

Town short of 15,000

Midland's official population is 12,049. The town needs an official population of 15,000 to become a city.

The 12,049 figure was obtained from the Ministry of Revenue.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs has told Midland that the most re-

Driver was dead at the scene

Tanner's Beach Road resident Albert Weirmier, 71, was found dead in his car last Wednesday afternoon.

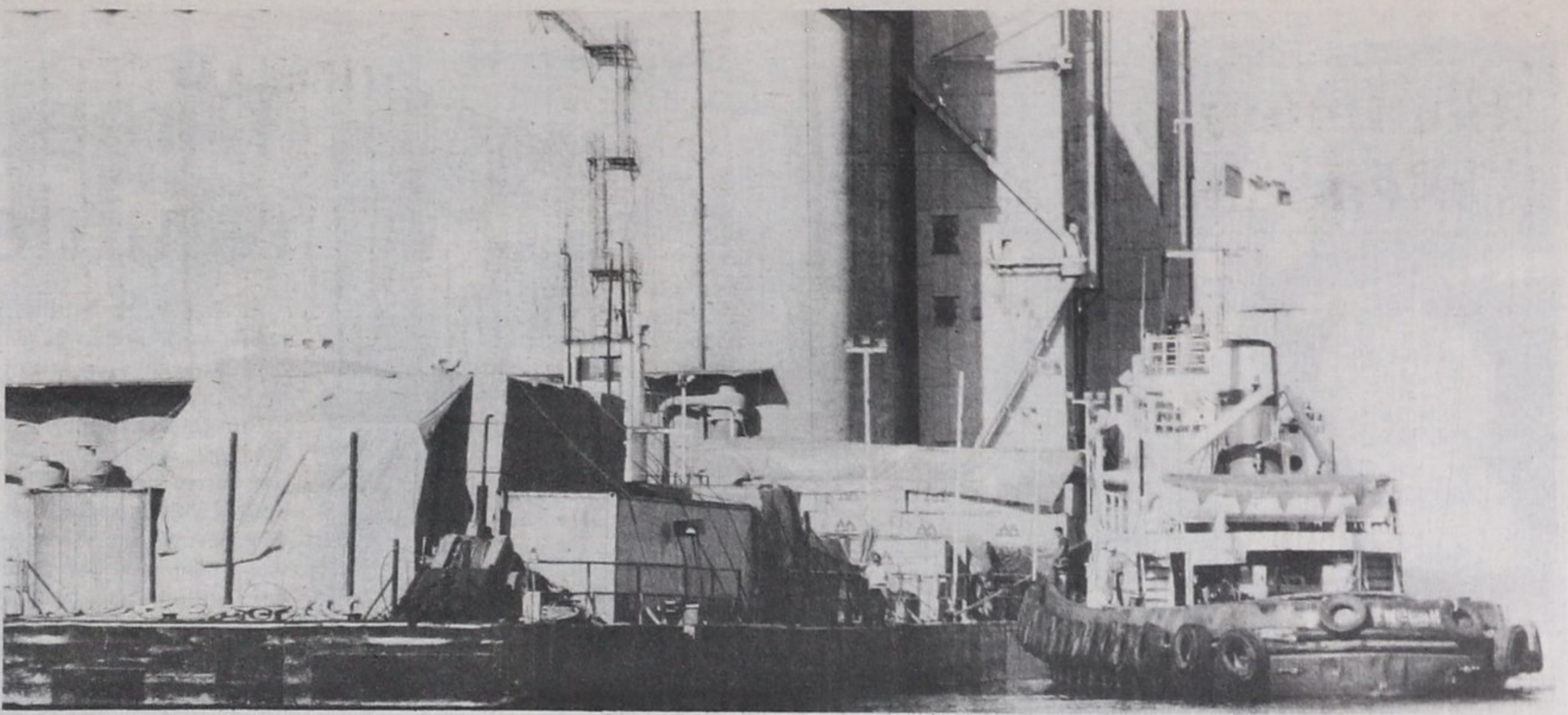
He was alone in his car when it left Highway 12 at Waubauskene at 9 p.m. The car went into the north ditch and ran into a driveway. He was dead when the OPP arrived.

cent Ministry of Revenue enumeration "is the accepted method of determining whether the minimum population has been attained."

The 12,049 population figure dates from 1985. Enumerations are held every three years and the next enumeration is exactly a year away, in September, 1988.

Midland council is educating itself about the good and bad points of changing from a town to a city. The City of Midland wouldn't have to pay Simcoe County \$400,000 a year, for instance, but it would be responsible for welfare and social service budgets.

The last Simcoe County municipality to become a city was Orillia, on Jan. 1, 1969. Barrie is the county's only other city.



Day's work done

The tug Twolan manoeuvres to be tied beside the barge loaded with waferboard which it brought from Thunder Bay into Midland harbour on Aug. 27. The load of

waferboard is the first cargo to be brought into Midland harbour by barge in many years. The Twolan will bring another barge

load of waferboard later this month. Behind the barge and tug is Maple Leaf Mills elevator.

Barge arrives with waferboard

A third load of waferboard - the largest yet - has arrived by water in Midland.

A tug, the W.N. Twolan, and a barge, the Erie-West, carrying 900 tons of waferboard, docked at Maple

Leaf Mills last Thursday. Cargo carried into Midland harbour on a barge hasn't been seen for many years.

Windsor shipping company Woodlands Marine Inc.'s ship, the MV Woodland Marine, is in the high Arctic now as part of a government project. Twice earlier this summer the Woodland Marine carried 700 tons of waferboard into Midland harbour. Woodlands Marine chartered the tug and barge for last week's trip.

The cargo for last week's trip was set before the national rail strike. The increased volume of wafer-

board shipped to Midland by MacMillan Bloedel is an indication of that company's interest in supplying its southern Ontario customers through Midland, Woodlands Marine spokesman Fred Waugh said last Thursday.

The shipping company has received inquiries about different cargos. The company needs better facilities here and is willing to invest some capital, Waugh said.

Woodlands Marine wanted to lease Indusmin's vacant land below Huronia Park for a three year period, but public opinion was almost entirely against

the idea when it came before town council earlier this year. Mayor Al Roach and Councillors Gail Barrie and Robert Brush were outvoted on the issue, after a series of fiery debates.

Woodlands Marine's request that the zoning on the Indusmin land be changed to permit its use as a shipping terminal was rejected by the council. Woodlands Marine thus made an arrangement with Maple Leaf Mills across the bay in Sunnyside.

A fourth load of waferboard will arrive in Midland by barge later this month.



Illegal cash crop

Constable John Vanderende was the investigating officer in the arrest and charging last week of a Tay Township couple with the possession of 50 marijuana plants for the purpose of trafficking. When this

photograph was taken outside the Midland OPP detachment, Const. Vanderende was waiting for instructions about the disposal of the marijuana.

More arrests in drug sweeps

Between 5 a.m. last Tuesday and noon on Thursday, police had charged 47 people with drug-related offences as a Huronia drug

distribution network was rolled up.

Most of the people arrested live in Victoria Harbour, Port McNicoll, Col-

dwater, and Midland. The following area people have been charged, in addition to the people identified in last Friday's Huronia Weekend:

- Kevin Moreau, 24, Midland;
- Janet Beauchamp, 32, Penetanguishene;
- Helen Doyle, 47, Waubauskene;
- Robert Devine, 46, Victoria Harbour;
- Louise Miron, 29, Port McNicoll;
- William Mosley, 26, Wyebridge;
- Walter Lawrence, 50, Port McNicoll;
- John MacDonald, 36, Victoria Harbour;
- Keith Munro, 23, Victoria Harbour;
- Daniel Shea, 31, Port McNicoll;
- Robert Maxwell, 28, Port McNicoll.

As of last Thursday, seven arrest warrants were outstanding.

Between 5 a.m. and 1 p.m. last Tuesday, 34 people were arrested, \$8,000 in cash seized, and \$60,000 worth of drugs confiscated. Police estimated that close to 400 charges would be laid by the operation's end. A Coldwater man, William Howard Kirkman, 35, alone faces nearly 50 counts.

The OPP became aware of the existence of the long-standing and extensive drug distribution network between Midland and Coldwater when Victoria Harbour residents complained.

Police find pot plantation

A Tay Township couple faces a charge of possession of narcotics for the purpose of trafficking, after 50 marijuana plants were seized.

The arrest of Oliver Tryon, 37, and his wife, Beverley, 33, was not connected with the OPP Toronto drug unit-coordinated operation in

which several dozens of local people were arrested.

Fifty plants, in varied stages of development, were removed last Wednesday from the Tryon's Concession 9, Tay Township, residence. The Tryons will appear in Midland Provincial Court on Sept. 14.



Hearty congratulations

The news of Simcoe North MP Doug Lewis' appointment to cabinet as Minister of State - Treasury Board couldn't have come at a better time, said Ontario PC leader Larry Grossman. The best and to honor him was Grossman. In the background loomed Al McLean, the PC candidate for Simcoe East.

Lewis given cabinet post

His elevation to the Federal Cabinet means the viewpoint of Simcoe North will be represented in the Cabinet, Minister of State Doug Lewis said last Saturday.

Lewis became a Cabinet minister last Thursday for the first time since he became Simcoe North's MP in 1979.

Last week's Cabinet appointment formalizes Lewis' role in helping to run the Treasury Board. Lewis has been assisting Don Mazankowski, who is both the government House leader and deputy prime minister.

Lewis said he is pleased for the riding. The people of Simcoe North, whatever their political bent, have supported him, he said.

Lewis accepted the invitation from the prime minister to become one of the 40 members of the Cabinet "with a reasonable amount of speed."

"Anyone who gets that offer appreciates the honor and the opportunity that

goes with it." Lewis is deputy House of Commons leader too. Increased responsibility for Treasury Board affairs goes with the minister of state title. Being a minister of state "will make some of it easier."

Ontario premier to visit Midland, Penetang

Liberal leader David Peterson will be spending Saturday afternoon in Midland and Penetanguishene, and at Mountainview Mall.

The premier brings the Liberal campaign to Midland and the Ken Black King Street campaign office at 1:30 p.m. He will

spend 30 minutes to 45 minutes meeting people on King Street.

From Midland he goes to Penetanguishene.

His last stop, beginning at around 3 p.m. at Mountainview Mall and lasting about half an hour, will be a walk through the mall.