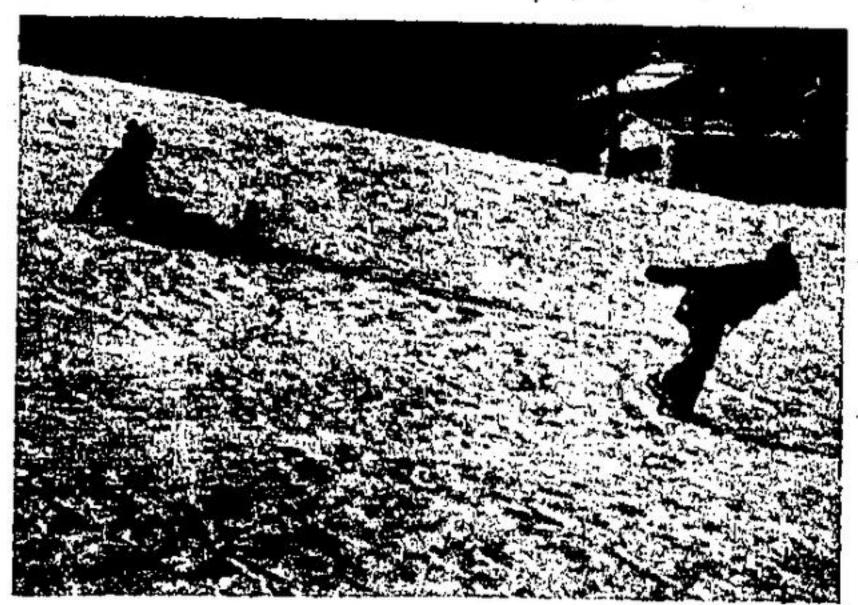


OH, WHAT A LUCKY MAN. John Boughton, propietor of John Boughton Jewellers on Main Street, has been treated in royal fashion the past few weeks by his three spirited employees at the store. Lorna Davey, Shelley

Hull and Arlene Fredrickson, outfitted in their elf costumes, attracted not only Mr. Boughton but many customers as well.

Making use of the gifts already



BETTER THAN SKIIS. They aren't skils but tavelled down the hill at the Cedarvale boy do they move! These two youngsters Community Park, in high flying fashion.



EVEN DAD GETS IN ON THE FUN. One Santa had left him a bright toboggan under youngster in town just might be deprived of a the Christmas tree so he could venture out on new toboggan as 'good old dad' seems to be his own and join the fun tobogganing down the enjoying himself. He perhaps is wishing that hill at Cedarvale Community Park.



Report From Queen's Park



by Julian Reed MPP, Halton-Burlington

Provincial Treasurer Darcy McKeough has given the Legislature an advance glimpse of next year's budget, announcing that civil service salary increases will be kept to 8 percent and municipal transfer grants will be in-

creased by a similar amount. He himself referred to his remarks as "advance notice" to municipalities of the spending restraints, and presented spending tables which indicate a projected increase of 10 percent overall. The increase, however, breaks down as a 21.1 percent increase in interest payments on the provincial debt as compared to an increase of only 2.2 percent for housing, with provincial debt interest totalling \$860 million, housing expenditures \$475 million. He said he alms for an

overall spending budget of \$12.5 billion next year, which means a 4 percent cutback in provincial road works, now oudgetted at \$340 million, and welfare spending held to the rate of inflation, plus projected growth in caseloads. Payments for post-secondary education will increase significantly, by 15 percent to 1962 million to cope with the rapid increase in enrolments.

The attorney-general has called for a crackdown on drinking drivers, to include raising the drinking and driving ages, with stiff penalties, including jail, for offenders. He has said that the public "may be running out of sympathy for the drunk who slips behind the wheel. Hopefully, he is no longer the funny stereotype and that we stupid, self-satisfied, un-thinking fool who is randomly killing or maming thousands of men, women and children."

Crown Attorneys have, apparently, been instructed to ask judges to toughen sen-tences for drinking drivers, to make the penalties much beavior, and has suggested giving the police power to set up roadblocks to check drivers, plus the arbitrary suspension of licences for 24 hours, whenever the police consider a drivec has had too much to drink.

The proposed measures, which are expected to be introduced in the Legislature early in 1978, would give the police considerable discretionary power, and will be similar to existing laws in British Columbia and Alberta. Opposition Leader Stephen Lewis has indicated tentative endorsement of the attorney-

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general's proposals, saying the automatic rebate provision idea "doesn't seem to me to be has not been approved, and a terrible violation of civit ministry officials are ex-liberties", white Liberal pecting many appeals from leader Robert Nixon is tenants seeking such rent "concerned about giving police too much discretionary Ontario's Bill 5, requiring power", even though obviously

The government's rent control legislation has been debated clause by clause over the past week, and opposition members have forced the government to make a number of important changes. Ontario is scheduled to initiate the rent review program, complete with appeal boards, rent officers, accountants, researchers and an advertising campaign to tell everyone about the system in approximately two weeks.

something must be done about

drinking drivers.

However, housing ministry officials don't, apparently, know how many people to hire, what they will be paid, what the programme will cost or what regulations they will be enforcing. It had been the original intention that landlords should rollback to 8 percent rent increases made retroactive to July 30, with 60 days im rebate increases above that limit. However,

most stores to close on Sundays and holidays, has been passed in the legislature. The legislation will be a little easier on drug stores, allowing them to open on Sunday if they employ no more than four people on that day. However, the stores must sell only drugs, hygiene products and sundries on Sunday. Stores will be allowed to open Sunday if they close on Saturday for religious reasons - although the Legislature agreed to strike the reference to religion from the Bill because it might be considered unconstitutional.

New Democrats and Liberals forced a change in the legislation which will require pet shops to close. Stores which will be exempt from the provisions of the Bill are small grocery stores, milk stores, news and tobicco stands and antique and handicraft shops. The seiling area in all these must be less than \$2,400 square feet and they must employ no more than three people in the

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AKRON BOUND-Six members of the Georgetown Drum and Majorette Corps are off to Akron on January 17 where they will be competing in international twiring competitions. The girls are (front row, left to right) Anna-Marie Stone, Kim Marcil, Dianne Stone, Shiriey Taicos (back row, from left) Lisa Sheehan and Janet Doyle.

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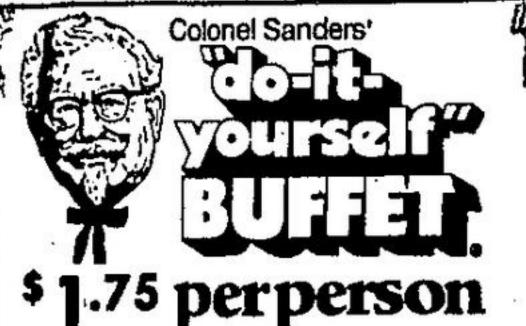


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