

# Sex offenders study awarded grant

A team engaged in a study of sex offenders discharged from

Penetanguishene Mental Health Centre is among 185 recipients of

health research grants from the Ontario Ministry of Health. The

team is gathering data that could some day help mental health

experts more accurately predict the risk of repeat sex offences.

The grants totalling more than \$7.4 million in the 1985-86 fiscal year, were announced last week by Health Minister Murray Elston. They fund new or continuing health research projects, and the development of health research personnel, across the province.

The research group, headed by Dr. M.E. Rice, was awarded \$29,501 this fiscal year to follow the status of 264 child molesters and rapists discharged from

the maximum security section of the Penetanguishene hospital between 1972 and 1983.

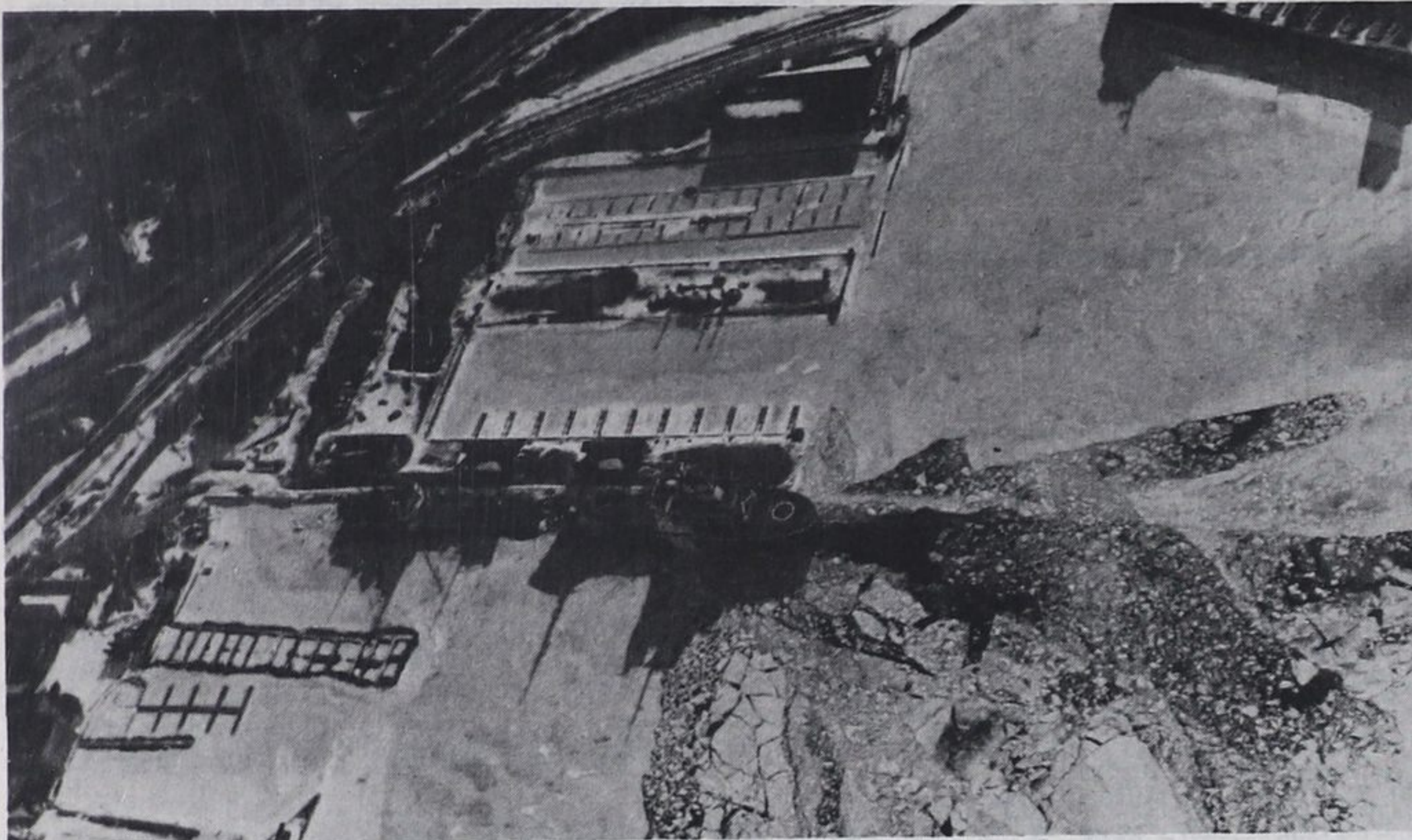
Police files and provincial psychiatric hospital records will be searched to determine the number of repeat offences.

Survey results will be compared with sexual preference data gathered on offenders at the time of admission. The study will also compare the status of child molesters who

received behavioral therapy while in hospital with those who did not.

Elston said the government is sponsoring such research projects to improve the quality of health care in Ontario.

"Grants cover the costs of health research projects that are considered by a team of independent assessors to be scientifically sound and of relevance to the health care of Ontarians."



## A bird's eye view of Midland harbour

This is a bird's eye view of Midland harbour from a RE/MAX balloon which recently went aloft with two of our reporter-photographers aboard.

Note location of CCGS Montmorency and CCGS Griffon.

## Charmion King is to star in 'opener'

Charmion King returns to Gryphon Theatre this summer!

King will appear in Frank Moher's production 'Odd Jobs' which opens Gryphon's summer season on June 25.

The play runs until July 5.

An out-of-work welder reduced to raking leaves for a feisty old lady mathematician and a Quebecois wife who works on computers, are the wonderfully robust and witty ingredients of this timely new play from the west.

Kings will play Mrs. Phipps, an old woman

who is lost in the past.

Gryphon audiences will remember King who last appeared on stage in Barrie in the 1983 production of The Gin Game.

Recently King played the part of Aunt Josephine in the CBC production of Anne of Green Gables which aired to enthusiastic audiences in December.

The successful show will be shown again this spring.

For those who want to get a preview of King's superb acting talents she can be seen in the CentreStage production of David French's play Jitters, which is currently showing at the St. Lawrence Centre's Bluma Appel Theatre in Toronto.

We're glad you asked!

Jim Lynn  
Funeral Director



### WHAT EFFECT DOES PRE-PLANNING HAVE ON SURVIVORS?

Generally, there are strong benefits to your survivors!

Consider the impact of pre-planning on your survivors: will they understand you want your own wishes carried out and not theirs? That you may wish to economize in your choice of service, casket, etc., instead of putting the choice in their hands when they are under great stress and shock?

Will they understand that you want a certain specific order of service? A particular portion of scripture read? Your favorite music? Your designation of minister? And, of course, that you insist on paying for it yourself, sparing them the emotional and financial burdens?

Many of those for whom we have pre-planned funerals have solved these difficult considerations. They have involved their families in the decision-making process. You, too, may wish to invite members of your immediate family to discuss pre-planning with you and with one of our professional funeral counselors.

Once having made your funeral arrangement, your sense of security and accomplishment may be comforting and valuable to you and your loved ones.

**JL** James H. Lynn

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## Two men rushed to HDH following a flash fire

Two men were rushed to Huronia District Hospital by ambulance Saturday, after a flash fire in a fibreglass boat at Express Yachting, 1 Victoria St., Midland. Workers Tom Worrilow and Robert Root were treated for burns, and both were expected to be back at work by today.

The sudden fire was extinguished, without damage to the boat or building, by the time Midland firefighters arrived, immediately after the 8:39 a.m. alarm.

It is suspected that fumes from a cleaning solvent were accidentally ignited, causing the blaze.

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