



Song time

Armos Larmand played for the singsong after the Community Diner's Club dinner at St. John's United Church in Victoria Harbour. His wife Irene helped put on dinner for the village seniors.



Helping hand

Former Penetanguishene Councillor Lionel Dion is helped out after he and his wife landed in a ditch. The accident (in which a van was also demolished) occurred early Friday. See story on pg. 7.

First of season

Harbour seniors dine out in winter

It's a step in the right direction -- providing a way for seniors to get together during wintertime.

The Victoria Harbour Community Diner's Club held its first dinner of the season last Wednesday noon.

After visiting friends whose church ran a seniors' dining club, Mary Jarman decided a few years ago to try to start one in the Harbour.

The idea didn't take until she presented it to Catharine MacKenzie, who joined her to get the ball rolling.

Seniors tend to socialize within their

church groups, Jarman said. One way to get them together was to involve all churches in town. St. John's United was host to the diners last Wednesday. In the next two months St. Mary's Roman Catholic and St. Paul's Presbyterian will do the honors.

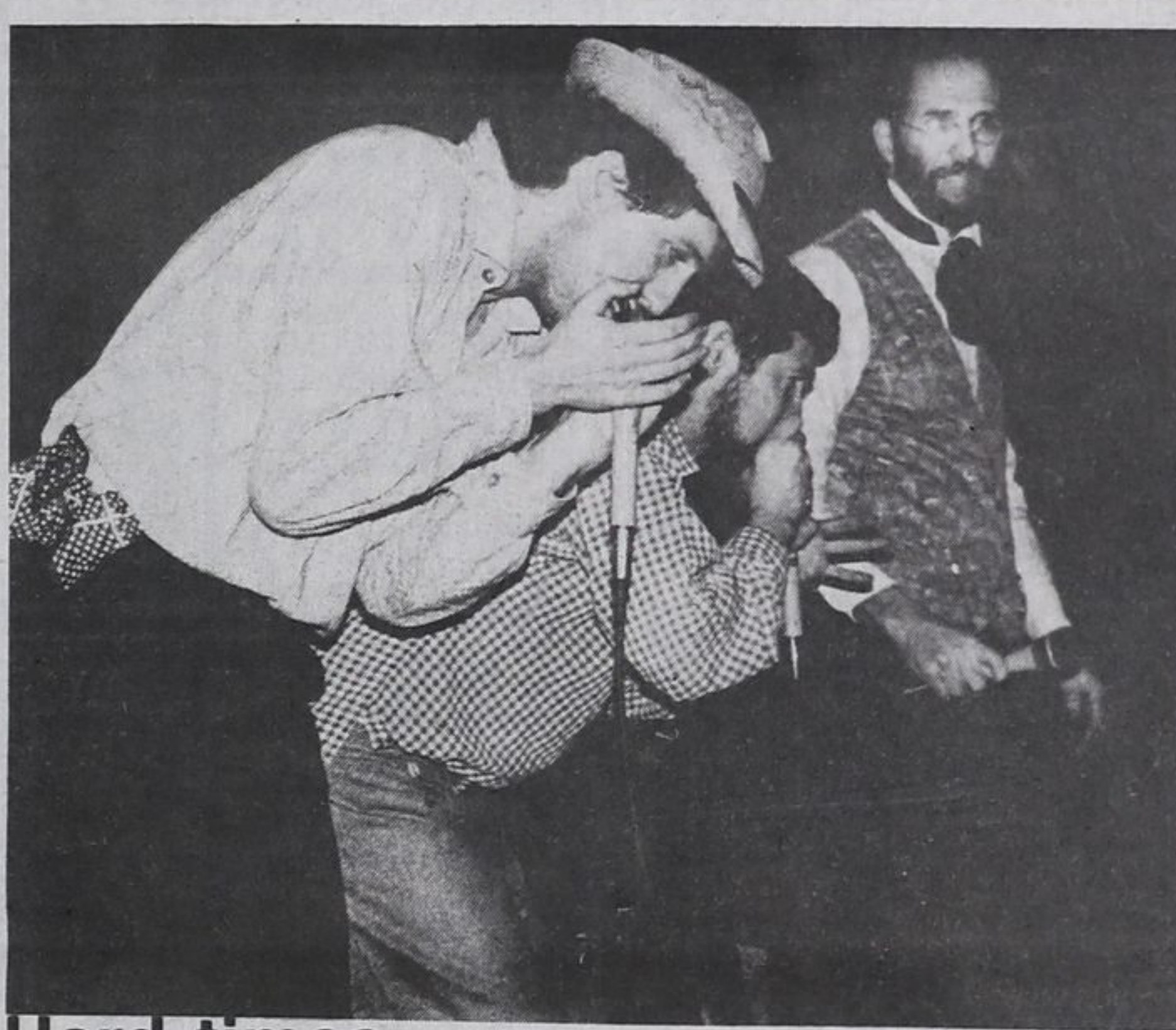
A group of women, cook most of the food at home, then put on the finishing touches and serve at the church. Guests can contribute for the groceries in a collection basket at the door.

A group of volunteer drivers bring guests. This month Dick and Elva Brown drove a con-

tingent from Midland. Among them Marjorie Gervais, a former reporter for New Era, took advantage of the occasion to slip in a visit to her house in the village. She is staying in the Villa in Midland for the winter.

Jarman noted that Victoria Harbour needs senior citizen's accommodation -- a place where the elderly can have company without going out in the winter. She feels many sit down to meals alone.

The Diner's Club at least gets them together a few times during winter months.



Hard times

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