

## Mrs. Robinson instructor 85 skaters take lessons

More than 85 children ranging from tiny tots who can't lace their skates to accomplished performers, are taking figure skating lessons twice each week at Milton Arena.

The lessons are arranged by the Milton Figure Skating Club and Mrs. Mary Jane Robinson of Guelph is in charge of the lessons again this year.

Mrs. Robinson, now in her third year with the Milton Club, also gives lessons in Georgetown. She received her skating instruction at the Guelph Figure Skating Club and holds a silver

medal in dancing. She and her sister were Western Ontario similar pairs champions for two years.

Anyone wishing to take lessons should contact Milton Figure Skating Club president Mrs. J. W. McCutcheon or club treasurer Mrs. John Semple.

Tests will be conducted on April 1 and the club's annual carnival will be held on February 18. No lessons will be conducted during the Christmas holidays. The Milton club is a member club of the Canadian Figure Skating Association.

## Santa, giant tree planned for Plaza

For the second year Santa Claus, the non-denominational patron saint of generosity, will be visiting Milton Plaza. Santa will arrive Friday, December 16, at 5 p.m., staying until 9; and will be present all day Saturday. He will return Wednesday, December 21, and receive children all day the following Thursday, Friday and Saturday, when he

will leave on his rounds Christmas Eve.

Free candy will be given to children who visit him and color photos will be taken on request at a small fee.

The Plaza Merchants' Association also intends to erect and decorate a 25 foot Christmas tree and it should be the tallest in town.



LACING SKATES is a job for mother, four-year-old Julie Syer smiles. Mrs. Ken Syer is shown as she laces Julie's skates. Seven-year-old Julie Randall looks on. The Milton Figure Skating Club started its season recently and plans are already underway for the club's carnival to be held in the Spring.



FIGURE SKATING IS OLD HAT for these young ladies — they've been doing it for years. Shown posing are Lori Tom, Letitia Nadalin and Maureen Devlin. Mrs. Mary Jane Robinson is club professional again this year. Lessons are held each Tuesday and Thursday at Milton Arena.

## Defensive driving answer to traffic

Every 100 minutes, every day, in Canada, a human life is snuffed out in road traffic. It is not a dignified death. It could have been avoided. The victim did not expect to die.

Every day in Canada more than 400 men, women and children are plunged into agonies of mind and body in road traffic, the Canadian Highway Safety Council reports. Many are permanently disabled.

They did not expect to be hurt. Most of them lay on unfriendly ground as strangers stared at them while they waited for assistance. It could have been avoided.

"A human being is no match for 3,000 pounds of racing steel and glass, yet every day hundreds of humans challenge these speeding behemoths to duels the humans cannot win", said the Council.

The Canadian Highway Safety Council points out that the only chance the human has is to know how to recognize and avoid these highway perils. It's called defensive driving.

CHSC urges every motorist to practice defensive driving during Safe-Driving Week, Dec. 1 to 7, so they will drive with more confidence and security the rest of the year.

## Record deposits, loans noted in bank report

Record deposits of almost \$5 billion and loans of more than \$3 billion are reported by the Bank of Montreal in its 149th annual statement, released here by John Semple, manager of the bank's Milton branch.

Commenting on the bank's annual figures for the year ended October 31, he said new highs had been established right across the board—in assets, loans,

deposits and earnings. Deposits of \$4,995 million included personal savings of \$2,307 million. Total loans climbed to \$3,280 million, with an increase of \$172 million in the key category "commercial and other loans".

Assets reached \$5,423 million, an increase of almost \$500 million from 1965.

Record high earnings are re-

corded for operations of the bank's more than 1,000 offices at home and abroad, the manager continued.

The net earnings figure of \$19,905,599 is an increase of \$1,175,246 from 1965. Total provision for income taxes is \$20,988,731.

The bank's almost 26,000 shareholders are receiving dividends of \$2.37½ per share, or a total of \$14,428,125. This is 10 cents a share more than in 1965.

He said the B of M's strong liquid position is reflected in the "quick" assets figure of \$2,091 million.

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