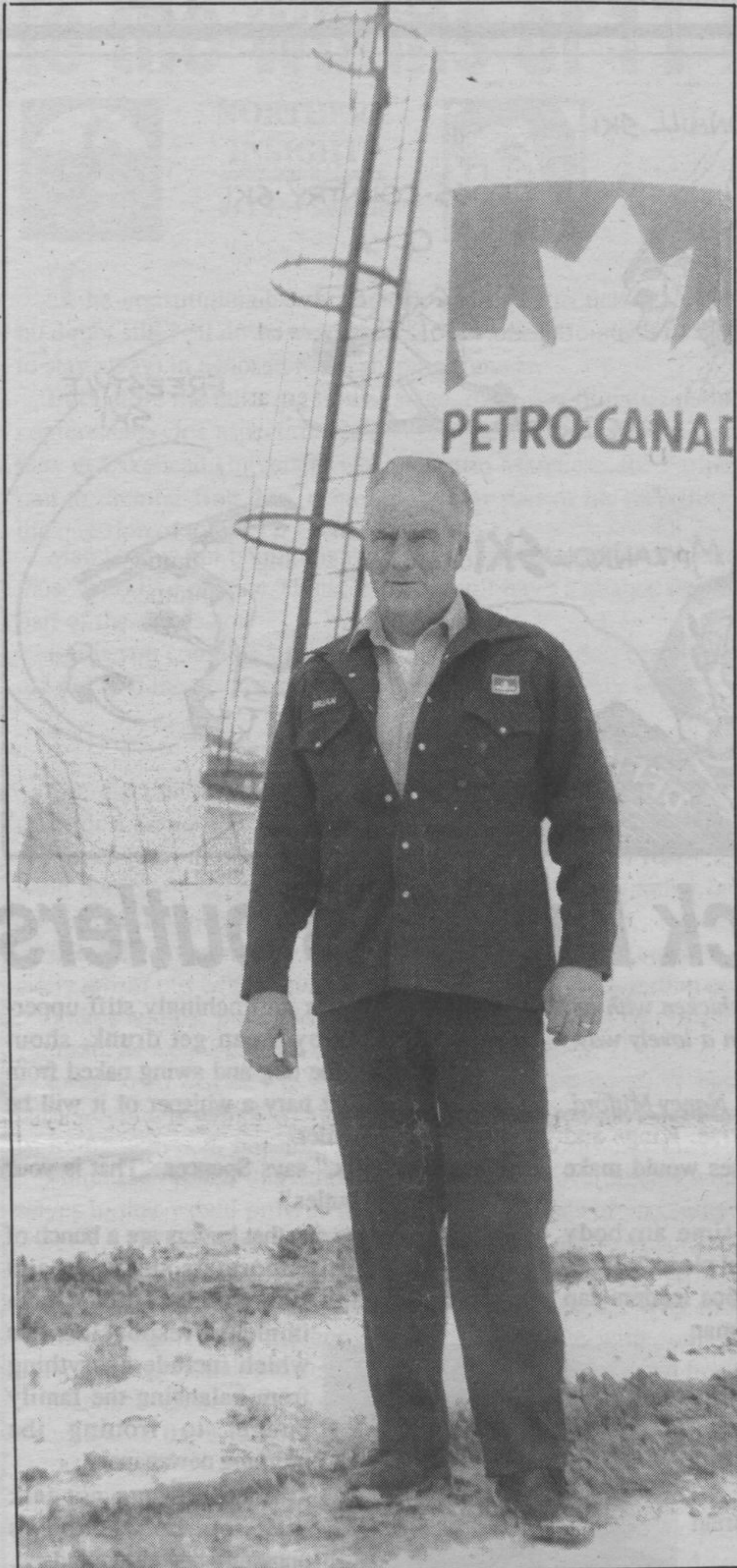


Second consecutive gold for Schreiber man



Brian Birch at his award winning bulk plant in Schreiber

As part of the judging process, officials come down and inspect the plant, and even make calls to customers.

"Last year, they phoned some of my customers and asked different questions on how I looked after them, what my truck looked like, and what they thought of the service," he said.

"But they didn't do that this year."

This is the third company name for Brian Birch, who has been in the business for 29 years.

"I started with British American Oil and switched to Gulf Oil when they took over British American," he says. "And then I went to Petro Canada when they amalgamated with Gulf. So this is my third uniform."

He says he has seen dramatic changes in the industry in that time

"In the 1970s if you were getting 16-20 miles per gallon on your vehicle, you were laughing," he said.

"And now, you're getting 40-60 miles a gallon, and that affects the industry, and the government too because it's not getting the revenue."

The gold award itself consists of a cheque and a travel bag with his name on it.

by Darren MacDonald
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A second consecutive gold award has been given to Brian Birch's Petro Canada bulk plant in Schreiber.

The award is given to plants who achieve at least 95 per cent based on three plateaus.

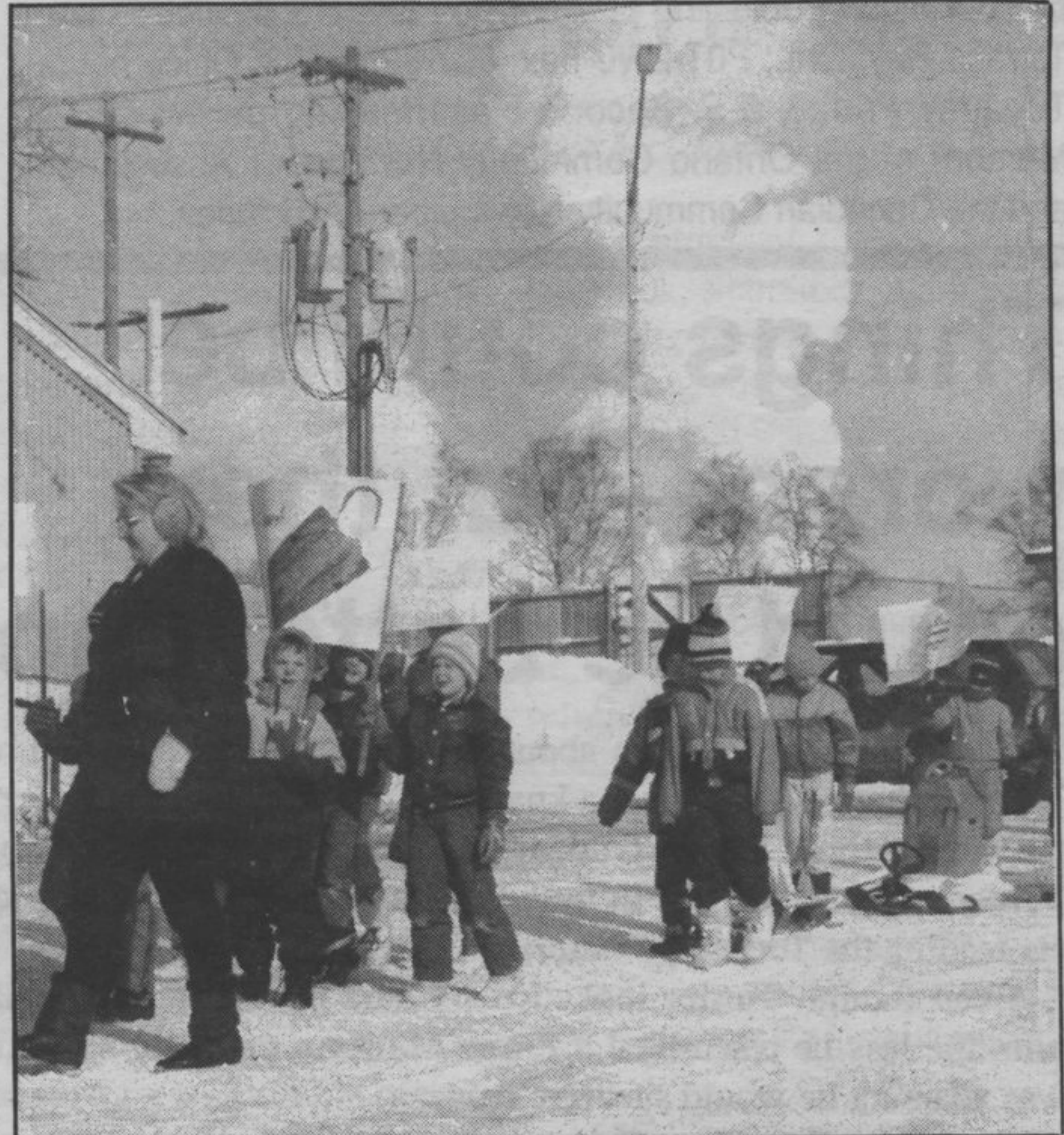
"They mark you on how you keep your bulk plant and your truck and that kind of stuff," Birch said in an interview last week.

Two of the plateaus are based on sales, and the third is based on service, he said.

Only 10-15 plants in all of Ontario receive gold awards each year. Out of those 10-15, two are chosen at random to go to Ottawa and spend three days with the president of Petro Canada, Birch said.

"We won gold last year, and we won again this year, but we've never gotten any farther than that," he said.

Olympic parade



Students at Terrace Bay Public School held a police escorted Olympic parade last Friday. The parade was one of the school's winter carnival day events.

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Schreiber-Terrace Bay Community Futures Organization
P.O. Box 716
Terrace Bay, Ontario
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- Schreiber Credit Union
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