

Lumber records destroyed

### Waubaushene landmark levelled, arson suspected

A Waubaushene land- deliberately set, likely by mark was levelled by fire vandals. in the early hours of "That building had a lot Saturday morning, and of historical value' one of the casualties was despite recent collection irreplaceable lumber said, "especially in the

The building, owned antique structure."

firms for years.

According to Tay Township fire chief Tom O'Hara, a small fire partially gutted the site a few years ago and vandals had later broken a hole in the concrete vault, ched leaving the files exposed to Saturday's flames.

scene from 3:30 a.m. to 7 a.m. according to the chief, and he said the blaze started so quickly owned by the chief's that he believes it was brother Charles, was

At Jay-Haro Nursing Home

of deterioration, the chief company records dating doors, window frames back more than 75 years. and so on...it was quite an Later that afternoon,

Waubaushene Navigation another fire started Limited, housed the first behind another building lumber firm in the on the property, but hamlet, and the concrete firemen brought it under vault beside had housed control before it spread to the records of several a structure that houses "invaluable machinery.

> The chief said he believes the second fire was also the work of an Port Severn home tor-

Arson is also suspected

in a blaze that destroyed a Firemen were on the Port Severn building at 11 according to O'Hara, Another old structure,

Past Noble Grands meet

On Thursday evening chased four more mat- bers.

the Past Noble Grands tress covers for our Club of Margaret hospital beds with

Rebekah Lodge met in the Dominion Store tapes that craft room of Jay-Haro we all save and turn into

Nursing Home for their the club. Mrs. Pat Athron June meeting as guests of reported three more

Mrs. Fern Rosborough, mattresses had arrived at one of their elderly the station, also pur-

members who is a chased with the tapes. resident in that home. Any type of sick room

Seventeen members were equipment may be present. President borrowed free of charge

Gladys Todd opened the by anyone in need of such

prayer in unison. Mrs. change our meeting

Rosborough was nights back to the first

presented with a basket of Wednesday in the month

fruit from the Club and as it was more sutiable to

several individual gifts, the majority concerned.

meeting with a poem things.

called "Friends."

followed with the Lord's

from her friends. This

Thursday morning June

26, of her sister Mrs.

Lloyd Heels of

Waubaushene, Mrs.

Rosborough went on with

the meeting rather than disappointing her friends.

Mrs. Norma Sallows

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by Charlotte Gerdes reported she had pur- by several of the mem-

being torn down by Alfie get out" and make it to Gerioux, with the wood shore as the woodenand other objects being hulled Grew burned in the

O'Hara and Gerioux received a phone call And two more added to from an anonymous man list who asked "What do you think of your building cidents above, at least now?" The man looked two other blazes helped out to see the structure keep the Waubaushene engulfed in flames.

O'Hara had no damage estimates on these two fires but said members of the Midland detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police are investigating the incidents.

Boat blows up at marina An early morning boat ride Sunday almost ended in disaster when the entire back end blew out in an explosion as the craft was pulling away a.m. Saturday morning, from the dock at the Sandy Bay Marina about

> O'Hara said the people on board were "lucky to

## Public transit:

bookwork involved should they should be".

the town operate the Reeve Moreland Lynn

But Read said he timents, saying he failed

echoed Boyd's sen-

# Only the colours have been decided as Midland debates who will run its buses

yet decided who will run the new Midland transit buses, but it has decided what colours to paint the new RekVee vehicles.

At a special meeting held Thursday night, council decided on the logo - a stylized 'M' and dark green and white as the colours for the new transit coaches.

But the question of who will operate the spanking new fleet of three buses is still up in the air. And delivery date for the buses is set for August. Art Read, of Read-Voorhees Associates. transportation consultants to the town of Midland, told council that the cost of operating the buses, as indicated in the tender prices submitted by two local bus companies, are "very high" In fact, the costs are so high, "it is our feeling that the town could operate the three new coaches more cheaply itself than to tender for their operation.

According to Read, the private operators "are very nervous' when considering proposals such as this, considering the economic un-

certainties of the times. "They just feel they have to protect themselves", he added. Although he said he originally thought that private operators should be able to operate more economically, "It appears that this is not the case". Read estimated that the town could save approximately \$10,000 a year by assuming the

operation itself. Mayor Harold Boyd expressed his skepticism that a government could run a transit system as cheaply as a private operator. "I don't know anything about running buses", he added. Clerk-

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water. The boat was

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fire brigade on duty from

Thursday right through

the weekend. One truck

erupted in flames and at

least one grass fire had to

be extinguished in a four

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men exhausted and

definitely not looking

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he was a bit leery of the contract where the costs government could amount of paper and are greater than what operate cheaper than private enterprise."

Because he said he was not convinced the information was full, Lynn recommended that the decision be deferred until more detailed analysis of costs to the town can be

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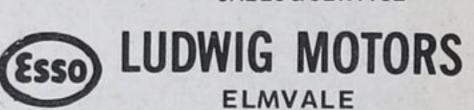


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