

The waiting game

It is expected the Ontario Police Commission will study a request by the Town of Midland to reduce the town's police force's civilian staff by one radio operator.

Earlier this year the town announced plans to cut staff in a number of municipal departments in order to keep this year's budget in line with last year's.

Plans called for cutting one policeman from the force. That was later changed to one CRO.

Since then the town was informed, under terms set out in the Police Act, it is the OPC that must grant permission to reduce a police force's strength.

It has been learned the OPC will study the consequences of laying off a CRO before it makes any final decision on the town's request to reduce staff from the police department.

As for cuts in other municipal departments,

to date only two firefighters in Midland have been laid off while three girls in the main office were given their walking paper at town hall.

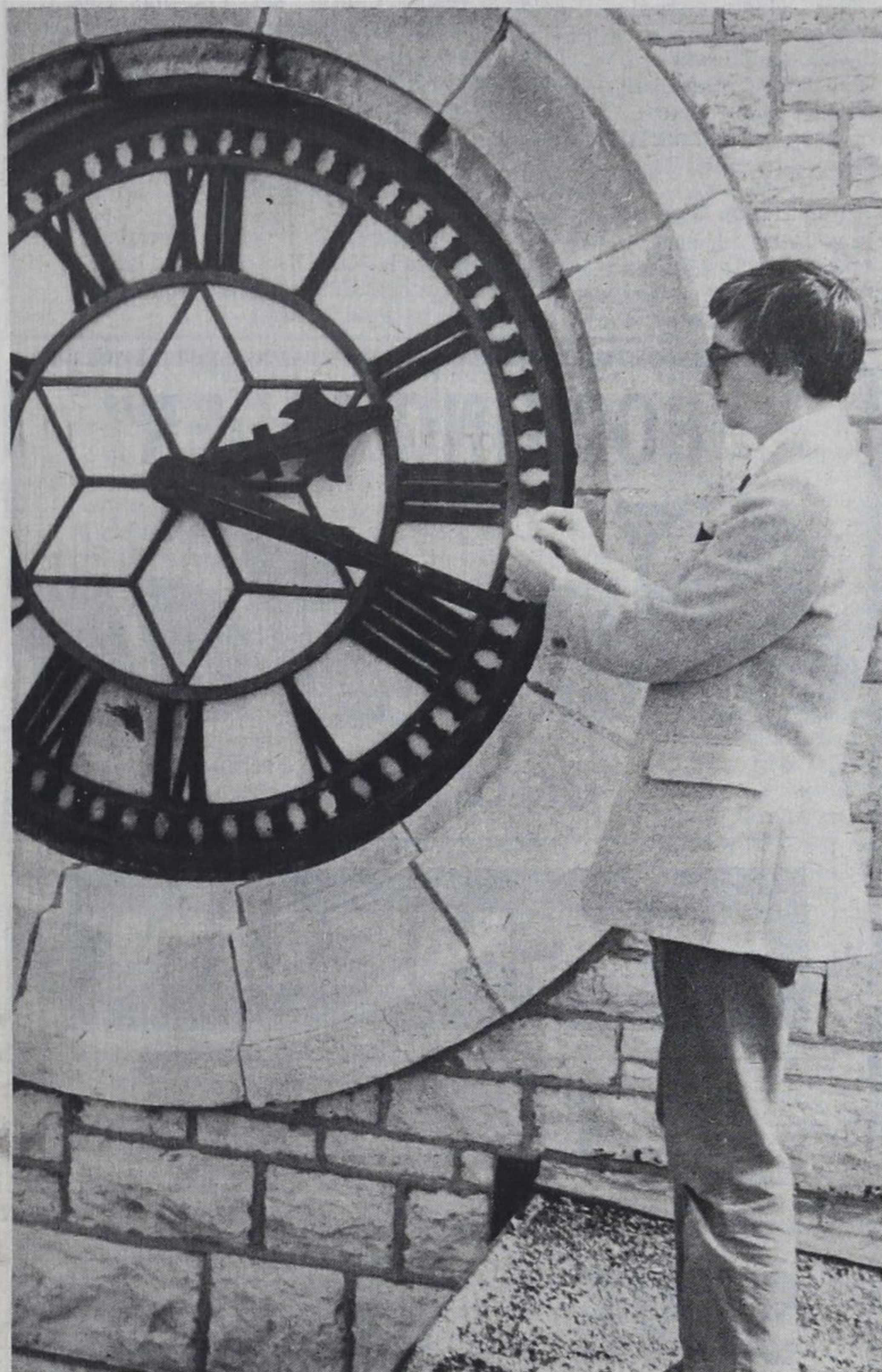
One of the employees was let go permanently while the other two are being employed now on a part-time basis.

There were no cuts in the engineering and technical department while one maintenance worker at the public works depot was fired earlier this year and another resigned.

OPC plans to study Midland's request

The firing was topic of discussion at mediation meeting this week at the Highland Motel between the town and officials from the Ontario Public Service Union.

Meanwhile members of the local professional firefighters union are awaiting word of a date for a conciliation meeting they have called for regarding the laying off of Firefighters Jim Ironside and Tom Toole on March 31.



Turn clocks ahead!

Elmvale Lance editor Murray Murray of Penetanguishene climbed out on the roof of Midland Public Library building on King Street to check his watch against the hands of the town clock in preparation this

week to switch to Daylight Saving Time. Don't forget before hitting the sack Saturday night to turn your timepieces ahead one hour. Standard Time returns again on the last Sunday in October.

Power Squadron meeting

by Bill Stevens
Penetanguishene Power Squadron held their annual General Meeting and supper April 14 at Charlebois' Sugar Bush. Forty-six members and their wives attended making this the most successful A.G.M. in the history of the squadron.

Commander Eliza O'Hara called the meeting to order at 2015 hours after supper and asked for reports from the members of the Bridge on the years activities, such as training, safety, entertainment, public relations, finance and our marine representative, Bernie Tigwell.

Mrs. Charlebois offered a couple of prizes (maple syrup in a gift pack) for the lucky draw (which was won by Dorothy Tigwell and R. R. Lauzon).

District Commander Dave Hudson spoke on the activities of the Squadrons in the district and how pleased he was with the activities of our squadron. Dave thanked the squadron and those in the district

for the strong opposition shown to the Department of Transports' decision to remove certain buoys and markers in the area. The opposition was so

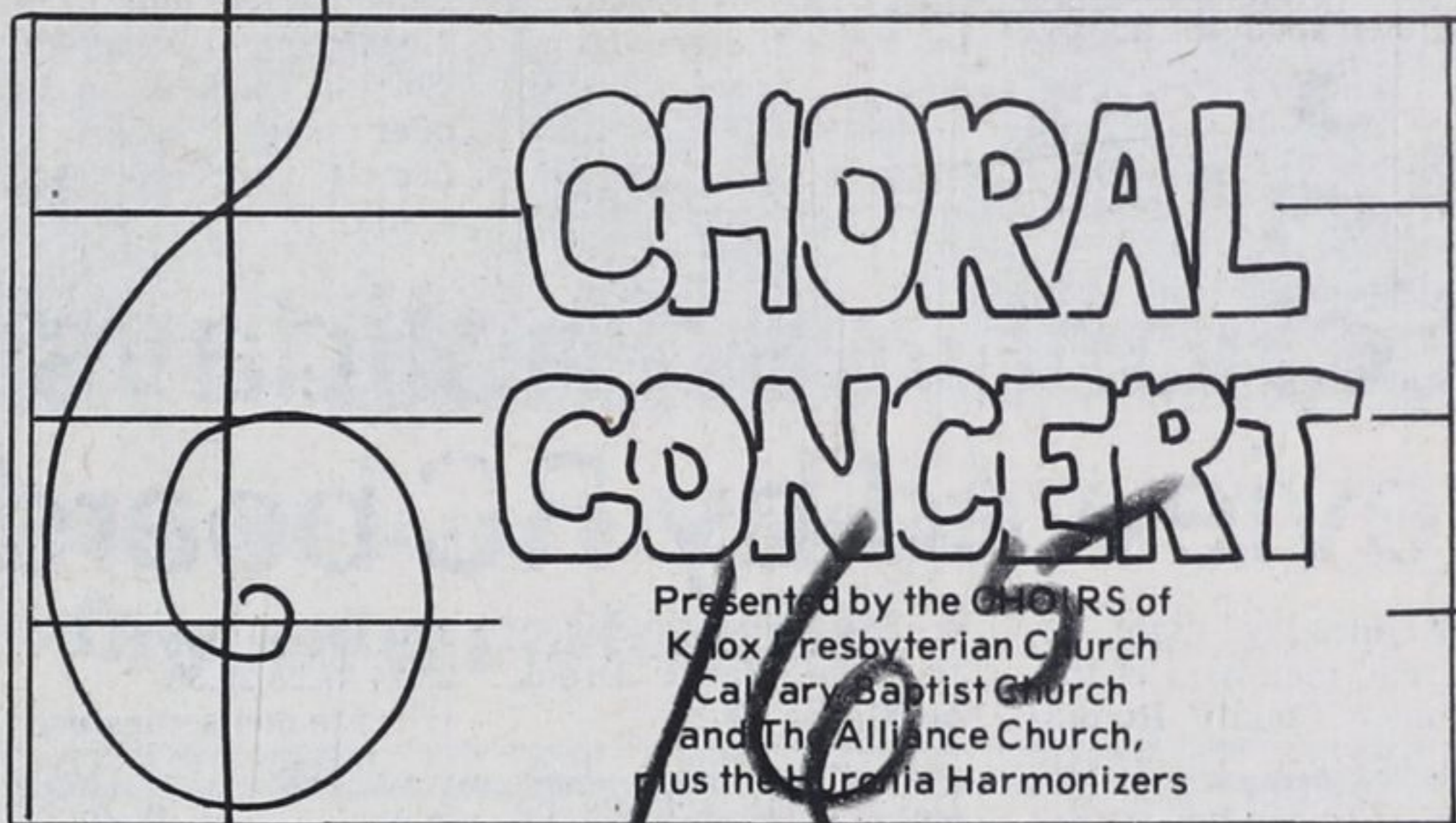
strong the Department decided to not follow through and leave everything as is.

Commander O'Hara introduced the new bridge for 1982-83 and

our new Commander Vern Slade.

The next get-together will be the Graduation Banquet on Friday, May 14, at the Canadian Legion.

Saturday, April 24, 1982, at 8 p.m.
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No admission charge Refreshments following

Next week

Frank Milligan, program and education officer at the Establishments in Penetanguishene will be guest speaker next Tuesday evening at Coldwater Canadiana Museum at 8 p.m.

If transportation is required please call 835-2735.

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