

Dressed to kill

Over 100 skaters took part in the benefit Costume and Family Skate Carnival sponsored by the Elmvale Shaw's Bantams at the Elmvale Arena. Most of those participating came dressed for the occasion and winners chosen by judges Ross McConnell, Marshall Hubbard and Chris Mackey included, from left to right: Goalie Rodger Allen (Most Original); Straw Head Wayne Allen (Most Humorous); Audrie Guthrie and Lois Bertram (Best Dressed Couple) and Aaron Elliott (Youngest Dressed) being held by Ross McConnell. Terri Ayotte is standing in front in her Best Period costume.

Business policy since 1945

# Active industrial promotion paying off

another optical company,

Also establishing in

Midland in the later years of

the 1940's was Bay Mills

Limited, initially known as

The Midland Footwear

Company, no longer in

business but owned by the

same Company that

operates what is presently

known as Midland Industries

Ltd., located in Midland in

the Ernst Leitz Limited.

Fine Silk Limited.

the early fifties.

How a town earns its bread and butter fluctuates with changes in national - and international - economic situations. If a town can competitively produce a product or offer a service that is demanded on a large scale, it prospers. When, for whatever reason, that demand ceases or is replaced by something else, the town must begin looking for other sources of livelihood.

What is incumbent on a town if it hopes to offer its citizens a good life is that it remain receptive to change, that it possess the capacity to adapt to situations when they arise.

After the termination of the Second World War in 1945, Midland was faced with that very problem. Prior to and during the war, the town's economy revolved almost entirely around the shipbuilding and grain elevator facilities that had grown during the expansion years of the 1920's. The need for military machinery and food to nourish troops overseas had made the war years, especially, an era of unrivalled prosperity. Employment was high, if sometimes seasonal, at the town's four grain elevators, and reactivated shipyards provided jobs for close to 700

However, when the war ended, the demand for the types of services Midland could offer diminished. Local officials, especially the Chamber of Commerce. realized that Midland must adapt to the realities of the post-war economy or falter.

Accordingly, a search began for new ways to provide jobs for Midland's sizeable labour force. This they found in the manufacturing sector, which was beginning to expand in relation to the growth of the consumer society. The Chamber began an active promotion programs, attracting small and medium size manufacturers to the area.

The first new industry to establish in Midland was the optical firm of Bausch and Lomb, which located here in 1947, soon to be followed by

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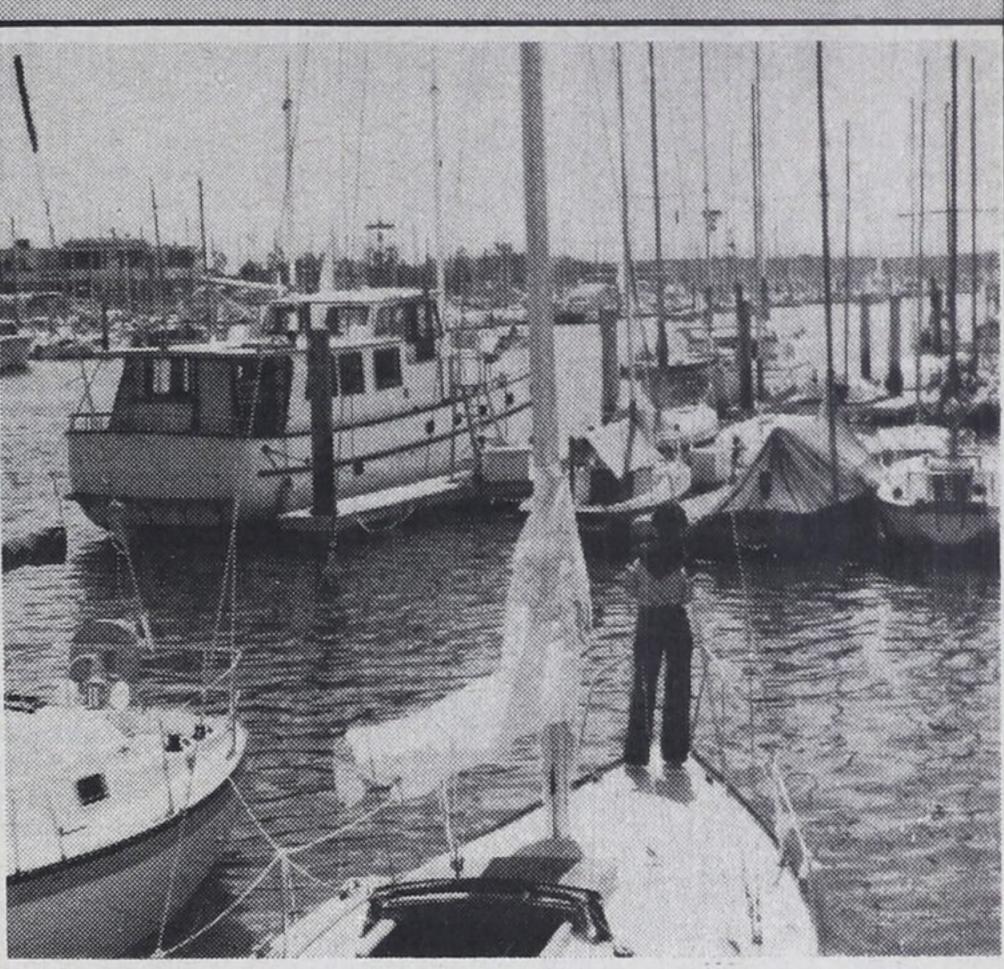


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