

## Penetang Oldtimers

# Going for gold medals getting to be a habit

Penetang Hotel Brule Oldtimers certainly know how to go for the gold, demonstrating this to spectators at the Elmvale Oldtimers' Baseball Tournament last weekend where

they captured their second gold medal in two years.

The fact that their first gold medal came to them in hockey when they played in Lindsay last year really doesn't

take away from the accomplishment.

Altogether, eight oldtimers teams competed in the tournament, held last Saturday, August 9th. Larry Marchand led

his team to a 10-2 victory over the host club, Elmvale's Georgian Bay Oldtimers in the first game. They then went on to win again with a 2-0 score over the Olympia Sports Old-

timers from Barrie.

Alvin Robillard pitched very well, having only one hit against him.

The Olympia Sports Oldtimers were last year's champions.

Next came the Agincourt Oldtimers, but they soon found that they were not enough to stop the roll of the Penetang team, as they were clobbered 10-3, with Alvin Robillard doing the honors.

Although this ends the season for the oldtimers on the baseball diamond, it will only be a few short weeks before they can once again be seen back on the ice prepared to try for that third gold medal.

That tournament will take place September 6th and 7th at the Lindsay Arena.

Future tournament dates are as follows:

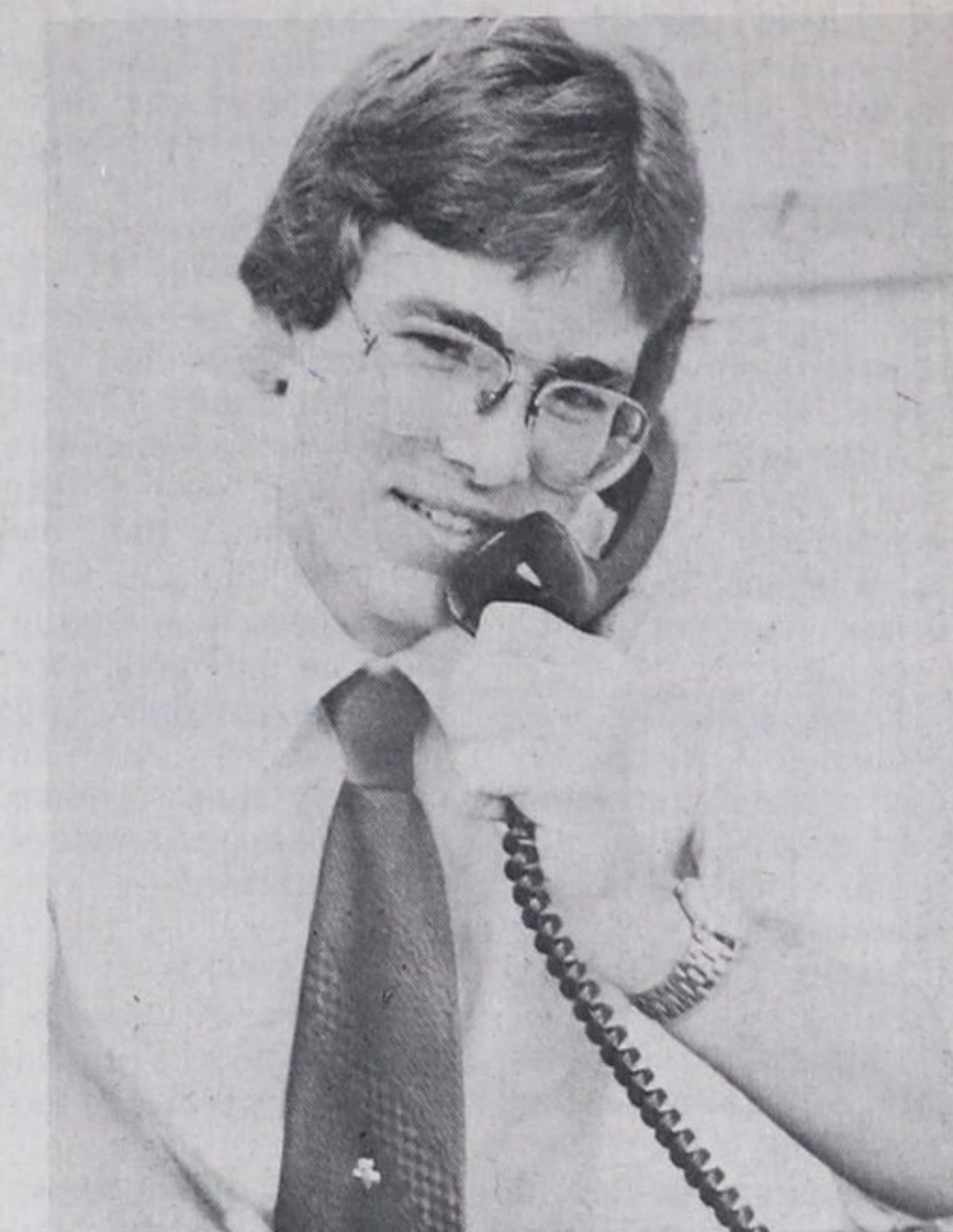
Orillia, Oct. 17, 18 and 19, 1980;

Elmvale, Oct. 24, 25 and 26, 1980;

Montreal, Feb. 13, 14 and 15, 1981.

100 teams will compete in Montreal for the National Cup, and will come from all over Canada and the United States.

As an added feature, the Penetang Club will be hosting the Montreal Canadiens Oldtimers, Nov. 8, 1980 at the Penetang Arena.



### New sports editor

J. Douglas Reed, managing editor of this newspaper, announced today the appointment this week of Don Lawrence, 21, of New Lowell as sports editor of The Midland Times and The Penetanguishene Citizen. Lawrence is a recent journalism graduate from Georgian College at Barrie.

### Mayor gears up for bath-tub race at CNE

As first reported in this newspaper several weeks ago, Midland's Mayor Moreland Lynn has been invited to enter this year's Ontario Mayors' Bath-tub Race at the CNE later this month.

In mentioning the race near the end of this week's council meeting the mayor became the butt for a number of jokes.

In turn Lynn promised if he didn't drown he'd be attending his usual number of

committee meetings once he returned to Midland from an annual convention in the city, the bath-tub race and a short vacation he planned to take.

Since council met last, the mayor noted, he had attended some 16 special meetings and functions on behalf of the town. He also reported on an increase in interest in this town shown by a number of out-of-town industries.

However he didn't elaborate further.



### The golden boys

Players on Penetang Hotel Brule Oldtimers Ball Club have reason to smile. The team picked up "gold" during last weekend's Oldtimers' Tournament in Elmvale. They are front row from left: Nelson Robillard, John Dubeau, Bill McCuaig, Jim

Wright, Larry Marchand, Mike Dupuis. Back from left: Larry Banks, Fred Patterson, Gary Ronald, John Dion, Larry Leroux, Ken Davidson, Alvin Robillard, Chuck Hatfield, Dave Stainton, Paul Dion. Missing from photo: Ed Trudeau.

# 1934 Lincoln was (is!) a dandy

## ...a ride back into history

by Don Lawrence  
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The oldest car that I've ever owned was a 1969 Cougar with a bad frame.

Now, I drive a 1979 Pontiac Acadian, and yet, with all the mechanical ingenuity of the modern age, it's still possible to say that they're not building them the way they used to.

Yes, the old cliché holds true. Take, for example, the car I rode in Tuesday. The 1934 Lincoln was not just an automobile, but the state of mind.

Clint Truax of Midland has been into antique cars for 12 years and admits that Canada's centennial had something to do with it.

In 1967, Truax had his appetite whetted, and started collecting antique dishes and crockery, which he still does. From that point, one thing just led to another, and Clint was well on his way to becoming an antique car buff.

The 1934 Lincoln he owns is an exceptional car in itself. The amazing fact is that it is entirely original.

There are only 20,000 original miles on the car's 12 cylinder engine. The paint job has had one spot retouched on the rear fender where someone scratched it with a key at a car show last year.

Otherwise, the paint has been painstakingly polished back to a high shine. You can tell that there's been a lot of work put into the car, approximately 50 hours, as Truax figures.

So, here I found myself, riding in a car that is 24 years older than myself. I couldn't help but notice everyone watching us as we passed, while Truax explained to me how the cruise control and the three setting headlights worked.

Truax has owned as many as nine cars at one time

everything from a 1914 Model T Ford to a 1924 Maxwell in which Pauline McGibbon rode two years ago in the Centennial celebration here in Midland.

Truax is the president of the Huronia Region of Historical Auto Society, who finds that his biggest thrill is taking his car to shows. As he explains, "I enjoy meeting lots of people," and his cars are one way of doing that.

### Cars

Self-admittedly, Truax is not much of a mechanic, and therefore, must let others do that kind of work for him, but everything else about the cars he owns is all Clint Truax.

Right now, Truax owns five cars, amongst which is included a 1932 Pontiac, valued at around \$7500, and a 1931 Bickle Fire Truck, manufactured by Seagrave in Woodstock, with a value of approximately \$6,000.

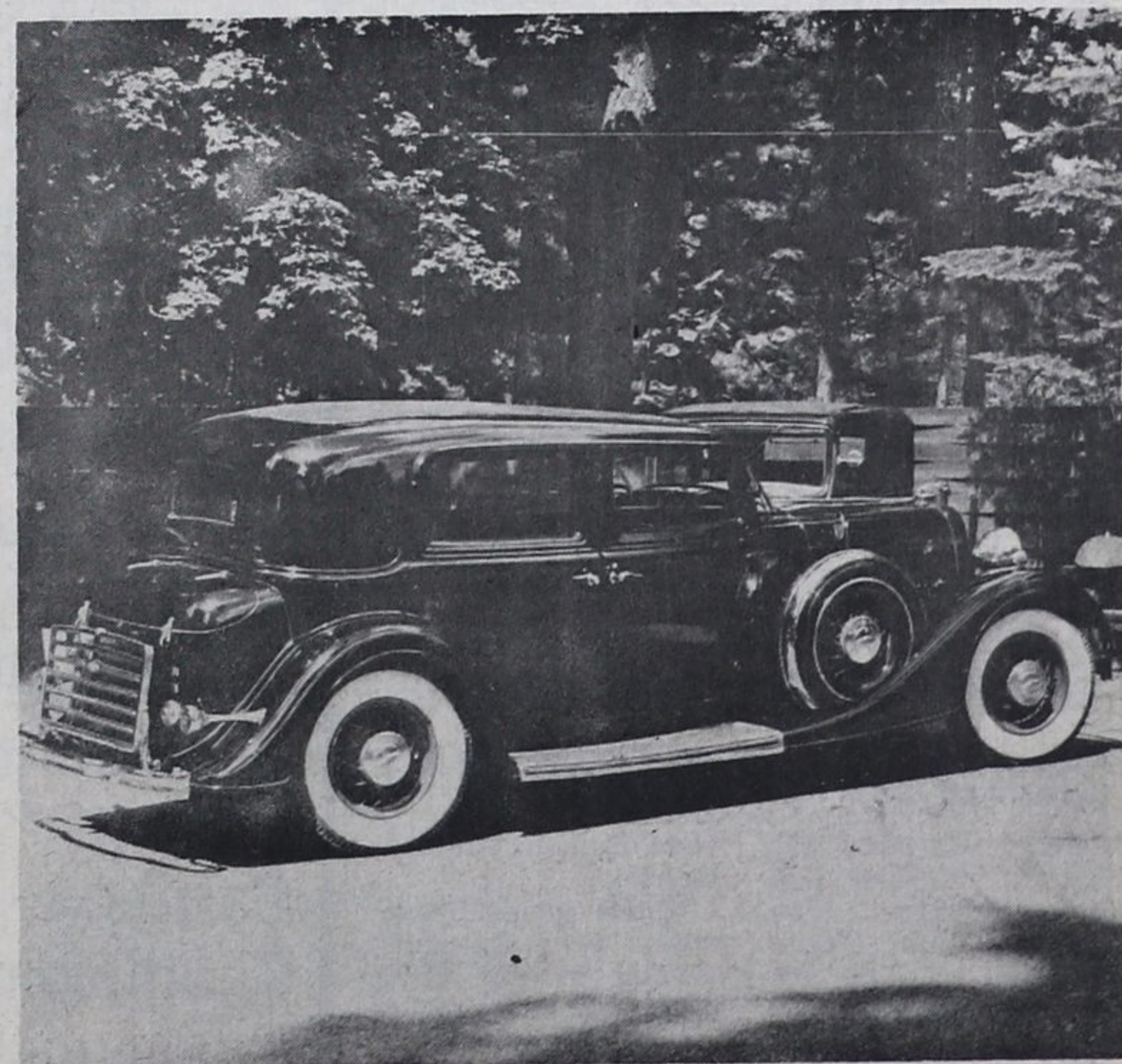
His current project is a 1930 Durant, also the first car he owned, and he hopes to have it back on the road soon.

It must be in the doing that makes Truax collect, for he stated that he is getting ready to sell some of his cars to make room for a few new additions.

One might think that it would be an expensive hobby, but Truax feels that it has its benefits. Besides, he rarely loses money on his investments. The Lincoln that I had ridden in is now valued at about \$30,000, originally \$14,000 when he purchased it.

For anyone interested in antique cars, Truax has one word of advice, "You must keep it original, or it cuts the value right down."

You know, upon reflection, maybe it is true, you did get more for your money in days gone by.



A dream machine