

# Highway 12 closed after tank truck topples

by Dave Wilson  
A section of Highway 12 near the intersection of William Street was closed for six hours Wednesday after a tanker truck carrying 21 tons of flour overturned, blocking both westbound lanes.

It took two crews of heavy duty tow truck operators five hours to right the stricken tanker, which is owned by Teledyne Transport, a Toronto-based trucking firm. Police estimate that the accident resulted in \$45,000 damage to the truck cab and trailer. They say the cab was a complete write-off.

Driver Leonard W. Atkinson, 49, of Toronto sustained minimal cuts and bruises in the accident, and was transported by ambulance to Huronia District Hospital for treatment.

Investigating officer J. Reynolds of the Midland Police Department told the Times that the accident occurred at 9:13 a.m. as the truck was heading south on William Street from the Ogilvie Flour Mills onto a ramp leading to Highway 12.

The tanker apparently skidded for about 180 feet before striking a small median separating the ramp from the highway, and fell onto its side into the westbound lane of Highway 12.

Midland firefighters were called to the scene along with three police constables as a precautionary measure against the tanker exploding. In the crash, a large quantity of diesel fuel escaped onto the roadway, and officials feared a spark might ignite it. Shortly after police arrived on the scene, Public Works crews were called in to spread sand over a small stream of diesel fuel that had formed.

Police set up roadblocks at either end of the crash site, and six hours diverted traffic

away from the scene. Approximately one-half hour after the accident occurred, two heavy equipment tow trucks from Elmvale arrived and began the delicate process of setting the truck back on its wheels. Teledyne officials were concerned

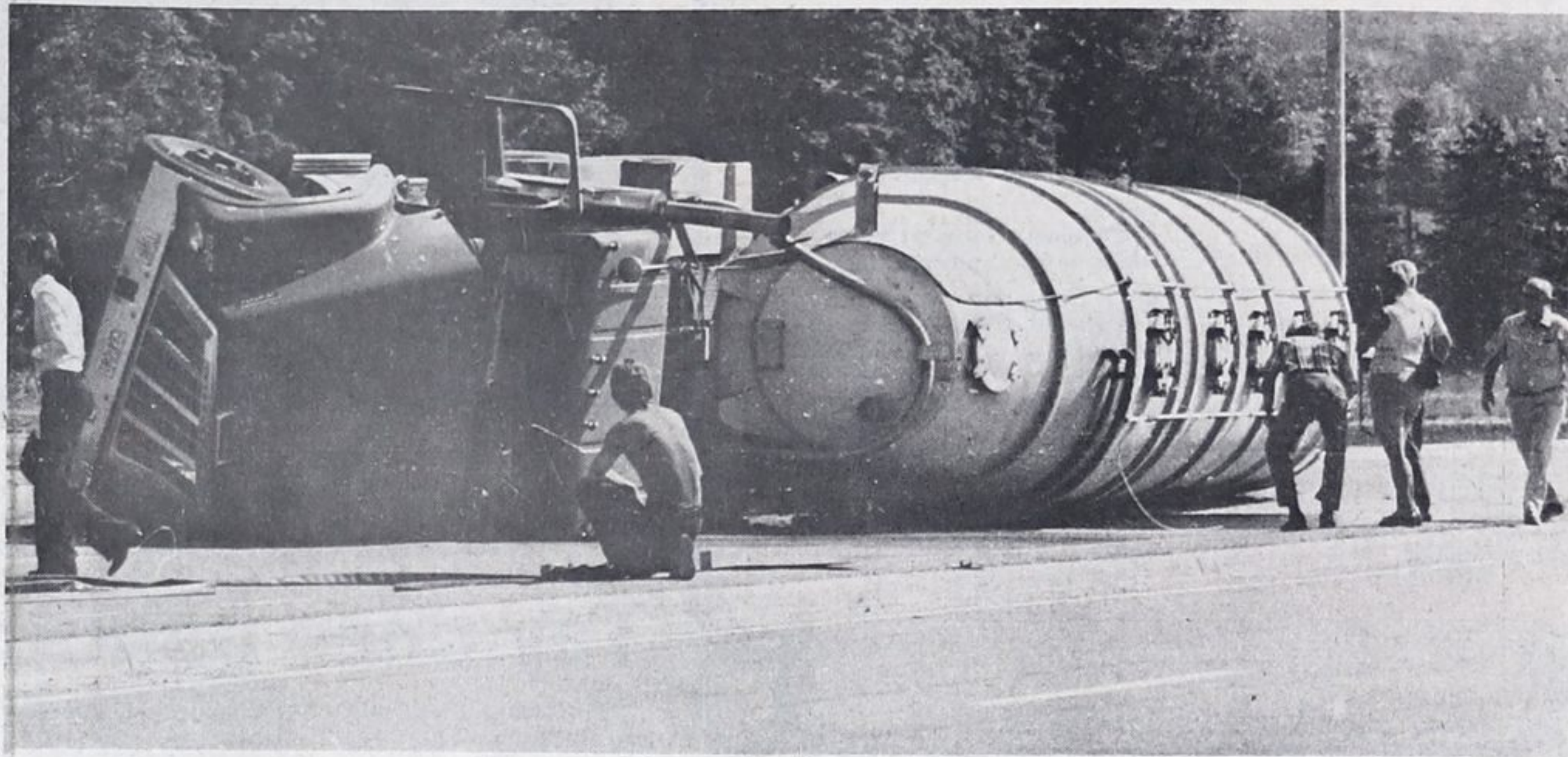
that the righting process might cause even more damage to the \$100,000 vehicle, and directed tow truck crews to proceed with caution.

The truck was eventually set upright again by jacking the trailer and fastening a large

sling around its circumference. Chains were attached to the undercarriage, and tow truck winches completed the rest of the job.

Police have laid no charges in connection with the incident.

They say the investigation is continuing.



Toppled tanker

A tanker truck carrying 21 tons of flour overturned on Highway 12 at William Street Wednesday blocking westbound traffic for

close to six hours. The driver of the truck was rushed to Huronia District Hospital with minor injuries. It took tow truck drivers five

hours to set the damaged truck back on its wheels.

Staff photo



Media day

Times reporter Terri Howell assisted by Student Manpower councillor Sharon Beatty solicited jobs for students on Wednesday at the Canada Manpower Centre for students.

Several local personalities from Midland and Penetanguishene donated a half hour to the Centre in order to commemorate Hire a Student Week.

Staff photo

## Newsmakers

### Reporter tries her hand at placing students in jobs

Editor's note: Last week, to mark 'Hire a Student Week', civic officials and members of the media in both Penetanguishene and Midland were asked to set aside an hour of their time to find out exactly what it's like to work at the Student Manpower Offices. We sent staff reporter Terri Howell to work on the phones Wednesday afternoon and she files this report.

by Terri Howell

"Hello. It's Student Manpower calling. We have a one day job for you cleaning up a new house. Are you interested?"

Usually the answer on the other end of the phone will be "yes" whether the job is trimming a hedge, cutting grass or shovelling top soil. These days students will take anything they can get to earn some money.

Phoning students and asking if they are interested in any of the various jobs that are available is all in a days work for Sharon Beatty, Steve Graham and Ruth Lamoureux who are all employees of the Canada Student Manpower office on Elizabeth Street.

On Wednesday, it was "all in an hours work" for me. As part of Hire a Student Week I was asked to visit the manpower office and see what it's all about. Take it from me, finding a job isn't easy and the competition for them is fierce.

I was stationed at the front desk and asked by Sharon Beatty to find someone to clean a yard for a Penetanguishene woman as my first task. Sharon handed me a stack of

student registration cards. All of the students in the stack had put down "handyman" as their job preference. Most of them were in the lower high school grades and all were out of work.

It took three phone calls to find someone to do the job. The first two boys missed out only because they weren't home. Sharon Beatty says that's how it always happens. The student that is home when the phone rings, gets the job.

The student I reached was thrilled to get work even though it was only for eight hours and the wage was just a little over \$2. I was just as thrilled at completing my first task so quickly.

The second job I had to fill wasn't quite as easy. A Midland family had called in and asked for someone to clean a house they're moving into. There was no wage specified.

As I went through the registration cards I noticed one industrious grade six student had filled the card out wrong making him appear to be a young genius. He had circled six in the "University" column. At the age of 11 he was in his sixth year of University.

Another young student looking for something a little more glamorous than cleaning houses and raking lawns put her preferred occupations as stewardess, hairdresser or housewife. The manpower office may have a tough time filling that order. Laughing Ruth Lamoureux wondered if the poor girl really thought manpower got orders for housewives.

But my favourite registration card "boo-boo" was from a grade six boy who boldly wrote for his last job he was an electric lawn mower.

It took over 10 phone calls and I still couldn't reach any students at home to fill the order for the house cleaner. One boy said "yes" but after I gave him all the details he said he had to go to camp and wouldn't be able to do the job. I wondered whether the idea of cleaning a house struck him the wrong way at the last minute.

Finally a 17-year-old boy came into the office. He was desperate for work and wanted to know if there were any "interviews" he could go to. Learning there were none, he asked if any of the factories were hiring. He finally settled for my house cleaning job.

"I guess you have to take what you can get," he said indicating the manpower office had supplied him with a number of one day jobs.

It was almost 4 p.m. before I left and all of the days orders but one had been filled. In the filing cabinets hundreds of student's registration cards still sat waiting for a job for them.

One thing I learned while I was at the manpower office is that you don't have to own a factory or a store to "Hire a Student". Most of the students are happy to do a days labour. Have you considered hiring someone to clean your garage, babysit, clean your leaf stuffed eavestrough, cut your grass, wash your car, scrub your windows or wash your floors? It really is "the opportunity of a summertime".

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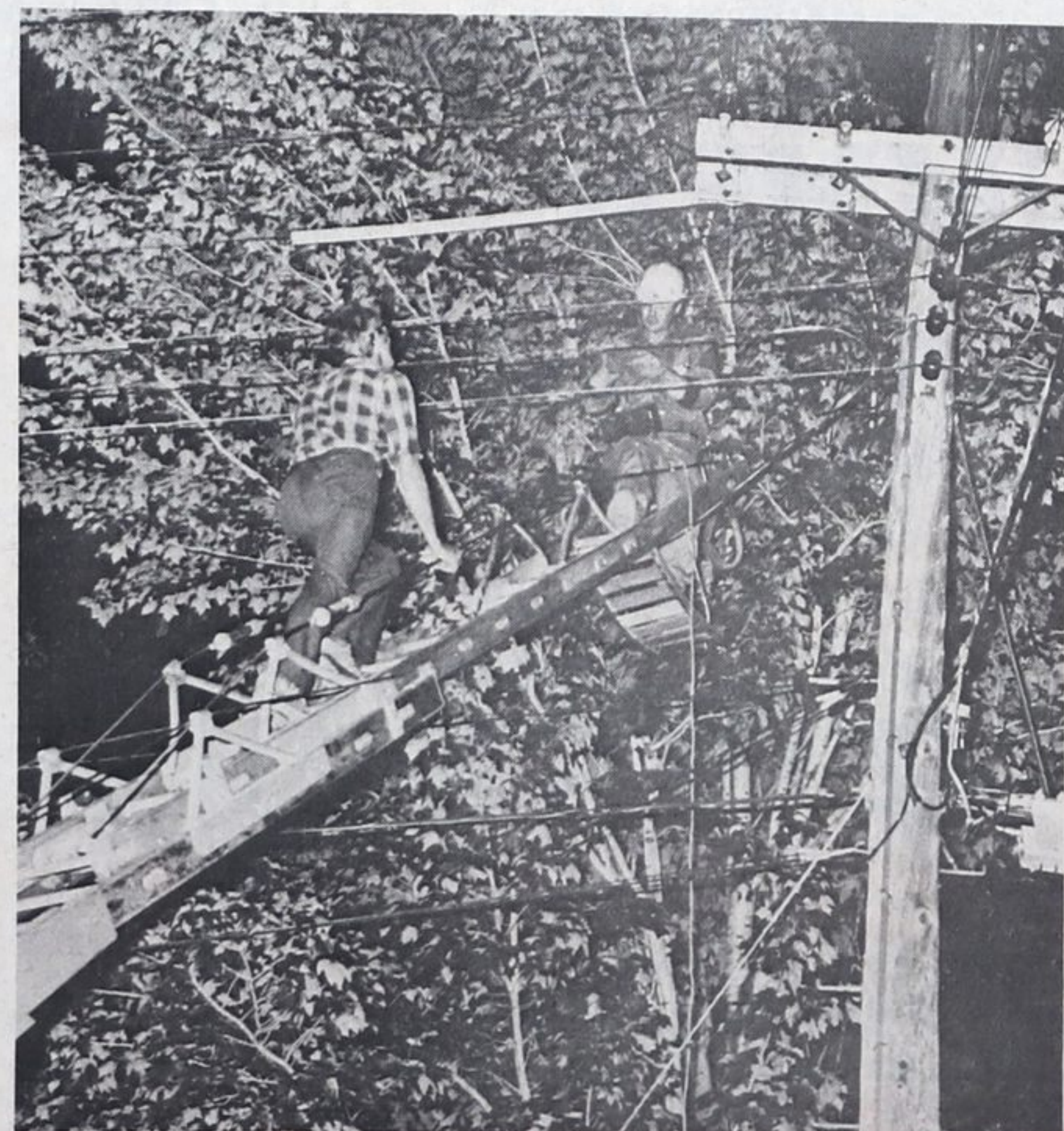
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Strawberry social

More than 100 people attended the Anglican Church Womens' Strawberry Social and Bake Sale Sunday at St. James Church. Left

to right are Lucia Neilon, Anne Speiss, Mrs. Pat Neilon and Mrs. Ed Neilon enjoying tea after a strawberry shortcake dessert.



Night work

Penetanguishene Public Works employees were called to work Wednesday night when an insulator on a hydro pole near Penetanguishene General Hospital caught on fire. Though the fire was minor, it took

workers an hour to replace the ruined component. Area residents may have heard the Penetanguishene fire alarm going off several times. Apparently, the short circuit caused by the power problem caused the alarm to sound.

Staff photo

## Company bids on Motorola building

A company which is interested in purchasing the Motorola building has "placed a conditional offer on it", according to Midland Mayor Moreland Lynn.

Mr. Lynn stated that if the conditions can be cleared or met, the company will definitely purchase the building. He denied knowing what the conditions are.

"I don't have any specifics on it," Mr. Lynn told The Times Monday.

There is another company that is interested in the building according to the mayor. He said "we've been working with a number of companies for a long time."

Mr. Lynn wouldn't reveal the names of either company or give any more details. He did state earlier last week that there may be some good information on the Motorola building in about one week.

Industrial Commissioner Bill Vidler, confirmed the fact that an offer has been placed on the Motorola building. He said it was put on last Wednesday and the conditions have to be met by July 31 in order for the interested company to purchase the empty building.

Companies using the building for storage have been alerted and will have to move their equipment out within the month.

Mr. Vidler refused to elaborate or give any more details on the conditional offer or the interested company.

## Record year for centre

It looks as though it's going to be another record breaking year at the Canada Student Manpower office.

According to Ruth Lamoureux, Student Manpower Coordinator they have received more job vacancies and found more student's jobs than last year and last year was a record breaking year.

This year in Midland 1,056 students registered at the Student Manpower Centre. Last year only 922 students had registered to this date.

This year there have been 310 regular job vacancies called into the centre and 109 casual vacancies of five days or less. Last year there were 284 regular vacancies and 105 casual vacancies.

There has been 283 placements this year and only 235 last year.

"We've been really pleased," Mrs. Lamoureux said.

Most of the university students that registered at the Midland office found jobs. There was a week, according to Mrs. Lamoureux when they had to tell employers to wait until the high school students were out of school.

## News briefs

### Georgian College president dies

The president of The Georgian College of Applied Arts and Technology 54-year-old Robert P. Crawford died in Toronto Wednesday night as a result of a gun shot wound to the head.

Mr. Crawford was alone in his home at 12 Royal Oak Drive in Innisfil on Monday when the incident occurred. He was flown by air ambulance to Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto. His condition was listed as poor until his death at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

According to an Innisfil police officer the investigation into the incident is continuing. Football play is not suspected.

Funeral services will be held in the Georgian College Theatre at 401 Duckworth Street in Barrie on Monday, July 10 at 2 p.m.

The body will be resting at the Steckley Funeral Home.

Mr. Crawford's wife has asked that donations be made to the Robert P. Crawford Memorial Scholarship fund in lieu of flowers.

## Carriers needed

The Citizen needs carriers for in-town routes. If interested call the Penetanguishene Citizen office at 549-2012 after 1 p.m. or stop by our office, located at 75 Main Street.

## Figure skating club holds dance at arena

The Penetanguishene Figure Skating Club will hold a dance at the Penetanguishene Memorial arena, this Saturday, July 8. The purpose of the dance is to raise money for the purchase of a new sound system. The system will be installed in the arena and used by

figure skaters, hockey teams and public skaters.

Admission to the dance is \$2.50, and doors open at 8:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Music Unlimited.