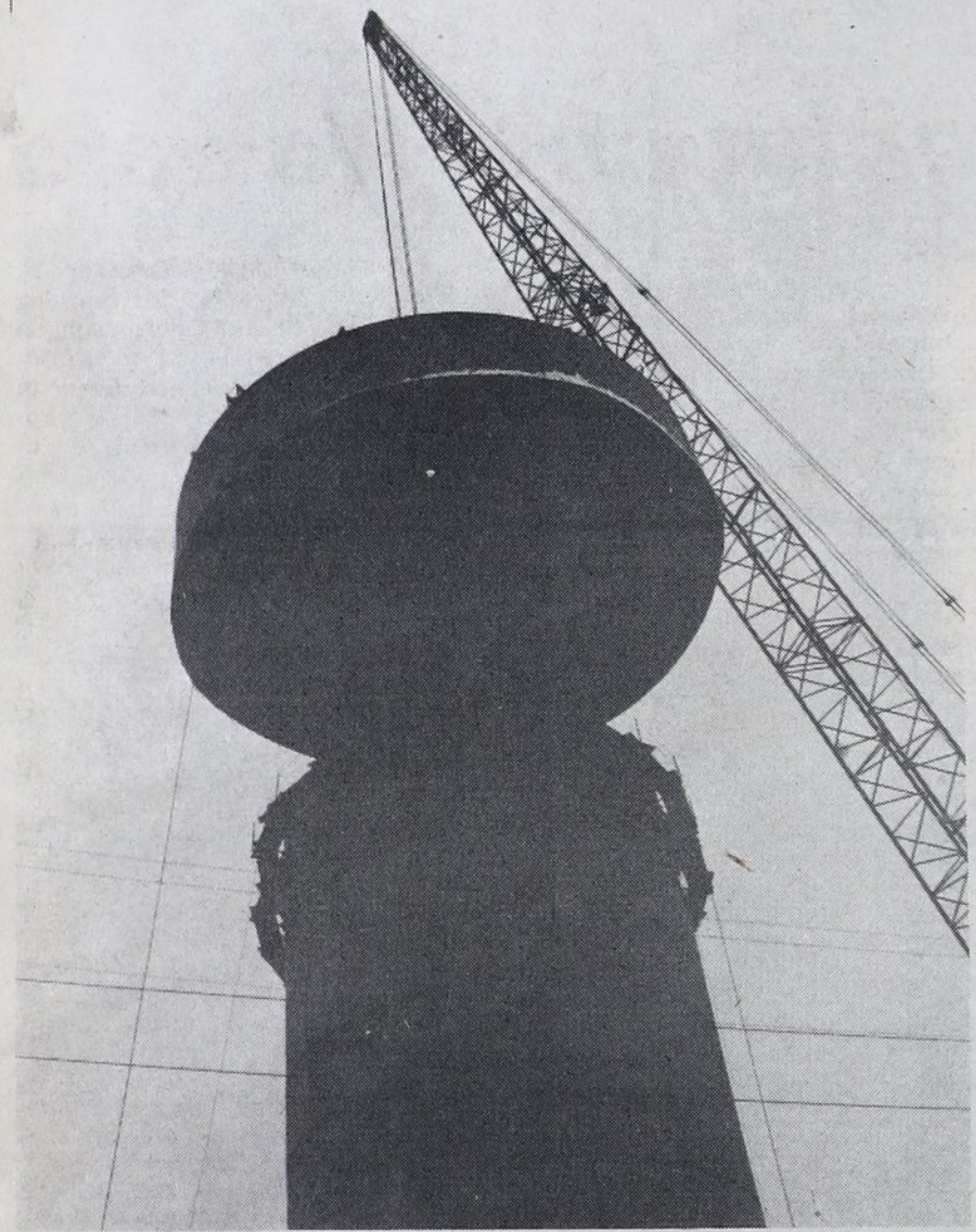


### Landmark in the making

Victoria Harbour has a huge new landmark. It's this 105-foot water tower which was capped off last week thanks to a 130-foot crane which lifted the 16 ton cap into place in about five minutes. These photos were taken by Bob Murray of Midland who

spent several hours at the construction site to record these feats of engineering. When the water tank finally comes on stream it will have a 950,000 gallon capacity.



## Opposition leader assesses 1980

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The family as an institution is essential to the well-being of individuals and society; above all, it is a vital factor in the development of a child's potential in all its aspects - emotional, intellectual, spiritual, physical and social.

Ontario's Government has stated that it considers the family a potential focal point for the development of social policy. However, its approach to urgent social, health, educational and economic issues has made it clear that the Government is engaging in rhetoric, not dealing with reality. While paying lip service to the changes which have occurred in work and family life, the Government has adopted no strategy to meet current needs.

#### Nuclear family

While emphasis tends to be placed upon the nuclear family, other family types - lone parent, reconstituted, unmarried couples with or without children, etc. - are increasing as a percentage of the total. Families are under severe pressure: the erosion of traditional supports, the trend to smaller families, increased marriage breakdown, the decline of the role of the Church as a source of support, economic stress due to inflation and unemployment, greater participation of women in the labour force, etc.

We need family policies based on realities not wishful thinking in order to preserve and recapture family values. Almost 50 per cent of the mothers of preschool children in Ontario go out to work. In this province, the number of mothers in the labour force who

have children under 3 years of age has risen dramatically from 116,000 in 1975 to 146,000 in 1979 - a jump of 25.9 per cent. Nearly three-quarters of Canadian women aged 25-44 are predicted to be in the labour force in 1989, compared to just over half at present.

One in ten of Ontario's children live in lone parent families, 83 per cent of which were led by women in 1976. More unwed mothers are keeping their babies: 88 per cent in 1977 compared to 30 per cent at the end of the 1960's. The divorce rate is climbing: in 1976 one in four Ontario marriages ended in divorce, but the rate is now one in three.

Ontario's population is rapidly aging. By the year 2001, 13.6 per cent of the total population will be over 65, compared with 8.9 per cent in 1976.

Violent juvenile delinquency has shown an alarming increase: the rate of apprehension of juveniles for acts of violence in Canada went up 60 per cent.

#### Social Insurance Cards

The Ontario Government has adopted a policy of restricting Government use of Social Insurance numbers to hospitals and other medical data banks and to matters concerning personal income.

The policy will end the use of the numbers for student registrations and vehicle ownership, for example, but will continue to allow their use for a number of other programs such as health insurance, student loans and family benefits. This announcement was a partial response to the recent report of the Ontario Commission on Freedom of Information and Individual Privacy. The Commission's report noted that the

public has come to see the use of the number as "a dehumanizing influence on modern social life" and fears that a national data bank is being established.

#### Auditor's report

The Liquor Licence Board of Ontario made several questionable expenditures last year, including paying sick leave benefits to five of six inspectors who were suspended while facing

trial for breach of trust and paying them \$40 a month rent for the use of office space in their homes, according to the annual report of the Provincial Auditor. Also in the report the Auditor criticized Ontario's energy conservation program because it is duplicating some work done by the federal government and "biting off more than it can chew" with a small staff.

### Obituary

## Allan Sullivan

The funeral of Allan Sullivan of Highland Point was held Dec. 23, 1980 in Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Highland Point. Mr. Sullivan died suddenly at home on Dec. 21, 1980.

He was 66 years of age. A native of Toronto, and a resident for most of his life there, he spent the last eight years of his life in this area.

He served in the Royal Canadian Air

Force in the Second World War and had taught high school level subjects at Toronto's Northern Secondary School.

Surviving him are his wife, Leona Sullivan, of Highland Point, sons Paul, Robert and Mark, all of Penetanguishene, daughter Mary Anne of Toronto, and mother Mrs. Elizabeth (Bonnell) Sullivan of Toronto.

His father, Eugene Sullivan, predeceased him.

Father Brian Clough officiated at the funeral service. Interment will be in St. Ann's Cemetery, Penetanguishene in the spring. Pallbearers were Jack Stewart, Philip Longlade, Ernie Dubeau, Paul Sullivan, Bob Sullivan and Mark Sullivan.

### Child's leg fractured

A five-year-old Manly Street, Midland youngster's right leg was fractured when she was struck by a car on Sunday, Midland police report.

Police say Wilma Whitmore, 41, a Hamilton resident, was driving north on Manly Street when Barbara Burke crossed in front of her from west to east.

No charges were laid.

A Midland teenager has been charged with trespassing at the Tiffin Elevator. Michael Wilson, 17, of 771 Birchwood Drive, was charged. An alarm was set off Sunday at the waterside elevator located at the east end of Yonge Street.

Investigation continues into the break-in Sunday noon of Severn Sound Real Estate. Fifteen dollars and 50 cents was taken. A rear window was broken to gain entry.

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