

Midland's bus wars could be settled soon

Midland council, according to Mayor Moreland Lynn, will recommend to the town's parking authority that no vehicles (aside from buses) be allowed to park on the south side of Bay Street West between First Street and the west service lane.

It was also recommended that a sign be erected with the wording 'Gray Coach Parking Only' so as to accommodate the bus company which recently opened a new depot next to Huronia Travel on Bay Street West.

Gray Coach would rent at least three spaces from

the town on an annual basis similar to the arrangements worked out between the parking authority and taxi companies in Midland.

The recommendations were made during an in-camera meeting Wednesday night following a special session of council the same night with representatives from Gray Coach and Penetang-Midland Coach Lines.

At an earlier council meeting PMCL official Brian Dubeau cited safety factors which would make parking of buses along Bay Street West undesirable.

Councillors this week heard from John Scott, Gray Coach ticket agent and from both Doug Anton and Brian Stewart of Gray Coach.

Anton, vice-president of operations and Stewart, director of traffic for Gray Coach reviewed meetings, telephone calls and letters exchanged between the bus company and the town before Gray Coach moved from the PMCL terminal to its new location last month.

Meanwhile Brian Dubeau said he hadn't changed his feelings about the safety factor, when asked if he had the same concerns as expressed at the earlier meeting.

Dubeau said the town couldn't afford to have two terminals and that PMCL would follow Gray Coach around 'so that we can both serve the public best.'

Later in the meeting it was pointed out by Anton that Gray Coach's certificate to operate didn't mean Gray Coach had to accommodate other carriers.

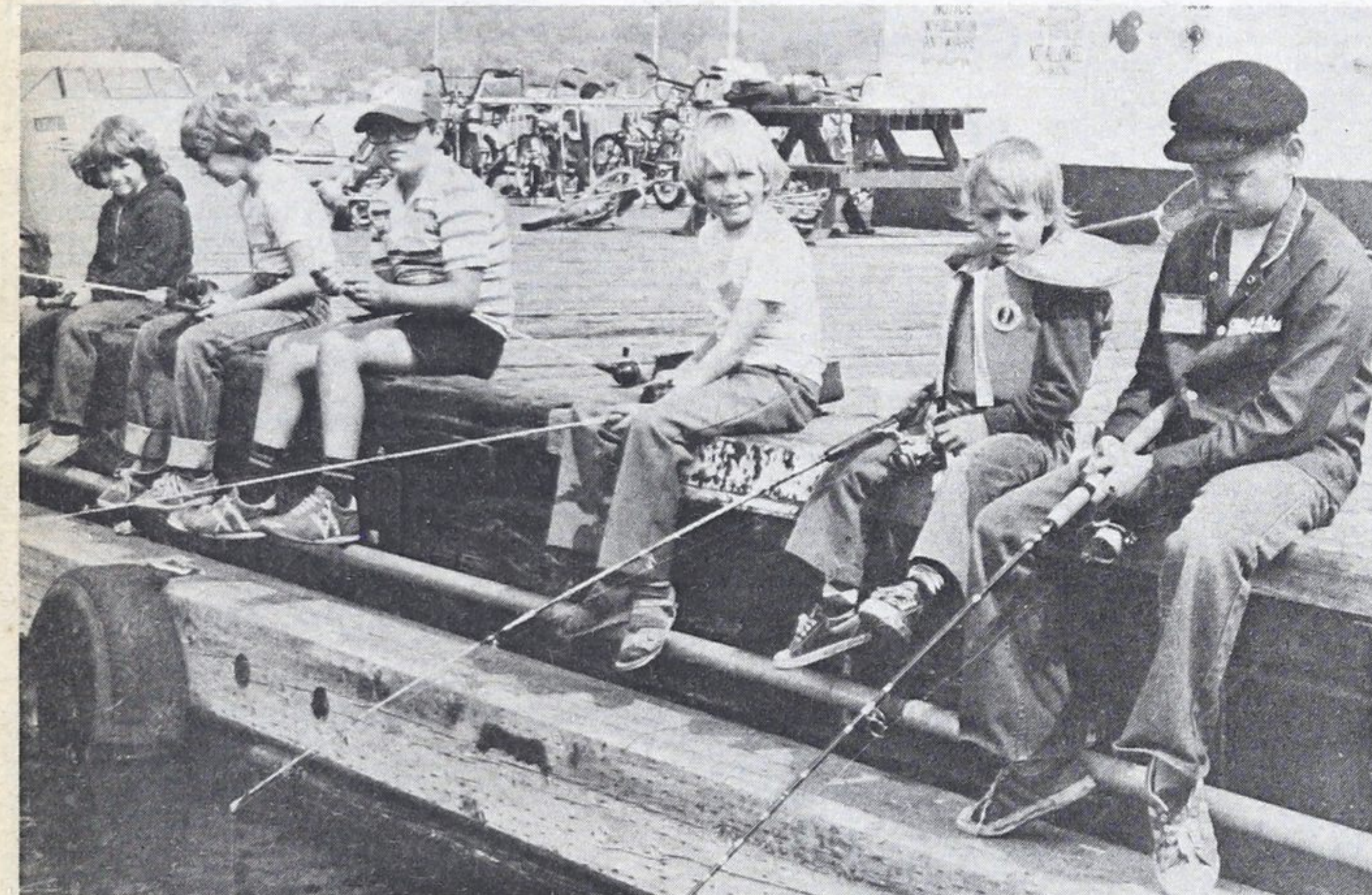
'If PMCL wants to make an alternate arrangement then it is a business arrangement,' he said.

Alderman Richard Platt, echoed the fears of Commissioner of Works Percy Ehler that there was a 'sight problem' if buses were to park out in front of the 'new' Gray Coach terminal.

Platt also agreed with Police Chief Ernie Bates that there would be problems for cars approaching Bay from First if a bus or buses were parked near that intersection.

It was suggested late in the meeting that Gray Coach arrange for a bus to locate at various sites during an 'eye ball session' so members of council could see for themselves what hazards if any the bus or buses would create.

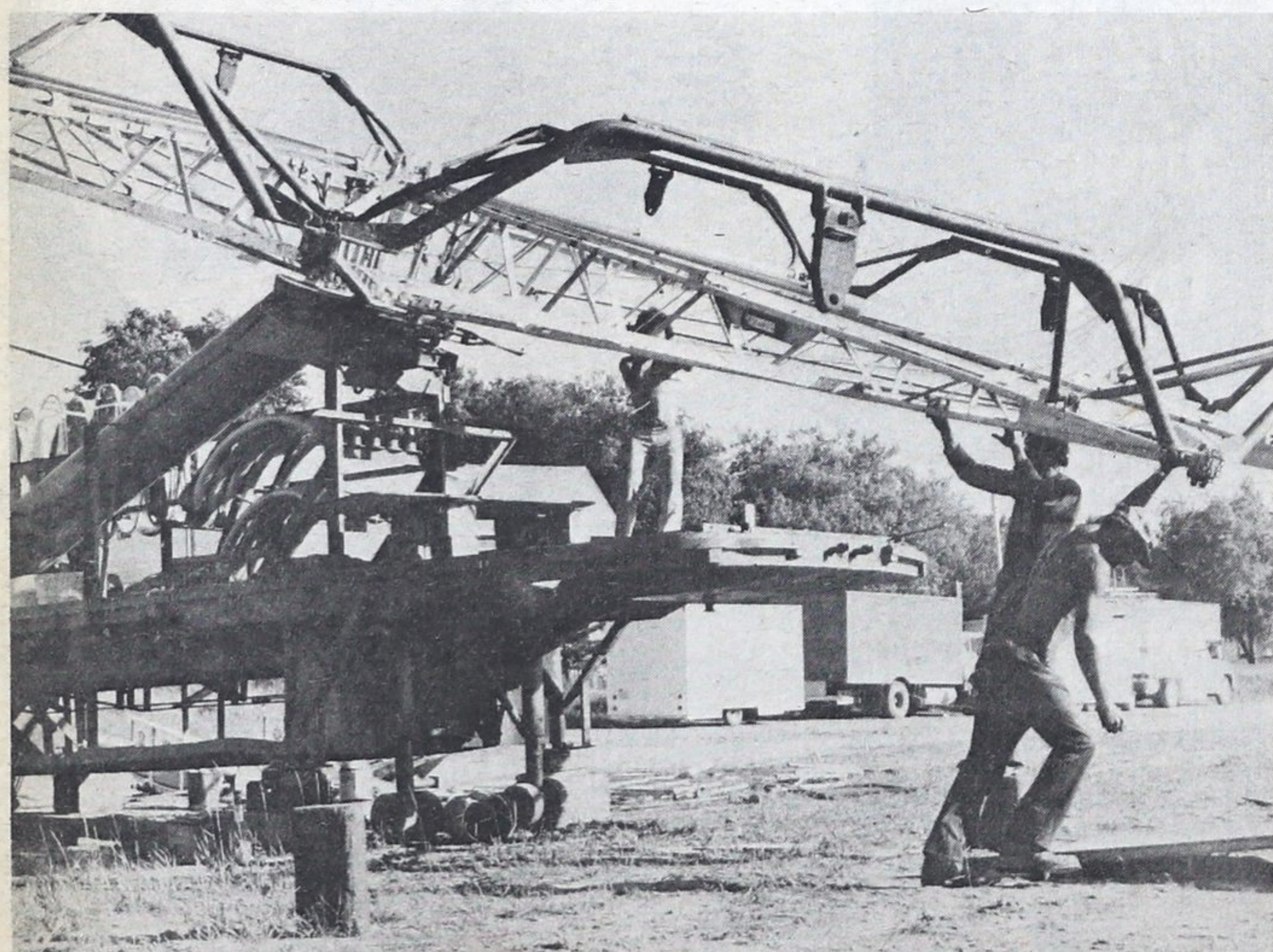
Dubeau offered the use of PMCL buses for this purpose. However following the regular part of the meeting and after adjournment, council met in-camera and eventually recommended the above solution.



Return of the fisherkids

Penetang's Children's Fishing Derby is off to a fine start this year. After the first two days, more than 75 fisherkids are registered in the summer derby. The supervised contest runs every day from the town dock between 10 a.m. and noon. There are

weekly prizes, special prizes, daily winners, trophies, sun, fun, and of course, huge fish. Here Keri and Lori Watt, Jules Vallée, Shelley Smith, Mike McGendie and Robbie Smith try their luck.



Carnival time

The boys were setting up the rides in Penetang's waterfront park this week for the carnival. Rides started yesterday and they're on until Saturday.

This ride is driven by electricity, folks — the three men don't actually spin it around fast by hand.

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Jury hands down verdict

BARRIE - Just before 11 p.m. last night, the jury in the first degree murder trial of Neil Gerow and Garraold Diver handed down its verdict - guilty as charged.

Logo contest result winners

Seven Elmvale-Midland-Penetanguishene students were recent winners of the International Plowing Match Logo Contest conducted by the International Plowing Match (1981) Local Committee.

Winners will be awarded special prizes in conjunction with next year's plowing match to be held in Simcoe County.

Included among the top 10 winners were Wayne Allen of Elmvale; Derek Amos, R.R. 1, Wyevalle; Roger Allen, Elmvale; Bonnie Anderson, R.R. 1, Elmvale; John Ferguson, R.R. 1, Elmvale, while "honorable mention" winners were: Michael Kerton of Midland and Aimee Marchildon of Penetanguishene.

Marnie Kersell aces the 11th at MGCC!!!

Marnie Kersell of Cambridge, golfing at Midland Golf and Country Club on Saturday for the first time aced the 11th hole.

The par-three 166-yard 11th was aced using a three wood.

It was the first hole-in-one at MGCC this season.

Marnie, a 12-handicap golfer, is to be congratulated.

Book becoming a best seller

Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, the coffee table book with photographs by Penetanguishene native Mike Odesse, is judged to be a bestseller by its publisher, Oxford University Press.

Since May, 4,000 copies of the first print run of 10,000 copies have been sold, says Odesse. Odesse is off to the Nahanni, the wilderness park in the corner of British Columbia, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories, for a month later in July to take photographs.

Immediately upon his return he's off again to Rochester, N.Y. for a three-day seminar to learn how to restore and take care of old photographic images.

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'Glorious 12th' big day for Elmvale

Orangemen, their families and friends will be making a bee-line to Elmvale to celebrate the "Glorious 12th" a week from tomorrow (July 12).

That's the day the Orange Lodge in Elmvale marks its centennial.

It will be a double-whammy of sorts since the Orange Movement itself will celebrate several centuries of existence around the world the same day.

A huge parade and a ball tourney in Elmvale are planned for the "Glorious 12th" which will see Elmvale double in size with people converging on the community from far and near.

Annual barbecue a success: Meridis

Midland Rotarian Jim Meridis who chaired Saturday's giant barbecue at the foot of King Street (town docks) felt the annual "do" was a success "even though it rained for much of the day."

He said he was pleased with the turnout especially with the number of families who supported the club's annual project.

"It is our biggest event each year and I'm pleased with the results when you consider the weather was against us for most of the day. However it did clear up late in the afternoon and I think everybody had a good time," Meridis said this week when commenting on the club's annual barbecue.

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