



Chuck Coulson

Chuck Coulson, the friendly safety officer leaving the police force.

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## Newsmakers

### 'Friendly policeman' leaves

Chuck Coulson, the man who in the past four years has become known by all area school children as the "friendly policeman", is leaving the ranks of the Ontario Provincial Police.

Constable Coulson announced Tuesday that he would be leaving the force to join Huronia Communication and Security, a private alarms and crime prevention firm.

Constable Coulson has been with the Midland detachment of the OPP for close to eight years. During that time and especially in the last four years, he became well known throughout Huronia as the detachment's Community Service Officer, conducting classroom seminars in area schools on crime prevention, participating in countless community service workshops, and, above all, establishing a close link between the community and the OPP.

Constable Coulson, who is married and has one daughter, says his move from the force does not necessarily mean he is leaving the crime prevention field. If anything, he will be

devoting all his time to preventative work. "I'm interested in making crime prevention a full time endeavour. I think that's the direction society will have to go to curb the losses of crime. Too many people and too many businesses are losing too much money due to crime," he commented.

In his new field, Constable Coulson will analyse problem areas for crime in Simcoe County, and will be advising businesses and individuals on the most economical ways to curb losses encountered as a result of rising crime rates.

"We've been educating children in schools about crime, and I think we've been quite successful at that. We now have to start educating adults," he remarked.

Constable Coulson says he is looking forward to his new duties, although it is with some regret that he leaves.

"I've had some very good experiences on the force," he said.

Replacing Constable Coulson as Community Services Officer will be Midland OPP Constable Murray Cooper.

### Cabbies protest new by-law

Penetanguishene council is considering a by-law that would increase the number of taxi licences in town from 10 to 12. A number of taxi drivers in town are strongly against such a move by council, claiming that there are two many taxis already.

Emery's Taxi, in Penetanguishene, have applied for two to the town, for two additional licences. A spokesman for the company said that he felt two more cabs would be a great benefit to the town because there aren't enough cabs available at key times with only 10 licensed cabs.

Nine out of the 10 licence holders appeared before council on Monday night to give their opinion on the new by-law. A spokesman for the delegation, Joyce Schmidt, of Coven Cabs, said she was opposed to the by-law because there are already enough cabs on the road.

The new by-law, like any other, has to receive three readings before council, but councillor Ray Baker requested that the licence increase by-law be given only two readings, and then sent back to committee for further study.

Mr. Baker had a number of reasons for

requesting two readings. First, he felt that since three councillors were absent, Hubert Charlebois, Vince Moreau and Clarence Lomas, no definite decision should be made on the licence matter.

Secondly, Mr. Baker suggested that the agreement with all the taxi firms in Penetanguishene was to have been reviewed in 1973. This agreement was made in 1970, and it was made with the stipulation that a review would be carried out by the respective committee three years later.

Mr. Baker felt that if the matter were referred back to the Public Safety Committee, the whole matter could be worked out between council and the taxi drivers of Penetanguishene.

Councillor Dion pointed out that if the by-law went back to committee, in accordance with Mr. Baker's suggestion, the taxi drivers would have to wait one month before they could find out whether the two additional licences are to be granted or not.

The delegation of taxi drivers seemed agreeable to waiting one month, so the by-law was given only two readings. A meeting to discuss the problem should be held sometime this week.

## Peninsula plan will be unique

When Tiny Tay Peninsula Planning Board co-ordinator Mike Ufford talks about the Peninsula Plan, one of the things he says is that it will not be like a municipal plan.

The TTPPB recently released an outline for the publication of the plan, and already it is evident that the area plan will indeed be different from most municipal plans.

The plan is broken into four parts. The first section is titled Area Development Patterns. Part two deals with area economic expansion in a manner that is rather unique, part three is titled area transportation and part four deals with the environment.

According to the TTPPB, much of the work regarding specific zoning designations and other matters such as detailed land use, has already been done by the various municipal planning boards. Therefore specifics such as that are not included in the Peninsula Plan. Instead the plan gives a "broad overview of planning in the area", investigating problems such as lack of employment, preservation of forest and shoreline areas and area promotion.

The introduction of the plan is called The Next Generation. It is broken down into three sections, the first being Planning Context. That section gives a long-term framework for local planning, and dealing with issues beyond local control.

The second part of the introduction deals with planning objectives and the third part is regarding area growth.

Part One of the plan is subtitled "Area Development Pattern". It has four subsections: Urban Growth Areas, Environmental Protection Areas, Rural Areas and Shoreline Areas. Part one deals with population allocation, urban policies and rural policies.

Part two is subtitled Area Economic Expansion, and it deals with matters such as number of jobs, types of jobs, location of jobs and area promotion.

Part three—Area Transportation—deals with highways, airports, rail links, and also discusses priorities in the area of local and regional transportation.

Part four, the final section of the plan, is titled The Environment, and it deals with all forms of land preservation, water quality, and recreation policies.

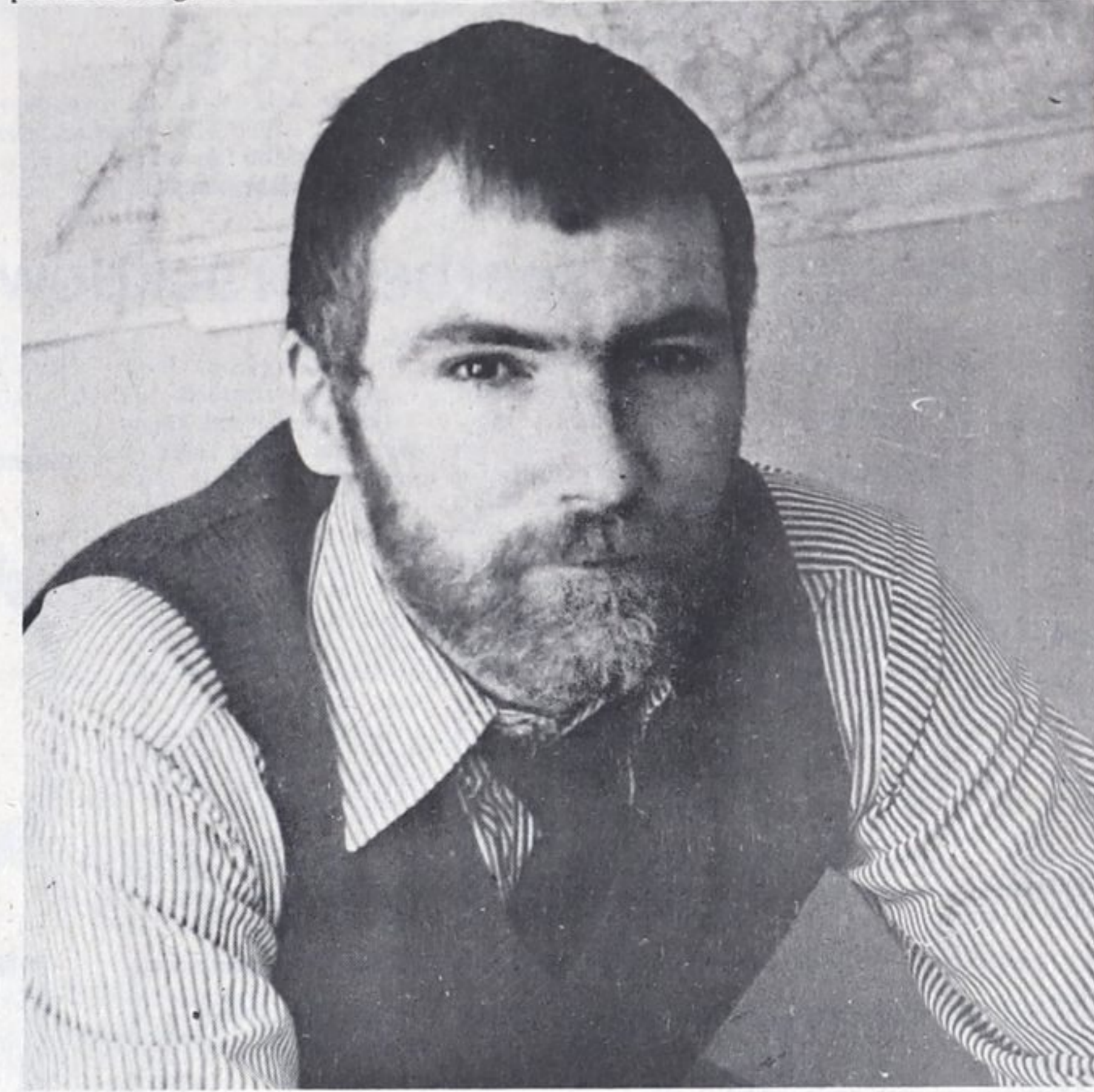
The conclusion of the plan is titled Implementation. It discusses methods of implementing highway development, and other forms of area growth.

The Peninsula Plan was not designed to do the job of municipal planning boards. It is a broad framework of planning schemes and strategies, and the methods whereby area

development plans can be initiated.

The TTPPB hopes that the plan will provide some guidelines for future municipal

planning, so that local planning will be done giving consideration to conditions in the peninsula area.



Mike Ufford

Mike Ufford, Tiny Tay Peninsula Planning Board co-ordinator, says the soon to be

released Peninsula Plan will not be like most municipal plans.

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## Kings vs. Bears in finals

There won't be a seat left at the Penetanguishene arena this Friday night, when the Chemical Valley Junior Kings play their first play-off final game against the Bracebridge Bears.

The Bears and the Huntsville Huskies recently finished their semi-final series, and the Bears won the last and deciding game, 15-5.

The Bracebridge attack was led by Monty Smith and Rob Davison, who both scored four goals each.

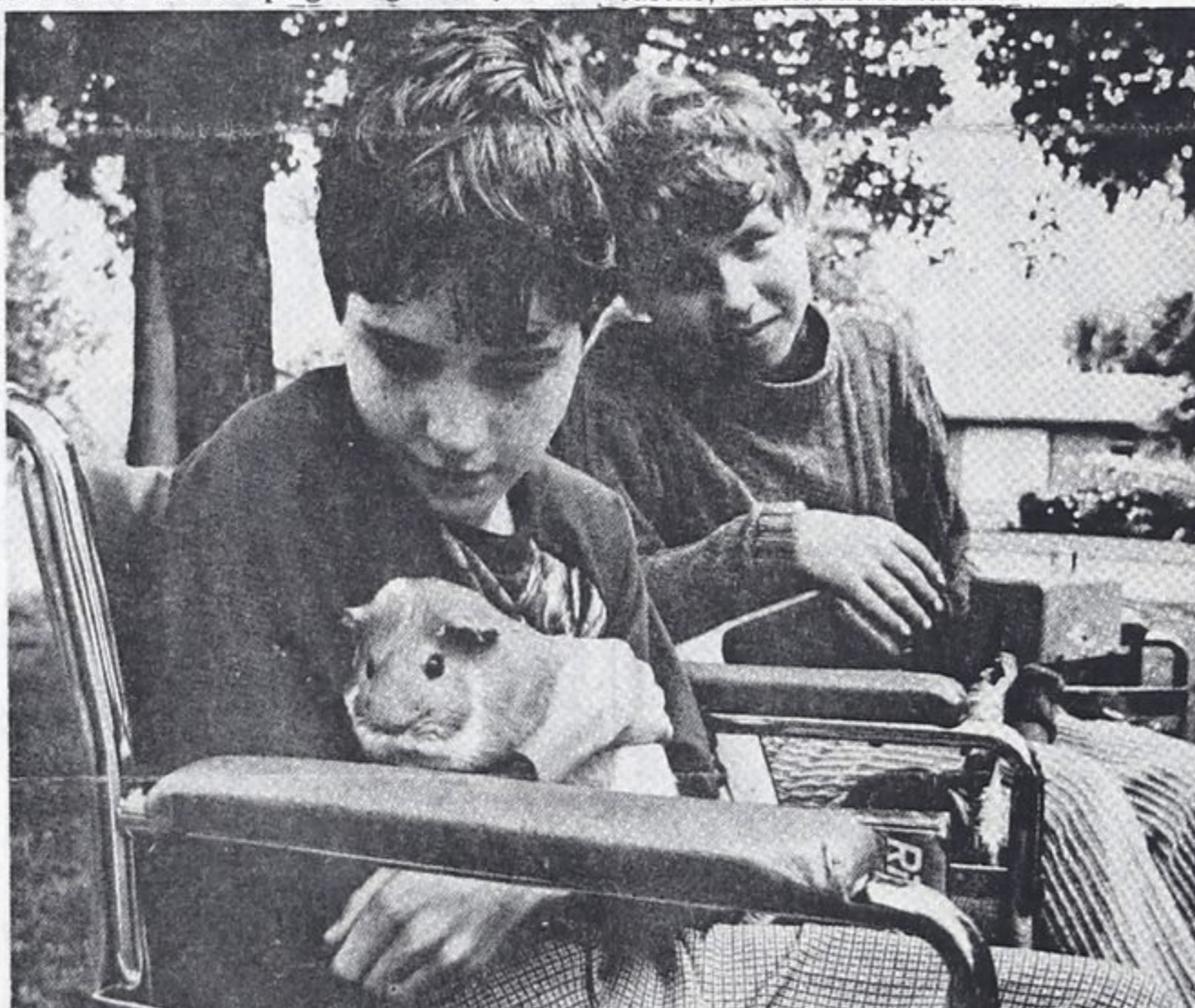
The Bears now move on to meet the victorious Penetanguishene Junior Kings in the final series for the Georgian Bay district championship.

Game time for the first game in the play-off series is 8:30 on Friday night.

## Easter seal campaign vital to crippled children

The annual Campaign for Crippled Children has become as much a part of spring as warm sunny days and melting snow. Since the campaign began 10 years

ago, Ontario residents have become accustomed to dropping donations into little envelopes and sending them away to help children, who for numerous physical reasons, are not as fortunate as most.



Money provides therapy

March is Crippled Children's month, and pretty soon area residents will be receiving little envelopes asking them to make a donation to the Midland District Crippled Children's fund. The money that is donated to

the fund, through such programs as the Easter Seal campaign, goes to providing therapy, wheelchairs, braces and nursing care for children who have physical handicaps. Photo courtesy Easter Seal campaign

## Police cracking down on sticker violations

If you haven't yet purchased your 1978 licence plate sticker or haven't installed one, be advised to keep off Midland streets.

Midland police have been cracking down on validation sticker violators since the 1977 validation period expired Wednesday.

In one day since the 1978 period began, police have laid five no validation sticker violation charges.

The crackdown is part of a province-wide campaign to apprehend licence sticker violators.

## Retired people given grant for social centre

A group of retired people from Penetanguishene have been awarded a grant of \$20,181 from the federal government to provide furnishings and equipment for a social and recreational activities centre.

The grant was announced Wednesday by Health Minister Monique Begin, and will go to a group calling itself "Club 50 et Plus", a retired citizens organization.

The grant is part of a new government program entitled New Horizons. Under the program, retired people's organizations across the country are offered grants to support projects which benefit themselves and others in the community.



The big winner

Rita Perrault of Penetanguishene, is the happy winner of the 50/50 draw held in conjunction with Winterama 1978. Mrs.

Perrault was presented with a \$250 cheque—the other half of the money went towards paying for Winterama. Marie Moreau,

Winterama Queen, presented Mrs. Perrault with the cheque while Jim Desjardins looked on.

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Rena Belcourt

Mrs. Rena Belcourt, was presented with this plaque in honour of 25 years of service at the Penetanguishene Post Office. Mrs. Belcourt, a resident of the area since birth, also

received two pins. One was the "25 years of public service" pin, and the other was from the post office.

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