

Barges back in fashion

Robert Beatty, captain of the tug W.N. Twolan, and first mate George Ferguson, helped bring a barge loaded with cargo to Midland last month. The last time either man did that was in the late 1940s. In the intervening years barges were out of fashion. The Twolan has left Midland but the barge is still at Maple Leaf Mills with a crack in its bottom.

Barging in 40 years later

Robert Beatty and Quedoc. George Ferguson helped barge.

the captain and first mate owner Evans McKeil said. of McKeil Work Boats' tug W.N. Twolan. The 2,200 Hamilton, owns 14 tugs horsepower, twin screw, 105 foot tug brought a barge loaded with 1,300 tons of cargo loaded in Thunder Bay. Nine hundred tons, waferboard, was left here.

Beatty and Ferguson are veterans of Great Lakes shipping. In the late 1940s, when barges and tugs still were in widespread use, Beatty worked for the Pigeon Timber Company. Ferguson worked for Patterson Steamships of Thunder Bay, on the Altadoc, Bricoldoc, and

Reeve wants

Elmvale has one. Penetang has one.

So why can't Port McNicoll have a town well, where citizens can fill up on fresh water?

That's the question Port Reeve John Moreau is asking these days. He wants to know if its feasible for his town to install a public well.

"If you don't like the water, if you get a bad day's water, you can go and fill up," the reeve said at last week's council meeting.

"You see them all the time by the side of the road there in Elmvale," he added.

Port McNicoll's water delivery system is outdated and overworked. The province wants Port to be hooked up to Victoria Harbour, which has an almostnew water filtration system. That system is said to be large enough to handle the increased capacity Port McNicoll would add.

But Moreau wants a village well, despite official reports saying it's not financially feasible.

"Who knows? Maybe we can fool the experts and put the whole town on wells," he said. The village currently gets its water from Georgian Bay.

Barges and tugs were bring a barge to Midland superceded when the St. last week. It has been 40 Lawrence Seaway opened. years since either man Barges and the tugs that came to Midland with a move them are making a comeback in the United Beatty and Ferguson are States, McKeil Work Boats

McKeil, based

and a dozen barges.

steamships. The barges expensive.

had their own crews. The barge towed to Barges like the Erie-West, Midland last week is his built in 1952, are unmannlargest barge. The tug's ed because improved home, until recently, was design makes a crew un-Churchill, Man., on James necessary. Anyway, the high cost of buying in-Forty years ago barges surance to cover a crew on carrying grain and lumber a barge would make manto Midland were pulled by ning a barge prohibitively

Gignac still in pre-trial

Lillian Gignac appeared in pre-trial assignment court last Friday, and will appear again in that court Midland on Oct. 2.

Gignac is charged with Since her arrest and being set.

fire on Dec. 24, 1986, and Centre last January, she for a fire which damaged a has appeared in pre-trial house November, 1986.

arson in connection with assignment to the Pene-

the St. Margaret's Church tanguishene Mental Health in assignment court a number of times without a trial date



Inspection tour

Midland Salvation Army Corps last week. my project. Behind him and Lieutenant Norman Gar-

The new Salvation Army divisional com- cia are the Midland Army Citadel, and mander for the Ontario North division, the local Army Thrift Store. Not visible Major Boyd Goulding, left, visited the is Experience House, a year-old local Ar-

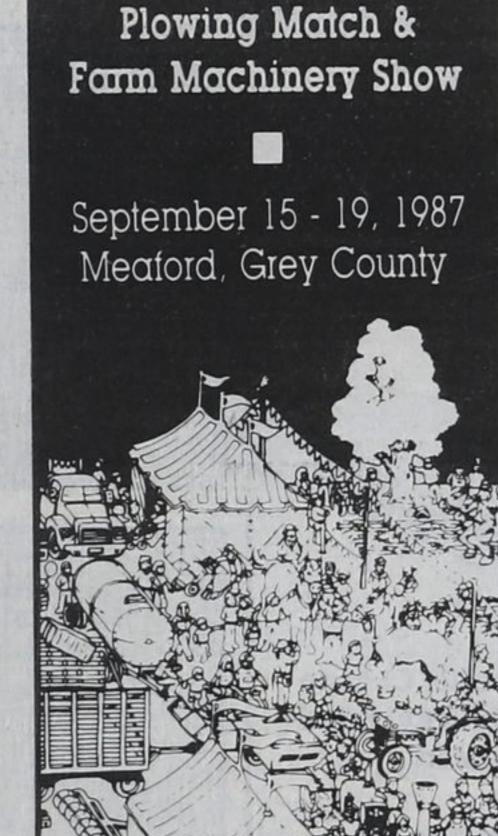
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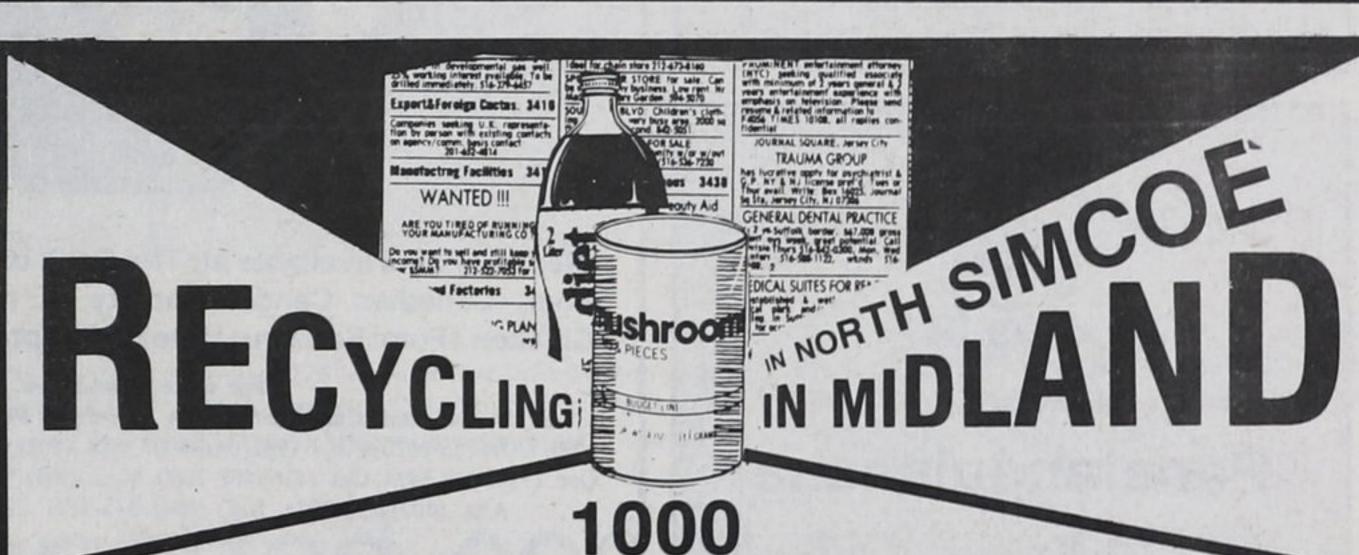
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