



Highland donation

The Highland Inn's Carol Ashworth presented Reinhart Weber with a \$25,000 cheque for the HDH building fund while a patient in HDH. "It's really important that HDH be supported," she said. Paul

McNamara, a long-time Highland patron, recently presented Highland owner Carol Ashworth with a cheque from the McNamara Foundation for HDH.

Island development plan gets big political boost

The development of Sainte Marie II received a major boost last Thursday as 22 representatives of government and business converged on Christian Island.

North-Simcoe MP Doug Lewis was supposed to attend but because of his recent appointment as Secretary-of-State for the

Treasury Board he was unable to.

Robbert Hartog from the Community Futures program took his place.

Boyd Jamieson, the Economic Development Officer for the Christian Island Reserve says the meeting at the Sainte Marie II site was successful.

Although no new funding for the development of the site was offered, Jamieson says he doesn't want "to go too fast on this excavation."

Bill Finlayson, an archeologist who works for the University of Western Ontario said the overall development of Sainte Marie II could take three

years and cost at least \$1 million.

In 1986 Jamieson applied to the Ministry of Heritage and Culture for funds to uncover the Sainte Marie site. He received \$235,000 then.

That funding will run out by the end of 1988.

Business association to vote on nodes

To keep the nodes or not to keep the nodes: that will be a question at the annual meeting of the Midland BIA.

The Midland BIA's annual meeting will be a dinner meeting held in the Budd Watson Gallery on Nov. 17.

Also on the agenda is a report from the board on

the past year, an outline of plans for 1988, and the election of directors.

Last May 4, BIA members voted 14 to six to hold a vote at a future date on the nodes. The nodes are the bulges in the sidewalk on either side of downtown King Street.

Also to be discussed at the annual meeting is a

joint request from the town council, police department, and Parking Authority, that BIA members take all their deliveries from their rear or side doors.

The request's purpose is to get delivery vehicles which stop on King Street and disrupt traffic off of the street.

Sell now, build later says town councillor

Councillor Don McNee says Penetanguishene might have to sell some of its waterfront property if it is to begin a major waterfront development program.

But he says whatever happens, the transformation is not going to happen quickly. "We didn't accumulate all that land overnight. Someone had a vision years ago and look at how far we've come."

The proposal was formally presented to council on Monday night and has now been sent to a planning committee for a response. The cost of the project could total \$4 million.

The municipal clerk, Yvon Gagne, says that sum is "not beyond reach."

He says the town must try to attract government grants.

McNee agrees that all kinds of financing should

be considered.

"Four million dollars is a little excessive for a town of our size: that's why we may have to sell-off land in order to utilize its potential for future development. It's really a case of good management, of knowing how to use what you have in the present for something bet-

ter in the future."

McNee says the idea of an enhanced dock area which would almost certainly attract increased tourism is "great," but he adds, "it all takes time."

Gagne says council will not decide what to do about the idea for at least six months.

Legion to host '87 convention

More than 400 Legion members are expected to attend a District Legion convention in Midland this weekend.

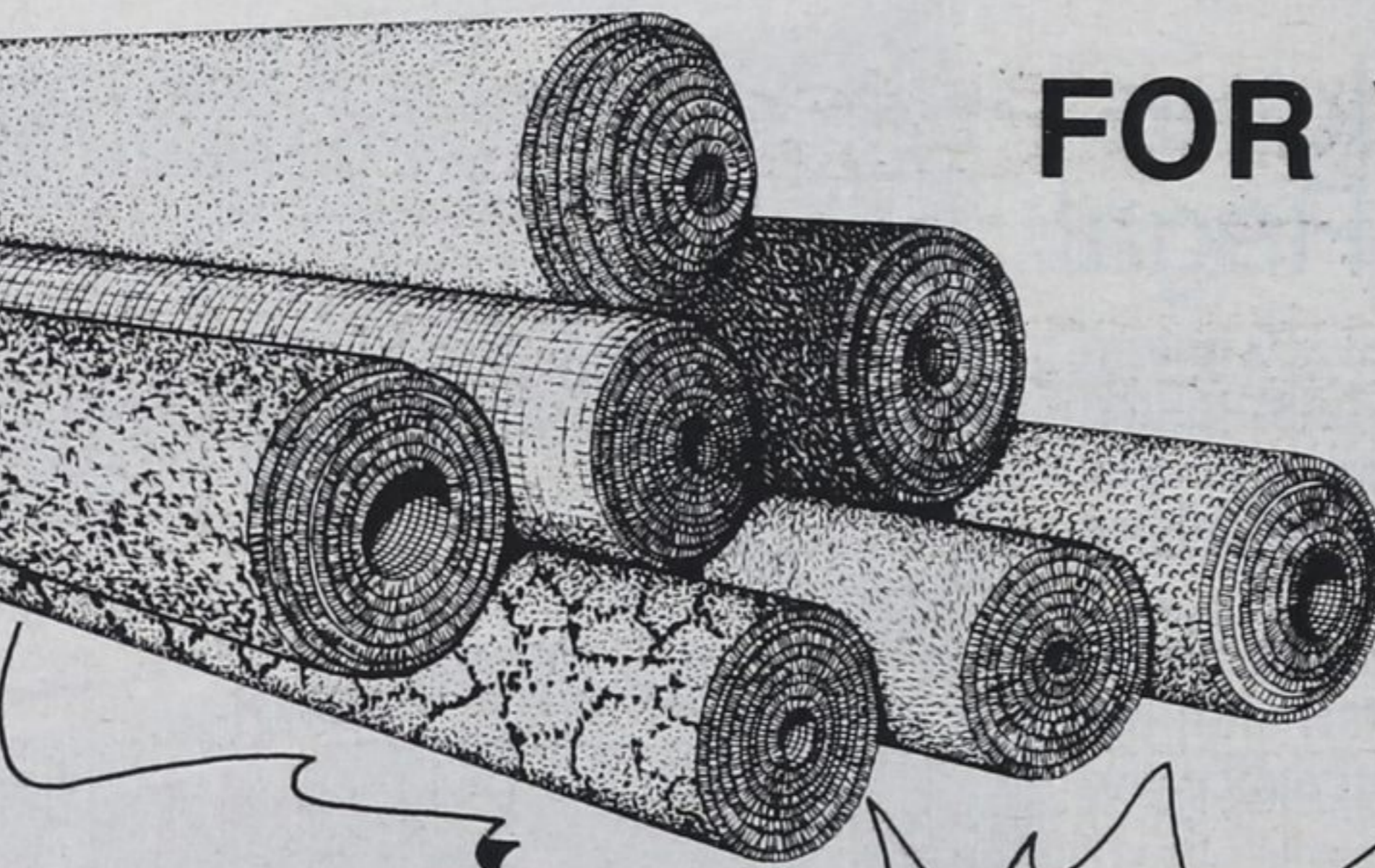
The public highlight of the weekend will be a parade on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m., from the cenotaph to the Legion.

Among the local dignitaries attending will be District E Commander

Bernie Leveque of Victoria Harbour, and Zone Commander Bill Shull from Angus; Lloyd Jollingshead, Provincial Third Vice-President; George Blandford, District A Commander; and Lloyd Behnke, District G Commander, and Vern Burke, Provincial leadership and planning. Provincial Command.

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