

'S no fun
like snow fun!



CLEAR THE TRACK! Sunday neighbors gathered on snowy hills to prove that winter isn't all bad. Snowmobilers were out in force at the Ponderosa trails and the three outdoor skating rinks were enjoyed, too. Photographer Peter McCusker dodged flying saucers to get this picture.



ICY MITTENS don't bother three-year-old Andrew McVeigh. Why not? Because he was having fun at Fairy Lake Sunday afternoon sliding down the hills on his flying saucer. Peter McCusker photographed winter fun



UP, DOWN and halfway down are these outdoors enthusiasts, including Sean McVeigh, Stan Petric and Doreen Gibb.



CHORTLING IN delight, Andrew McVeigh tests the speed of a snowy hill Sunday.

Philbrook optimistic about economy

After a few months work as Halton's M.P., Dr. Frank Philbrook has some observations about his new job and life on Parliament Hill, as well as the future of Canada.

"I've really enjoyed my first few months in Parliament and have found the job stimulating and fascinating," Dr. Philbrook said.

He explained there is a tremendous adjustment new M.P.'s must make to learn their way around the workings of Parliament, how things are done, and how an M.P. can contribute effectively to Canada's development.

"They certainly don't spoon feed a new M.P. There is a lot of hard work and you have to find your own way," he pointed out.

Dr. Philbrook says he is finding he must work harder than he has ever had to work before. He reports he is at his office at seven in the morning and rarely finishes up before midnight. One thing that has surprised him, and takes up a lot of time, is the amount of reading he must do each day.

"You watch the experienced M.P.'s and see how very effectively they operate. They certainly provide the new members like me with a goal to work towards."

Among the more interesting things he has done so far is his trip, representing Canada, to a health conference in Ceylon, and his committee work.

Dr. Philbrook sits on committees which work in the areas of industry, trade, and commerce, external affairs, and health and welfare. He has worked on two new pieces of legislation, one which sets up a development bank to help small Canadian businesses and another law which assists in the expansion of export development. The latter is important to many Halton firms Dr. Philbrook said.

As for the new year, he looks forward to doing more work in the area of Health and External Affairs. In

addition he expects to work on new competition regulations this year.

"I expect as time goes on my work in the three areas will begin to even out and I will spend less time working in the area of Industry, Trade and Commerce," Dr. Philbrook stated. He added he is finding his experience in medicine and the pharmaceutical industry in India and Pakistan very useful in Ottawa.

Looking to 1975 he says "there is just too much gloom and doom in people's minds about the new year."

"I am optimistic. Sure we have economic problems but it is becoming increasingly obvious that Canada will come out of this in a good position and near the top as compared to most other countries," Dr. Philbrook predicted.

He says the world economy is going through a "funny stage" and there are many ways it might go, not necessarily for the worse. Dr. Philbrook added Canadians just don't have as much to worry about as many seem to think.

"We aren't as dependent on the United States as many think and their economy will be a lot worse off than ours should something desperate happen," he said.

Dr. Philbrook explained Canada has come through 30 years of expansion, stability, and affluence and really can't expect it to go on forever.

"The last 30 years have just been too easy and we have depended mostly on good luck and a little management of the economy. Now what we must do is buckle down in this period of uncertainty and produce a lot more good planning and management of the economy," he asserted.

He pointed out now is the time to start "finally tuning" the economy and find some way to solve our current balance between inflation and recession.

"My biggest concern is we might talk ourselves into a real mess if calm action isn't taken. We could force

problems on ourselves by over-reacting," he worried. Dr. Philbrook says he is fortunate he has a prosperous riding and thus doesn't have as many problems in the home riding to work out.

"I just haven't had a lot of complaints so far concerning any one area. You get the odd one about Unemployment Insurance but that is really just people getting used to the stricter regulations." He added he gets the odd complaint about passport problems, immigration difficulties, and income tax questions.

Probably the biggest problem is small industries who want to expand and can't because of a labor shortage. Halton has very little unemployment so it is hard for industry to get workers, especially unskilled. Many are having to import labor," Dr. Philbrook noted.

He called the fact Halton had only four Local Incentives Program grant requests healthy. Only two were deemed fundable. Dr. Philbrook pointed out \$75,000 was allotted for Halton and only \$20,000 was handed out.

Weather has been unusually mild. However, snowmobilers have been out on the lake and skiers found places to go during the holiday weeks.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT at the Christian Reformed Church on Highway 7 featured Calvinettes and Cadets in a combined choir. The evening concluded with a gathering of the congregation downstairs. It was one of many holiday programs in town.

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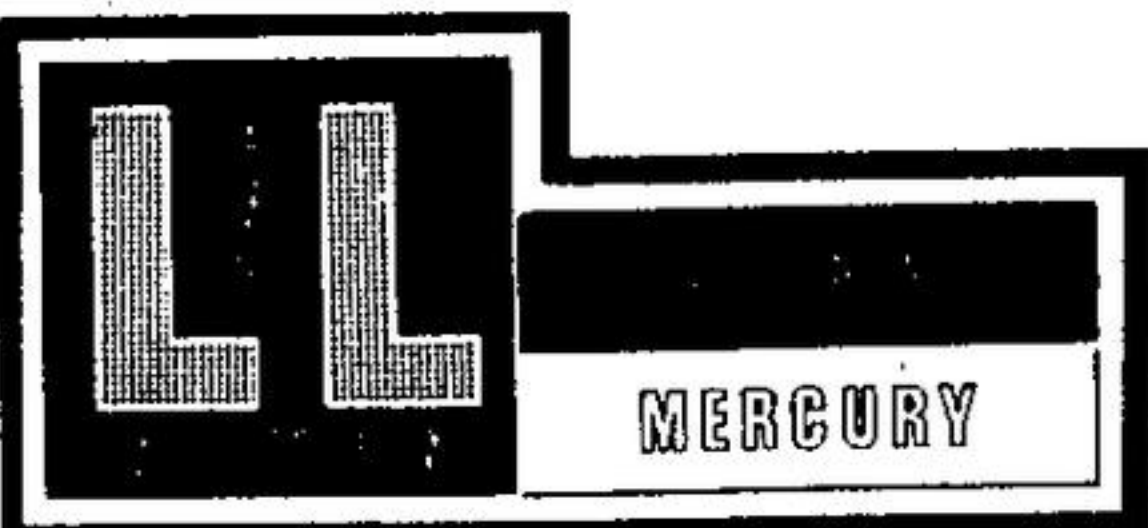
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