

Bike registration urged

As the warm weather approaches more and more youngsters and adults alike will be bringing their bicycles out of mothballs for a spin around town. But the popularity of cycling means more bikes will be misplaced or possibly stolen.

Since 1983 the Town of Penetanguishene has had a bylaw in effect to help the owners of lost or stolen bikes retrieve their property.

For \$1 residents can register their bicycles with the Police Department.

In fact, says Const. Claude Monroe, it's the law.

The bylaw provides for a \$5 fine for residents who do not register their bicycles.

Monroe explains that the registration includes the name and address of the owner, a description of the bike and a record of the bike's serial number, which is stamped on the frame.

The Penetang Police have registered close to 500 bicycles this year, the registration fee just covers the cost of the plate which is attached to the bike.

Const. Monroe says the registration lasts for the lifetime of the bicycle and even if the registration tag

becomes detached from the frame, the bike can be traced because its serial number is on file.

The by-law prohibits people riding their bikes on town side-walks. And Const. Monroe points out that cyclists are governed by the same traffic rules as other road users.

He stressed the use of lights or reflectors at night.

Only seven bicycles have been reported missing this year and two of those have been returned to their owners. But Const. Monroe advises bike owners to lock them if they are going to be left.



Thank you officer

Const. Claude Monroe, of the Penetanguishene Police Department helps 10 year-old Christa Stewart attach a registration plate to her bicycle. The plates must be

purchased by town residents who want to ride a bike in Penetang.

Light celebrates 20 years

Ted Light is celebrating 20 years of being in business for himself. Light worked with Ed Webster for 10 years before he started doing television and radio repair work from his house.

But in 1967 he decided to branch out into retailing. Light set up shop in the Poyntz Plaza selling RCA televisions.

In fact Light still has the first television he sold.

"It listed for \$999. The difference between cars and televisions is that the price of TVs has dropped and the quality improved."

Light's 25 inch, console, colour TV would have cost the equivalent of \$2000 in today's dollars.

"RCA is my main line because they were

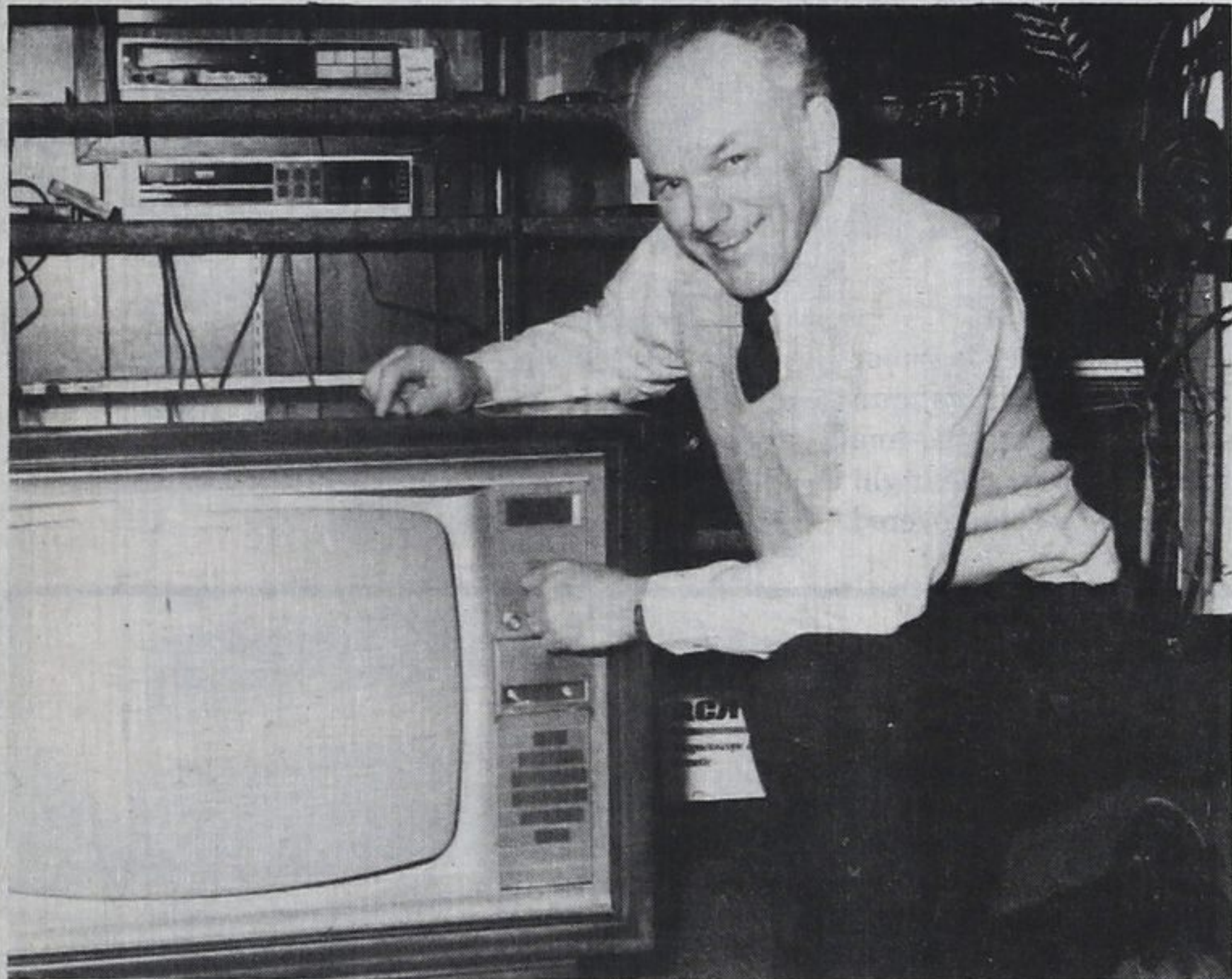
pioneers in colour TV."

He adds that current models have better reception and colour fidelity, the result of technological improvements.

Ted Light's TV moved to its present location on Main St. in 1975.

Of the first television he sold, Light says he took it back on a trade-in.

"And it still works," he said.



Still runs

Ted Light's TV on Main St. is celebrating 20 years as an RCA dealer. Light says he favoured the RCA line because of their

quality and reliability. The television is the first he sold from his own retail business and still pulls in a signal.

Penetang Police report

Reasonably quiet

The Police Department logged a reasonably quiet week last week.

On March 17, they issued a 12-hour licence suspension to a Wyebridge resident following roadside screening. That evening a Midland resident was arrested and charged with impaired driving.

There was a minor collision outside the Blue Sky Restaurant on the morning of March 18. Two vehicles were involved, damage was minimal and there were no injuries.

On Thursday, March 19, the department answered a call at Advanced Extrusions following the report of an industrial accident. A Midland resident who had fallen three metres was rushed to Huronia District

Hospital. He was later released. The police department notified the Industrial Accident Bureau and Labour Relations.

The department submitted its February report to council yesterday evening. It lists 12 motor vehicle accidents with no fatalities and eight injuries.

Twenty nine criminal charges were laid.

The report shows that 87 parking tags were issued and the department handed out 15 warning tags.

There were no occurrences of housebreaking and only two incidents of shopbreaking.

The department recovered almost 50 per cent of the more than \$9,000 worth of property stolen.

No major fires

It was an equally quiet week with the Fire Department with only two calls logged.

On Tuesday afternoon firemen were called to

Georgian Manor to deal with a minor incident.

On Thursday they answered a call at Advanced Extrusions following a report of a fire at the plant.

Snowmobilers disturb Park St. resident

A Park St. resident has written to the Arena Parks and Recreation Board about snowmobiles using the old CNR right of way late at night.

David Kennedy said in his letter to the board that the noise level, caused by the machines, was considerable. He added that he is concerned that the old trackway is now part of a proposed municipal park and the machines passing through the residential area might pose a safety

threat for young children using the park.

Kennedy noted that most snowmobilers were considerate and slowed down when passing through the area.

"Others," he wrote, "Travel at high speeds by our house and along this road allowance where the park is to be built."

The APRB considered the letter at its Wednesday evening meeting.

Board member Don

McNee said there is a bylaw in effect that prohibits motorized vehicles from using town parks.

However, Bob Cascagnette said he would prefer to see the machines using the trail rather than traveling along Poyntz or Robert Sts.

Mayor Ron Bellisle said there was a bylaw to cover the problem and that the board should send a letter to Kennedy notifying him of that fact.

The board decided to

refer the matter to the police department.

Kennedy said he is not against the snowmobilers but he is concerned about the noise and safety problems in the residential area.

He said he had been in contact with the municipality and Yvon Gagne, the town administrator, said they were working to solve the problem.

Exterior repair estimate at \$30,000

The Town of Penetanguishene will be receiving an architect's report in the near future outlining the steps that need to be taken to repair the town offices on Robert St.

Town Administrator Yvon Gagne said there had been extensive water seepage into the brick work.

Gagne said the town had engaged a firm of architects, at the cost of \$2,500, who specialize in restoration work.

"We want to maintain the historical aspect of the building," said Gagne, "I would like to think that the building can be repaired."

Estimates reviewed

The Arena Parks and Recreation Board received two reports estimating the cost for a structural inspection of the arena and curling rink.

Reid Crowther, a Scarborough engineering firm submitted an estimate of more than \$3,500 for the job.

Dowdell, Pal, Ellis and Associates also of Scarborough, turned in a bid of \$750 for the same work.

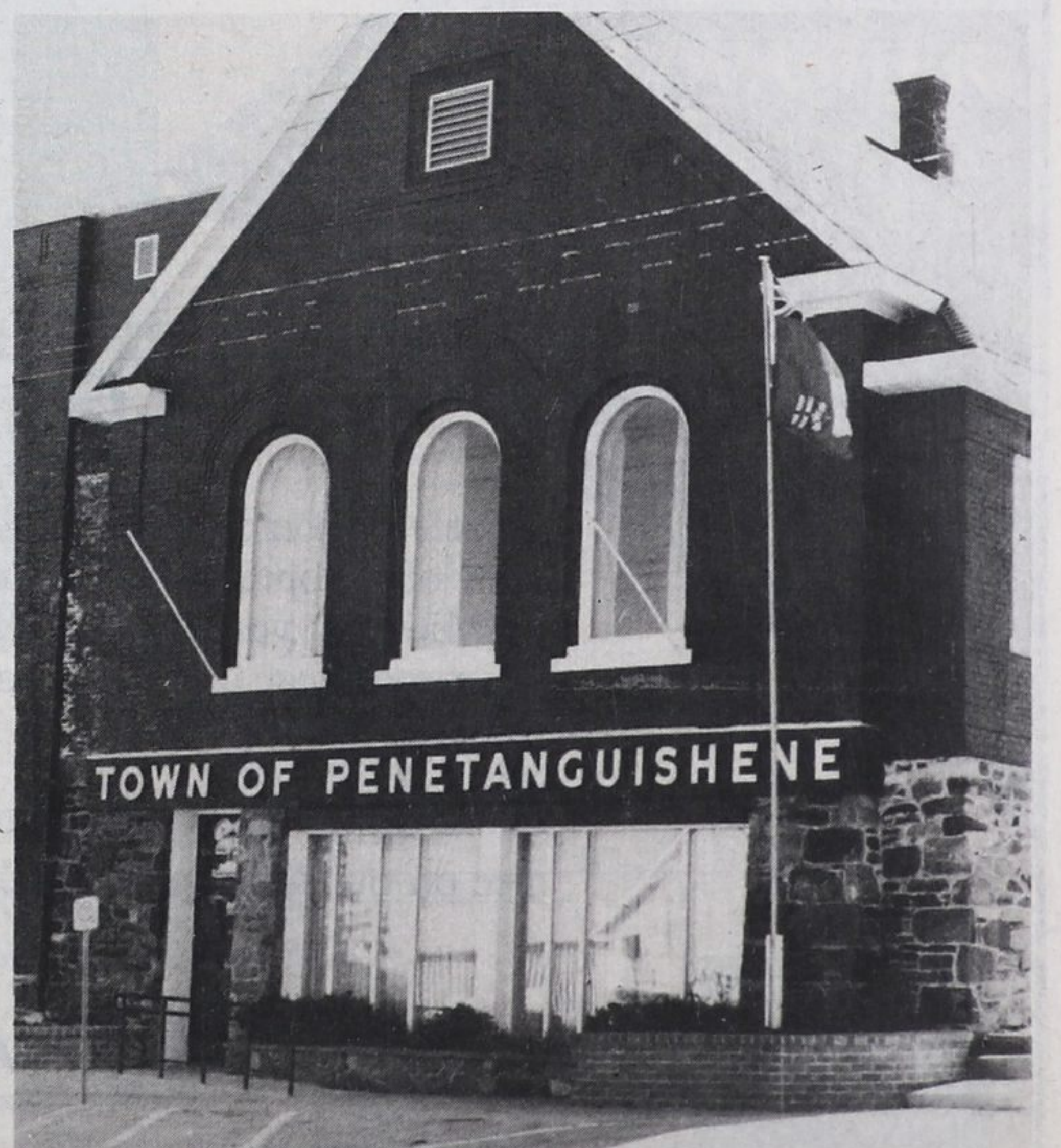
The cost would cover a visual inspection of the buildings.

A motion approving the lower estimate was passed.

Gagne said architects, from the firm Allen and Ensslin, examined the building a month ago to

determine the cause of the deteriorating brick-work and what corrective measures could be taken.

He said the repair work to the exterior of the building could cost up to \$30,000.



Repairs due

The Penetanguishene municipal offices are scheduled for major repair work to the external brick. The town commissioned an architectural firm which specializes

in restoration work to study the problem of water seeping into the brick. The report is expected to be released within the month.