

Robillard's dreams meant real contributions to town

by Ken Regan
 "He's often been called a dreamer and a philosopher, and I think he is," said Frances St. Amant recently. She was speaking about outgoing mayor Gil Robillard, who last week conducted his last session of Penetanguishene council before turning the

gavel over to mayor elect Ron Bellisle. Referring to some comments about Robillard which placed him in the dreamer-philosopher category, she said that sometimes to be a good politician, "you have to be a dreamer."
 The Deputy-reeve of Penetanguishene elated

Robillard further, saying in her opinion, Robillard may be misunderstood because he looks years ahead of others when conceiving the town's future. She added, "He's a pretty decent character and a very Christian person."
 No matter what is said about Robillard there can be little

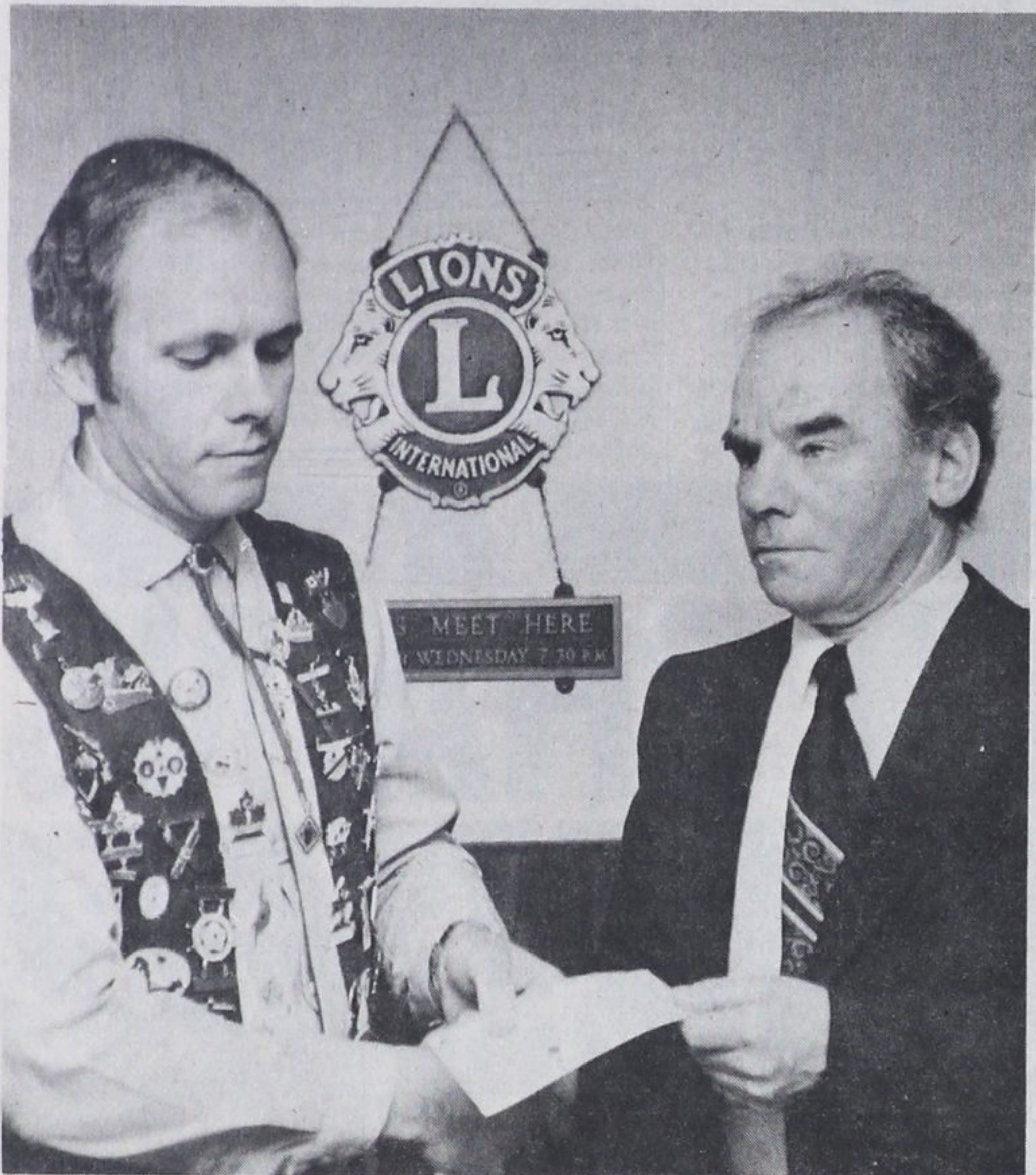
dispute about the contribution he has made while serving his community with distinction. Robillard has served two separate terms as mayor, the first in the late '60s and the second two-year-term which began in 1979 and ends

Dec. 8, when the new town council is inaugurated. In addition, he has served on the public school board and has been involved as a member of the Industrial Commission since its inception in 1961-62. He was also

deputy-reeve of Penetanguishene during the 1971-72 council session. Penetanguishene Clerk Yvon Gagne, one of Robillard's closest key advisors and allies said Robillard was the driving force and mover behind many of the town's major developments. For example, Gagne pointed out that Robillard conceived and implemented the Industrial Park in Penetanguishene. Further, the Waterfront Park was a Robillard project.

1979, a mere seven acres of similar property is valued at \$108,000. Something that is perhaps not well known by the public at large is that Robillard has more than once spent his own money in efforts to improve the industrial or commercial base of Penetanguishene.

Gagne noted that the Advanced Extrusions industry was attracted to Penetanguishene after Robillard personally canvassed local people to raise money to put up the initial building for the company. In addition, he invested some of his own money in the project.
 A dreamer? Maybe. But only with his town's best interest at heart.



Charitable Lion

Doug Barker, president of Victoria Harbour and District Lions' Club, left presented a cheque for \$400 to Dave Ferguson, retired district administrator for the CNIB, Wednesday night, in Victoria Harbour. There are

71 people in Victoria Harbour that are blind and registered with the CNIB. The money was raised through the efforts of the 22 members of Victoria Harbour and District's Lions' Club.

Simcoe Happenings

Parade chairman pleased

Chairman for this coming Saturday afternoon's Midland Civitan Club Santa Claus Parade, Dick Ivens, is a happy fellow these days.

Late yesterday afternoon he reported 49 entries will march up King Street from town dock starting at 1 p.m. and more could be joining the throngs by parade time.

Majorettes from Lindsay, Shriners, service clubs from town, marching bands, clowns, horses and lots more will highlight this fourth annual parade here.

There will be prizes up for grabs for the top three floats entered in the parade. Prizes have been donated by HOS, CKMP and Cumming-Nicholson.

Merchants will also assist Civitans by coming up with treats at the Windrifter following the parade.

Weather permitting the parade should winds its way up the main street of Midland sharp at 1 p.m.

Gym marked for Medonte

Medonte East Central School, in Moonstone, needs a gymnasium and more storage space, the Simcoe County Board of Education has decided.

The board has also come to the same conclusion about W.R. Best School and Duntroon School.

The proposals have been turned over to the board's 1981 budget committee.

Another committee told the board a great deal of time, cost and inconvenience resulted because students have to be transported to other schools with gymnasiums for certain activities.

Taken into consideration were enrolment data and projections for the three schools; the after-school use of facilities which would be open to public use; and the need to provide facilities for an equitable basic education for students attending small schools.

Broadside smash injures Midlanders

Two Midland residents, Betty Brooks, 56, and William Brooks, 59, were taken with major injuries, including injuries to the head and chest, to Huronia District Hospital last Friday following a broadside collision.

No charges were laid

following the accident on Highway 12 around 5 p.m. just east of the Highway 400 and Highway 69 interchange.

Midland OPP says the Brooks' were driving west on Highway 12 when their car reportedly slid into the other lane where it was struck broadside by a car

driven by RR1, Waubaushene resident Michael Mischpeter.

Neither Mischpeter, 23, nor his passenger, Michael Howell, 20, of the same address, were injured.

Total damage was \$10,000. \$8,000 to the Brooks' car.

Le Conseil Scolaire du Comte de Simcoe

Conformément aux exigences des articles 256, 257 de la loi scolaire 1974, une reunion aura lieu le lundi 15 decembre, 1980, a 20h00 a l'Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School.

Le but de la reunion sera d'elire six membres francophones au comite consultatif de langue francaise du conseil scolaire du Comte de Simcoe.

Les six membres seront elus par les Contribuables Francophones.

Pour se qualifier a l'election le candidat doit se conformer aux exigences suivantes:

1. etre un contribuable francophone du comte de Simcoe
2. etre un citoyen canadien
3. avoir dix-huit ans

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