks.



## Tight hold

Paul Daoust of Port McNicoll holds tight after donating blood for the 39th time. Registered Nurse Nancy Bilboe of the Red Cross makes the preparations at the Midland

Civic Center recently. This photo was taken above the action.

# Three charged after assault

Three Tiny Township residents were arrested Monday after two OPP officers were assaulted.

The officers responded to a call at 8:40 p.m.

regarding a domestic disturbance in the township's north end.

Charged with two counts of assaulting a police officer, possessing

a dangerous weapon and breach of probation is Rosa Marie Ferreira, 42. Charged with obstructing police are Patricia Ferreira, 19, and Luis Fer-

Also, on Sunday John Francis Wilcox, 33, of Barrie was charged with breaking and entering in

connection with four break-ins in the Silver Birch Beach area of north Tiny Township.

## Penetang Library

# Story hour April 5

New fiction at the Penetanguishene library: Chatterton, by Peter Ackroyd; Ship of Gold, by Thomas B. Allen; Athena, by Franklin Bandy; A Trouble of Fools, by Linda Barnes; Cavalry Scout, by Dee Brown; The Righteous Rakehell, by Gayle Buck; From a Changeling Star, by Jeffrey A. Carver; Jungle of Steel and Stone, by George C. Chesbro; Profit and Sheen, by James Colbert; Rock Star, by Jackie Collins; A Different Kind of Christmas, by Alex Haley; A Good Night to Kill, by Lillian O'Donnell; How I Got Him Back, by Valerie Sayers; Gypsies, by Robert Charles Wilson; The Bonfire of the Vanities, by Tom Wolfe.

French story hour will start April 15 at 10:30

a.m. It will continue monthly.

## Use it for rec

Penetanguishene council wants a plan for recreational use of the town-owned shoreline.

It is setting up an ad hoc committee the Waterfront Improvement Committee to study the area and make recommendations.

The committee will look at the needs of residents and visitors as well as the environment.

They may suggest restrictions on land and water activities affecting

the parkland. Council will use the committee recommendations to form a medium term policy for shoreline park development.

There's already a line up for the four public places on the committee, according to Mayor Bob Sullivan.

Three places will be filled by members from council, arena, parks and recreation and the Penetanguishene-Tiny Harbour Committee.

## Tendering profitable

When Penetanguishene councillors opened two bids Monday night on the tender to restore the municipal office building, to their surprise one came in less than one-third as high as the other.

Administration and finance chairman councillor Peter Shirriff told council Monday night he didn't know why there was such a big difference. His committee decided

to check the credentials of the low bidder, and found Robertson Restoration to be "a highly qualified and respected" firm, which will shortly receive bonding (insurance to cover unpaid bills of a contractor).

Council accepted the \$91,555 bid.

The town wants to restore the town hall to make it look as it did decades ago.



## Crib whiz

Mac McAllen of Midland takes part in a 'games day' held at the Askennonia Seniors Center last Tuesday. Mac was involved in a close-scoring cribbage game.