

Presents brief to Ministry of Culture and Recreation

Taylor wants increase in Wintario funds for Simcoe

Simcoe Centre MPP George Taylor has presented a brief to the Minister of Culture and Recreation, complaining that the county is not as economically developed as the minister believes. Taylor's brief argues that the formula for allocating Wintario funds for the development of cultural and recreational facilities is discriminating against Simcoe County. As it stands, the formula is different for southern Ontario, of which Simcoe County is a part, than the northern and eastern sections of

the province. The reasoning behind the boundaries is that construction costs are higher in northern and eastern Ontario. "When the Wintario Capital Grants Programme was established," said Robert Welch, Minister of Culture and Recreation, "it was designed to provide a greater degree of Wintario assistance for projects in northern and eastern Ontario in recognition of the higher costs of construction in those more isolated communities." Taylor argues con-

struction costs shouldn't be the sole determinant of how much Wintario money an area is entitled to. "In re-considering these boundaries," said Taylor in his brief, "the questions to be asked are not only to what extent do construction costs vary across regions, but also to what extent do lower levels of economic development handicap the collection of sufficient private funds by non-profit organizations who wish to apply for Wintario grants."

Wintario will contribute up to one-third of the total cost of the construction of, for example, an arena or recreation centre, provided an equal amount of money is raised from private sources. However, under the special northern and eastern regional grant formula, Wintario will contribute up to one half of the total cost of a project, and matching funding on a basis of \$2 for every \$1 raised privately. Taylor's brief cites a low level of construction activity compared to eastern counties, a high rate of unemployment and a low average income as proof of "the relatively weaker economic situation of Simcoe County." Taylor also argues that construction costs are not significantly higher in eastern counties than in Simcoe. Last year Simcoe County ranked 13th out of 15 eastern municipalities in the amount of Wintario grants received and 27th out of 48 counties in Ontario. Taylor also points out that \$21-million remains in Wintario coffers. "Since Wintario funds continue to accumulate,"

he said, "this proposal to increase capital support grants in Simcoe County would help put a small portion of the ever increasing surplus of Wintario monies to beneficial use in the community." The brief encompasses another economic situation in which Taylor feels Simcoe County is being discriminated against. He feels the same arguments outlined in his brief concerning Wintario grants apply to the extension of the provisions of the Eastern Ontario Development Corporation to Simcoe County. At present local entrepreneurs can borrow up to 50 per cent of their costs from the Ontario Development Corporation. However, if Simcoe County was included in the EODC, local entrepreneurs could borrow up to 75 per cent of their costs. The brief was submitted to Mr. Welch and Claude Bennett, Minister of Industry and Tourism.

Christmas arrivals at PGH Buchanan of Elmvalle are the new parents of a baby girl born on New Year's Eve. Also born on New Year's Eve was a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Barry Smith of Dufferin St. Penetanguishene. Penetanguishene General Hospital was the location for all the births.

Christmas came a little late for four families—and the presents weren't wrapped in Christmas paper and placed under the tree and they don't run on batteries. The presents were in the form of new additions to the families. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph

Labatte of Penetanguishene are the proud parents of a daughter. She was born the day after Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McLean of Elmvalle received a special surprise as Mrs. McLean gave birth to twin girls on December 27. Mr. and Mrs. Dale

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Mr. and Mrs. Belleghem

This happy couple, Joan Boucher and Leigh Belleghem, tied the knot at First Presbyterian Church in Penetanguishene November 12. Joan is the daughter of Mrs. Lucy Boucher and the late Cena Boucher of Penetanguishene. Leigh is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Belleghem of Orillia.

Police report

Perkinsfield man charged in break-in attempt

Charges of break and enter with intent to steal merchandise and resisting arrest were laid against a Perkinsfield man Thursday.

Raymond Benedict of R.R. 1 Perkinsfield was seen attempting entry into Bryant's Jewellers on Main Street shortly before midnight.

Constable Michael Brady arrived on the scene and Benedict didn't take too kindly to his deteriorating situation, resulting in the charge of resisting arrest being laid.

Similar charge

Penetanguishene Police laid their first charge of 1978 Monday against a local man.

Leon Ladouceur of Robert St. West has been charged with break and enter with intent following an investigation by Sgt. Donald Westcott.

Ladouceur was apprehended at a construction site on Water St.

Poor weather causes accident

Police are blaming slippery road conditions for a pile-up at Fox and Simcoe Streets Friday.

Vehicles driven by William Trilsbeck of Penetanguishene and Peter Larmand from Wyebridge collided Friday evening, causing \$800 damage to Trilsbeck's car and \$400 to the vehicle driven by Larmand.

No injuries resulted and charges weren't laid.

Adolf Doucette

Adolph Doucette of Perkinsfield passed away on December 15, 1977 following a brief illness. A long time resident of this area, Mr. Doucette was buried at the St. Patrick's Cemetery, Perkinsfield following a service led by Father Justin Desroches.

Adolph Doucette was in his 78th year.

The pallbearers were Robert Doucette, Michael Corbett, Harvey Haun, Danny, Pierre and Gilles Boissonneault.

Mr. Doucette was employed as the

municipal clerk for both the Township of Tiny and later in Penetanguishene. He was the husband of the late Flora (Belcourt) Doucette, and is survived by daughters Irma (Mrs. Jean Senecal) of Montreal, Simone (Mrs. Ed Corbett) and Bernadette (Mrs. Armand Boissonneault) both of Toronto and sons Martial of Bradford, Lambert of Montreal and Leo of Toronto. He leaves sisters Elvine Doucette, and Elzire Doucette of Ottawa, and Zita (Mrs. Philip LeFaive) of Perkinsfield.

Virginia Carriere

Christmas festivities were marred for the family of Mrs. Virginia Carriere as the 80-year-old Penetanguishene resident died December 21.

Mrs. Carriere was born in Moon River, Ontario and moved to Penetanguishene at an early age. She died following a brief illness at Penetanguishene General Hospital.

Mrs. Carriere is survived by daughters Rita (Mrs. Oliver Buttineau), Cecile (Mrs. Edmond Buttineau) and Delima (Mrs. Fred Longlade). Surviving sons are Albert Carriere and Philippe Longlade. Services were held at St. Ann's Memorial Church Christmas eve, led by Father Justin Desroches. She was buried at St. Ann's Cemetery.

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