

OLD SPEED — Motorists will be able to drive along most Grey and Bruce County roads at 60 m.p.h. until spring. The speed limit signs on the King's Highways in this area were lowered to 50 m.p.h. by Feb. 6, by the ministry of transportation and communications, but it will take the counties a bit longer. Bruce County council still has to approve the reduction in the speed limit for its county roads and the engineering staff expects the signs to be changed by the spring. In Grey County, the engineering department has changed a few signs, but most of them will be done this spring or summer. This sign is on the Bruce County road between Hepworth and Sauble Beach.

## McGibbon to open hall

PAISLEY lieutenant McGibbon. governor of Ontario will be here Sept. 15 at 2 p.m. to officially open the town hall which has been undergoing restoration for the past 11/2 years.

The \$128,000 cost of the restoration was provided by the Ontario Heritage Foundation and other grants

The restoration architect was the late Napier Simpson Jr.

## Storm hits

CHESLEY - Residents in some sections of Chesley were without electric power and telephone service following a brief but severe rain and hail storm Thursday afternoon.

flooded Basements were including the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, and Leask's grocery store where some stock was drenched.

The power system at the United Co-operative mill was disrupted when a transformer was knocked may 11/99

## Protocol curtails social life

TORONTO (CP) Ontario Lt.-Gov. Pauline McGibbon throws hundreds of parties every year, but few of her guests know she slips out the back

door just when the place starts to swing.

She left halfway through a party for 350 media people last Thursday, explaining that early exits are designed to relieve guests from having to line up and shake her hand as they leave.

The lieutenant-governor said she is unaware of guests who lose control, although her aides tell stories of people who spend too much time at the complimentary bar and have to be escorted to the door with a polite "Would you care to depart?"

"My aides, you know, keep a very good eye on things and when a party is over, they're very good at sweeping the guests out," she said in a weekend

Entertaining is done mostly at the lieutenantgovernor's spacious two-story suite at Queen's Park. Home is a spotless penthouse condominium. brightened with floor-to-ceiling windows furnished with puffy armchairs and sofas.

But she still wonders why she was chosen to be Ontario's lieutenant-governor-the first and only Canadian woman to represent the Queen in a province.

"My whole life has been one of things just happening to me. This has been the story of my life. I never set out to do any of these things.

She also attributes other positions she has heldfirst Canadian woman to become honorary colonel of a regiment; a member of the Royal Canadian Military Institute; chancellor of the universities of Toronto and Guelph and governor of Upper Canada College - to "just being in the right place at the right

Mrs. McGibbon said she will have held the post of lieutenant-governor for five years next April—the length of term during which a lieutenant-governor

cannot be removed from the job without cause.
"I am enjoying it. I wouldn't mind continuing for a
short time, but I feel strongly that this is a position

that should be passed on. I don't think anyone should hang on to it ad infinitum."

Although much of the job is parties, it is

demanding, she said.

I sign more than 11,000 documents a year and I write my own speeches.



Lt.-Gov. Pauline McGibbon

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