

St. Marys Sisters Skating Champions



SENIOR FREE SKATING CHAMPION and winner of the ParQ trophy in the recent competitions held by the St. Marys Figure Skating Club was Nancy Muma, shown above.



KAREN MUMA placed second in the Sr. Free Skating competition, held at the Arena recently by the St. Marys Figure Skating Club.

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COLOURFUL COSTUMES add much to the activities of the St. Marys Square Dance Club. Mrs. Leonard Wakem is shown above in a "shot" taken during a recent Wednesday evening dancing session at the local Collegiate.

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Fur Farms Transferred To ^{April 7} 1971 New Government Jurisdiction

The transfer of the administration of fur farms from the jurisdiction of the Department of Lands and Forests to the Department of Agriculture and Food, effective April 1st, was announced recently by the Honourable William Davis.

Supervision of fur farms will be undertaken by the Veterinary Services Branch, under the immediate supervision of Dr. V. C. Rowan Walker, Director of the Laboratory Division.

Mr. B. W. Madigan has been transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Food where he will continue in his present capacity as Supervisor of Licencing of Fur Farms.

This transfer will have the effect of placing fur farms in the category of farms, rather than in the classification of "near-farms".

This transfer will also bring Ontario into line with other provinces across Canada, where

fur farms are under the jurisdiction of Departments of Agriculture. The move is logical because the Veterinary Services Branch diagnostic laboratories across the province already give assistance to the breeders of fur-bearing animals. Several members of the Branch staff have been involved in the mink industry for many years.

There are approximately 400 fur farms in the province. Of this number, almost all are engaged in breeding mink; the remaining few are engaged in breeding fox, fisher, marten, and raccoon. It is estimated that 90 per cent of the farms are located in Southern Ontario.

The membership of the Ontario Fur Breeders' Association Inc. consists of all breeders of fur-bearing animals as defined under the Game and Fish Act. The Association does not include breeders of chinchilla and nutria.

Ontario is the leading prov-

ince in Canada in the number of mink pelts produced. In 1968, fur farms produced 568,089 mink pelts, with a value of \$8.3 million.

The fur industry contributes greatly to the economy of this province not only by raising a highly desirable product, but because the industry utilizes large quantities of agricultural products, such as meat by-products and cereals.