

Old home on Ste Marie site

challenging position. Lloyd's

enthusiasm, energy and

dedication will certainly be

missed at the Midland Y.

The youth und adults of this

community are indebted to

his leadership throughout

the past years, and we all

wish him well in his new

career which will begin in

February 1975. Y president

John Leitch and general

secretary Austin Matthews

are working on plans for a

testimonial dinner for Lloyd

which will take place late in

January. Anyone interested

in having more details on

this recognition night is

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name at the Y and further

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which Mr. and Mrs. Victor Beatty once lived and the excavation of some original stonework in the ruins of Sainte-

Pilgrims thought house was part of historic site

when Sainte-Marie among the Hurons was in ruins and the Wye Marsh was privately owned land, Mrs. Elva Beatty was kept busy shooing religious pilgrims out of her home.

Mrs. Beatty and her deceased husband Victor, were the last people to raise a family in the two-storey, white frame house, which stood next to the site of the destroyed 17th-century French Jesuit mission.

Every summer from 1942 to 1949, Mrs. Beatty had to contend with the thousands of people who made a pilgrimage to the Sainte-Marie site. Many of the pilgrims presumed the adjacent house was related to the mission site and often entered uninvited.

"We couldn't call the place our own," laughs Mrs. Beatty. "The pilgrims came by the trainload and we often had to keep the door locked, otherwise, they would be wandering through the house."

Now living on King Street in Midland, Mrs. Beatty has probably had closer contact with the excavations and reconstruction of Sainte-Marie, and development of the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre than any person not directly involved with the work.

Mrs. Beatty married in the early 1920s, she and her husband moved to a farm on the Old Fort Road, just east of Sainte-Marie. Victor Beatty's parents had lived in the white house next to the mission site, since John Beatty accepted a position as caretaker and gamekeeper of the Wye Marsh in 1902. At that time the marsh was owned by a Torontonian named Kemp and maintained for duck hunting.

John died in 1921 and his son Charles took over the caretaker's job. Twenty years later, Victor and Elva Beatty moved their family

More than 30 years ago, into the house and assumed enough to enjoy playing caretaker of the marsh and the duties of caring for the Wye Marsh.

Mrs. Beatty remembers the ruins of the mission community. Their garden was close to the remaining stone work.

"All that remained (of the original mission) was the stonewalls that are visible now and," Mrs. Beatty said, "the Jesuits had erected a monument. The ruins were almost entirely overgrown with weeds. I knew it was old and significant and I had a feeling someday it would be developed."

Sainte-Marie was a French Jesuit mission community built in the centre of the Huron Confederacy as a headquarters for the missionaries dedicated to Christianizing the Indians. Begun in 1639, it thrived as a cornerstone of French culture about 800 miles of wilderness from "Kebec". In 1649 the priests burned and abandoned it, and went to Christian Island with their Huron converts.

Mrs. Beatty raised four children, Ken and Mervin, both in the Canadian Armed Forces, and Marlene and Gail, who were young

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anything of value," Mrs. Beatty said.

rose to find Dr. Wilfrid Jury and some archaeology students at Sainte-Marie. During the years of excavation she met Professor Ken Kidd of Trent University and Elsie Jury.

"We used to watch Dr. Jury working." Mrs. Beatty said, adding her two young girls became quite fond of

In 1949, exactly 300 years after Sainte-Marie had been destroyed, the government lease on the house expired and Mr. and Mrs. Beatty moved to a new home on the west side of the Wye River. The white frame house was demolished, making way for further excavations of Sainte-Marie.

In the evenings, the Beattys often walked across the railroad bridge or canoed across the river to view the work done during the day by the archaeologists. Victor continued his duties as

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around the ruins of Sainte- on weekends Mrs. Beatty prepared meals for the "The odd time we dug up a hungry hunters. The relic in the garden, but I Beatty's lived in that house don't think we ever found for 15 years until, what at that time was called the Ontario Department of One summer morning, she Information and Tourism, Park. purchased it.

Over the years Mrs. Beatty has maintained her historical interest in Sainte-Marie, athe Wye Marsh and Huronia. She has spent the last four years working at the Huron Indian Village. adjacent to the Midland

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director - After 17 years with

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physical director, Lloyd

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position with the Indian

Affairs Department as

recreation co-ordinator in

the James Bay region. Lloyd

has established an excellent

convinced he will do an

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list without obligation.

Marie among the Hurons, the 17th century French Jesuit YMCA names and news

A national tumbling award 29 to August 12, and August

Dates for the 1975 boys relationship with the people

camps are June 28 to July 12 in that area and we are

- was recently earned by

Kim Gagnon, 12, in the Y

gymnastic program.

Gymnastic instruction and

testing for both boys and

girls continues on a regular

basis at the Midland YMCA.

and participants in the

kindergym program enjoyed

a special presentation during

the last session of the present

course. New kindergym

programs will begin Friday,

January 9 and Saturday

January 10. Registrations

Camp Kitchikewana 1975 -

and July 12 to July 26. Girls

third frame. They were his

fifteenth and sixteenth goals

of the season, both coming in

the first minute of play. On

each occasion linemates Ken

Mugford and Alan Sangster

are now being accepted.

Kindergym - The Parents

mission. On the left is Dr. Wilfrid Jury who directed some of the archaeological excavation and reconstruction of the historic site.

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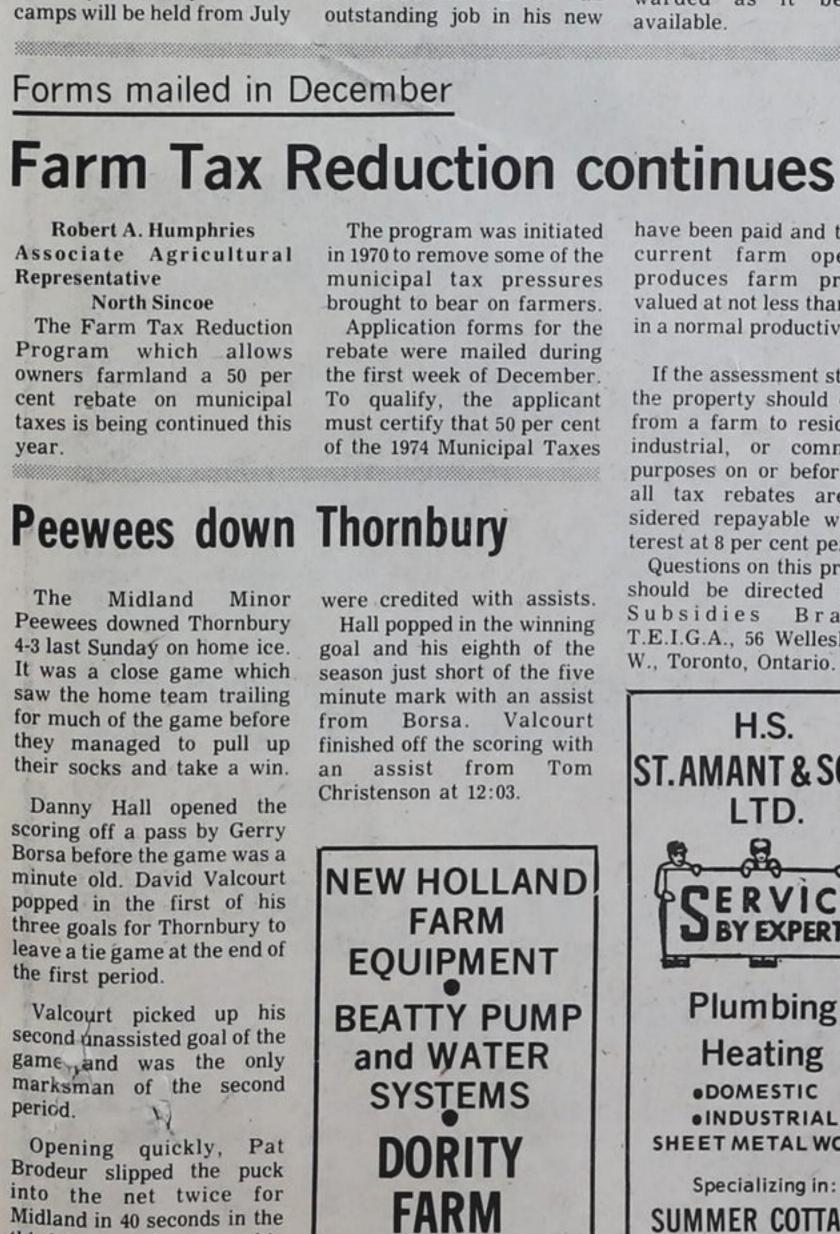
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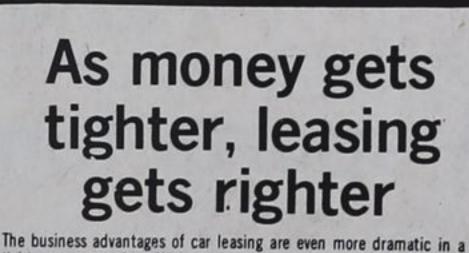
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