

\$40,000 OHRP grant clears hurdles: MPP

Town of Penetanguishene is to be the benefactor

Hon. George W. Taylor, MPP, Simcoe Centre announced today, Penetanguishene has received a \$40,000 grant under the Ontario Home Renewal Program (OHRP).

Housing is responsible for the program but it is administered by the individual municipalities throughout the province.

It is designed to help home owners whose annual income is less than \$15,500 after

allowable deductions are made to upgrade their residences.

Emphasis is placed on faulty structural or sanitary conditions as well as plumbing, insulation, heating and electrical systems.

The maximum loan

made by the municipality to an eligible applicant is \$7,500, a portion of which may be forgiven depending on the recipient's income.

Interest rates range from zero to eight percent, again

depending on income. Since the program's inception in 1974 more than \$151 million in provincial funds have been granted to 708 municipalities in Ontario.

Repairs have been carried out in more than 36,000 homes.

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.



Derry Day plans are in the works

2,000 Orange members to be in Elmvale in '83

by Murray Moore

Aug. 6 next year will be Derry Day in Elmvale and perhaps as many as 2,000 Black Knights of the Orange Lodge and members of the Crystal Chapter of the Orange Lodge are expected in Elmvale to parade, picnic, and watch a baseball tournament.

An attempt will be made to engage the singing group the Irish Rovers for that day.

The Black Knights are Orange Lodge members who are of a higher order than the general Orangeman. In the same way, the

Crystal Chapter, for women, is higher in the Orange Lodge than the Loyal Orange Benevolent Association.

Elmvale has been the scene of Orange parades before, most recently two summers ago, but this is the first time, in the memory of Elmvale Loyal Orange Lodge 991 secretary Alvin Archer that a Derry Day parade has been held in Elmvale.

Orangemen celebrate the Battle of the Boyne and the defeat of the Catholic James II by Protestant William of Orange on both July 12, the day of the battle, and on Aug. 6.

Representatives of the Lodge from Ireland have been known to attend Derry Day celebrations in Canada, Archer said.

The Midland Orange Lodge is hosting Derry Day in Elmvale.

Members of the Elmvale lodge are Black Knights as well as ordinary lodge members. Many of the members of the Midland lodge are from Elmvale and area. Elmvale will be the scene of Derry Day next year because it is more convenient to hold the day in Elmvale than in Midland, Archer explained.

Marchers are expected to come from as far as Hamilton and Toronto and Oshawa, and North Bay and Sudbury. Bands, marchers, some carrying banners, and floats will form the parade that will follow a two-mile route.

Midland Day at the CNE set for Aug. 26

promoting town's assets

Remember, Thursday, Aug. 26, is the day Town of Midland puts its best foot forward.

That's when Midland Day will be marked at the Canadian National Exhibition.

From 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. the town hall at the village square near the Dufferin Gates will be set up to promote Midland's plus side from business to tourism.

There's to be a "mock" council meeting during the day, Clerk Mike Owen reports.

His department will coordinate the day-long Midland Day celebrations at the Ex.

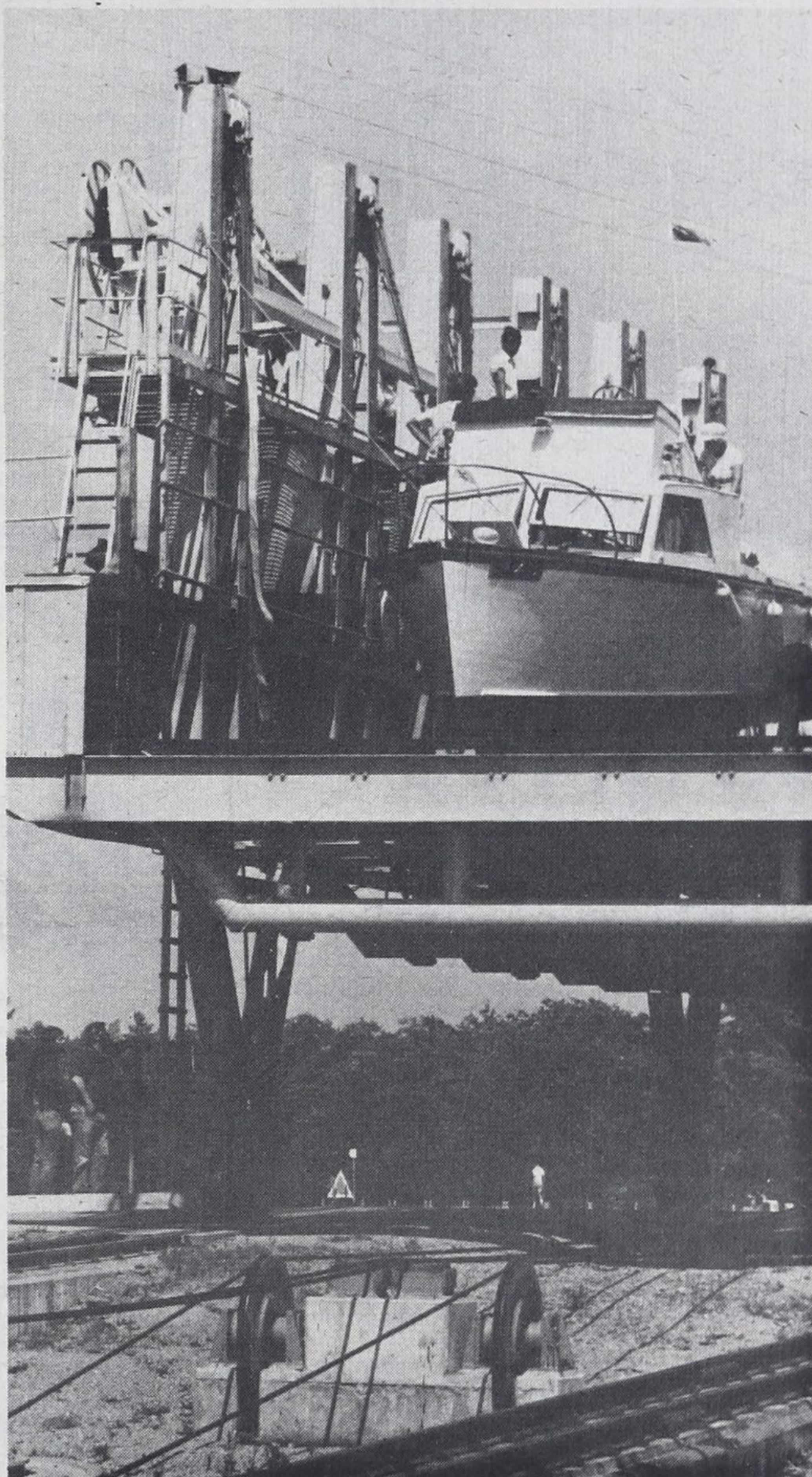
St. Marie among-the-Hurons will set up displays and demonstrations, Owen noted earlier this week.

At present input is being received from Midland Chamber of Commerce, the BIA, town council and Midland Homecoming '82 Committee.

It's the second time in recent years Midland has been afforded the opportunity to sell itself in Metro.

Several summers ago Midland Day was held at Ontario Place.

Plans for this month's Midland Day at the Ex are still being formulated however it is hoped Midland Legion's Pipes and Drums and local barbershoppers will provide music and song along with other musicians.



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Report being written, says prof.

The dispute centres on the March 31 layoff of two firefighters. The Ontario Professional Firefighters Association, Local 1581, claims the layoffs were the net result of an earlier contract settlement while the Town maintains the moves were forced by poor economic conditions.

The arbitrator in the dispute between the Town of Midland and the Midland firefighters says a decision will be in the hands of the parties "shortly".

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Professor Robert Prichard, arbitrator in the case, said in a telephone interview Wednesday from New Haven, Connecticut, that he hadn't yet made a decision "but I'm working on writing it up right now."

"The process of writing it up means I'm working on the decision," Professor Prichard said. "Then it has to be sent to Toronto to be typed and so on."

The decision will be based on discussions which took place in a 13-hour meeting in Midland five weeks ago.

SPECIAL MUSKET SALUTE

Descendants' Day will be marked by a big bang

by Bob Kennedy

Descendants of the Historic Naval and Military Establishments (1817-1856) in Penetanguishene who attend the third annual "Descendants' Day" tomorrow will be honoured with a colourful musket salute performed by six costumed interpreters.

The special demonstration will

illustrate the file drill widely practised by the British military in the 19th century. Two ranks of soldiers are utilized, with one firing while the other rank re-loads.

Interpreter Gary Abrams will be putting the soldiers through their paces on Saturday as they attempt to duplicate the exacting standards established for

this drill in the 19th century.

"There are 11 different manoeuvres to this drill and they must be completed within 20 seconds," commented Abrams.

He explained that the file attack was used by the British for two significant reasons. It was intended to counteract the inac-

curacy of the flintlock musket by "getting as much lead into the air as possible and keeping it there." The rapid firing prevented the enemy from advancing or moving around the British ranks.

The hours for Descendants' Day are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with the last admission at 4:30.