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New things to experience

More visitors at Establishments

The weather of late summer may be a bit too much of summer for some people, but it apparently hasn't hurt attendance at the Historic Naval and Military Establishments in

Penetanguishene. Attendance to date this year is up from last year. Establishments this year can sample several new experiences. The Visiting Friends

program, now in its second year, is nearly filled. Under the program, boys and girls between the ages of eight and 11 spend two days at the Establishments in period dress

gaining an idea of what life was like at the original Establishments between 1818 and 1856. A maximum of 130 children can take part in this year's schedule, which started last week

and concludes the end of August.

The junior program, for eight and nine-year-olds, is full. A few places for boys are still available in the intermediate program for ages 10 and 11.

Tourists this year can see "The Captain's Wife", a short drama of between five and seven minutes performed twice daily.

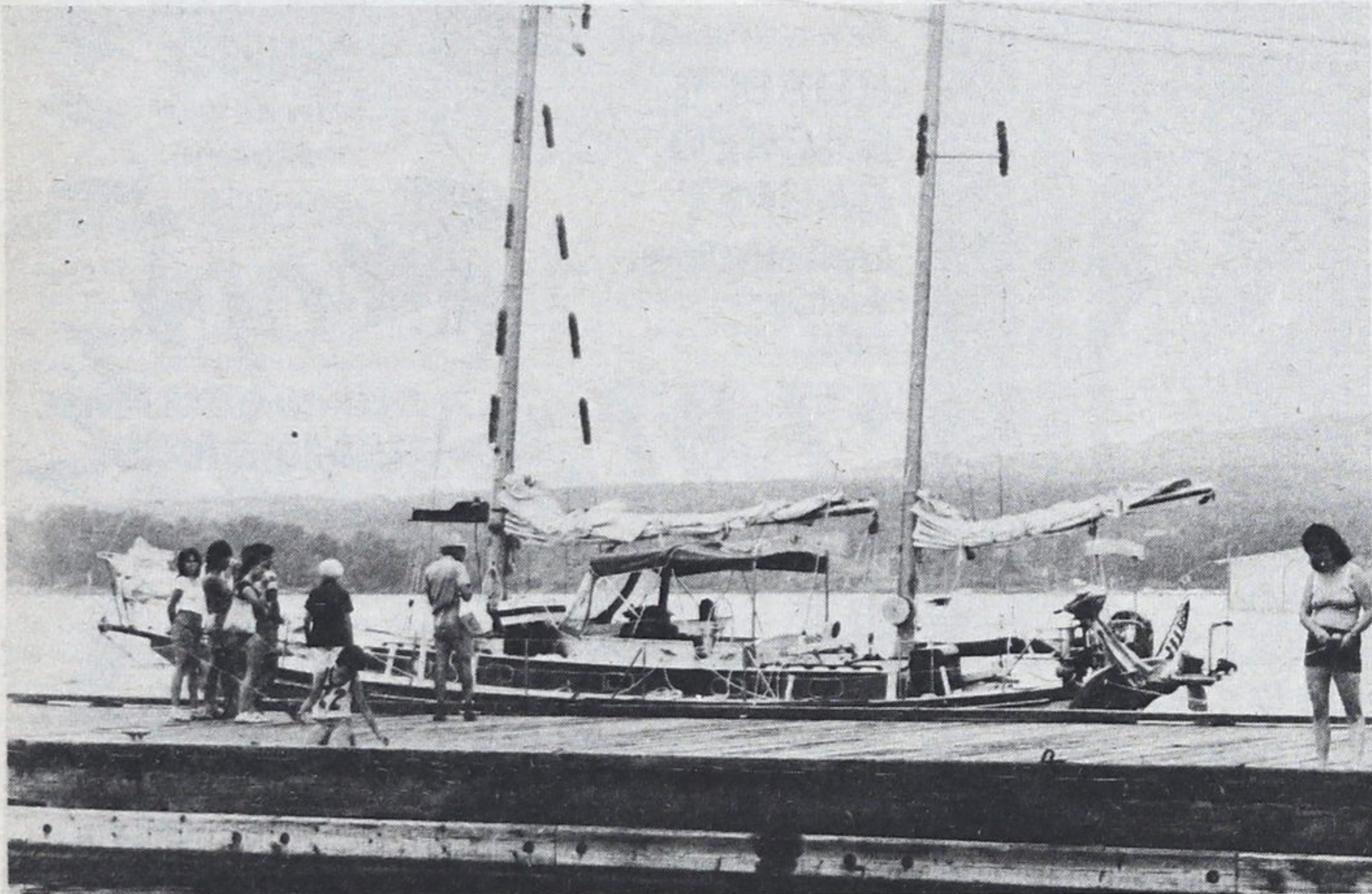
Another new feature of the Establishments this season is a blacksmith shop that is fully equipped.

Guards on the site are practicing for their role in the upcoming 145th anniversary of St. James On-the-Lines Church.

The Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, John Aird, is expected to be in attendance.

Most Rev. Edward Scott, the primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, will preach the sermon at the July 26 service.

On July 25 the third annual Tecumseh Trophy Race, co-sponsored by the Midland Establishments and the Midland Bay Sailing Club, will be held here.



Old-fashioned visitor

Penetanguishene town dock is usually crowded during the summer months with sailing craft of all kinds. A standout docked on Sunday was the Water

Rat, a 45 foot, two masted sailboat with Florida markings out of Chicago.

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Theft Saturday leaves squad car in the dark

In a daring theft over the weekend, the red and white flashing lights were removed from the roof of one of the Penetanguishene Police Force cruisers.

The theft took place sometime between 4:20 a.m. and 5:12 a.m. Saturday while the police car was parked outside the police station.

The lights were later found near the Penetanguishene Curling Club.

New life in store for museum pieces

The Centennial Museum in Penetanguishene will be visited the week of July 27 by a mobile lab and staff from the Canadian Conservation Institute.

The institute is part of the National Museums of Canada and is located in Ottawa. Institute personnel will spend the week on the museum grounds in their van examining and restoring museum exhibits.

Curator Fran Sullivan said there are a number of copper items and some tinware that she would like to be examined. She is also going to ask for information on how to preserve documents and newspapers.

Fatality on Honey

Harbour Road Saturday

The driver of a motorcycle that left the Honey Harbour Road just west of Highway 69 last Saturday afternoon, Thomas Allen, 25, of Toronto, was pronounced dead at the scene. Allen's passenger, Viola Hochreiter, 19, also of Toronto, was seriously injured.

Midland OPP reports that the motorcycle went off a curve in the highway into the north ditch, struck a culvert and rolled over.

Man charged after accident at MHC

A Fox Street man was charged with impaired driving and excess alcohol late Saturday evening by Penetanguishene police following a single motor-vehicle accident.

Police said that the accident occurred in the area of the Mental Health Centre in Penetanguishene at 11:35 p.m.

Charged after the accident was James Spiker, of 37 Fox Street.

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Negotiate or legislate end to postal strike: Lewis

Public opinion says legislate, MP says

Local MP Doug Lewis favours the federal government either making a move that will lead to a negotiated settlement, or a legislated end, to the current dispute between the federal government and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers.

Lewis' riding office has received between 30 and 36 telephone calls complaining about the postal strike. Public opinion among a group from his Orillia riding that he spent a day with recently ran 10-1 in favour of a legislated end to the strike, he said yesterday from his Ottawa office.

Lewis explained that while he is not against strikes in the public sector, he believes government workers in essential services should have to give up some rights, among them the right to strike.

Government service means security and freedom from the need to stay in business that is part of the working world in the private sector, he said.

Simcoe North's MP said that he has

knowledge of a Midland firm that is particularly under stress because of the postal strike. The unnamed business made a large sale in June and the cheque, for a considerable amount, Lewis said, which the business needs to pay federal sales tax on July 21 and provincial sales tax on July 31, is stalled somewhere in the mail system.

While businesses do not have bills coming in, they do not have money coming in either and they still have a payroll to meet, he said. He also has sympathy for the letter carriers who are out of work through no fault of their own.

The letter carriers do not receive any money because they are laid off, and they

must wait two weeks to start qualifying for unemployment insurance, which doesn't match, in any event, their regular salary.

In marked contrast, the Conservative MP knew of only one call to his riding office complaining on the subject of the MP's voting themselves a pay raise recently.

Lewis said that Canadians should make up their minds that it will be a good thing for MP's to be drawn from the broader range of people. Lawyers dominate the House of Commons now and Lewis is himself a lawyer.

Lawyers tend to become politicians, according to Lewis, because lawyers find it easier to leave their profession for politics

because they know they can return to the practice of the law if they choose to leave, or are forced to leave, politics.

Bank managers would make a good member of Parliament, Lewis said, from his experience, but there aren't likely more than five former bank managers in the House of Commons because, he said, a person leaving the corporate world for politics would have difficulty returning.

He cited the case of a school teacher who represented Sault Ste. Marie for five years in the House, and who upon his defeat in the last election found when he applied for a teaching job in his riding that jobs were allotted on the basis of seniority.

The teacher's time spent serving his country in Ottawa wasn't considered in his application for a teaching job, Lewis said.

Members of Parliament now receive a salary of \$40,000 and a tax-free allowance of \$14,000.