

Centennial Fanfare

by Diane Greenfield

The rush of Christmas is past and only a few days remain in 1981.

The new year will begin a very special and spectacular celebration for the Town of Penetanguishene. It was long ago in 1615 that the shores of Penetanguishene were visited by Champlain.

From that visit the small settlement of Penetanguishene continued to grow and thrive over the intervening 367 years. Penetanguishene is the oldest community in the province, but it is only one hundred years old as a town. It is this event that we will be celebrating from Jan. 4 to July 4, 1982.

A rose coloured centennial calendar has been prepared by the Centennial Committee and is being sold in the town by the students of Corpus Christi School.

The calendar outlines most of the celebration events being arranged within the community.

A detailed official print and program will be mailed to all taxpayers (in the tax bill) and available around town early in February but two of the early program events deserve a little special fanfare.

On Jan. 4 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. an official Proclamation Ceremony will be celebrated at the corners of Main Street and Robert Street.

All are welcome to join us for an official proclamation, a balloon releasing event and a reception with cake and an official song.

Al Tucker has written a centennial song entitled "Cent ans pour Penetanguishene". This bilingual song has been released to all schools and rumor has it classrooms and choirs have been practising already.

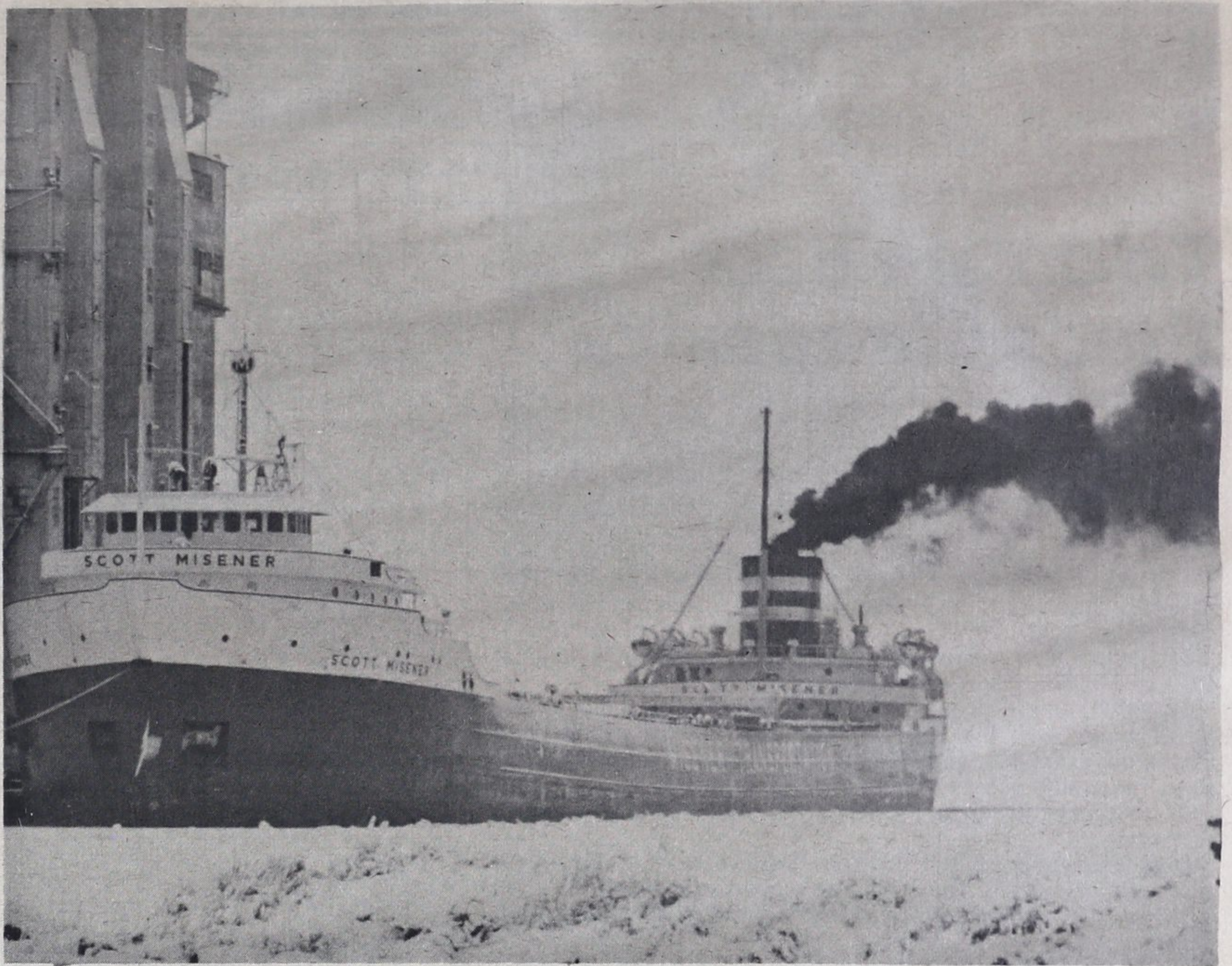
Another special feature of the reception and ceremony will be the special birthday cake. This giant cake decorated with a garland with 100 roses has been specially designed and decorated by Susan Krantz of Penetang Home Bakery.

There will be enough for everyone so be sure to join us for our gala opening ceremony, Jan. 4.

Jan. 5 is the official sign in date for the Centennial Beard and Mustache Growing Competition, except for mustaches entrants must be clean shaven. For details call Fern Moreau, Sheridan Street, Penetanguishene. Late entries are allowed but the clean shaven rule must still apply.

The official centennial ball begins the social season. This gala event features, a meal, social hour, a centennial photographer, entertainment, and centennial costumes. Tickets which are \$20 per couple are available at the town office on Robert Street. They are selling fast so don't be disappointed by waiting too long. Plan now to attend this very special event. Centennial costumes can be rented, call the town office for referral information.

1982 is an exciting year in Penetanguishene and every citizen of the town, county and province is hereby officially invited to join us.



Where there's smoke, there's...

That's the Great Lakes carrier Scott Misener, the first of three ships to tie up for the winter at the Simcoe

Elevators. Thick, black smoke tumbling out of the ship's funnel drifted across the harbour and up

King Street causing some downtown shoppers to wonder if the core area had been hit by another major fire.

TTPPB's future?

According to a Ministry of Housing representative, a decision from Housing Minister Claude Bennett on the future of the Tiny-Tay Peninsula Planning Board can be expected before the new year.

Anne Beaumont, director of the Community Planning Advisory Branch of the Ministry, confirmed that Bennett would be acting on her recommendations following the meeting of the Area Board which she

chaired on Dec. 15.

In predicting an early verdict, Beaumont said "It's been a long time." Tiny and Tay townships opted out of the Area Board two years ago, and the body has not functioned meaningfully since that time.

Beaumont described the meeting of elected representatives to the Board on the 15th as "open, honest and frank." She summarized the consensus of those in attendance

that "The TTPPB as a formalized board is no longer effective -- without agreement it won't work."

Although urban representatives from Midland, Penetanguishene and Victoria Harbour spoke

"eloquently" in favour of the Area Board, there was general recognition that the planning body could not continue as it is now constituted.

Beaumont did point out that there was a "recognition of mutual concerns" which would

be addressed by an advisory committee to replace the more formal Area Board.

Reeve Charles Rawson of Tay has offered to host the first meeting of the new advisory committee in the new year.



All I want for Christmas is...

How many Santas heard this prior to Dec. 25?

Hamelin to chair group

Special education advisory committee named by RC board

The first meeting of education services. trustees associations. A the Simcoe County And in accordance committee chaired by Roman Catholic with its bylaws, the Mary Jo Quilty with Separate School Board's Simcoe County Roman Gabriel Marchand, Catholic Separate Robert Givens, and Advisory Committee School Board has Lynne Murphy will was held at St. Monica's determined the draft resolutions to be School, Barrie, on the following meeting considered by the board schedule for 1982: Jan. at its Jan. 20 meeting. evening of Dec. 9. 20, Feb. 3, 17, March 17, Meanwhile, in

The committee, April 7, 21, May 19, June response to a request by formed as the result of 2, 16, July 21, Sept. 1, 15, interested parents a new Special Education Oct. 6, 20, and Nov. 17. committee of the legislation, selected the Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate

Joyce Hamelin of 1982 Budget Catholic Separate Midland as its chair. Trustee Patrick School Board has been man. Mrs. Hamelin O'Toole will chair the appointed to consider represents the Huronia 1982 Budget Committee the matter of Junior Association for the of the Simcoe County Kindergaten in the Mentally Retarded. The Roman Catholic board's French committee began its Separate School Board. Language Instructional work with an in-He will be joined by units. At the Dec. 16 formation session trustees Art Beausoleil, meeting of the board, regarding the Special Father Breen, and trustees Maurice Education initiatives of James Feehely. McParland, Gabriel the Ministry of The Simcoe County Marchand, Patrick Education and the Roman Catholic O'Toole, and Mary Jo Separate School Board's Separate School Board Quilty were appointed to current progress in will consider again the the committee to be carrying out the presentation of con- chaired by Mr. planning of special cerns to provincial McParland.