

# Annapolis tour to show Canadians the need for control of the seas

If you toured the HMCS Annapolis during its brief stay here for Midland's Silver Jubilee celebrations you probably

noticed one common characteristic among the men who call the Annapolis home. "They're proud,"

Commander Roy H. Wood said, "It's not something we try to teach them, it's something they feel instinctively for their ship.

It's their home." A total of 265 men call Annapolis home for almost 200 days every year. During those days

they are performing an important task for Canada: maintaining Canadian sovereignty over our coastal waters.

"In addition we are maintaining our NATO commitment, and perform surveillance and fishing patrol, besides participating in national exercises and naval exercises with ships of other NATO countries," Wood explained.

While Midlanders saw the crew of the Annapolis in a more relaxed state, a normal working day for a crew member can be long and arduous—as long as 16 hours, Commander Wood said.

"But this too has been a busy trip for all of us," he observed. "The entire trip has taken a great deal of preparation and it takes a large number of crew members to look after the public as they

tour the ship."

**Role of Navy**  
And that's the very idea of Annapolis' four week cruise—to give Canadians a better look at the Maritime Command and its role in the Canadian Forces.

"There are a lot of Canadians who have never lived near salt water and consequently have never seen a ship of this kind," Commander Wood explained. "We feel that this kind of tour will make them aware of the necessity and importance of maintaining a strong navy, and of controlling our seas."

The Commander said that he has never met with a confrontation with other ocean going vessels off Canada's coast, but recalled Canada's altercation with a Cuban ship in coastal waters about a year and a half ago.

"They do happen," he said, "but the very fact that we are there patrolling is a deterrent in itself."

The "visiting" pace of the Annapolis is different from its usual stay at sea, but that doesn't mean it's been total relaxation. Many people don't realize how difficult to navigate the Great Lakes can be. "It was a difficult passage at times," the Commander said, "and hence it left little time to conduct normal exercises." He hastened to add however, that the tempo of the ship would "pick up" on the return voyage to Halifax.

**First time in Midland**  
The Commander said that it was his first visit to Midland, and described it as a "pretty" town. "From a sailor's point of view, it was just beautiful when we entered the bay."

Wood said Monday that he looked forward to some of the social functions on the agenda which would allow him and his crew an opportunity to rub elbows with some of Midland's citizens.

It was a special occasion for Commander Wood on this visit. His wife Marianne and 14 year-old son Ian drove up from visiting in Toronto to be with him while in Midland.

Ian will be making the return voyage to Halifax with his father and will get a first hand look at the rigours of navy life aboard one of Canada's finest ships: the HMCS Annapolis.



Washing cars for the arena floor

A carwash in the town dock area of Penetanguishene Saturday was just one of a number of events which are being held to raise money for the new arena floor.

Despite a sudden shower in the morning, the weather in the afternoon was nearly perfect for car washing. Staff photo

## Car theft investigated

Penetanguishene Police are investigating the August 27 theft of a car.

The car, belonging to Ronald Pyke, of 169 Fox Street in Penetanguishene, was taken from in front of the Hotel Brule. Police said Pyke left the car unattended for about half an hour, and when he returned, it was gone.

The car was recovered about an hour later on Harriett Street, but so far no arrest has been made in connection with the incident.

## Police report

### Collision

No one was injured in an accident which occurred on Robert Street East at Brock Friday afternoon.

Two cars were involved, one driven by Marie Cascagnette, of 3 Church Street, and the other by Brenda Emery, of 88 Robert Street West. Damage amounting to about \$350.00 was done to the Cascagnette vehicle, and about the same amount of damage was done to the Emery vehicle.

No charges were laid by the investigating officer, Constable Claude Monroe.

### Theft from house

A number of home furnishings have been reported stolen from the home of Peter Baan, at 273 Church Street.

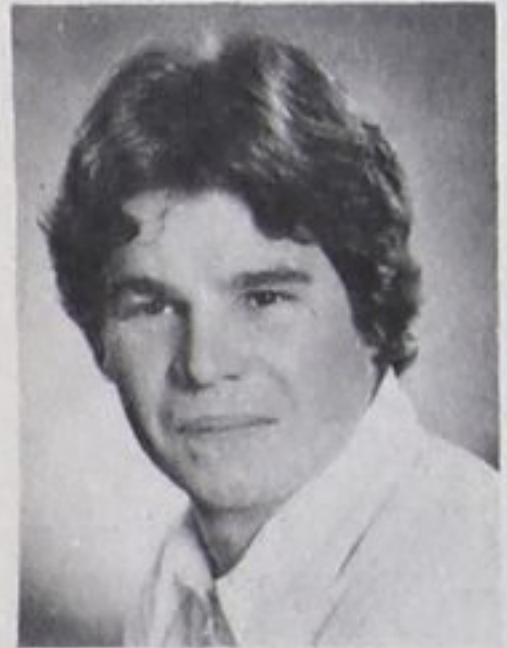
The house was damaged by fire just over a week ago, while Baan was out of town. When he returned, he informed police that the furnishings were missing.

The police feel the thief broke in to the house, took what he wanted, then set fire to the building. Constable Bernard Maracle is investigating.

## Recent graduate

David St. Amant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ossie St. Amant, graduated Friday, August 5, from St.

Joseph's Hospital campus of George Brown College. David is joining the staff of Ochsner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans.



David St. Amant

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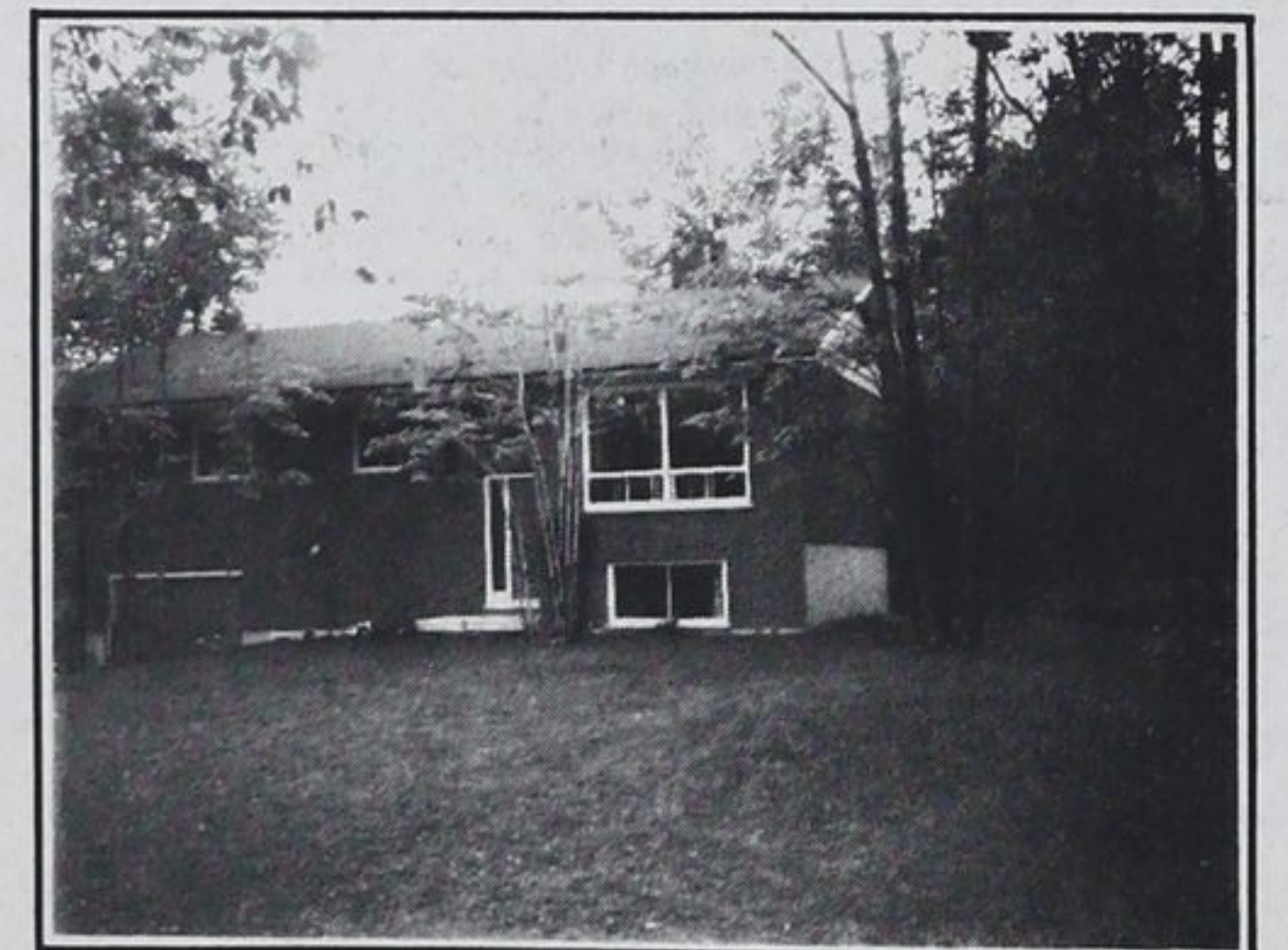
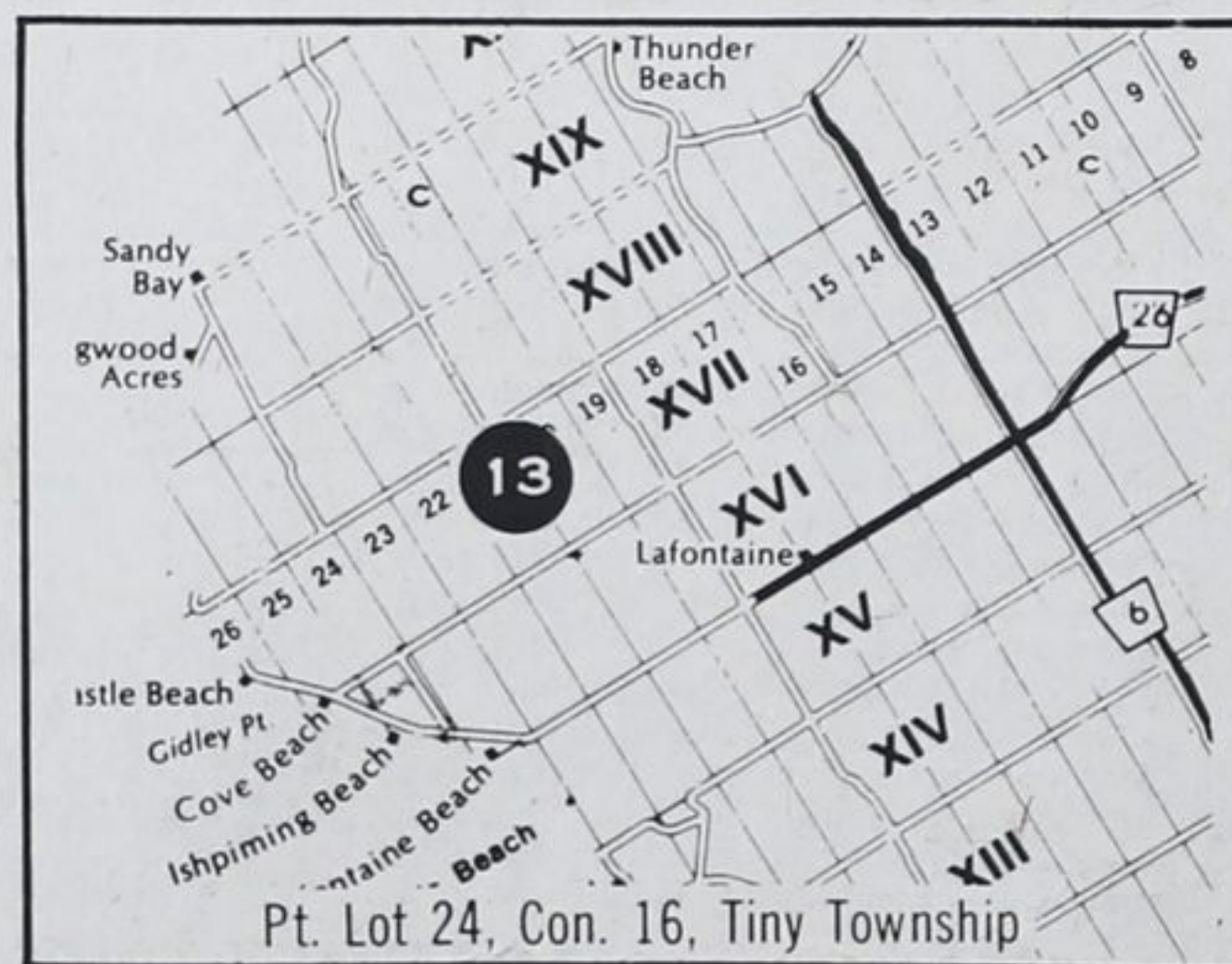
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