

It was a very good year for the Midland library

The Midland Public Library listed \$189,761 in revenues against \$175,352 in expenditures for 1981 in its annual report issued this week. In a statistical summary, the library noted that it circulated 88,649 books last year (town population was 12,500), and total stock

was 35,624. Other stats: hours of operation, 2,860; volumes catalogues and added to the collection, 1,713; discards, 787; periodical titles, 182; newspaper subscriptions, 7; total membership, 3,335; talking books in stock, 110; requests for books

received in interlibrary loan, 410; films used, 853.

Chief Librarian Eileen Goodburne also noted the following staff transitions:

Catherine MacKenzie resigned in October 1981 as Reference Librarian and Irene Donaldson

was appointed to this position, Mary Anne Cree resigned in November 1981 and Bonnie Reynolds became Children's Librarian. Part-time Staff members: Angnes Markle retired and Patricia Henderson and Anni Bauer resigned. Two new Part-time staff

members were added, Marion Locke for Reference and Irene Rogh who does the ordering of all new books and helps in the Adult Department.

In her concluding report, the chief librarian said the year was a "productive and successful one" and the library is looking forward to a similarly good response to its services this year.

Other items from her report:

"1981 was a year of changes but Midland Public Library has continued to grow in circulation and service to the patrons. School tours were conducted,

children's programmes were available twice weekly and film nights were available for the whole family on Friday nights. Georgian Bay Regional Library System co-sponsored evenings with guest speakers, musicians and artists. Our displays in the Adult Library were a great delight. Many talented artists, photographers, craftsmen, and societies all contributed to a most interesting year.

"We have been involved with the Ontario Library Review Programme since 1980. Our Board have attended meetings and submitted a brief to the

Ministry of Culture and Recreation on May 1, 1981.

"Feasibility Study: This Study began in 1980 and the Heritage Committee and the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture working during 1981 to get the final Terms of Reference drawn up. This was completed on Dec. 3, 1981 and ads were placed in local and out of town newspapers for tenders.

"Gifts: In 1981 the Kiwanis Club of Midland donated a tape recorder and five cassette players for the use of our sight impaired patrons who use taking books."

\$40,000 shot in the arm

OHRP grant for Nottawasaga Twp.

A \$40,000 Ontario Home Renewal Program (OHRP) grant for Township of Nottawasaga was announced today by MPP George McCague (Dufferin-Simcoe) on behalf of Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Claude Bennett.

Nottawasaga is one of 14 municipalities receiving a total of more than \$539,000 in provincial OHRP funding.

Administered by municipalities, the program assists homeowners to upgrade their homes, with the emphasis on faulty

structural and sanitary conditions, and on plumbing, insulation, heating and electrical systems.

Loans of up to \$7,500 are made to eligible owner-occupants who wish to bring their homes up to standard. A portion of a loan may be forgiven, depending on the recipient's income. Interest rates range from zero to eight per cent, again depending on income.

For applicants, the maximum annual qualifying income, after allowable deductions are made, is \$15,500.

Bennett said that since OHRP was

launched in 1974, more than \$148 million in provincial funds have been given to 702 municipalities across the province, and to individuals in unorganized communities.

"That translates into repairs being carried out with OHRP financial incentives in more than 35,200 homes. It's a measure of the program's success and popularity," he said.

OHRP benefits are available to eligible owner-occupants in all municipalities which have adopted minimum housing standards bylaws or resolutions

establishing standards, and have decided to take part in the program. In communities without municipal boundaries, OHRP is administered by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's housing programs division in conjunction with the Ministry of Northern Affairs.

OHRP is one of the province's major renewal initiatives intended to assist municipalities and the private sector in conserving and recycling existing resources through community renewal activities.

Some interest in RCA plant

Some interest from one quarter is being shown in RCA's Midland television colour picture tube factory, local plant manager Harry Cox said yesterday.

Last Thursday RCA announced that the factory will close Dec. 31. Nearly all of the 600 remaining employees are on their annual two-week holiday this week and next week while the plant is shut.

The search for a new owner of the property has only begun, Cox said.

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ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE HOMEOWNERS

In 1982, the Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation will be making available housing opportunities under the Rural & Native Housing Program in the Municipality of Elmvale.

The program offers the following features:

- Homeownership for first-time homeowners and those families living in substandard housing conditions
- Geared to income mortgage payments
- Minimum equity requirements
- New and existing units sold to qualifying families

A representative of CMHC will be in the community to consider applications for this program and provide further information.

For details please contact Mrs. F. M. Townes

at the Municipal Offices or the Barrie office at CMHC at:

P.O. Box 578

70 Collier St.

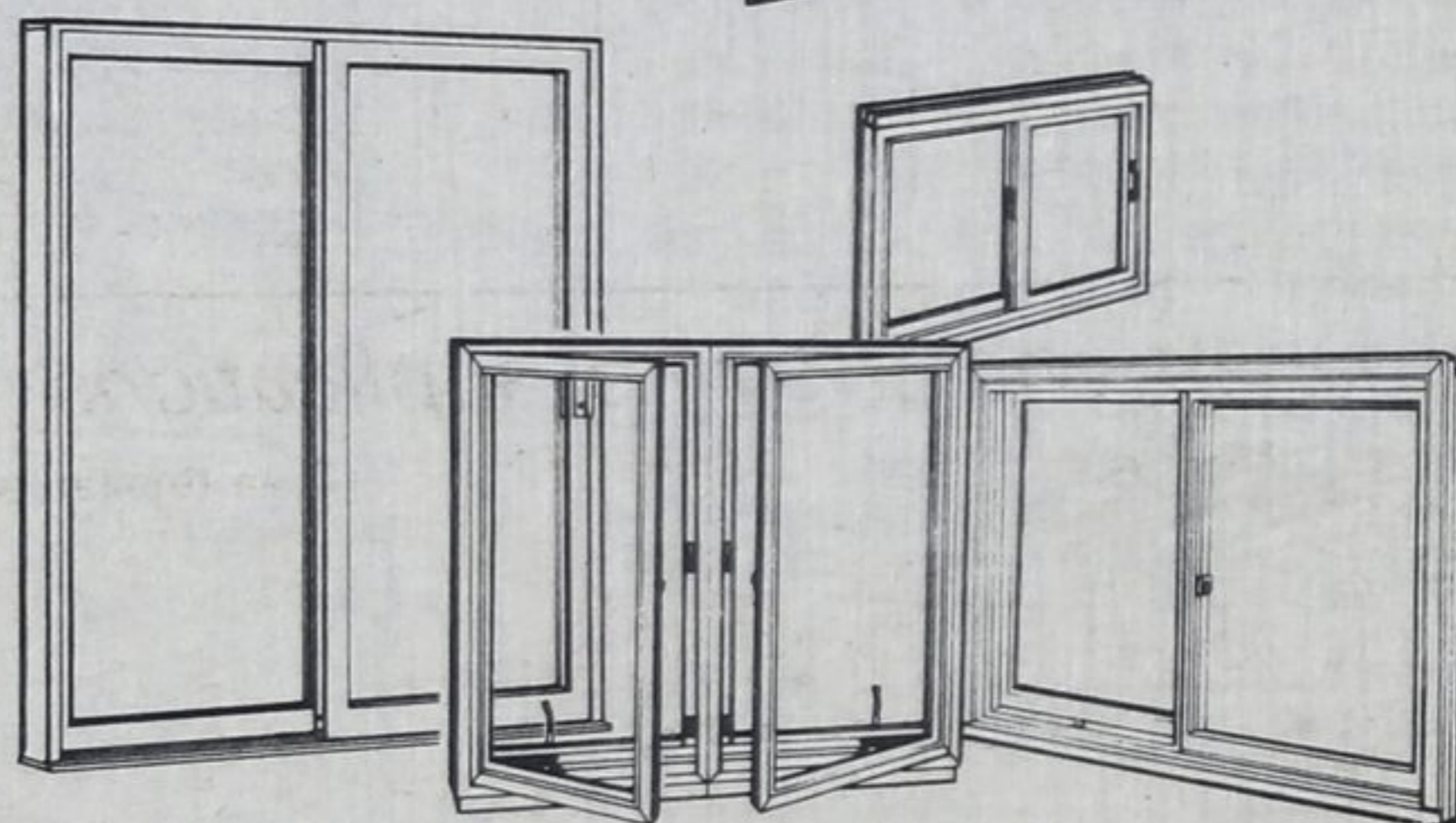
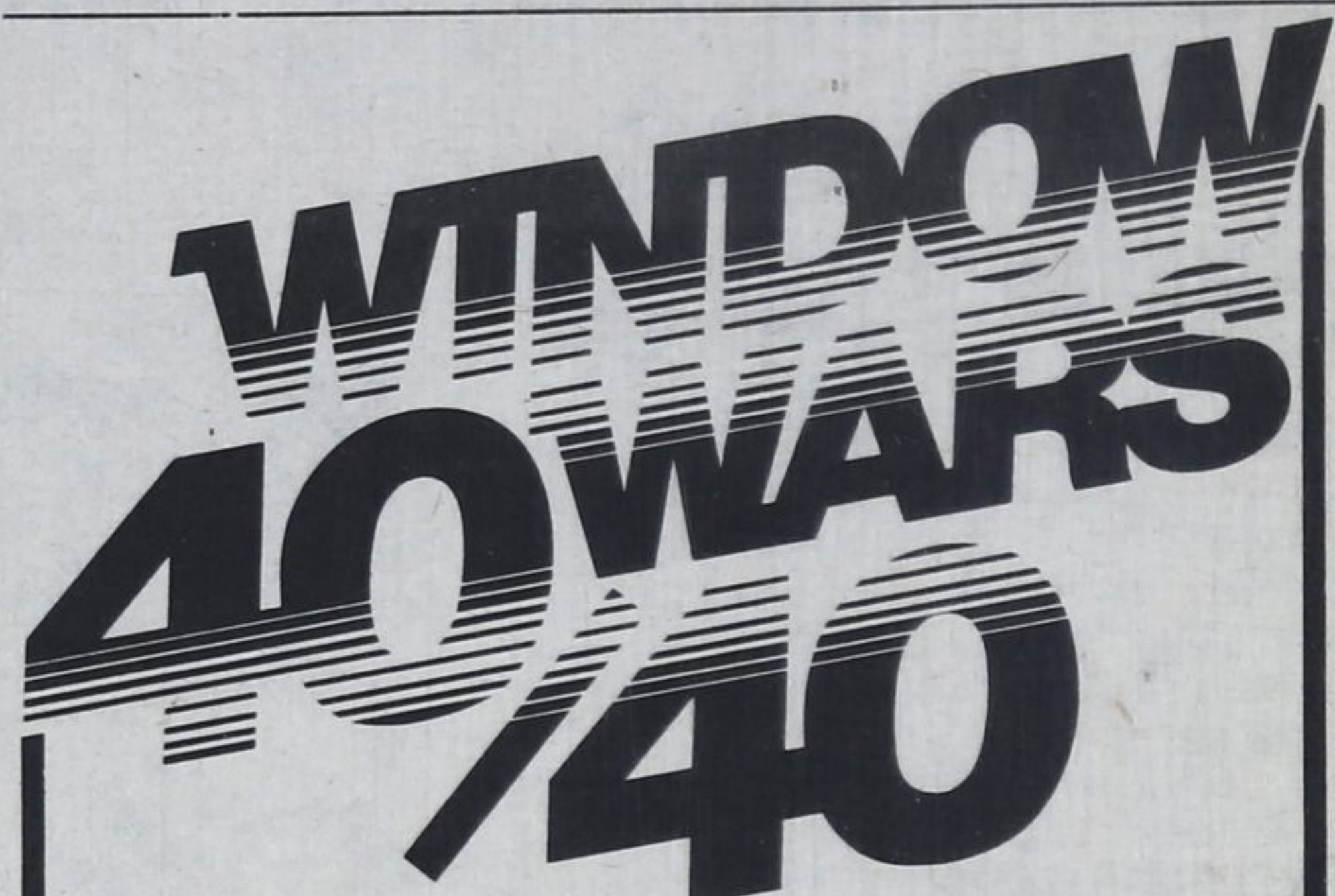
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