



Four new members were recently inducted into the Brussels Optimists Club, which has served the community for more than 17 years. The new members are [seated, from left] Gary Pipe, Don Sholdice, Hugh Hanly and Robert Boneschanker, while their respective sponsors, Mike Watson, Dave Stephenson, Don Crawford and Kevin Deitner, stand behind them. At centre back is George Langlois, a Charter Member and the club's first president, who has been honoured with a life membership in the Optimists in recognition of his outstanding service to both the club and the community.

## Blyth supports trail project

Blyth village council voted Feb. 7 to send its support to the Maitland Trail Association for the conversion of the CP Rail line into a multi-use trail.

Personally, Councillor Dave Lee said in bringing up the subject, "I'm in favour of it. As someone who had been involved in trying to organize snowmobile trails over the years, you don't realize the pain it is to get permission from all the landowners to travel over their

land. Turning the abandoned Guelph-Goderich line into a trail would mean people wouldn't have to travel over other people's land," he said.

Reeve Albert Wasson was more doubtful. "Who pays for it?" he wondered. "Who polices it? All these things are great as long as we can afford them."

Councillor Lee said people would be surprised to know how many people from this area use the Maitland Trail in the Goderich

area. From camping in the area he knew there were many people who took advantage of that trail.

Council passed the motion of support on motion of Councillor Lee and Councillor Ken Brown.

## Morris withdraws from industrial committee

Morris Township Council has passed a resolution withdrawing its membership from the Brussels, Morris and Grey Industrial Committee, which was formed in 1986 to pursue industrial development opportunities for the mutual benefit of the three communities.

In passing the unanimous motion at its February 7 session, council agreed that the committee offered little potential benefit to Morris Twp., but agreed to forego the return of any of its \$500 initial investment in the venture.

"We've put a lot of effort into (this committee) and haven't got anything in return, and we just can't see any point in continuing," said Clem McLellan, Morris Twp.'s deputy reeve and its representative on the Industrial Committee since its inception.

He added that the township would assist the committee in any way it could in possible future development, but said that council felt it had nothing to offer since the township owns no serviced industrial land, and has little potential for developing any. Council had pushed through the development of Chestnut street in 1988 to allow access to the privately-owned property at the old Brussels fairgrounds, he said, but couldn't see what else it might do to encourage industrial development in the township.

"I really thought we could get somewhere (with this committee)", Mr. McLellan said. "But all we need in the area is a good real-estate man like Keith Mulvey to look after anybody that shows an interest (in the area)." He explain-

ed that he had recently attended the follow-up meeting in Clinton to last fall's widely-publicized Opportunity Tour, but came away convinced that the only thing that potential investors in the area are interested in is "nursing homes and restaurants, and Morris can't help much with either."

Ruth Sauve, a Brussels representative on the BMG Industrial Committee chaired by Mr. Mulvey, said Tuesday that Brussels and Grey Twp. will continue to pursue industrial development for the region.

"We'll all benefit if somebody does agree to locate here, no matter where it is actually situated," she said.

## Clinton Hospital gets computer grant

Clinton Public Hospital is one of 38 hospitals across Ontario chosen to receive a grant for installation of a computerized patient information system for emergency care.

Last spring Health Minister Elinor Caplan invited hospitals to apply for grants of up to \$40,000 to help with acquisition and implementation of emergency patient information systems. In the case of the Clinton hospital, the full \$40,000 grant was given. The Ministry says the computer systems will facilitate planning for emergency services and help streamline administrative tasks.

### Letter to the editor

## Coaches give a lot, deserve support

### THE EDITOR,

I am a parent of a Bantam hockey player and I have also been a coach. I have put in those long trying hours of coaching. I know what it's like. Your time is often unappreciated even though there would not have been a team without you. Many players don't listen and parents don't always stand behind your decisions.

Why do you even bother? That question floats around in your head most of the season. A coach is a special person. Their time is given. Yes given!! No payment and often no thanks.

A prime example of such devoted people being put down and humiliated has just happened with Brussel's Midget hockey team. I felt my son was privileged to play with the midgets and he enjoyed the challenge. He also felt Paul Steep and Bill Phillips were good coaches. He was very disgusted when his teammates expressed in foul language and in no uncertain terms that they did not need or want Paul or Bill to be their coaches. We can't make their apologies or make the situation right but we can bring it to the attention of the parents and the minor hockey system. These men will no longer coach these boys this season and I don't blame them. They have been degraded by the boys who should have been grateful they were there to coach them. Where are these boys' values? Where are their parents when things like this take place?

Doesn't anyone care? Why not try the old adage "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." It works.

I feel these men did a fine job of coaching even though they have no children involved. Now the players who wanted to play are not able to because of some foul-mouthed individuals. I hope they are happy. Do they have any regrets? Someday they should try coaching. Maybe they will understand what it is like, although it still won't help today's situation.

Paul and Bill, my family would like to thank you for your time and effort, for letting our son play. And for transporting players to games. We really appreciated it and hope this will not discourage both you gentlemen from coaching.

Bonnie Jacklin

## Mabel's Grill

Continued from page 4 watching all the remarks about how cold it was in Ottawa when President Bush dropped in to visit Prime Minister Mulroney.

Oh well, said Julia, at least the Americans aren't like everybody else: just talk about the weather and not do anything about it. If the pollution continues and the greenhouse effect keeps building, U.S. Presidents in the future may be able to visit Ottawa in February in their shirt sleeves.

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