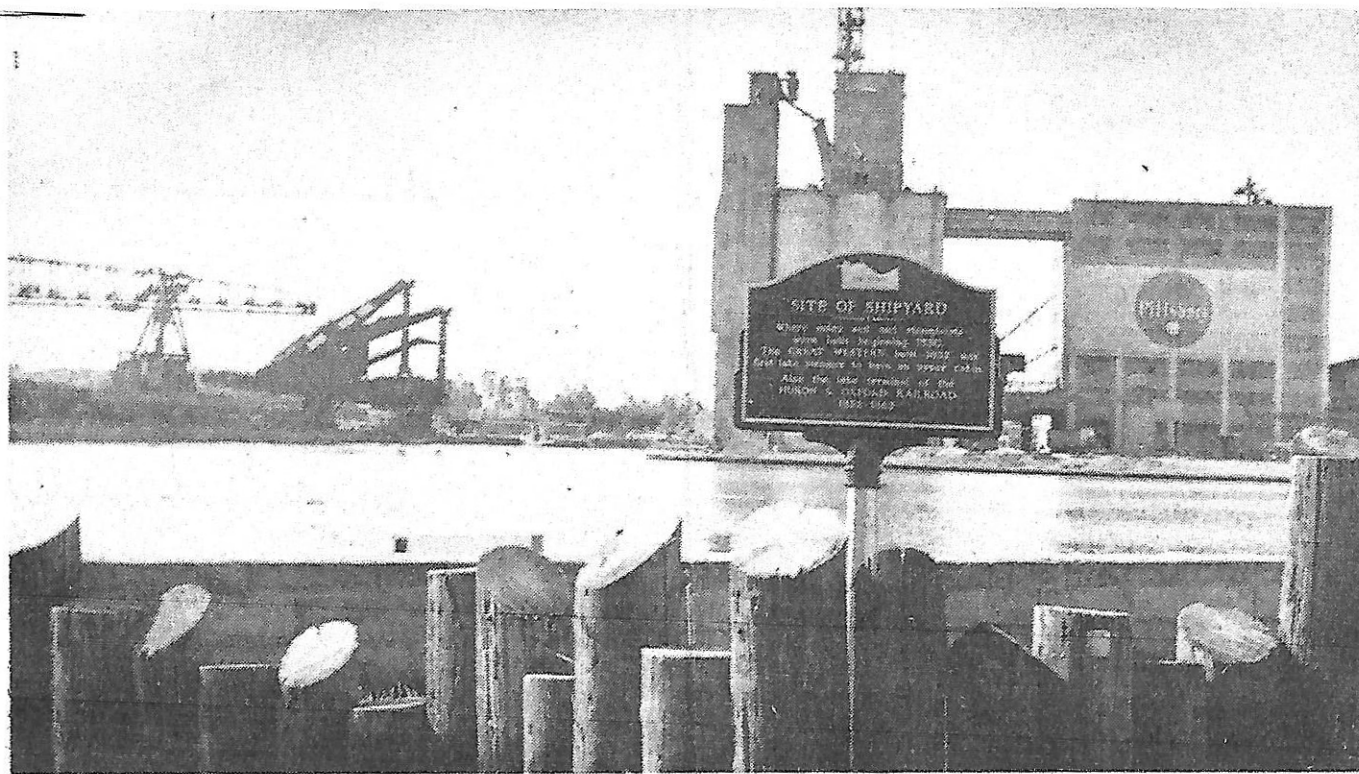


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(Register Photo — DAVID HAYES)

A NEW PLAQUE RECALLING HURON'S SHIPBUILDING DAYS
...was dedicated yesterday in Water Festival opening ceremonies.

AT WATER FESTIVAL

Huron Shipbuilding Lauded

HURON — The city was honored as an early shipbuilding port at ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the official opening of the Huron Water Festival yesterday.

A plaque, placed in memory of John Rhinemiller on a site donated by Twine House Enterprises, lauds the early achievements of the city.

The ceremony was staged at 5 p.m. at the front door of the Twine House instead of the originally planned boat-basin site because of uncertainty of the plaque's location.

Twine House Enterprises did not reveal the plaque site until 3 p.m., said festival co-chairman Sheila Smith, adding there was not enough time to notify people of the change.

The text of the plaque was composed by Rhinemiller, researcher into the early shipbuilding history of the city.

The site for the plaque is near the original ship yards on the river.

Dignitaries present at the ceremonies were State Senator Robert Corts, Representatives Fred Deering and Ethel

Swanbeck, members of the Rhinemiller family, master of ceremonies Gary Cook and Gordon Wendt from the Erie County Historical Society.

Wendt, who presented the plaque to Mayor Peter Walderzak, recounted some of the early history of the city and praised Rhinemiller in his role as a city historian.

Tonight is youth night at the festival, with the Hell City Rock and Roll Band playing from 8 p.m. on the midway. Fireworks will burst over the scene at 10 p.m., near the small boat basin.