

# Tay buys pocket pagers for volunteer fire brigade

Tay Township council approved the purchase of pocket sized communicators for members of the Old Fort Fire Department at its regular

meeting Thursday morning. The communicators, or "pocket pagers", will be distributed among fire department volunteers

and used to summon them in case of a fire. Council accepted a bid of \$6,191.10 from Motorola with delivery in six to eight weeks. General

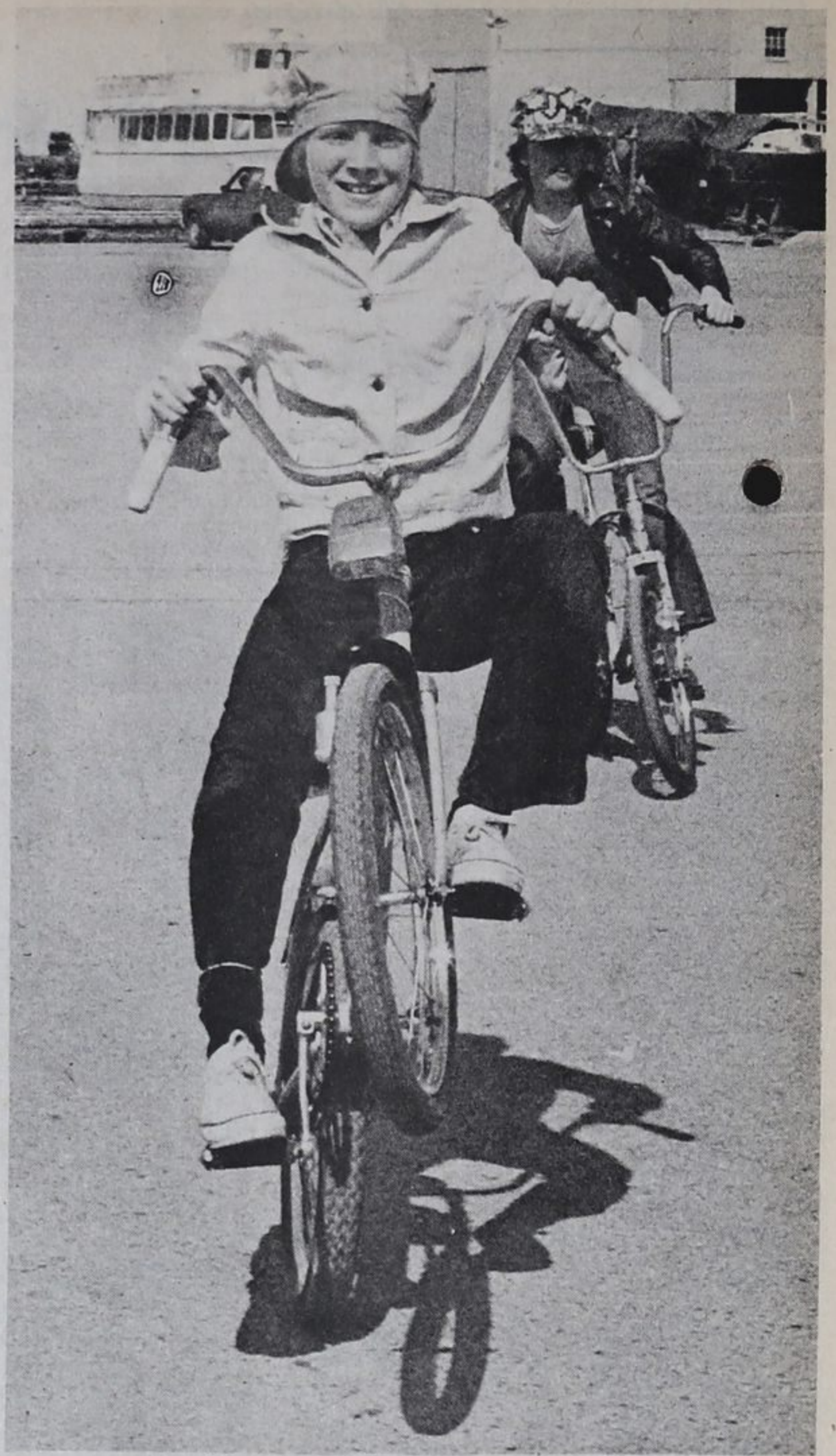
Electric chose not to tender on the communicators. The Old Fort brigade is presently using phones to summon firefighters but

councillors feel the system is too slow and cumbersome. Deputy reeve Ed Hill objected to the purchase of the "pocket pagers", claiming the cost was too high.

Councillor Rob Rhem said most phones in Tay are still party lines, making it difficult to summon the firefighters. "I won't be satisfied until we get a good communications system," he added.

Rhem stated many other fire departments across Ontario use a similar system to summon firefighters. Hill wondered what coverage was available for the communicators. Councillor Tom O'Hara said the "pocket pagers" are "sturdy little units with a re-charging cell." They come with a three month guarantee on the unit and a year long warranty on any parts. He added a fire department by-law makes the man carrying the com-

municator responsible for it. Tay recently spent \$42,000 for a new fire truck for the Waubaushene fire department plus Old Fort brigade.



Popping a wheelie

Popping a good wheelie is an art that hasn't really died out, but the switch-over to ten-speeds greatly reduced the predominance of the sport. Jerry Borsa, seen above, still has the knack, and along with some friends, he can put on quite a show.

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## Separate board reveals surplus

The Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board received the auditors' report at their last meeting.

The Board ended 1975 with a surplus of \$17,000. The board had budgeted a 27 per cent increase in 1975 over 1974.

Two applications for sponsorship of a program under the Ministry of Education's Experience '76 program were received at the meeting.

One of the applicants is from Midland, with the other from Angus. Experience '76 is an attempt by the Education

ministry to provide summer work for high school and university students. Pay scales for the program are laid down by the ministry.

The board approved the applications and sent them to the ministry for their acceptance.

The transportation committee reported that the present transportation scheme was acceptable. The board transports 4,382 students more than 5,000 miles daily. Separate school students are transported by boats, buses, vans, taxis and snowmobiles.

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**Tiny PCs to meet**  
The Tiny Township Progressive Conservative association is meeting on April 22 at 8:00 p.m. in the Highland Point Parish Hall to nominate and elect a new executive. For more information call 549-2511. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

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