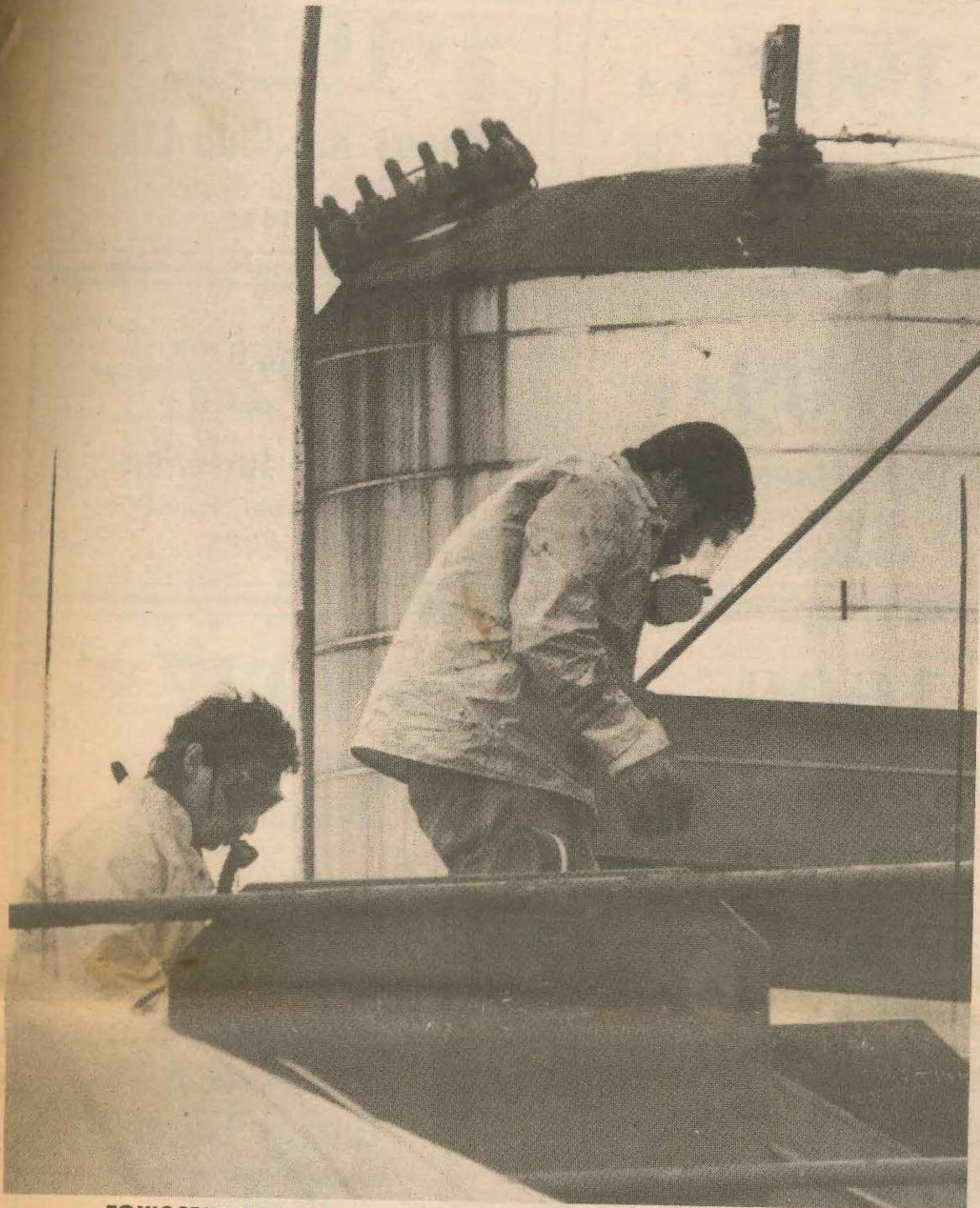


NEWS

1985
EVENTS

Times-Review



TOXIC SPILL CLEANED UP
Two unidentified workers of Lucidol-Penwalt

Inc. cleanup a chemical spill from an Occidental Chemical Corp. tanker-truck in August.

JANUARY

Production Doubles

Fleet Aerospace Corporation announced at the beginning of 1985 that it had doubled its net income for the year ending Sept. 30, 1984 from the previous year. They reported a net income of \$1,905,000 compared with \$690,000 in the previous year. Earnings per share increased to \$0.76 from \$0.27 in 1983.

Rates Set

Water rates for 1985 were determined to be charged at a rate of \$30 per quarter for flat rate customers with metered users being charged \$1.30 per thousand gallons. This charge was a decrease from that originally anticipated by the Region.

1985 Baby

Karman Chan will always think of 1985 as a special year. Not only was it the year he was born, but he was the first baby to be born in Greater Fort Erie in the new year. He was born Jan. 3 at 2:13 a.m. and weighed six pounds, three ounces and was 19 inches long. His parents are Alan and Yeefan Chan of Fort Erie.

Resident Shot in Bar

Jack Bremner, 47, of Lakeshore Road was shot in the stomach when he and his wife, Nanette, stopped at Danny Zack's in Buffalo for a New Year's drink after a

special dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Bremner were confronted by a man wearing a nylon stocking over his head and carrying a handgun. When they told the robber they had no money, he attempted to grab Mrs. Bremner's arm and pull her from her seat. Mr. Bremner and the robber tangled and the Fort Erie man was shot. He stayed at Millard Fillmore Hospital until the second week of January, when he was released.

His doctors decided to leave the bullet in its place because of its proximity to major organs. Mrs. Bremner told the newspaper "it may require surgery at a later time but the doctors are confident of leaving the bullet as it is where it is without any complications."

Region Helps

It was announced by Mayor Heinz Hummel's office that Region Niagara would help finance construction of the proposed sewer line to service Fleet Industries and MBB. The Town requested assistance through Town Engineer Mel Lloyd and Mayor Hummel at the Region's Public Works committee of Nov. 20, 1984. Figures were in excess of \$100,000.

Energizer Moves

Energizer 500 Inc. announced the firm was moving from Fort Erie to Oakville. John Lindsay of Oakville, representing a financial group in England, Switzerland and the Middle East announced the completion

of an agreement for the purchase of Energizer 500 Inc. Economic Development Officer Fran Brown said she regretted the firm's decision.

Energizer 500, an engine purge, was previously manufactured in Fort Erie and the firm had moved to the lower area of the former Mentholatum building on Lewis Street.

Sexual Assault

A Scarborough man was jailed for eight months for sexual assault. David Clark of Scarborough pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting an Oshawa woman in her room at the Fort Erie Race Track on May 22, 1984. He was sentenced to five months for the assault and three months for a dangerous driving offence.

When cries of help from the woman alerted other track employees, the man fled in a truck and led police on a high speed chase which left the truck demolished after hitting the rear end of a police cruiser.

Honors Postmaster

The Crystal Beach PRIDE Association honored Crystal Beach's retiring postmaster Bob Bruce for his outstanding contribution to the community. Mr. Bruce, accompanied by his wife Edie, daughter Jan, and son-in-law Stan Matthews, received gifts for his 34 years of work at the Post Office.

Wins \$10,000

Bertha Chambers of Ridgeway claimed one of the 148 instant prizes in the Match 3 Sweeps in early January. Match 3 Sweeps offers more than three million instant prizes ranging from free tickets to \$10,000. Players scratch the play area on their tickets. If they find three like prizes, they win that prize.

Rate Increase

It was announced at the end of January it would cost an additional \$14 for the average homeowner for sewer and water services as Council passed a bylaw setting rates for 1985. Flat rate unmetered customers pay \$30 per quarter for water and \$44 per quarter for sewer services.

Blizzard Hits

During what many called the Blizzard of '85, the residents of Greater Fort Erie found themselves caught off guard by several inches (amounting to a foot) of snow accompanied by freezing temperatures and strong winds. The storm began on a Saturday morning and cleared up for a while on Sunday. It then continued well into Monday and it was Wednesday before most of the town was cleaned up and cleared out. At certain times the Queen Elizabeth Way and Highway No. 3 were closed to all traffic. Even snow plows were pulled off the roads when the weather was too stormy to continue.

FEBRUARY

Land Costs \$153,741

Finance and administration Council in committee was told at the beginning of February that buying 47 acres of showcase industrial land along the QEW would cost the Town a total of \$153,741.04. The offer to purchase the land was made to the Aircraft and History Museum Inc. or Mike Iwachow on Oct. 15, 1984. The original offer included a provision for the vendor to remove all old cars, airplane wrecks and any debris from the property on or before closing. However, clean up fees totalled \$965.48 and were eventually paid by the Town.

Forms Group

Two Fort Erie women, on the board of directors for the Niagara Chapter of the Alzheimer Society of Canada, joined to form a Fort Erie Chapter. Their mother had the killer disease for which there is no known cure. It is estimated that this disease affects 100,000 to 300,000 middle aged and older Canadians. Fort Erie's support group leaders are Barbara Horth and Linda Preenan.

Beach for Sale

It was announced Feb. 20 that Sherkston Beaches was put up for sale by a court-appointed receiver. Dunwoody Ltd. of Toronto was in charge of taking bids for the 600 acre recreation area after its owners, Sherkston Beaches Ltd., failed to refinance loans from the Royal Bank of Canada in Toronto.

Homeless

During the third week of February, the David Smith family home was completely destroyed by fire leaving the family homeless and in need of help. Volunteer firefighters from Co. No. 4 spent four hours battling the blaze and were later called back. Combustible material stored too close to a flue pipe leading from the wood burning furnace to a chimney was blamed for the fire.

Crime Spree

Two women were sentenced to two years less a day in the reformatory after they pleaded guilty to a total of 103 offences. Marie Elizabeth Osborne and Patricia Elizabeth Henry, both of Idylewyde Place, were arrested on Nov. 6 for a series of charges of possession of instruments in forgery, possession of stolen property under and over \$200, theft over \$200, fraud over \$200, and fraud.

MARCH

Die in Fire

A Ridgeway couple were killed when their home was engulfed in flames and smoke in early March. The couple, who were to be married four days, later had four children from previous marriages. The children escaped unharmed.

Big Brothers Formed

A new Fort Erie Big Brother group was formed in Fort Erie, it was announced in March.

Youth Award

Kathleen Hutton, a Grade 11 honor student from Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School was one of 500 students across Ontario chosen to receive the Ontario Youth Medal in conjunction with Ontario Youth Year. She received her award from Premier Frank Miller in recognition of someone who had made a contribution to better her school and community and had not been recognized.

Beer Drought

In the second week of March, the Liquor Control Board and the Federal Department of National Revenue announced plans to relax the regulations for thirsty beer drinkers buying beer across the border because of the lockout of 4,000 brewery workers, closing down 450 stores and Ontario's three largest breweries. Upon re-entering to Canada, a person was allowed up to five cases of beer.

Seek Aid

Employees at Sherkston Beaches Ltd., sent a letter to Premier Frank Miller urging him to provide funding to the park's bankrupt owners in March.

35 Cents a Copy

In the middle of March the Times-Review went on sale for 35 cents in local stores. Home delivery remained free of charge.

Bionic Ear

Freida Teutenberg became only the second Canadian to receive a so-called bionic ear. The electrical device implanted in her ear has enabled her to hear once again.

"Before it was a silent world and now it's not," she said. Made deaf by causes unknown seven years ago, Teutenberg joined the Canadian Hearing Society in Niagara Falls on the advice of her friend Marilyn Learn.

Saves Brother

Six-year-old Katie Hardison became an instant hero after pulling her three-year-old brother Luke from the icy depths of a friend's inground pool.

Luke climbed a pile of wood stacked near the pool's fence and attempted to cross the thin layer of ice. Katie, playing nearby, immediately jumped the fence and rescued her brother. Mayor Heinz Hummel presented her with a Letter of Merit for her act of courage.