



A veritable bevy of beauties

CKMP's Doug Johnston got a sneak preview last week of the girls who will be competing this Friday night for the title of Winterama Queen. On Doug's right is Shelley Smith, and

on his left is Nancy Robinson. In the middle row are Jennifer Gilbert, Cindy Lockhart, Janet Limoges, Denise Meredith and Lucille Cascagnette. In the back row are Karen

Yule, Germaine Quesnelle and Debbie Piitz. Johnston is the master of ceremonies for the contest, which takes place at 9:00, at the Pen Theatre. Staff photo

Starts Friday

Winterama is upon us!

There's only two days left to go until the Annual Penetanguishene Winterama gets under way.

The festivities don't begin until Friday, but tomorrow anyone interested in taking part in snowmobile races will be able to register at the Chamber of Commerce office, in the old Post Office building at 63 Main Street. Registration will take place from 10:00 in the morning until noon.

Anyone having occasion to visit the town dock tomorrow will be able to see the huge Winterama tent, which will be the centre of activity for the festival, being erected.

Winterama really begins Friday at noon, when all the facilities, concessions, games of chance, arts and crafts displays, and the refreshment booth open up in the big tent at the dock. At 4:30 p.m., the Atom Hockey Tournament begins at the Penetanguishene Arena, and at 8:00, there will be bingo at the Legion Hall. At 9:00, the Winterama Queen contest begins at the Pen Theatre, and at 10:00 there will be a Snowmobile Torchlight Parade, running from the Pen Theatre to the dock, around the bay, and back to tent at the dock.

On Saturday the Atom Tournament will continue all day, and the Chamber of Commerce tent will be open all day. A curling Bonspiel will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Penetanguishene Curling Club, and at 12:45 p.m. Indian Tribal Dances will be presented by the Christian Island Society at the corner of Robert and Main Streets.

Snowmobile races begin at 1:00, and at 2:00 there will be a fishing derby at the dock. At 2:30, a children's dog show will take place, and the Huronia Parachute Club will put on a demonstration. An hour later, the Belvedere Sky Diving Team will demonstrate the art in the air over Penetanguishene.

Saturday night, there will be three Winterama dances, at the Legion Hall, the Curling Club, and the Knights of Columbus Hall.

On Sunday, the Atom tournament winds up, and there will be open curling at the Curling Club. The fishing derby continues at noon, and the finals for the snowmobile races begin at that time as well.

Motorcycle races begin at 2:00 and more Parachute demonstrations take place throughout most of the afternoon.

A barbershop quartet will appear on Sunday in the tent at the tent at the dock.

Features which will run all weekend are Helicopter and airplane rides at the dock and rides for children at the dock. There will be ample places for cold celebrants to warm up throughout the weekend. The orientation

centre and the seamen's barracks at the Historic Naval and Military Establishments, and the Old Post office building will both be open, with the Girl Guides providing coffee and snacks at the Old Post Office Building. The "Saints and Sinners Coffee House" will

be held at the All Saints Anglican Church Parish Hall Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and will include a bake sale and tea, with a display of Community Night School Crafts. It is being put on by the St. James Anglican Church Ladies.

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Establishments to celebrate Winterama

With the many activities happening all through Winterama weekend, one of the most enjoyable and perhaps tranquil will be the cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and hiking at the Historic Naval and Military Establishments.

From 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., both Saturday and Sunday, February 19 and 20 the site will be open, and there is no admission charge for this event.

Located at the end of Church Street, off Robert Street east, the Establishments was once a British naval base and military garrison. Now the reconstructed site draws thousands of visitors to the area every summer.

Visitors this weekend can imagine the lives of soldiers and sailors posted to this isolated

outpost as they coped with winter conditions. Ski trails among the historic buildings will be well marked and those who prefer snowshoeing and hiking can climb to less accessible areas of the site for spectacular views of the bay.

Two buildings will be open for the convenience and comfort of participants.

Everyone must bring their own equipment and be responsible for it while on the site.

"We hope all winter enthusiasts will take advantage of this opportunity to see the Establishments in winter," said site manager Burke Penny.

Be sure to bring your cameras as there will be plenty of beautiful subjects to photograph.

Flu vaccine to begin again

The bi-valent swine flu vaccination program will be resumed shortly, Dr. Nancy Armbrust, Simcoe County Health Officer said on Friday.

Flu shots were suspended in the Midland-Penetanguishene and Elmvale areas in the middle of December after some negative reaction to the vaccine was reported in the United States.

The vaccine will be given to the elderly, the chronically ill and high-risk groups. Dr. Armbrust said she had not received notification from the Department of Health to include children in the inoculation program.

There have been no reported cases of the A-Victoria flu in Simcoe County as yet. The high incidence level for this flu usually occurs in March, Dr. Armbrust pointed out. The number of cases of the flu reported in the county last year was relatively light compared to other parts of the province.

Grew lays off workers

A 30-day cutback in production at Grew Boats, in Penetanguishene, has resulted in the temporary laying off of about 38 employees, throughout the plant.

The general manager of the company, Jack Hurst, said the cutback is not out of the ordinary, and in the past has taken place later in the spring, or early summer. He said there will be a 100 percent recall on either March 7 or March 14.

Hurst said the affected employees would be able to collect Unemployment Insurance while they are off work, and he added that the company had Unemployment Insurance Commission personnel into the plant before the lay-offs began, so the affected employees could be registered to minimize the length of time they would have to wait for the benefits.

He said the company would continue to pay all employee benefits, such as hospitalization insurance, for the men while the cutback is in effect.

Management blames sagging export market

Bausch and Lomb to close down local plant

"It wasn't an easy decision - in fact it was very difficult, we have tried every avenue since late last fall to avoid this."

Disappointment and regret surfaced in the voice of L.D. Curran, President of Bausch and Lomb Optical Co. Ltd., as he spoke of his company's decision to close its operations in Midland.

"It has been very hard to do this...but it was not economical to continue."

Bausch and Lomb announced last Thursday it would be phasing out its manufacture of glass lenses and frames in Midland over the next two months but would retain its national distribution center in Midland. Only 17 of its present 113 employees will be kept on. The others have received their notices and will, according to Curran, be receiving severance pay and additional compensation. A gradual decline in the company's export



A sleighride... fun for everyone

About 14 children, aged three and four, from Les Bambins de Lafontaine nursery school took a short break from school last Wednesday afternoon, as they went on a sleigh ride outside Lafontaine. Their teachers, who looked as though they needed the break as

much as the children, also went along for the ride.

Staff photo

Happy Valentines at St. Joseph's



Got one for me?

Monday was Valentine's Day, and at St. Joseph's School in Penetanguishene it was celebrated with enthusiasm. Here James MacIntosh, who was one of the students in charge of distributing the

Valentine cards, sorts them out as his classmates Caroline Robitaille, right, and Michelle Carriere, centre, look on expectantly.

Staff photo



Valentine artistry on display

After the individual valentines were handed out, each student drew a name out of a box, and presented a card he or she had made in class to the student

whose name he or she drew. Here the students, who are in Sister Irene Pelletier's grade four class, show off the valentines they received.

no plans for immediate expansion of those operations, Curran said.

Although Larry Curran could not comment on possible relocation to Toronto of some

Answer expected in mid March

Fate of CN land in doubt

Canadian National Railways has not yet decided how it will dispose of its right-of-way between Penetanguishene and Anten Mills.

E.W. Kirk manager of real estate for CNR in Toronto said last week Canadian National is still trying to "resolve the Problem" and is not expected to announce a decision until mid March.

"There are many people with fingers in the pie and they all have different ideas," Kirk explained.

The future of the CNR right-of-way has hung in doubt for over a year now as various interest groups and municipalities expressed an interest in acquiring all or a portion of the property.