



**CIBC plays Santa** — Al Vardy (left) manager of the Colborne branch of the CIBC, formally presents computer work-station to Shelley Hollinger (centre) chair of the Colborne Library Board, and librarian Pat Johnston. Photo by Eileen Argyris

# Computer work-station for public CIBC's gift to local library

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The Colborne Public Library is part of the wired world.

Thanks to a donation from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC), patrons of the library can now enjoy computer access to the wide and wired world.

A new public-access computer work-station, donated by the local bank branch, is now in operation at the library.

Librarian Pat Johnston said last week that the computer gives the user access to Encarta Encyclopedia 1996, on CD-ROM, as well as the Canadian Encyclopedia Plus, with Gage Canadian Dictionary and Atlas.

That should be very helpful to students research-

ing projects for homework, but it is by no means exclusively for them.

Anyone can book time, in half-hour segments, to use the work-station.

To help new computer-users, the work-station comes equipped with a Mavis Beacon Typing Tutorial to improve keyboarding skills, and it also offers recreational pursuits such as ChessMaster ("Take on the pros," Ms. Johnston invites) and Trivia Maze.

For engaged in job-searches, the work station offers software programs to produce resumés and covering letters.

And it has a printer to produce hard copies of all research and input work.

Shelley Hollinger, chair of the Colborne Public Library Board, said the

board will meet soon to establish rules and policies for the use of the work-station.

"Security will be the greatest consideration" in drafting policies, Mrs. Hollinger noted.

Last week, as the work-station was first demonstrated in the library, a proud and happy Al Vardy, manager of Colborne's CIBC branch, was present for the "unveiling."

He was impressed with the printing power of the station, and with all its capabilities.

"I am very happy that I'm able to make a difference in the community through the participation of my employer," Mr. Vardy stated.

The computer work-station is valued at about \$3,300.



## Seniors enjoy Christmas party

**Party time** — Colborne seniors enjoyed Christmas dinner at the Colborne Legion Br. 187 last Wednesday. In photo at left, the group also used the occasion to honour Edna Hardie on her 92nd birthday. Other birthday people included Ruby Parsons, chairperson of the Community Care board of directors, and Ken Eoll. At right, the group enjoys a sing-along with Shirley Pedlar at the piano. The dinner was organized through Colborne and Area Community Care and catered by the Legion ladies auxiliary.

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