

# Claremont man uses wind power

(Continued from page 1) concrete and asphalt?" Bob's blue eyes become very serious as he talks about his growing concern about the consequences of expanding hydro generating plants to meet society's in-

creasingly heavy power demands. "Most people don't seem to realize that power plants are responsible for an enormous amount of pollution," Bob pointed out. He is also appalled at

the proliferation of nuclear generating stations, which he considers a great hazard. "I felt a need to diverge from the existing Hydro monopoly, whose expansion policy I do not agree with and refuse to

support," said Bob. He did without any power at all for a while and found it rather pleasant to shape his day around the daylight, but eventually decided to build his own system. His windmill drives a

standard G.M. car alternator which in turn charges four D.C. automobile batteries connected in parallel. He finds that a good wind will charge the batteries in about an hour and give him enough stored power to feed house lights and low amperage (12 volt) power tools for a period of up to five days. He has no worries about driving a furnace fan or water pump because he heats mainly with wood (supplemented by an oil

space heater) and draws his water from a well. This independence gives him a lot of satisfaction. "If the hydro goes off, usually everything goes off," he pointed out. "The furnace, the stove, the lights - nothing works. When a monopoly has complete control, it's dangerous."

Bob estimates that it cost him roughly \$400 to build his system - about the same as the average cost of hydro for a year. The main expense was the windmill, which he designed himself. He took his sketches to Smith Welding and they built the mill to his specifications. The blade design offers lots of wind surface and the tail looks like a butterfly's wing. "I wanted it to look alive," explained Bob.

He says quite a few people stop and ask about his windmill and several neighbours have expressed an interest in putting in similar systems for themselves. This, in Bob's view is a small step in the right direction - the utilization of solar and wind power. "You've got to work for your dreams," he summed up.



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### Resident electors on board

UXBRIDGE — After a lot of confusion and double talk, Uxbridge council finally made it fairly clear they want only those that can vote on their Uxpool board.

The discussion, at last week's council meeting, centered on the wording of a resolution by the board restricting members to residents and taxpayers.

Councillor Alan Wells disagreed with the wording, saying it was "difficult to see having criteria more restrictive in the board than it is to sit on council. Anyone eligible to vote should be allowed. There are good people who may not be a resident or a taxpayer that could serve the board."

Councillor Sandy Ewen pointed out that the bylaw could be changed under the right particular circumstances, and he was in favour of leaving the wording as it was. Norm Lyons, also agreed with Mr. Ewen, commenting, "I can't agree with letting a non-resident part of the board. It should be governed by locals, they foot the bill and they should have the say."

However, it was councillor John Paxton who came up with the solution, suggesting the wording be changed to a resident elector, insuring the resident part, but not as restrictive as the previous wording.

## Budget may include band

(Continued from page 1) president, and Martin Johannessen, treasurer of the league, approached

council with the good news of a drop in their budget request of \$1,700 from last year.

Soccer is only asking the town for \$1,000. The drop is due mainly to more sponsors this year,

who will throw in \$1,300 for the league.

That hasn't been settled yet."

Also, Mr. Johannessen told the committee that the league hopes to be totally self-supporting in the next few years, a statement that was warmly received by all committee members.

Mr. Rubbens then told the board that because the league has expanded into two girls' teams along with another boys' squad, there is a definite need for additional fields. The board assured Mr. Rubbens that at least one new field will be seriously considered for the coming year.

However, soccer's good news was more than offset by reports from the hockey and figure skating groups that their budgets are up.

The rise in those budgets is something totally out of their hands, as it stems from a seven per cent increase in ice fees, which will mean approximately \$3 more per hour.


Ed Grimshaw, president of the town OMHA minor hockey, commented he is asking almost \$1,500 more this year because of the ice fee increase and rising costs of equipment. The request, if granted, would put the total town grant for minor hockey at \$22,000, almost 40 per cent of the total budget.

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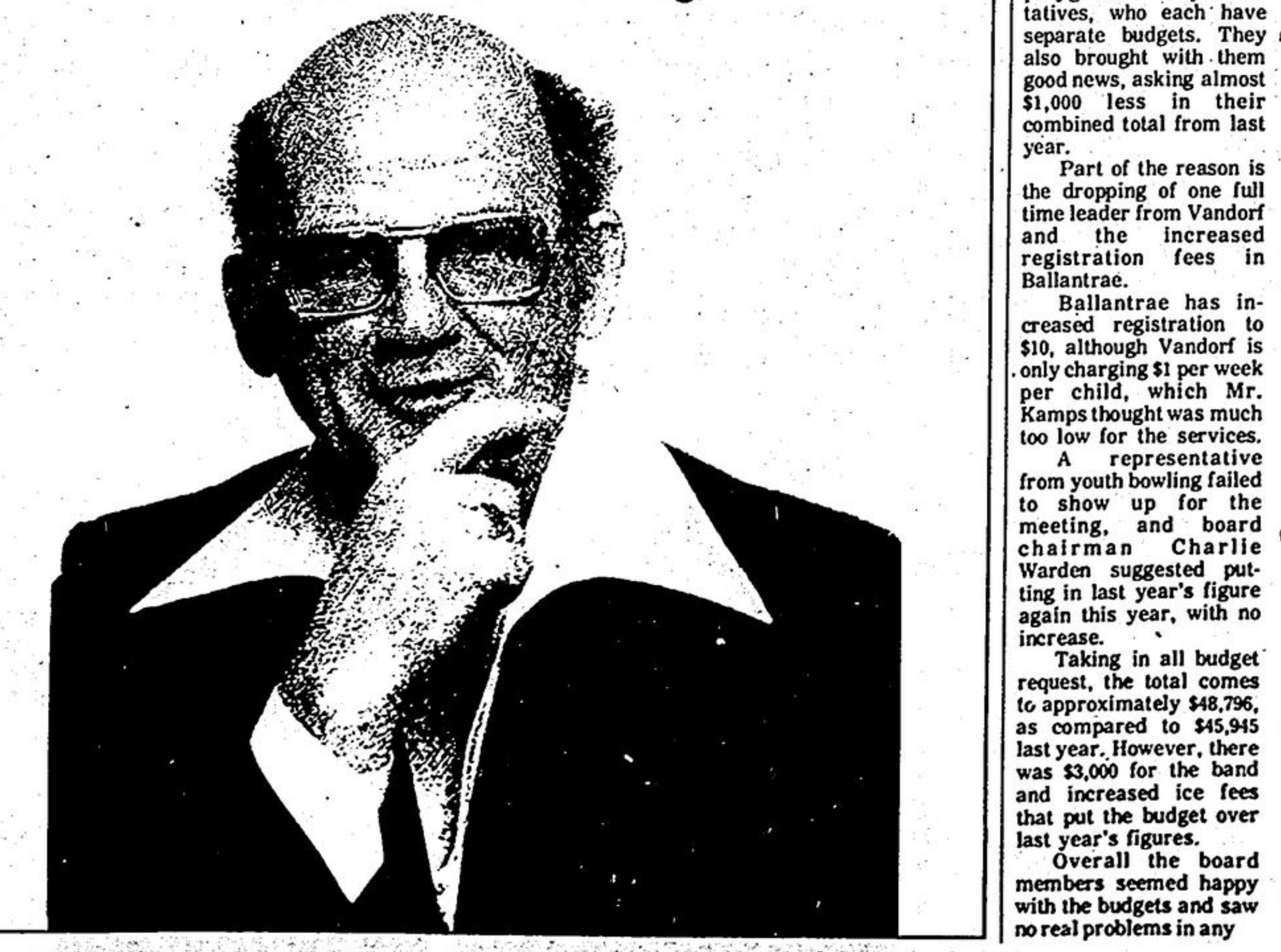
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Part of the reason is the dropping of one full time leader from Vandorf and the increased registration fees in Ballantrae.

Ballantrae has increased registration to \$10, although Vandorf is only charging \$1 per week per child, which Mr. Kamps thought was much too low for the services.

A representative from youth bowling failed to show up for the meeting, and board chairman Charlie Warden suggested putting in last year's figure again this year, with no increase.

Taking in all budget request, the total comes to approximately \$48,796, as compared to \$45,945 last year. However, there was \$3,000 for the band and increased ice fees that put the budget over last year's figures.

Overall the board members seemed happy with the budgets and saw no real problems in any