



Smiles at the town office

Everyone's all smiles as Mayor Vince Moreau inks the contract for phase four of the west sanitary sewer system in Penetanguishene. Looking on is contractor Don Sherk (front; left); town clerk Yvon Gagne (back; left) and public works superintendent Fred Lynn. staff photo

L.I.P. grant completing centre

It's taking two Local Initiative projects but the Lafontaine Community Centre should be completed by mid-April 1975.

A year and a half ago Vic Moreau, the manager and sponsor of the current project, wrote up the LIP application together with the Lafontaine Parks and Recreation Committee.

The Center was largely completed following the first LIP project and has been used since but the most recent LIP grant for \$15,000,

will improve and enhance the Center's interior.

Most of the work is being done in the basement where recreation facilities are being added by dividing one large basement hall into three separate areas. The smallest room contains a pool table, another will serve as woodwork shop, and the largest room can be used as a meeting place for social events such as teen dances. Ping pong tables and dart games may also be set up in the largest of the three

basement rooms.

In the upstairs hall workers are finishing wood work which was not completed during the initial LIP project.

Six people are employed on the project, five on a full time basis and one part time. This includes Vic Moreau the program's manager.

All of the workers come from Lafontaine and through the LIP project they are also laying out roughly 10 miles of cross country ski trails.

Build for the future, for yourself and others

by Reverend Al Farthing Minister at the Presbyterian Church in Penetanguishene

I would like to think that each of us is building for the future, and I certainly hope that we all live to make a claim on the future that we are building! But realistically, we know that we have no guarantee that we will inherit, that for which we have worked, hoped, and prayed.

Nevertheless, I would really like to believe that our struggle for a good future is worthwhile, whether or not we are ever able to claim it! I would like to believe that our work, our toil, our plans and our prayers have a significance that extends far beyond whether or not we

are able to claim the future that we are building. In other words, when I build for the future, I build not just for myself and my family, but for you, for old people in Newfoundland, for Eskimo babies in the Northland, and even for people in faraway lands.

More and more, we must accustom ourselves to being citizens of the world, all of us having responsibility for one another's welfare. We are one family in this world, and it is long past time that we realized it.

Now I am impressed with that ancient story from the Bible, in which Moses receives his final message from God.

As the Children of Israel were about to claim their future, their great leader was told by his God: "This is the land which I swore to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, that I would give it to their descendants. I have let you see it with your own eyes, but you shall not cross over into it."

What a bitter pill that must have been for Moses to swallow! What a cruel smack in the face it must have seemed, from the hand of the God who had asked so much of him over the years! After building for this wonderful future, Moses was to have no part of it! All his building was for a future, that he was not able to claim! He was to die, and leadership would pass to the great Joshua, of Jericho fame. The Children of Israel would enter the Promised Land without their great leader and prophet — Moses.

If he made a word of protest, it has gone unrecorded. But I rather suspect that after years of listening to the voice of God, Moses was content to accept whatever his God had to tell him! And besides, even if he personally could not claim his future, his beloved people would!

There is a deep lesson here for us, as we stand at the beginning of another year. We may or may not claim and inherit the next day, the next hour, even the next minute! But whether we do or not, we know that others will inherit the future. And if we can see ourselves as a part of the great family of God, and the great family of humanity, then we can rejoice — whether or not we make a personal claim on the future, for which we are all building!

May God's grace be with us all in 1975 and beyond.

\$67,702 sewer contract

Town officials recently signed a \$67,702 contract to initiate work on phase four of the west sanitary sewer system in Penetanguishene.

The signing of the contract with Don Sherk Construction Ltd., of Penetanguishene took place on Friday, December 20 at the town office.

Public works superintendent Fred Lynn explained that work starts at Center and Poyntz Streets and extends north to Robert

Street West. Another branch of sewers will be put in extending east from Poyntz to John Street and South to Robert Street West. Sewers will be extended east on Poyntz to Scott Street.

Don Sherk Construction Ltd. is currently involved in construction of the Penetanguishene Sewage treatment plant doing the excavation and concrete work. The company's contract there is for \$75,000.

Message pour 1975

par Reverend Guy J. Hamel

L'Année 1975 nous apporte le thème de la Réconciliation avec Dieu et avec tous nos frères de la terre. Cette année sainte promulguée par Paul VI devrait nous fournir l'occasion de réfléchir sur les grands problèmes de l'heure et nous inciter à apporter des solutions durables conduisant à la Paix et le partage du pain quotidien.

L'année 1975 devrait donc stimuler tous les hommes de bonne volonté à changer leurs attitudes égoïstes et non-chrétiennes pour se tourner davantage vers Dieu par la prière, des attitudes plus conformes à la loi de l'Évangile et une meilleure compréhension des grands principes de justice sociale et économiques.

De plus 1975 devrait nous inciter à suivre les directives des évêques catholiques canadiens dans leur message à l'occasion de la fête du travail de l'année qui s'achève: "la modification des comportements personnels, la réforme des structures économiques, ce sont les deux voies à prendre pour donner aux hommes le plein usage de leur responsabilité dans la gestion des biens." Voilà donc l'objectif à atteindre pour l'année 1975.

Que cette année de grâces et de paix vous rapproche sensiblement de votre Sauveur Jésus-Christ et vous aide à combler le fossé qui nous sépare du Tiers Monde dans la lutte contre l'inflation, la famine, la maladie, les désastres cosmiques et la guerre.

Que le paix et la joie du Christ règne dans vos coeurs et que l'année 1975 soit sainte, heureuse, prospère et profitable pour tous nos frères humains.

Que Dieu vous bénisse.

All - Ontario meet

Badminton team off to Winter Games

The Georgian Bay badminton team boarded a plane on Thursday to make the trip to Thunder Bay for the Ontario Winter Games.

The eight-member team along with its coach Mate Lichtenberg of Midland and manager Dan St. Amant of Penetanguishene spent four days in the competitions but

results were not available by press time.

The mixed team was put together from players in Georgian Bay leagues especially for the event. All players are under 30 years old and were picked for their achievements and ability displayed in last year's

Georgian Bay senior championships.

Team members are Robert Berdan of Penetanguishene, Steve Tasker of Bracebridge, Paul Forth of Parry Sound, Bill McCartney of Owen Sound, Angela Wesser, Kathy Payne, and Heather Koch all from Penetanguishene, and Jane Forth from Parry Sound.

"I'm hopeful they'll win a few games," said the coach, "but it's hard to say." He added that teams are competing from the Toronto area, and that he is expecting very tough competition.

The Ontario Winter Games have not been alive for too many years. The competitions also include sports like basketball and hockey, with the winners continuing in competitions at the national level later in the year.

Coach Lichtenberg feels that the provincial competitions will become an annual event and feels that teams from this area will compete regularly. This is the first year for badminton and the first time a team from this area has been entered.

All travel and lodging expenses are paid for by the provincial government under the Ontario sports program.

Perkies pooped

The popping Perkinsfield Perkies appear to be pooped. On Thursday, the Perkies dropped their second game in as many starts by losing 4-2 the Wyevale.

The loss leaves the Perkies somewhere below the halfway mark in the Elmvalle and District Senior Hockey League standings.

In doubling the count on Perkinsfield Wyevale evened out the Perkies season record at four wins, four losses and a tie.

John McGowan, who scored the Perkies only goal in their 5-1 loss to Mansfield prior to Christmas, notched the first Perkies tally on an unassisted effort.

Gary Preston popped in the only other Perkies goal connecting on a pass from Andy Parnet.

The game was a fast and hard hitting affair.

The Perkies will be out to turn things around in the new year on Thursday when they meet KIL.

Centre d'Activités Françaises

Après un an d'opération, le Centre d'Activités Françaises est en pleine marche. Le Directeur M. Roland Desroches et les membres du Centre vous souhaitent une bonne et heureuse année.

L'Office national du film du Canada en collaboration avec le Centre d'Activités Françaises présentera le film intitulé "Le Reel du Pendu", lundi le 6 janvier, 1975.

Keep Christmas trees

After Christmas, a Christmas tree indoors is a fire hazard. Throw it out — but into the garden, not into the garbage. In the garden, there are many uses for discarded Christmas trees.

"A few branches, cut and laid on the ground to form a mulch, will protect roses, strawberries, chrysanthemums, and other special plants," suggests Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food horticulturist R.F. Gomme. "The branches trap snow, and snow is one of the best insulators. It forms an even cover and costs

nothing. Mulches prevent the freezing and thawing which heaves the roots and damages plants."

Other uses for the Christmas tree: Evergreen needles and small cut up branches could be dug into the garden next spring to improve the soil texture. Flowering bulbs in pots can be rooted outdoors in trenches, for later indoor forcing, if the soil in the trench is protected by thick layers of Christmas tree boughs. In addition, discarded trees make excellent bird shelters and feeding stations.

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And Further Take Notice that any person who is resident in the licensing district and objects to any application shall file his grounds of objection in writing with the Deputy Registrar at least ten days before the meeting.

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