

Joint Hwy. 27 development study

A joint committee charged with the responsibility of studying development along the strip of Highway 27 between Highway 12 and the Penetanguishene town limits is now being set up.

The decision to set up such a committee came at a joint meeting of the four municipalities making up the Midland Peninsula held at the Township of Tiny offices last Thursday night.

Present at that meeting were represen-

tatives of the Townships of Tiny and Tay, and the towns of Midland and Penetanguishene.

Discussion at the meeting centred around the possible hazards of allowing extensive development along the strip, including possible economic impact of such development on the downtown merchants of Midland and Penetanguishene, and the environmental impact of development on the Little Lake watershed.

Tiny planning board secretary Roger

Robitaille kicked off the discussion by telling the assembled councillors and planners that although Tiny's official plan, prepared in 1971, projected an eventual population for the township of about 100,000 people, subsequent secondary plans had indicated that the target population figure should be as low as 20,000 people. He pointed out that the township was trying to restrict developments, and indicated that it intended to apply this policy to the Highway 27 area as well.

Penetanguishene Mayor Vince Moreau took advantage of the time allotted him at the meeting to give a rundown of planning accomplishments in Penetanguishene over the past few years, and to express concern that if the Highway 27 strip were developed extensively, it could hurt the downtown merchants. He also pointed out that if the strip were allowed to become congested like the strip on the outskirts of Barrie, with a stop light every hundred yards, people might find it difficult to reach the town, which lies right at the end of the highway.

Midland Mayor Moreland Lynn told the group he was glad to see the cooperative spirit being shown at the meeting and said the meeting had been a long time coming.

He said it was "only the people in this room who feel the bump in the road when crossing from one municipality to another." He said the general public was not conscious of the borders between the municipalities, and he stated that the planners and councillors present at the meeting should take the same perspective in planning as the public.

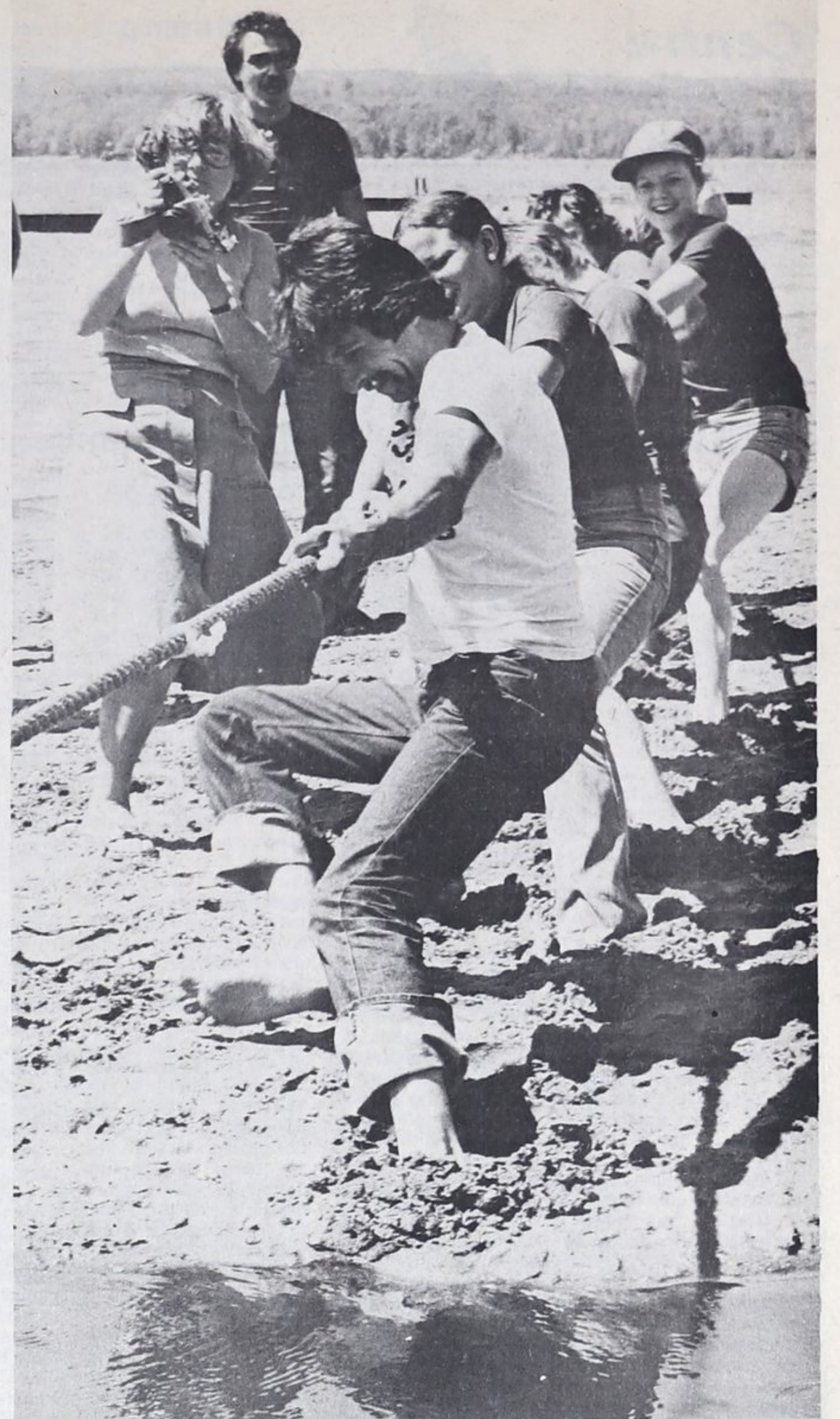
He asked Midland councillor Richard Platt to give a rundown on the problems with development on Highway 27 involving the Midland Little Lake watershed. Platt told the

group that half of the watershed, or about 1,000 acres, lay within the Township of Tiny. He said the most recent study done on the lake, the Canadian British study, showed that the lake was fit for swimming at present, but if much development was allowed to occur within the watershed area, storm water treatment facilities would be needed in order to keep Little Lake suitable for swimming. Midland has recently passed a bylaw to restrict development within the watershed, but Platt and several other Midland representatives, including Reeve Sam Ancio and Deputy Reeve Bill Ogilvie, pointed out that if development were allowed in the section of the watershed lying in Tiny, the town's efforts would have been a waste of time.

The only representative of Tay Township present at the meeting, Dave Moore, told the group Tay was only marginally interested in the problem, since it is not directly affected. He said, though, that the township was interested from an area standpoint, and wanted to see the highway link maintained as a highway link, not as a commercial area.

Tiny Reeve Morris Darby attempted to allay the fears of the Midland representatives about the Little Lake situation, and told them Tiny was very much concerned about the quality of the water in Little Lake. "We have taken the attitude that we don't want to see much highway development, partially because of the runoff problem," he said. "But we need help in coming up with answers for applicants who want to develop on Highway 27."

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Come on guys - dig in!

This tug-of-war team from Midland radio station CKMP dug in its heels, but was unable to overcome the superior strength of the Penetanguishene Chamber of Commerce team in the final competition of the afternoon Sunday at Bayfield Park. The two teams, and a team representing the town council, were

taking part in the Queen's Silver Jubilee picnic, put on by the Chamber of Commerce. The winning Chamber of Commerce team was composed of Ruth Rose, Shirley Huntington, Don and Glen Bryant, Al McDonald, and anchor man Jim Desjardins.

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Prayer for 100th birthday

A short prayer by Rev. Sid Maddock was part of the official opening of the festivities of the 100th birthday of All Saints Anglican Church on Saturday afternoon. Vera Dwelly, left, made a special appearance and reminisced

on the days when her husband was Reverend. Left to right are Mrs. Dwelly, Alvin Gropp, Rev. Sid Maddock and Penetanguishene mayor Vince Moreau.

Staff photo

All Saints celebrates centenary

All those prayers for nice weather really paid off and Saturday was a beautiful day to celebrate the 100th birthday of the All Saints Anglican Church.

The festivities opened with Vera Dwelly cutting the ribbon to the church grounds. Her husband, Reverend R.T. Dwelly, was the Reverend for the parish from 1930 to 1944.

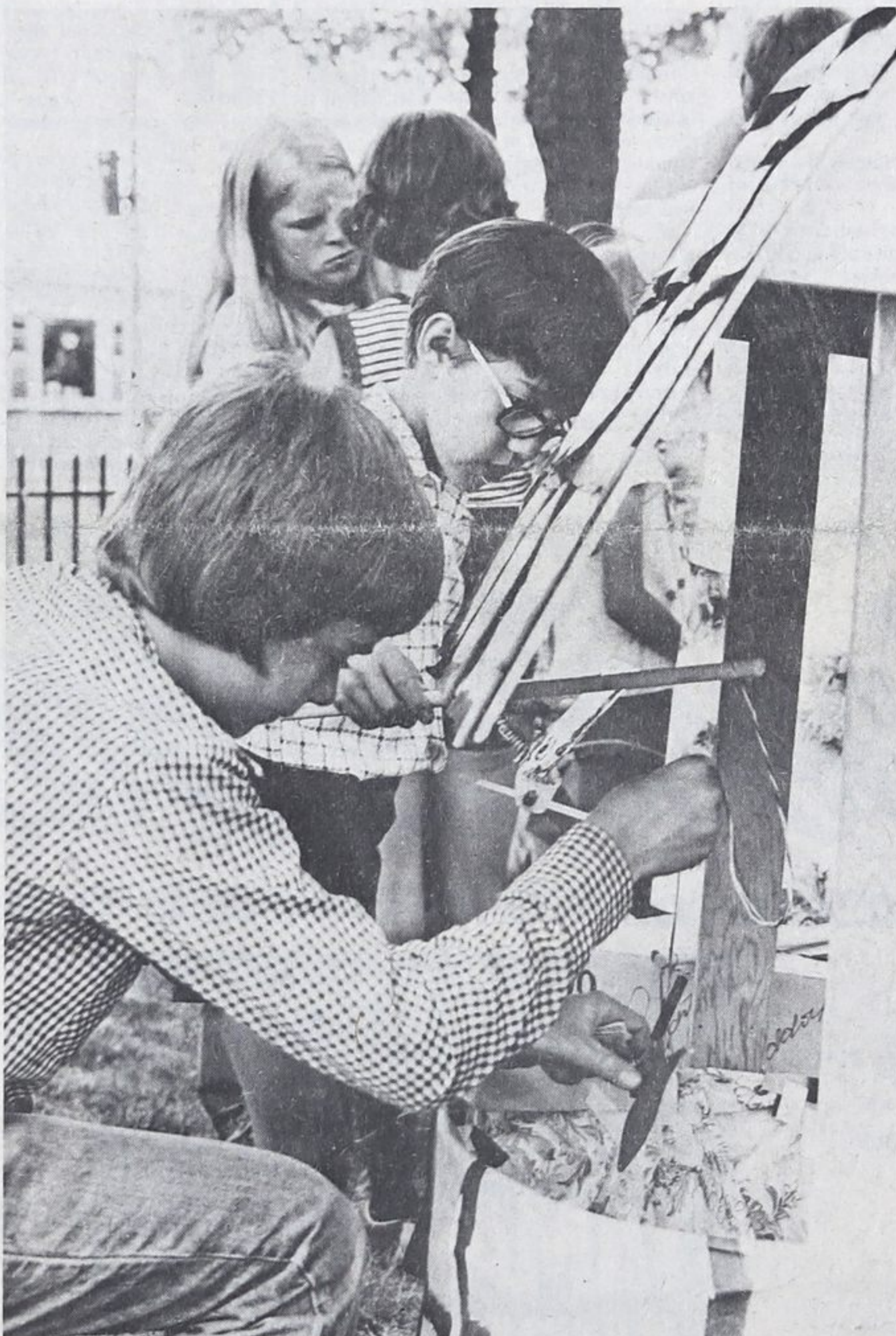
Mrs. Dwelly entertained the crowd with a few anecdotes about her years in Penetanguishene and Rev. Sid Maddock said a short prayer and announced he will be leaving the parish.

During the afternoon there were beautiful homemade crafts sold, delicious baked goods, lemonade and a fish pond for the little

ones. Fresh strawberry shortcake was featured at the outdoor tea and one good glimpse of the sumptuous cake was all the advertising that was needed.

Visitors could also try their luck on a draw for a handmade quilt or bid on the many items auctioned. Members of the parish were interested to find a booklet on sale detailing the 100-year history of All Saints Anglican Church. Special china commemorating the event was also available.

Birthdays are a happy occasion and the birthday of All Saints Anglican Church was a festive one which will be remembered by many.



'Fish' luck

The fishpond was a main attraction for the wee folks at the 100th birthday celebration of All Saints Anglican Church on Saturday.

Edward Lacroix Jr. tries his luck with the fishing rod and Andrew Thompson, foreground, was on hand to help out.

Moves on to mission work this month

Four years in Penetang great: Rev. S. Maddock

It will be with mixed emotions that Reverend Sidney Maddock and his family leave the town of Penetanguishene at the end of this month to take up duties in Bramalea North.

Reverend Maddock said last week that he and his family will miss the town, where they have been made to feel most welcome over the past four years, but are looking forward to moving back to the city, and to the challenge of setting up a parish in a community with a potential 1,000-plus Anglican families and no established parish.

The Maddocks arrived in town on August 1, 1973. "I arrived in this Christian community known as Penetanguishene, and have spent four rich and rewarding years here," he said. He came from a parish of about 1,000 families at St. Margarets in the Pines, in West Hill, to take over the two long established congregations of All Saints Anglican Church, and St. James-on-the-lines. He said that in Bramalea North, where he will be going into what he considers to be the mission field, there isn't even an established congregation, let alone structures like the two Penetanguishene churches, one 140 years old, and the other a mere 100 years old.

He was called to the new area by the

Bishop's office, and won't be working for a parish per se, but for the Church Extension and Development Committee of the Toronto Diocese.

He said he will be operating mainly out of his home, and out of a portable church, which last Easter held 200 communicants. He pointed out that this year, by comparison, there were about 125 Easter communicants at All Saints, and about 200 altogether, including St. James-on-the-lines, in Penetanguishene.

Reverend Maddock has done much in Penetanguishene besides his work within the church. He has been on the town's amalgamated board for four years, including one year as chairman. He has served on the Huronia Social Planning Council, and was chairman of that body last year. In the field of sports, Reverend Maddock organized a house league Juvenile Hockey program, and has run it for the past three years. That league was sponsored by the Penetanguishene Police Association.

Also above and beyond his parish duties, he has had the opportunity of ministering to the Masonic Order, being named district chaplain to the order twice in the past four years. His area of responsibility covered

Collingwood, Cookstown, Barrie, Orillia, Victoria Harbour, Coldwater, Midland, Penetanguishene and Elmvalle.

He also has had the privilege of ministering as the Anglican Chaplain at Penetanguishene General Hospital and Oak Ridge, where he has conducted Sunday services once a month, on top of his regular visiting duties.

"The four years really have been great," he said. "The opportunities for someone who wishes to become involved in the community are innumerable."

"In Penetanguishene, if you're interested you're welcomed in. They accept you quickly."

According to Reverend Maddock, the leading churchmen in the area are all of top calibre, and he said he has enjoyed getting together with them on such things as community services.

Worked in construction field

Reverend Maddock has not been a minister all his adult life. Before he was called to the ministry he spent 15 years in the construction business as an excavating contractor. He said that when his fellow workers gave him a sendoff prior to his going back to Wycliffe College at University of Toronto, they told him some people would move earth and

heaven to get things accomplished in this world. He had already done the first, they told him, and now he was setting out to see what he could do about the second.

Following four years of study at Wycliffe College, he got his "stamp of approval", and nine years ago he entered the ministry.

If Reverend Maddock has been taking an active part in the community, the members of his family have hardly been recluses either.

His wife Joan, or Joanni, as she is known in the community, has, in a like manner, become part of the active community with her work in the arts and crafts of the district, together with her work on the Penetanguishene General Hospital auxiliary, and her teaching in the community schools program as a quilting instructor. She has been active in the choirs and ladies groups of both Anglican churches, and has supervised the children's Sunday School program.

His son Jamie has enjoyed the social and athletic life at Penetanguishene Secondary School, taking part in the P.S.S. basketball, tennis, hockey and baseball teams, and participating in golf and wrestling.

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News briefs

Bellisle on joint Hwy. 27 study

Penetanguishene councillor and planning board member Ron Bellisle will be the town's representative on the joint committee being set up to study development on Highway 27. Bellisle was named in a motion passed at last night's council meeting. He will join

representatives from Tiny and Midland on the committee, which will attempt to come up with policies and guidelines regarding future development along the highway between Highway 12 and the Penetanguishene town limits.

Cousineau to fill Fournier's post

The Neighbourhood Improvement Program Steering Committee has found a replacement for Steve Fournier, who will be vacating his position as NIP coordinator at the end of August.

Penetanguishene Town Council received a report at its meeting Monday night, from Bill Stevens, chairman of the NIP steering committee, recommending that Ken Cousineau, who has worked for the municipality during past summers, be hired

to fill the position for a period of one year. The report mentions that the committee received five applications for the job, and that the other four were from students fresh out of university, with no experience. It also recommends that Cousineau start on July 11, in order to give him some time to learn the responsibilities before Fournier leaves.

Fournier has accepted a position as NIP coordinator with the Town of Perth, Ontario.

OPP recover stolen vehicles

It was like mutual assistance week over the weekend in Penetanguishene and Barrie, as Penetanguishene police recovered a vehicle stolen in Barrie, and Barrie OPP recovered a truck stolen in Penetanguishene.

The Penetanguishene boys in blue received a report at 8:00 a.m. Friday of a van stolen from St. Amant plumbing on Robert Street. The van and all the plumbing tools inside,

were recovered undamaged in Barrie on Sunday morning at 11:40, by the Ontario Provincial Police in Barrie.

Then on Sunday at 4:00 p.m., Penetanguishene police recovered a vehicle stolen from Barrie. The owner of that vehicle wasn't as lucky as St. Amant Plumbing, though, as the vehicle was found completely burned out at the end of Chathan Street.

No seat belts, accident fatal

A single car accident in the construction zone on county road 29 last Thursday took the life of the lone occupant of the vehicle involved, 69 year old Mary Stansbury of Balm Beach.

According to the investigation officer, constable Gary Willis of the Elmvalle Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, The Stansbury Vehicle was north bound on county road 29 when it entered into the construction zone 500 feet north of concession five of Flos Township. At this point there was a two to three foot drop from the paved road over a short distance. When the front of the car hit the drop, police believe the deceased put her

foot on the accelerator instead of the brake in error, causing the vehicle to increase its speed. The car then swirled on the gravel and entered the east ditch, rolling over and throwing Mrs. Stansbury clear of the vehicle.

She was rushed to Huronia District Hospital in Midland, where she died later the same day. Contusions to the brain was listed as being the cause of death.

When asked if seat belts could have saved the drivers life, constable Willis stated that if Mrs. Stansbury had been wearing both the lap and shoulder belt, she could have survived the accident.

B.F. Goodrich comes to Midland

A potential 40 or more jobs could be opened up in the Midland area by this fall, B.F. Goodrich Canada announced last week.

In a press release made public last Friday, the company announced it has leased the Midland based Vi-Wall Products Ltd. The three year lease which goes into effect July 6, 1977 provides for an option to purchase the company's assets at the end of the lease period.

Goodrich will be leasing both the plant and all equipment presently owned by Vi-Wall.

No explanation was given for the lease with option to purchase agreement except that it was "better for both parties," according to Tom Lembo, present owner of the Vi-Wall operations.

"Vi-Wall manufactures vinyl wallpaper and vinyl film wall coverings for homes and, according to Lembo employs eight Midlanders directly in the manufacturing process. There are no managerial or clerical staff now working at the Heritage Drive plant.

"The present Vi-Wall employees will become employees of B. F. Goodrich," Dave Boettger, Communications Coordinator for the Kitchener based Canadian arm of Goodrich said in a telephone interview. The company also has plans to expand the wallpaper operations in Midland, to hire a plant manager (a position now assumed by Lembo), clerical staff and more employees for the manufacturing end of things as productivity and demand necessitate.