Town Police

A quiet week

Last week was a quiet one for town police. Despite hazardous road conditions on some days drivers to navigate the straight and narrow and bending roadways without slipping and sligg to the ditches.

One accident

They did so well in fact that only one accident was

A two car crash on Friday at 8:40 p.m. resulted in charges against both drivers and an estimated \$500 in damages to both cars.

John Deschamps of Midland was charged with having a frosted up back window and no side mirror. The other driver, Willard Charlebois of Penetanguishene was charged with following too

Snowmobile recovered

In the only other weekend occurrance on the police logbooks, the area detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police reported the recovery of a missing snowmobile at 1:30 a.m. on Monday.

OPP report

Car-snowmobile crash

A car and snowmobile accident last Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. resulted in injuries to and charges against the snowmobile driver. Police report that a car driven by Martin Laurin, 45, of Penetanguishene was making a left turn on Tiny concession 15 when his car was struck from behind by a snowmobile driven by Arthur Laurin, 19, of Penetanguishene. Arthur Laurin was taken to Penetanguishene General Hospital and treated for cuts and bruises. He has been charged under the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act with failure to produce a driver's licence.

Impaired charges laid

Charged with impaired driving and driving with excess alcohol in his system after a single car accident on the Highway 27 curve just south of the Penetanguishene limits is Frank D. Laramey, 23, of Penetanguishene. Police report \$350 damage to the car and \$300 to the telephone pole the car struck.

Youth hit by car

Last Saturday at 2 p.m. there was a car-pedestrian accident on Muskoka Road 5, one-half mile west of Highway 103. Police report that John Cadeau, 14, of RR1, Port Severn was taken to St. Andrew's Hospital in Midland for treatment of cuts and bruises after he ran into the path of a car driven by Beatrice Bressette, also of RR1, Port Severn. OPP officers laid no charges because they report road conditions at the time made it impossible for the driver to stop in time.



Looking hungry

Two-year-old Joe Burns munches on his chips while sad-eyed Susy Woods (the beagle) tries to get the message across that she wants food. Joe failed to notice the dog's appealing look. The little happening took place on Sunday at the Maple Valley Snowmobile races.

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Replacing Christmas presents

The Penetanguishene cubs and scouts give presents to the members of the Donnon family to make up for the loss of the Donnon's Christmas presents when their home was totally destroyed by fire on January 7. The presentation took place on Sunday at the cubs and scouts mother-son breakfast at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Standing from left to right are:

Jamie Beauchamp, Beverly Donnon, Darin Donnon, Dan Donnon (a cub leader), Greg Marchildon, Al Ladouceur and Marcel Ladouceur. The Donnon's and their children Darin (eight), Stephen (five) and Tracy-Ann (three) are staying with their parents at their grandparents home in Lafontaine. Staff photo

Dogs running at large: Lomas

In a response to recent critcism of the Huronia (formally called Orillia) Branch of the Ontario Humane Society the area supervisor reports that the society picked up two dogs in Penetanguishene January 3, one of the two days on which town councillor Clarence Lomas says the society failed to answer calls to pick up stray dogs in the town. One of the dogs, a collie, was picked up in the Brule Heights area, the other, a male tan puppy, was found on Peel Street according to Humane Society supervisor Alexandra Parry.

At the last town council meeting (two weeks ago) Lomas criticized the society saying that "dogs are running at large in the town" and this municipality is not being serviced for the rates it's paying to the Humane Society.

At that time Lomas told the council he had called the Society on Friday, January 3, and Thursday, January 9, but that no one had come to pick up the stray dogs.

In a recent interview with the Citizen Alexandra Parry said records show the Humane Society picked up two dogs on January 3 and another on Peel Street a day later during a routine patrol. As for the January 9 call Parry said no record of it exists.

The area supervisor quickly added that she is not denying Lomas made the January 9 call, only that "we have no record of any calls from Penetanguishene (on that day)."

The Humane Society keeps a written record of all incoming calls on regular work days. On Sunday's an answering service handles the calls and maintains records by leaving a ticket for each

The Humane Society supervisor said if Lomas did not give his name on calling there may be no record of the

call. Lomas later said he only gave information as to where the dogs were running loose and did not leave his

According to Alexandra Parry this is the first complaint about the Society's service in the Penetanguishene area. "I'm a little upset to say the least" Parry said concerning the criticism. She added that the Society did a lot of work in the Penetanguishene area last summer when there was a problem with rabid skunks.

After Clarence Lomas criticized the Humane Society at the last council meeting Reeve Lionel Dion suggested that the Humane

tative before council to clarify the situation. However, Parry claims that she has written a letter to town officials last April requesting a meeting with council and "we did not receive a reply."

Society send a represen-

A request by the Ontario Humane Society for a rate increase from area municipalities appeared to spark Lomas' outburst against the Society at the recent meeting.

The Humane Society is asking Penetanguishene, Midland, Tay and Tiny Townships, Victoria Harbour and Port McNicoll, for a per capita payment of

Penetanguishene's rate has stayed at \$1 since services were initiated for the town roughly four or five years ago Parry said.

The area supervisor said the Humane Society would continue to honour existing two year contracts with municipalities until they run

As contracts come up for renewal the society will push for the per capita increases to cover continuall higher operating costs.

Last year the Orillia Branch of the Humane Society had a \$25,000 deficit. The society expects to face a province-wide deficit of \$150,000 this year.



Strolling on horses

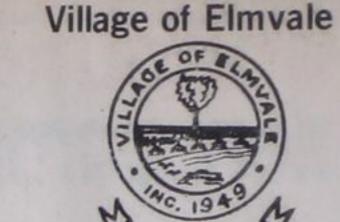
When the Dubeau family goes for a Sunday Poyntz Street on a Sunday afternoon. stroll they let their horses do the walking. Here, Doug Dubeau and his family head up

About cavities

"Cavities are mean so keep your teeth clean". So says Janice Darby, a dental assistant for the Simcoe County Public Health Unit.

The common sense saying comes as a reminder that this week from February 3 to February 7 is Dental Health Week across Canada.

Last year area elementary schools held a dental health week slogan contest. The winning slogan "Smile more for 74" applies just as much in 75 although it does lose something in the rhyme scheme. Perhaps that's why the saying for this week is "Cavities are mean, so keep your teeth clean." It rhymes.



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