operation.

Travel centre has ski reports

Starting Dec. 6 at 7:10 a.m. daily, the Barrie Travel Centre will open four telephone lines for ski reports from the central, eastern, western and northern Ontorio regions. The report is in broadcast format consisting of a lead-in and ad-lib as well as an informative description of alpine and cross country (nordle) ski conditions. This information is updated at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Canada News Wire receives a detailed report Monday through Friday by 7:30 a.m., giving daily surface conditions, base depths, new snow as well as lifts, slopes and trails in operation.

Broadcast News receives a telexed report Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday by 7:30 a.m. Broadcast News also receives a voice tape at 7:15 a.m., Thursday through Sunday providing the same information. An updated voice report is also given on Thursday, Friday and Saturday by 2:45 p.m.

Animals have a Latin name

By RON REID Federation of Ontario Naturalists

Every species of wildlife has a formal Latin name, which all too often seems designed only to plague biology students at examination time. But occasionally these scientific names do have special meanings, as in the case of Tamias striatus. This Greek-Latin combination for the eastern chipmunk roughly translates to "striped storer", and is an accurate description of .. both . the. coloration and the habits of this active little rodent of Ontarlo's woodlands.

As snowfail approaches, the chipmunk is in a frenzy of storing, collecting seeds and nuts of all descriptions for his underground cache. A chipmunk at work is easy to identify, for his buiging cheeks will be stuffed with a heaping tablespoon of seeds or grains, making full use of the stretchable pouches inside the cheeks. The capacity of this little animal, seldom more than six inches in length, is amaz-Trapping surveys here disclosed up to 145 grains of wheat in one set of pouches, or 31 kernels, of corn, or 13 prune pits, or a total of seven large acorns all at one time! The naturalist John Burroughs once tested the determina-tion of his neighborhood chipmunks by providing a supply of hickory nuts doorstep. Over a period of three days one animal carried away more than a bushell

Despite their friendly appearance, chipmunks are solitary animals, coming together only briefly for mating. The rest of the year they maintain separate territories, perhaps a hun-dred yards in diameter, and protect that range against invaders. The litters of two to eight young remain in the underground burrow for about a month before emerging, and then dispersing to establish new territories for themselves. If they escape the clutches of a hungry fox or owl, these youngsters can expect to live for up to three years in the wild.

So when a ballooncheeked chipmunk scurries across the road in front of you, tall in the air, you know he is busy preparing for winter.

Lungs are for life

Art students and teachers are exposed each day to materials which are harmful to their lungs - If you are an artist or work with crafts, you should know the facts. Ask your Lung Association for help. Remember Lungs Are For Life.

Picture parade



seen here receiving a nice gift from and giving children candy. He also the Jolly Old Fellow himself. Santa dropped into the old station where Claus was at the Halton County handicrafts were on sale, (Photo by Radial Museum near Rockwood Myles Gilson)

Kelly Armstrong of Georgetown is recently riding the old electric cars



A graduation took place Nov. 28 at Lisa Ciggaar, Heather McNeil, Knox Presbyterian Church where Michelle Robinson and Janet these girls moved up from Sharpe. (Photoby Daryl Maybanks)

Alcohol a factor in snowmobile accidents

Last winter 17 people died and 485 were injured in a total of 558 snowmobile accidents across Ontario. Alcohol was a factor in approximately half the fatal accidents according to the Ontario Provincial Police.

Some snowmobilers forget just how vulnerable they are to injury both on and off the road. Unlike a car or truck, the snowmobile offers little protection in the event of a sudden stop or collision. Usually the driver and passenger are thrown off the

Off-road accidents occur when snow vehicles strike objects covered by snow such as rocks and tree stumps. Dips in terrain and wire fences are deadly to snowmobilers.

Ricklessness and alcohol increase the danger. Barely-frozen lakes and rivers are treacherous when a heavy snowfall

covers them. A snowmobile that

plunges through thin ice too often

takes its driver and passenger with The OPP find the most common violations include: the lack of safety equipment such as lights and helmets; failure to register the snowmobile and allowing others to operate it; no insurance; driving across or alongside highways without having an operator's licence; disobeying road signs; failure to share the roadway;

careless driving and impaired

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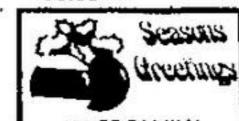
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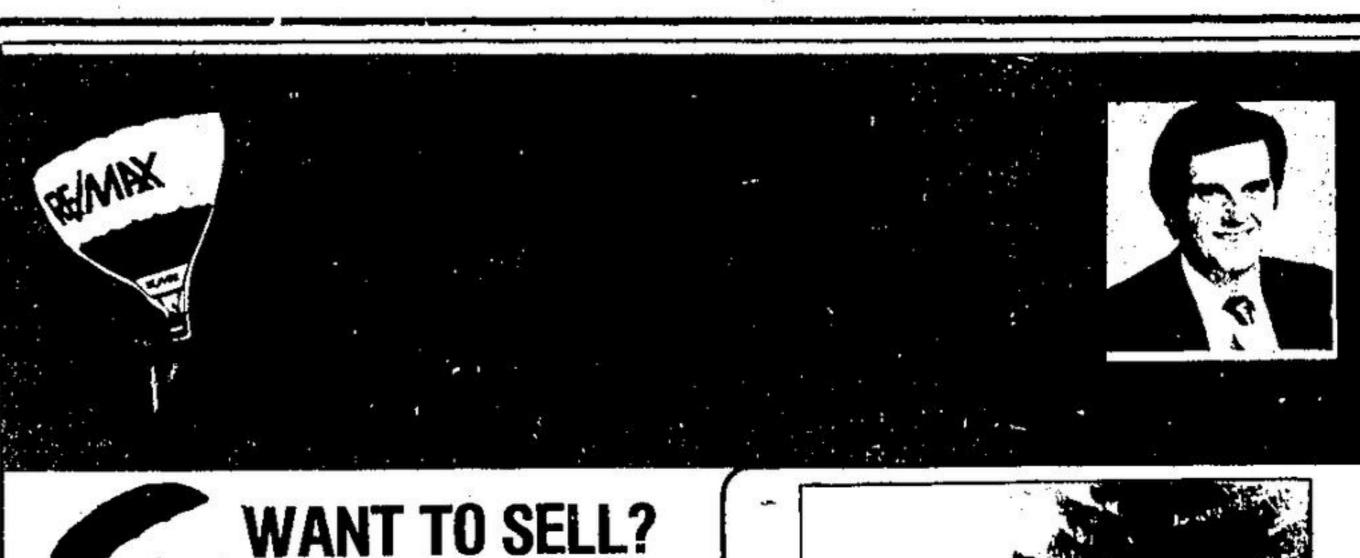


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