

Chicken and rice

A maximum of 65 clients can be taken by Midland's Adult Rehabilitation Centre at any one time. Clients spend their time learning life skills, work skills, and academics. Yetta Nemirovski, above, stirs chicken and rice for a midday meal.

Vocational skills training part of ARC program

The clients of the Adult Rehabilitation Centre, located east of William Street in Midland, spend their days divided among three areas: vocational, academic instruction, and life skill instruction.

Bob O'Hara is the supervisor of the vocational department, in which a maximum of 65 clients can be enrolled at any one time.

The clients go through an eight week cycle, at the end of which they are assessed. Each client has his own schedule tailored to his or her needs, so many hours a week of vocational training, and so on.

The purpose of the vocational skills department is to teach the clients basic work skills in an environment that is as close as possible to that of a private industry, O'Hara says.

Clients are taught basic procedures that are so basic to most people that they never think of them: how to work for eight hours, how to punch a time clock, how to accept a change in the

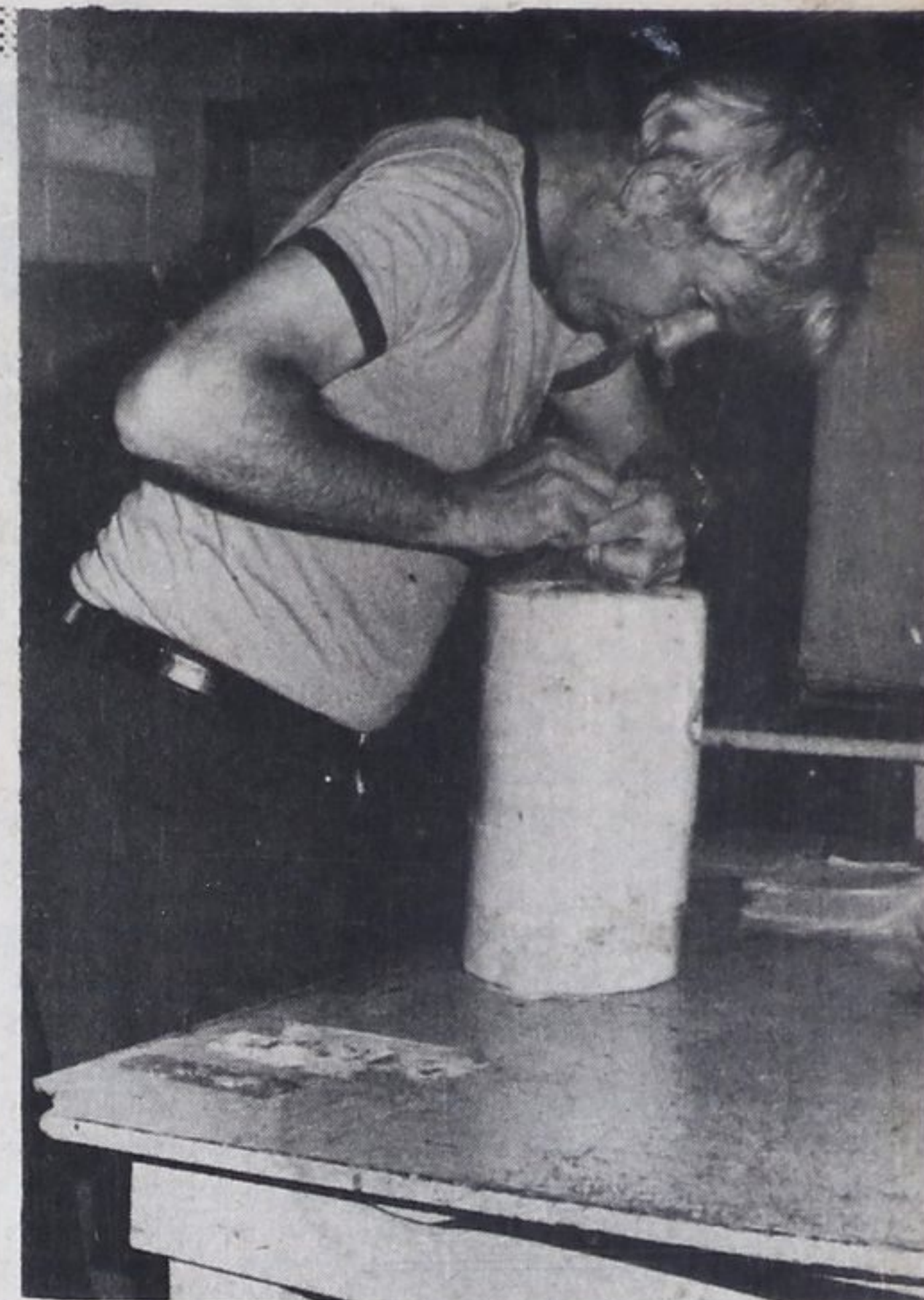
assigned work.

O'Hara says that accepting criticism is a part of the vocational program, and that criticism can be a problem for some clients. Some clients have trouble accepting criticism, he said.

Most of the clients who find a job find one in the immediate Midland area. O'Hara isn't sure how many clients graduate in a year, but he believes the number to be a handful. A factor contributing to the low number of graduates is the poor employment market that faces many people and that makes it even harder for ARC clients to find a job.

The ARC workshop turns out street signs, custom made signs, silk-screened t-shirts, assembly line and custom made ceramics, and takes in laundry from local industries like RCA, Bay Mills, and Pillsbury.

The contract work includes an order of 45,000 bird houses for Sears.



ARC product

Clients of the Midland Adult Rehabilitation Centre are taught work skills, life skills, and academics. Leo Arpin, above, closes a package of fibre tapes made in the ARC workshop in Midland.

Victoria Harbour — Home from Winnipeg

by Mrs. M. Gervais
Mrs Marjorie Mount returned from spending a few days in Winnipeg where she, with Mrs. Jean Fallis of Midland and Mrs. Annie Leonard of Stroud, attended the Miller reunion at Fortier last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bernard of Sarnia spent a few days here last week visiting Mrs. Bernard's mother, Mrs. Evelyn Roy and saying good-bye to relatives and friends before leaving in August to spend one to two years in Venezuela where Mr. Bernard will be employed with the Imperial Oil firm, which he has been with for a number of years.

While here, they celebrated their 30th anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dunlop attended the wedding of their son Kenneth to Miss Sue Johnson of Midland, which took place in St. Paul's United Church, Midland, last Saturday.

Among the guests were Mrs. Chas. Schissler of the village, her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Gibson of Scarborough, her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Schissler of Bowmanville, also Mrs. A. Cameron and her daughter Miss Cathy Cameron of Etobicoke and Mrs. Orin Allison of Scarborough.

Mr. Leslie Kaus, a resident here for many years, died in Huronia District Hospital recently. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hodge of Toronto visited Mrs. J.E. Springthorpe this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Calvert and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Barrett of Weston visited relatives in the village over the weekend.

Mrs. Gordon Gervais attended the celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Gervais of Kitchener, held at the home of Mr. Lytle Gervais in

Waubaushe recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dunlop attended the Baptism by Rev. Robt. Little of infant granddaughter Courtney Ann Dunlop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dunlop of Midland, which took place in Knox Presbyterian Church, Midland.

A public meeting will be held in the Victoria

Harbour Community Centre this afternoon at 2 p.m. when any questions about the survey for Senior Citizens' Housing will be explained.

It is hoped many citizens will be interested and will attend this meeting today.

Rev. Wesley Oak was the minister in St. John's United Church on Sunday, Aug. 2.

Circulation

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