

Docks soon done

Construction work on the new dock at the Historic Naval and Military Establishments (HNME) in Penetanguishene is almost complete.

The facility is scheduled to open officially at 12:30 p.m. on May 23, when the replica of the HMS Bee will tie alongside.

Passengers aboard the Bee will include Ontario's Minister of Tourism as well as representatives from Huronia Historical Parks, the Huronia Historical Advisory Council and the Ministry of Government Services.

The new dock, situated at the northern end of the Establishment's compound, was built by B.

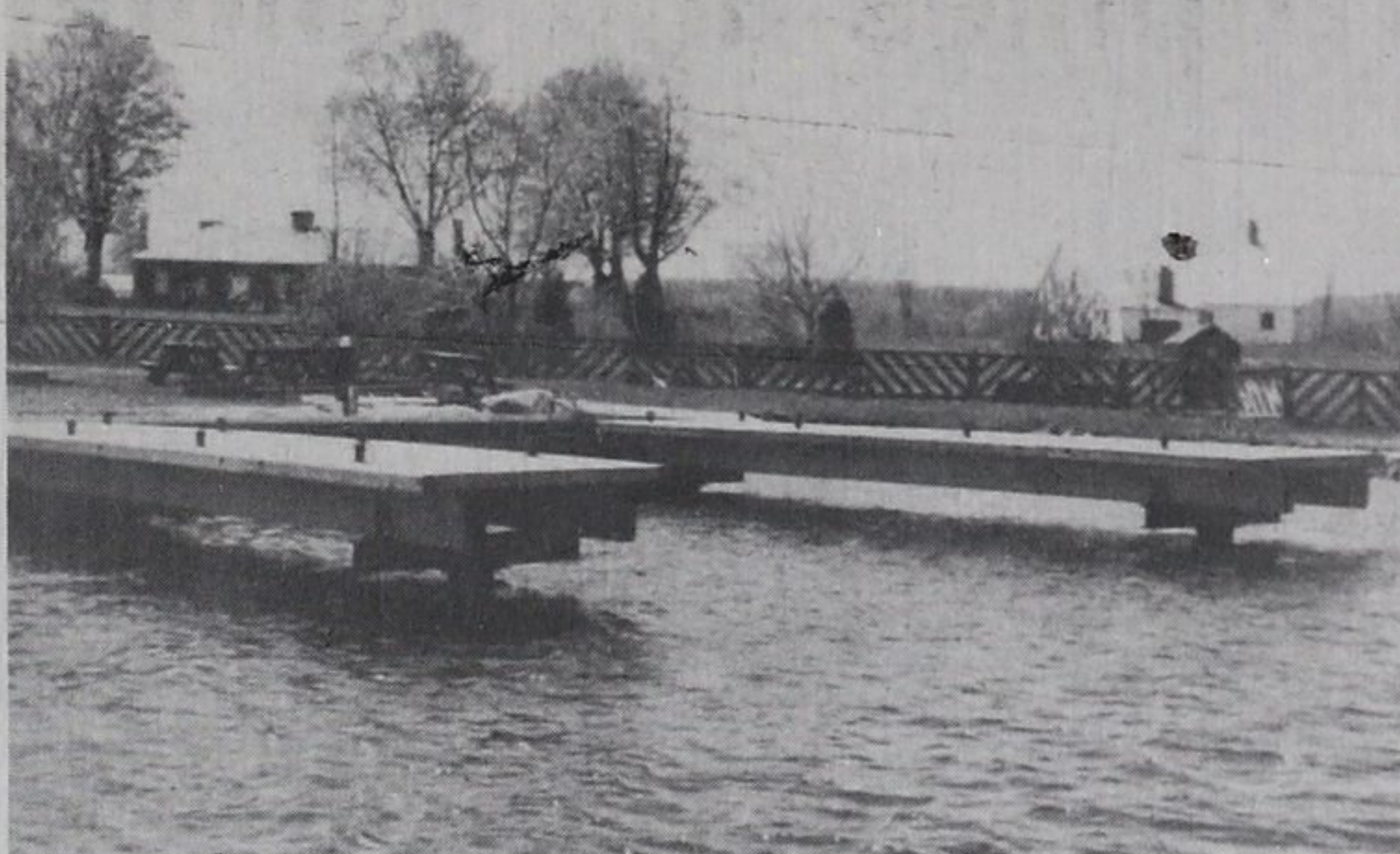
Zaits of Collingwood for the Ministry of Government Services.

The dock runs along 60 feet of shoreline and three 28 feet fingers project across the surface of the water to provide free docking for visitors to the HNME.

Following the opening ceremony, lemonade will be served at the Officers' Quarters.

The inauguration of the dock coincides with the official opening of the HNME, a reconstruction of a 19th century British naval and military encampment.

The first 100 visitors will receive a souvenir poster of their visit.



New dock

Work is just about complete on the new dock at the Historic Naval and Military Establishments. The docks, built during the spring are scheduled to be finished for opening day later this month.

Store re-opens

Quincaillerie Lafontaine Hardware re-opened its doors for business amid much fanfare a week ago Saturday.

According to spokesman Bob Motz more than 150 people attended the opening.

"The children came for the pony rides," said Motz.

Motz said monthly pony rides, to amuse the youngsters, will be just one of the many new features offered by the store.

Store owner Lauren Tindall, a former school teacher from the Barrie area, is enthusiastic about her new enterprise.

"Business is really picking-up," she said.

With Tindall, behind the counter, is manager Al

Moreau. Moreau, a Lafontaine resident, brings more than 27 year experience in the plumbing and heating business to his new job.

Motz said the store will stock a large inventory of regular hardware items such as electrical and plumbing supplies, and various fasteners.

As well, he said, they will be bringing in lumber and building materials for cottagers and local residents.

"We also stock oils, greases, filters in or farm department and other essential agricultural needs," said Motz.

Tindall said the store will also stock feed and seed as well as gardening supplies for the home gardener.

Other special features at the store will include a sports department, a fresh fruit and vegetable stand, scheduled to open June 1, and a dairy section.

"That's old cheese, good butter and fresh eggs," said Motz.

He said the store is also planning to include a rental department to further assist the handyman.

Tindall said their prices will compete with other hardware stores in the area and offer the convenience of being open seven days a week.

Port may buy chipper

The village of Port McNicoll is considering the purchase of a wood chipper to dispose of chopped down trees and branches.

At last week's regular council meeting, the problem of how to properly get rid of branches and felled trees was discussed.

Council considered the fact that, after the current Paule dump closes Oct. 31, there will be nowhere to take the limbs.

A wood chipper, which would reduce the trees to manageable waste, would cost over \$7,000.

Visitors from France

Penetanguishene and the surrounding region will play host to more than 500 visitors from France this summer.

According to the director of Le Centre d'Activites Francaises, France Picard, 12 groups are already scheduled to begin arriving in the area between June and September.

Picard says the tours are arranged with a contact person in France and provide French visitors with an opportunity to experience French culture in the New World.

"It is very different for them. It is like an English person coming to Canada from England," said Picard.

Many of the visitors will be from industrial areas in France.

Picard says the thing that most strikes a first time visitor to Canada is the open space and informal friendliness of the people.

"In France it is more traditional," she said.

Picard said many of the French tourists will stay with families in the area as well as at local hotels.

"We are still looking for francophone families who have extra room," said Picard.

She added that previous visitors to North Simcoe, Penetanguishene and Lafontaine had returned to Europe with fond memories of the region.

The centre is planning special cultural events during the summer for the French tourists.



Name change

Mandy Dean and Stefanie Dubeau stand next couple of months to reflect the non-denominational nature of the public school.

School to change name

Corpus Christi, the elementary public school in Penetanguishene, will be getting a new name.

Henry Bisschop, the school's principal, said the name change is in order to reflect the schools non-denominational enrollment.

"This is a public school and that is why we are changing names," he said.

While most of the student body and parents accept the proposed change there are some, especially former students, who have objected Bisschop said.

Parents and those interested in the proposed name change will be notified, by mail, today.

The new name for the school will be selected by competition open to both

students and parents.

A selection committee composed of two Simcoe County Board of Education trustees, Bisschop, two parents, and a councillor from Penetanguishene and from Tiny Councils will help make the choice.

Bisschop said Corpus Christi should be renamed by June.

Lottery winners

The Parents' Committee of Ecole St. Joseph announced the winners of its fund raising raffle.

John Tackaberry, of Water St., won first prize, a Budd-Watson photograph.

Second and third prizes, also photographs by Watson, were taken by John Arbour, Lorne Ave., and

Leo Moreau of Main St. All are Penetanguishene residents.

The raffle raised more than \$1,000 for playground equipment.

Marie Robitaille said the committee has been working during the past two years to raise money for the equipment which carries a price tag close to \$7,000.

Student on way to Australia in Rotary Club exchange

Part of Rotary International's work to foster better relations and understanding between nations and people is to offer a student exchange program.

The Penetanguishene Rotary Club will be participating in the program

for the first time, this year, when it sends 17 year-old Carrie Reid, a grade 11 student at LeCaron, to Australia.

Reid was selected last Fall from a field of almost 30 applicants.

Robert Cummings, the Director of International

Services for the Penetanguishene Rotary Club, says the program is open to students 15 to 17 years-old and offers them an invaluable chance to spend a year living and attending school overseas.

Last year the Penetanguishene club was host to a Mexican exchange student who, said Cummings, left Canada with some very positive feelings.

Cummings said one of the conditions of the exchange program is that the club sending a student must also be or have been host to an incoming student.

When Reid leaves for Australia she will be taking a selection of slides from the North Simcoe area to show her host families and Rotary Club in Australia.

Reid will stay with four families in the host country for a period of three months each.

Cummings added that the club will try to locate the student in a community similar in size to Penetanguishene.

Each year Rotary is responsible for more than 10,000 exchanges to countries such as Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Finland, Japan and Thailand.



Singers

Instructor Julie Bridgeman stands to the left of Corpus Christi's female, choral ensemble. The group has done well in local competition and after more than

three months practising together are ready to compete in the Choral Competition of the Grade School Music Festival to be held before the term ends.

Police calls

The Penetanguishene Police Department logged two major occurrences during the past week.

On Wednesday a man was arrested at the pool hall on Main St. and charged with trafficking a narcotic and possession for the purpose of trafficking under the Narcotics Control Act.

The police say the man was in possession of cannabis resin with a 'street value' of more than \$900. According to a police department spokesman the charges stemmed from an ongoing investigation by Penetanguishene Police.

Charged with possession was 24 year-old Kenneth Desroches of Penetanguishene

In a separate incident, town police arrested a young man and charged him with fraud.

The charges were laid following occurrences in March and April, 1987, when an individual is alleged to have approached residents in Penetanguishene offering Maple Syrup for sale at \$23 per gallon. The person said he would return with the syrup at a later date.

Timothy Ladouceur, 18, of Penetanguishene, was charged with fraud.

He was released following a bail hearing in Barrie and commanded to appear in Provincial Court in Midland yesterday.