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100th ANNIVERSARY
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Look for Sally Ann's
centennial supplement

Raging \$80,000 inferno

Curling club fire

by Doug Reed

For the second time in just over two weeks a raging early morning inferno has inflicted heavy damage on a popular Penetanguishene landmark.

June 3, a devastating blaze ripped through Bay Moorings Dining Lounge causing an unofficial \$800,000 damage.

Origin of that five-hour, two-alarm fire has yet to be pin-pointed by Ontario Fire Marshal's Office investigators who sifted through the ruins and warm ashes left in the wake of that Fox Street structure fire.

Meanwhile, early last Saturday morning (2:02 a.m.), volunteer firefighters from the centennial town tumbled out of their warm beds to quell a roaring conflagration in the Water Street curling club.

Firemen are credited with saving the building from being totally engulfed in flames after they halted the advancing fire in the lounge area but not before it caused \$80,000 damage during the first hour.

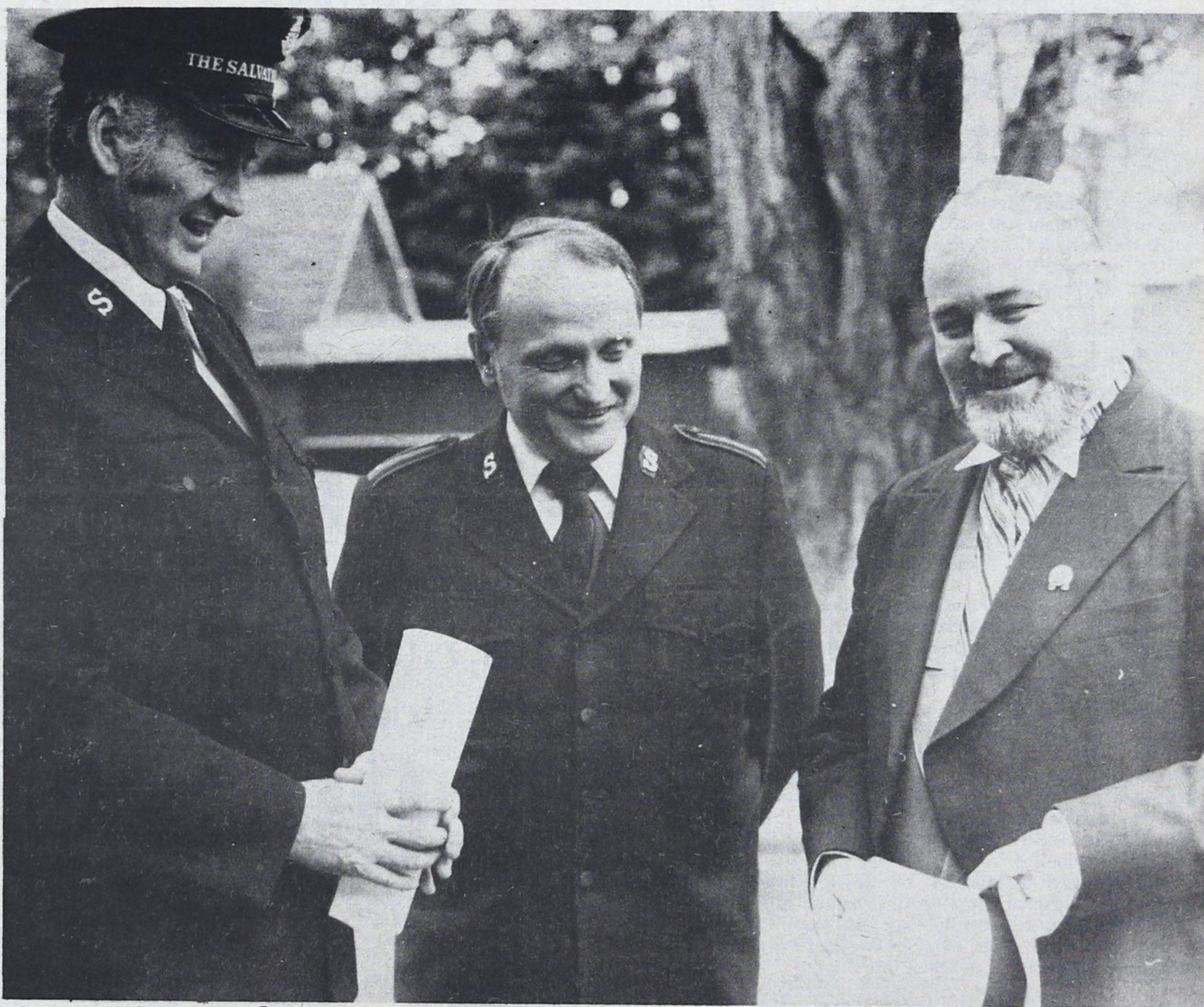
Fire Chief Ted Light praised his men "for knocking down the stubborn fire as quickly as they did under less than ideal circumstances."

He also had words of praise for his aide-de-camp Art Desjardins and Larry Merkley, saying, "Both these firefighters knew their way around the dark, fire and smoke-filled building and were able to direct the other fellows from their vantage point."

Merkley, a well-known national curler had honed his curling skills at the local waterfront curling club.

Both Chief Light and Police Chief Dennis Player confirmed in the aftermath of Saturday morning's fire

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Special occasion

A Salvation Army Centennial scroll to be signed by 20 mayors from Orillia to Sudbury will mark the Army's 100th anniversary this week. Mayor Ron Bellisle,

right, did the honours Sunday afternoon at Georgian Manor. At left is Mayor Wilf Hammond who will take the scroll to Winnipeg for this week's Centennial

Congress of the Army. Centre is Lt. Ray Braddock of the Midland Salvation Army. See special tribute to the Sally Ann's elsewhere in today's newspaper.

CITIZEN BRIEFLY

Important event for sailors

The national commander of Power Squadron will be taking the salute this coming Sunday at 2 p.m. when members of Penetanguishene Power Squadron stage their annual sail-past at the foot of Main Street.

Sailors from far and near wishing to join the sail-past to rendez-vous at Hindson Marina about 30 minutes before the big event.

Weekend break-in being probed here

A weekend break-in at 59 Harriett St., here, netted thieves a quantity of money, Police Chief Dennis Player reports.

Entry was gained by forcing open a basement window.

Publishing dates set

Due to Dominion Day falling on Thursday, July 1, we will publish newspapers next

Tuesday and Friday.

Advertisers, carriers, correspondents and customers are advised of the above information.

We will be closed, July 1.

Grand-daddy of bass derbies set for Sun.

The Great Little Lake Bass Derby, the oldest one of its kind in Ontario if not Canada, rolls into high gear this coming Sunday morning in Midland.

This will be the 19th year the derby has been staged at Little Lake.

For more details see Bryan Berriault's column in today's newspaper.

Play ball! And they did

Penetanguishene Police Department vs. Town Council's annual softball game was

staged in town last Sunday afternoon with police winning the encounter 12-6 despite the fact local law-makers brought in a few so-called ringers to bolster their cause.

Armstrong best on science test

Scott Armstrong and Peter Dion, Grade 8 students at St. Joseph School, and Kurt Buchholz, a Grade 8 student at Corpus Christi School, are the winners in the Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School Grade 8 science test.

Ninety-seven students wrote the test. Armstrong earned 34 points, and Dion and Buchholz 31 points each, out of a possible 41 points. The average mark was 20.1 points.

Drumhead service slated for Sunday

As part of the Penetanguishene Centennial celebration, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 68 is holding a drumhead service this Sunday at the park opposite the Brewer's Retail store.

A brief stop will be made at the town cenotaph so that a wreath can be placed as the parade marches from Jeffrey Street to the park for the 11 a.m. service.

Will be chartered this summer

Rotary Club of Penetanguishene, a newly-formed service club in the town, expects to be chartered during the week of July 19.

At present the names of 24 charter members are being forwarded to Rotary International along with their classifications.