

Suspected leachate

Lorne Lennox points to a pool of bubbling red sludge in a marsh right next door to the Innisfil dump. The marsh has been found to be polluted and the owner of the site has been ordered to clean the site.

Lennox is seen here on the Davis property, where a creek runs out of property owned by the landfill corporation. Lennox says the creek regularly fills with bright red and purple chemicals.

Tiny sees PGH delegation

Tiny council received a delegation from the Penetanguishene General Hospital (PGH) at its regular meeting on Wednesday.

Hospital administrator Sister Joan Whelan and Doris Shirriff, Executive Assistant Administrator, approached council to ask for its support in this year's fund raising efforts and to outline the hospital's long-range planning process.

Addressing council, Shirriff said key objectives in the long-range plan call for an assessment of the needs of an aging population and the response PGH can make in meeting those needs.

As well the long-range plan is looking at the possibility of sharing services with Georgain Manor.

Shirriff said the main purpose of the plan is to provide a "continuum of care".

In her statement, Shirriff said "...it was agreed that the hospital proceed with negotiations with Simcoe

County that would enable both the Manor and the Hospital to proceed with construction of a physical link connecting both facilities".

This year PGH needs to raise \$111,000 to meet its capital equipment budget.

Shirriff said the figure was higher than usual but that it reflects the cost of replacing heart monitoring and life support equipment. Heart monitoring equipment in use at PGH is more than 10 years old and becoming more expensive

to repair.

Reeve Morris Darby described the hospital's long-range plan as unique. And Deputy Reeve Peter Brasher said council would make arrangements for the hospital to benefit from weekly bingo licences.

Penetang hopes for grant

Penetanguishene has twice applied for a grant from the Ministry of Transportation to cover 90 per cent of the cost of resurfacing Main St. Town Clerk Yvon Gagne says he is hopeful their request will be fulfilled next year.

Because it meets with Highway 93, Main St. is considered a "connecting link" and as such could be eligible for the subsidy said Gagne.

The Town of Penetanguishene will be holding a dedication

ceremony on the August holiday weekend.

Thompson Rd, which runs from Highway 93 to Maria St., was officially named last year in honour of four members of the Thompson family who

have been mayors in past years.

The Thompson family is planning a reunion for the occasion when Mayor Ron Bellisle will read the naming bylaw and unveil the street sign.

Elsdon joins Rotary

Jim Elsdon, past president of the Penetanguishene Rotary Club, has become a member of the Paul Harris Fellows.

The honour was bestowed upon him by fellow

Rotarians at their weekly luncheon on Tuesday.

The award recognizes Elsdon's many hours of community service through the club.

Innisfil citizens vow to fight

"Forget it."

That's what a lawyer for a group of citizens living near the Innisfil garbage dumpsite said about the possibility that the dump will soon be taking waste from Midland and the other north Simcoe County municipalities.

"We want to see that dump closed down," said Lorna Lennox, who used to live near it and whose father still occupies a house two lots away from it.

Midland and the other five members of the North Simcoe Waste Management have been looking towards the Innisfil dump as a temporary site to haul garbage when their dump closes in November.

The current NSWMA site (near Perkinsfield) has been ordered shut down by the Minister of the Environment. A new site has not been chosen and the process has been tangled

by legal action by an NSWMA member.

But the residents living adjacent to the Innisfil site are already fighting the plan - fighting for their lives, some say.

They have hired a lawyer and plan to fight to close the dump down - for good. A marsh next to the dump has been found to be polluted and most nearby residents are worried sick that their drinking water - which comes from wells next to the polluted marsh - is also contaminated.

One resident, the Davis family, lives right beside the dump. Their property is sometimes scattered with blowing garbage and at the back of their lot, red, purple and white chemicals which have found to be leachate sometimes bubble out of the ground and flow down a creek.

The ministry of the environment did conduct

tests of two drinking-water wells in the area after demands by residents. The tests, says the ministry, came up clean.

But Lennox says the tests are a scam.

She says the tests were flawed for four reasons: they only tested for two substances (from a long list of potential poisons); they only tested water from two wells (she is representing eight families, all with wells near the dump); they tested after a heavy rainfall, which would have washed away much of the pollution; and they didn't let the water run from the tap long enough.

"In short," she said, "the tests weren't taken properly."

They also missed testing on two shallow wells near the dump, she said.

Legal action is possible, she said, but she is still exploring the whole issue.

At least one woman

whose drinking water was tested is still drinking only store-bought, bottled water.

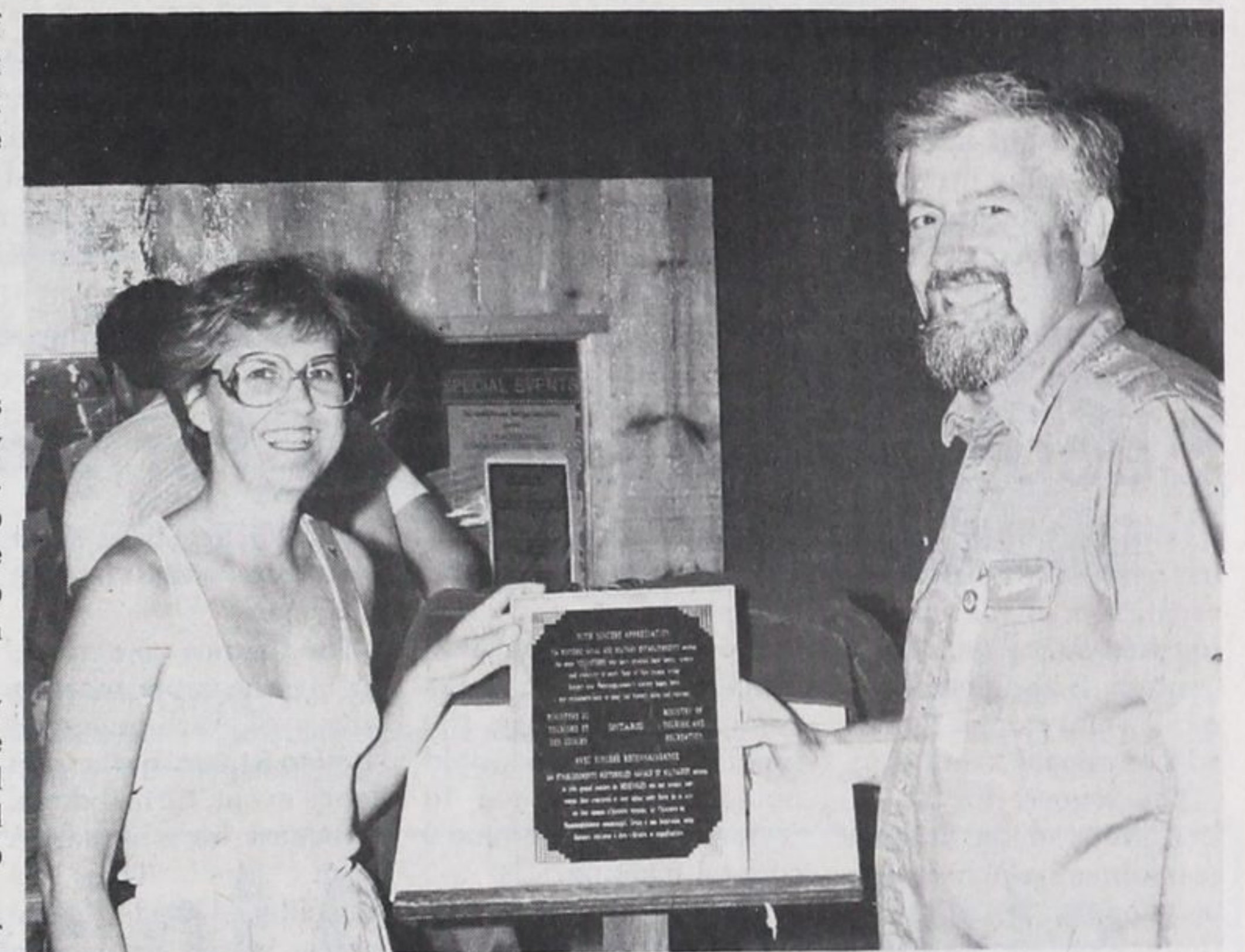
Residents near the dump are shocked that the NSWMA wants to add to the piles of garbage in Innisfil.

Within the next few weeks, the Ministry of the Environment is expected to rule on whether it will allow NSWMA garbage to be trucked in.

Ian Gray, district officer for the ministry, said there is no indication yet whether the ministry would or would not approve the proposal.

If it doesn't, says NSWMA secretary Yvon Gagne, that will leave Midland and the other municipalities in deep, deep trouble.

If it does happen that Innisfil will not be allowed to accept its garbage, he said, "We will need help from the ministry." He did not specify what type of help.



Impressive Plaque!

Mrs. Bonnie Barrett Hamilton, President of the Establishments Heritage Association, and John Bayfield, past President of the EHA and Commodore of the Bee Brigade, make a handsome frame for the

plaque which honours the contribution made to the site by volunteers. The plaque will occupy a place of honour at the Historic Naval and Military Establishments in Penetanguishene.

Bay full of sailboats

by Ed Pearson

The Penetang Bay was full of sailboats, the sky full of balloons, and the air was full of praise for the willing volunteers of the Historic Naval and Military Establishments on Sunday.

The Huronia Historical Parks Board went to considerable trouble to pay tribute to the members of the community who give their time to assist the professional staff of the Sainte Marie among the Hurons and the HNME sites.

Cathie Malcolm hosted a buffet supper and hop at the Wye Marsh Auditorium on Saturday evening where the Bee Brigade sailors, historical researchers, refreshment dispensers, clerical assistants, committee members, costumiers and other sundry volunteers were able to mingle and dance to the lively music of JayCee and the clan. Breakfast was served early on Sunday morning at both sites. At 11 a.m. a handsome plaque honouring all volunteers, was unveiled in the visitors foyer of the Historic Naval and Military Establishments by

Mrs. Bonnie Barrett Hamilton, President of the Establishments Heritage Association and Mr. John Bayfield, Commodore of the Bee Brigade. The ceremony party than moved on to the Descendants Grove at the east end of the site beside the officers quarters, where four ash trees were planted to mark the very auspicious occasion. Then the balloon really went up, actually dozens

of them a little later, when they soared skywards to signal the appreciation of volunteer power. The happy release was effected by three generations of volunteers in one family, the Paterson's of Penetang, namely Fred Paterson, his daughter-in-law Gwen and her daughter Nicole, aged 15 years. At the same time a similar program was taking place at Sainte Marie among the Hurons.

Angels \$2,500 short

Heritage Penetanguishene is still \$2,500 short of its goal to pay for the cost of restoring the Angels. Secretary Wilf Gutherie said the committee would hold a balloon or tag day during a long weekend during the summer. Meanwhile restoration work is continuing in Ottawa where they are expected to stay until late August.

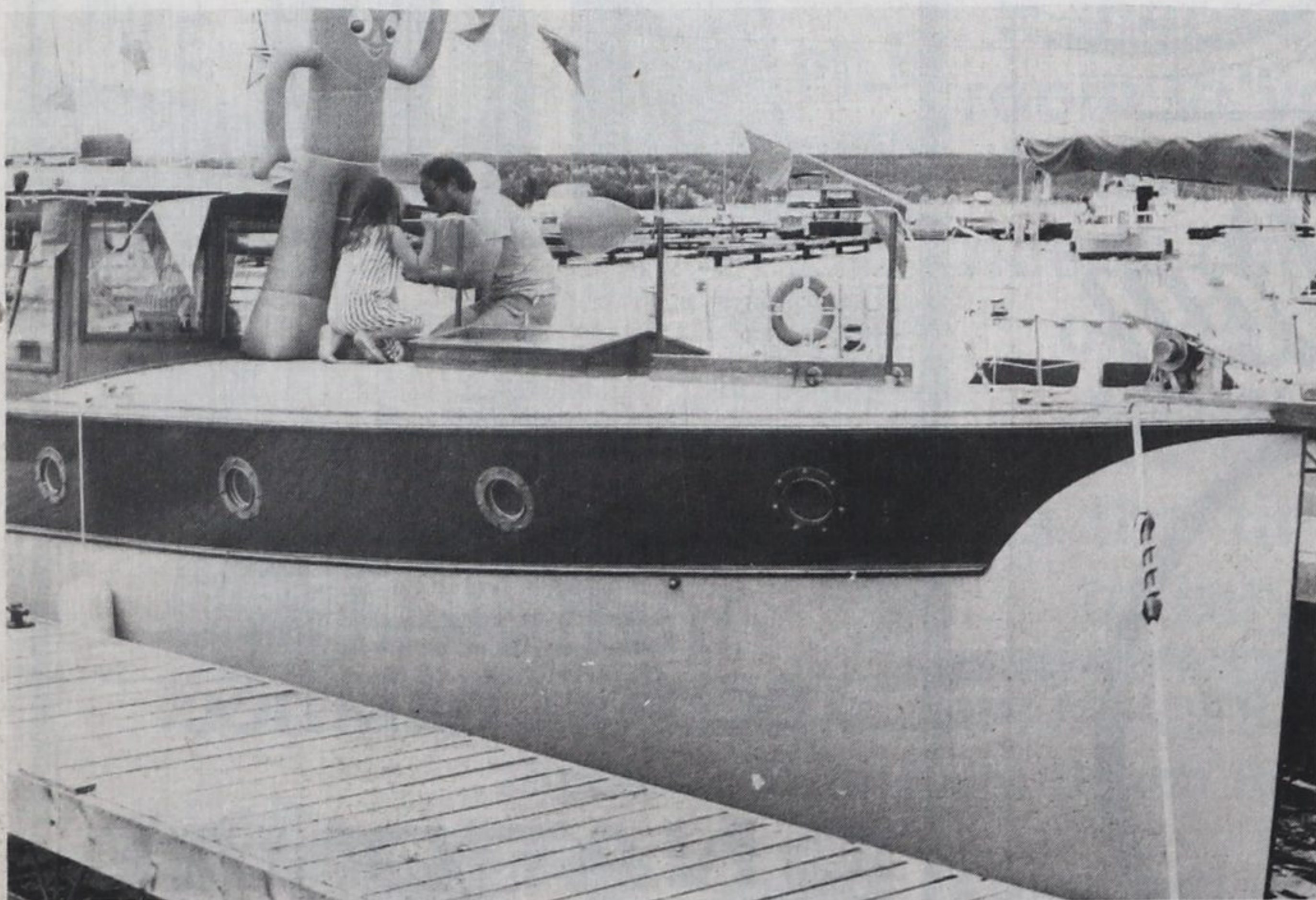
Heritage Penetanguishene also discussed the Ontario Heritage Policy Review at its meeting on Wednesday night.

The booklet, prepared by the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, is aimed at "...stimulating and support-

ing the conservation of Ontario's heritage buildings.'

However Gutherie said the consensus of the committee is that the booklet is difficult to read. Aimed at the public, its 36 pages attempt to define what role the province and municipalities should play in heritage conservation.

Gutherie said most people would not want to read the booklet. But he noted that its summary would provide a guideline for Heritage Penetanguishene to prepare a questionnaire for owners of designated buildings.



Bristol fashion?

An early morning fog lifted to reveal clear skies for Bay Moorings' annual boat decorating contest and sailpast. Al Gordon and daughter Kriten put the

finishing touches to Gumbo. The day long event at the marina included fashion shows and dinner and dancing in the evening.