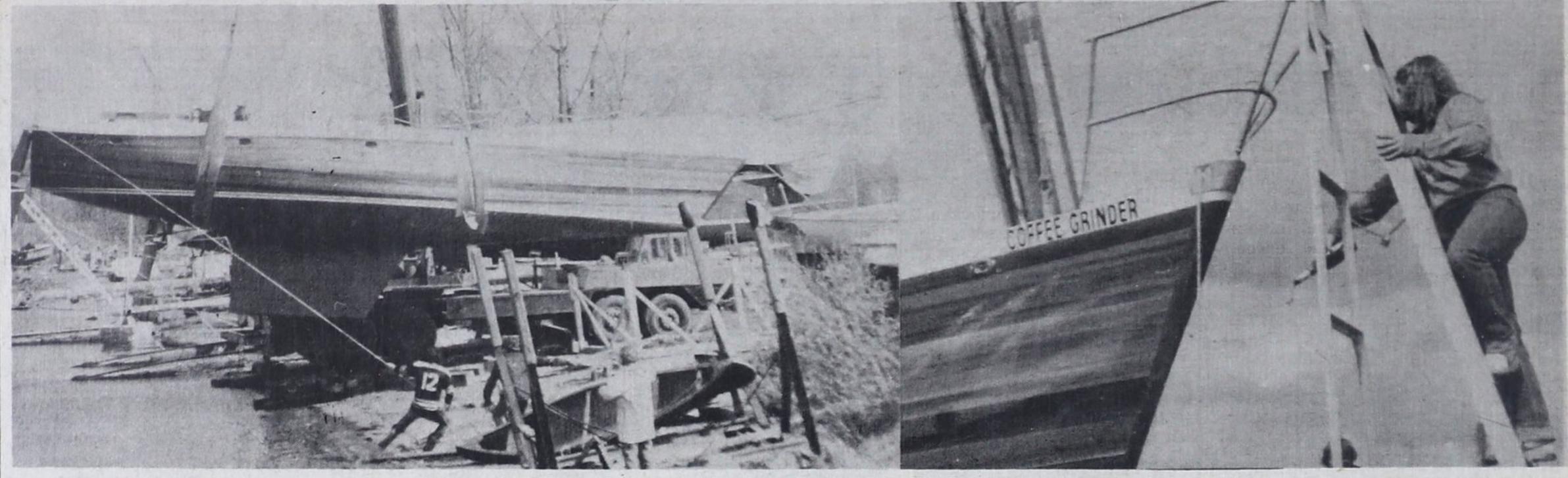
Red letter day for 'Coffee Grinder'



by Eileen Hocken

Wednesday, May 13, was an exciting day for Vic and Hazel Carpenter of Port McNicoll, when they saw the "Coffee Grinder", a 45-foot cedar-strip sailboat that took the couple 18 months to build, being launched.

The Carpenters own and operate Superior Sailboats in Port McNicoll.

They have been in business now for close to 25 years. They are perhaps better known for the boat, "The Golden Goose" which they built for Gordon Lightfoot.

Vic and Hazel have two men working for them, Willie King and Bill McCullough and three part-time students.

Superior Sailboats is unique in that it is one of the few businesses still making sailboats out of wood.

Most boatbuilders use fibreglass.

The Carpenters are master craftsmen as evidenced in the sleek lines of the "Coffee Grinder", the expert workmanship, the attention to even the most minute detail. The 65 foot mast is made of laminated

spruce; the interior which includes 14 bunks, is made of mahogany.

Before being launched, the sailboat was christened, with Karen Carpenter doing the honors.

Instead of the traditional champagne, coffee was used for the christening.

No one thought to inform Karen of the switch and she received quite a surprise when she took a drink.

For most of the day the sun stayed hidden behind clouds and the wind was brisk and cold, but as if by magic, the skies suddenly cleared to brighten the day considerably.

We'd like to think this a good omen - a sign presaging a long life for the "Coffee Grinder" and its owner.

A hugh crane was put in place and the hoist straps carefully fastened around the sailboat, cradling it as it was carefully and gently lowered into the waters of Georgian Bay.

It was 4.45 p.m. The "Coffee Grinder" was launched with scarcely a ripple.

Hoofbeat '81 open to local riders

Hoofbeat '81 is the name of a horse show presented by the Ontario Inter-Breed Horse Show Association and it will be held at Molson's Park in Barrie May 23.

The show is a nonprofit show and has been running for six years with the main idea behind the show being to preserve the fun aspect of horse riding.

Indusmin wins but

Wednesday.

Malcolm Lonsdale, coach of Midland Indusmin soccer club paid a high price for his team's 2-1 victory Wednesday night in Barrie over the Derks' club.

Lonsdale was forced to play due to a shortage of players and during that game, he was unfortunate enough to have broken his leg.

At last report, Lonsdale was resting comfortably in Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie.

It was Indusmin's

Benefit game set for girls' ball hockey

It will be chaos on the playing surface in Penetanguishene and guishene Henetanguishene Girls' Ball Hockey team will take on the team from CKVR Television in a benefit ball hockey game.

Admission for the game is set at \$1.50 each or \$3 for a family of four consisting of two adults and two children under 12 years old.

Children under 12 accompanied by an adult will be admitted free of charge with children attending the game alone being asked for a nominal fee of 75 cents.

Senior citizens will be admitted free.

The game will start at 7 p.m. and run until 9 p.m.

Lonsdale out of action

Malcolm Lonsdale, first win of this season, having lost their first game to Simcoe Block 3-

0 in Barrie a week ago

Molson's Breweries has donated their park and facilities complete with a beer garden and food. Admission is \$2 for

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Admission is \$2 for adults with children under 12 admitted free of charge.

Classes for competition will include junior equitation, junior working hunter, junior jumper, junior handy working hunter, open equitation, equitation over fences, green hunter under

saddle, green working hunter, open jumper "Table A", fault and out and Molson's open jumper.

To be eligable for the junior division, riders must be under 18 years of age as of January 1, 1981

If you are interested in attending this show or even competing in it, you can call Donna Bell-Petznich at (416) 297-4588, Stewart Bell at (705) 728-4047 or Karen Wilson at (416) 883-5961.

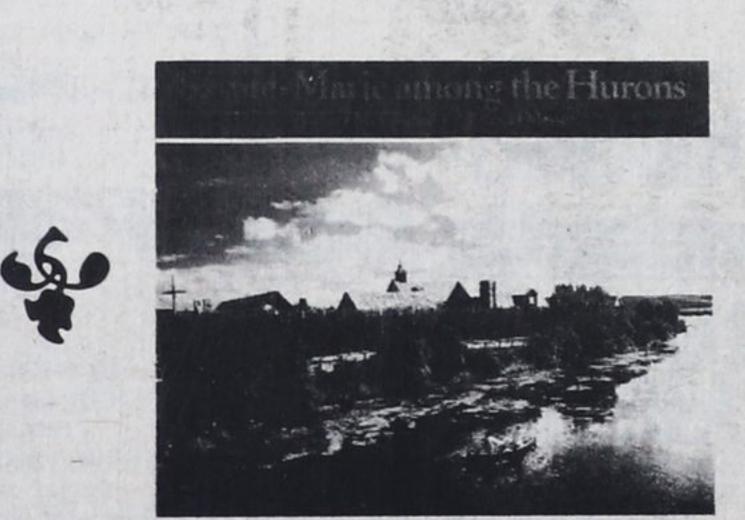
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