



The boat sitter

John Beland checks the heavy deck winch on the John A. France. It will be used when the big laker is unloaded some time this week at the Simcoe Elevators.

John Beland babysitting 700 foot laker

by Shirley Whittington
John Beland is one of the few men around who has ever been snowed in on a boat. It happened in Owen Sound during a winter season as a boat keeper on a 700 foot laker.

This year, John is babysitting the John A. France which is tied up alongside the V.W. Scully at the Simcoe Elevator on Midland Bay. His next-ship neighbour, in the Scully, is Ernie Billard.

The boat keeper comes aboard in January after the winter and the crews have returned home. He lives on

board until the end of March when the crew returns for another season on the lakes.

John Beland is a ship's electrician and he'll remain with the France in March. The Montreal born widower says that next year will be his last one on the lakes. He plans to retire to his St. Catharines home.

Meanwhile, he's snug in his quarters on the France. Plastic sheeting is taped over the portholes to keep out the winter breezes and a small auxiliary furnace keeps the place warm.

He has his own small kitchen and sleeping cabin, a

television set and telephone. The rest of the ship is empty and quiet. There is paper taped over the passageways to keep the floor clean. The galley, mess rooms and cabins and boiler room are all cleaned and awaiting the return of the crew.

Each day Ernie and John have a work schedule. They walk the length of the two ships, they take soundings to see that there is no water in the ballast and check heaters forward on the ship, where the temperature must be kept above 50 degrees.

The Scully and the France are due to be unloaded this

week and special ballast adjustments will have to be made. Power will come from the ships' diesel engines and the big deck winch will be put into operation.

For the rest of the winter, things will be quiet on the big ships. Is it lonely, being the only occupant of an empty and silent 700-foot ship?

John Beland has been so busy in the past week with the installation of a new sewage system forward on the France that he says he's going to enjoy the quiet time ahead.

Ernie, a Newfoundlander, who has been a ship keeper for 25 years, says time passes quickly. "I cook up my meals and watch television and walk into town once in a while to get groceries," he says and adds reflectively, "Midland's a very quiet town, it is."

The bay's a quiet place these winter days but it will come to life in the spring and the John A. France and the Scully will be part of the activity. In the meantime, John and Ernie are looking after things.

Writer urges pork farmers to present case to consumers

by Ron Jones
Can farmers and consumers be friends? It would seem so, if farmers heed the advice of Midland writer Shirley Whittington, and if all consumers were as enlightened as the columnist.

Mrs. Whittington, who was speaking to 65 farmers at Minessing last Friday, on the occasion of the North Simcoe Pork Producers annual meeting, told her audience that the pork industry should spend part of its promotion budget on presenting the farmers' case to urban

consumers. She also stated that the pork producers should devote more attention to shooting down pork myths. She added that eating pink pork wasn't as much a threat to health as smoking.

Refuting the producers' conviction that consumers are spoiled and lazy, Mrs. Whittington insisted consumers were shrewd purchasing agents. She warned her audience that boycotts do work, admitting that a boycott often hurts the wrong people. She maintained that "as a consumer, I reserve the right to boycott."

The meeting began at 10:30 a.m., with University of Guelph swine specialist Garnet Norrish's presentation, which he titled The Refusal to Eat Syndrome. Mr. Norrish dealt with problems associated with feeding crops grown in 1974's inhospitable climate, such as corn moulds and excessive weed seed content in cereal grains.

Another swine specialist, Paul Simmonds, who works out of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food's Markdale office, gave a rundown on expected market and cost influences in the

months ahead.

Afternoon elections saw several local men accept new responsibilities: Ambrose O'Neill of Flos Township and William J. Black of Orillia Township were elected as councilmen to the Ontario Pork Producers' Marketing Board; and Simon Paulin of Tiny Township, Elwood Langman, Albert Van Casteren and Russell Maw of Flos Township, Klaas VanderVeen and Peter Hofman of Medonte, were elected to the board of the North Simcoe Pork Producers' Association.



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