

Peterson comes to town

...
wins few converts but
delights his audience
at Rotary Club

There's little doubt Ontario's top Grit who spoke to members of Midland Rotary Club at the club's Wednesday noon luncheon won any converts, however David Peterson seemed to be on the same wave length of many when he described the ills facing both Ontario in particular and Canada in general.

The Ontario Liberal Party leader couldn't resist taking a few swipes at the incumbent Tory government in power at Queen's Park nor was he afraid to zero in on Premier William Davis' lack of accomplishments when it came to coming to grips with recession-riddled Ontario of today.

The provincial Liberal leader circulated an eight-page "notes for an address" to the media prior to speaking to local Rotarians.

However he often deviated from the text of his prepared speech to present an off-the-cuff, informal (informative) presentation which for the most part was very well received by his listeners.

Peterson told of the opportunity he had prior to the meeting to walk

through downtown Midland with local lawyer and Rotarian Rod Ferguson "an old classmate of mine."

He singled out the Edwards family for developing Midland's first indoor mall while at the same time expressed his concern regarding RCA's intention here to close its doors for good at the end of the year.

Following his address, the guest speaker fielded a series of questions from the floor.

"We all know what the current economic recession is doing to the private sector's profits and to the employment scene," Peterson said as he launched into his address.

"There are no simple nor fool proof answers to the problems of high unemployment," he said.

Peterson was quick to point the finer of blame to A) high inflation, B) high interest rates C) high energy costs and low productivity.

"Never before has Ontario been in such dire need of strong leadership," Peterson observed, not concealing the fact that he felt Premier Davis and his provincial govern-

ment didn't have a handle on the situation and thus were unable to put "us back on the road to recovery."

He said he didn't know what Davis' position would be at this week's Premiers Conference.

"We hear Davis Can do it. Let's keep the promise," whatever the hell that means.

As for wage and price controls Peterson said "they should be across the board."

"Equity demands that wage controls be implemented across all sectors."

"It's imperative that the Premier vigorously promote this six and five percent program."

"Similarly, we cannot permit a Reaganomic approach to our social services. A government which has squandered vast sums of money on such wasteful expenditures as Suncor, an executive jet, the landbanks and Ontario Hydro excesses cannot be allowed to practice its restraint on the backs of the poor and the disadvantaged of our society."

"Those who are on fixed incomes cannot afford more sacrifices; their purchasing power must be maintained."

Quebec Flight diverted runway lights not on

A Midland aviator told The Midland Times yesterday, he plans "to file a letter of protest with the MOT (Ministry of Transport) this week regarding a terrible situation that exists at Huronia Airport."

Ingo Strackerjan was commenting on the fact that runway lights at the tri-municipal airport were not on late Wednesday night to allow him to land on a return trip from the Province of Quebec.

The pilot along with a Midland industrialist had to divert their flight plan at the last minute to Collingwood Airport and be picked up by private vehicle.

"It's not the first time this has happened," an annoyed Strackerjan stated.

Earlier this summer another area pilot had to land at the airport after dark under similar conditions on a return flight from Quebec.

Two other pilots telephoned The Times, Wednesday night, to complain they wanted to do some night flying "but the lights weren't on."

This newspaper was told yesterday morning by airport commission member Guy Maurice, the rotating beacon at the airport was on but due to problems with the timer the runway lights hadn't switched on.

Midlander's work picked by Sun

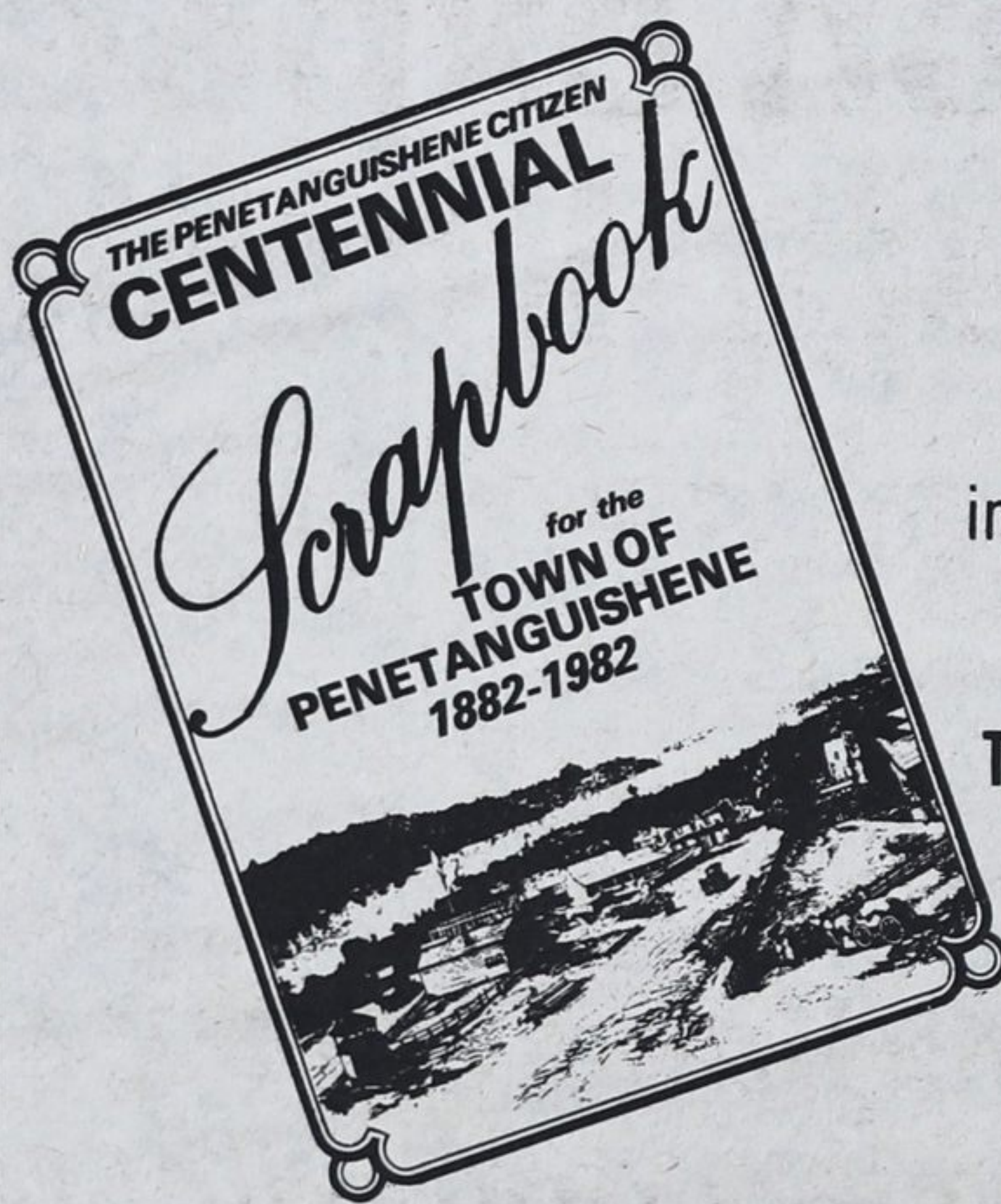
Midland amateur photographer Gunter Hille was one of the winners in a Toronto Sun photography contest, winning a place with a colour photograph of canoes lying on, and tied to, a dock in a mountain lake.

Hille's photograph, and other prize winners, both colour and black and white, appeared in last Sunday's Toronto Sun.

Hille's photograph was one of the six winners picked from the entries in a weekly contest run by the Toronto tabloid newspaper. The four best colour photographs and the two best black and white photographs, Hille's among them, will be submitted to the 1982 Kodak International Newspaper Snapshot Contest.

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