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Ski enthusiasts young and old gathered at the parish hall in Lafontaine after a day on the trails Saturday, for a spaghetti supper. Pictured here is Yolande

Moreau, one of the day's younger participants. Her tender years didn't discourage her from devouring her food with all the voraciousness of someone much older. Staff photo by Dave Wilson

Future needs examined

Policy presented to board

The immediate and future transportation needs of the Tiny-Tay area was the main focus of the transportation policy presented to the Tiny-Tay Peninsula Planning Board by the Transportation Committee last Thursday night. Commenting on the immediate transportation needs, planning coordinator, Mike Ufford told the board that it was necessary to protect the capacity of the existing highways, such as Highway 12 and protect the area's access on to other transportation corridors. For the foreseeable future, Mr. Ufford told the board, it would be necessary to have a more

direct access route to the south. He said this was necessary in order to quickly reach the markets in Barrie and the Lake Ontario area. Mr. Ufford told the board that the transportation committee felt that Highways 27, 93 and 400 are "immediate attention areas." Using maps, Mr. Ufford pointed out how the highways can be improved in the foreseeable future with bypasses around Wybridge and an additional two lanes between Heritage Drive and Yonge Street to facilitate transportation in and out of Midland and Penetanguishene. The transportation

committee spent some time going over the transportation system in the Tiny Tay area and to points south. One of their suggestions, according to Mr. Ufford is to renumber the highways to make them less confusing. The committee would like to see Highway 93 run all the way to Penetanguishene and have Highway 27 end in Waverley. The planning coordinator presented the board with long range plans for the area as well. Using a map he pointed out two alternatives for transportation expansion. If the beaches expand and need a better transportation route than one of the alternatives for the

year 2000 is to expand Highway 27 and County Road 6, he said. If this doesn't happen then the other alternative is to expand Highway 93 to Penetanguishene. Mr. Ufford says the transportation committee forseees a need for six lanes fanning from Barrie to the central Tiny Tay area. As well, they see a need for better transportation in and around Midland in order to better service the downtown core when the population increases. On top of the major transportation route improvements, Mr. Ufford presented improvements in the transportation between

the communities in the area. He said if the population increases as they expect it to, a better route will be needed between Port McNicoll and Midland, for example. He told the board that the transportation committee based their study on the work of the other committees. "We were locked into servicing those kinds of objects," he said, adding that transportation development is needed to encourage appropriate development in the area. Some of the considerations of the committee included the increased traffic from residential development

Hwy 27 access disputed

Board angry with province

The Tiny Tay Peninsula Planning Board is upset over an order from the Ministry of Transportation and Communication allowing Stonleigh Motors to have access to Highway 27 in their new location next to the A and W. At a regular meeting of the TTPPB on Thursday night, a motion was passed asking the Ministry to reverse this decision and to find out why Stonleigh has been granted access to Highway 27. They also want to know if this move will set a precedent for businesses wanting access in the future. The

motion is to be sent to George Taylor, MPP for the area as well as the Ministry. According to Dr. Peter Brasher it is against policy to allow businesses access to highway 27 in that area. He told the board that the Ministry of Transportation and Communication in Owen Sound were backing the local planning authorities to prevent this from happening. The area planning board found the news of this policy breakdown disturbing. Since improvements have been made to Highway 27, other local businesses

have been affected by the decision to keep the highway clear of access routes. Therrien's Furniture, located at the corner of Highway 27 and the Balm Beach Road, had to move their access to a driveway from the Balm Beach Road Hamelin's Auction Barn, which is across the street from Therrien's on Highway 27, has no access to Highway 27 anymore either. No one on the board seemed to know where the decision to allow Stonleigh, which is moving from its location in Penetanguishene, to have access to Highway

27 came from. Dr. Brasher said he suspected that it was some kind of a ministerial decision which had allowed it. Planner Mike Ufford was afraid that perhaps the board was taking the wrong tact in asking why Stonleigh had been granted access. He explained to the board that how it was done doesn't make any difference. He said he was afraid this tact would not get them anywhere and might even damage their chances once they take their area board policy statements to the ministry. He said it would be better to explain the planning reason for wanting the decision reversed. The board went in camera to discuss the matter since it was becoming so touchy. The motion was presented when they made the meeting public again with no alterations.



Cecile Desrochers

Cecile Desrochers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Desrochers, RR3, Penetang, was awarded The Simcoe Datsun (Barrie) Award, at Awards Day ceremonies held at the Barrie Campus of Georgian College February 22. Cecile is enrolled in the College's Journalism Program.

World day of prayer honoured

The World Day of Prayer was celebrated at Georgian Manor in Penetanguishene last week. An ecumenical church service was held, and all churches from the area participated. The services drew a large crowd, many of whom were residents of

the manor. The guest speaker at the service was Betty Valentine. She spoke with concern about spirit in the community, and also about concern for the aged, the lonely, and shut-ins. Father Joe Harrington, of St. Ann's Parish closed

the service with a blessing. Following the service, a collection was taken which will go towards mission work. Refreshments courtesy of the Catholic Women's League were served to the guests. The organizers of the service wish to thank everyone who helped to make it a success.

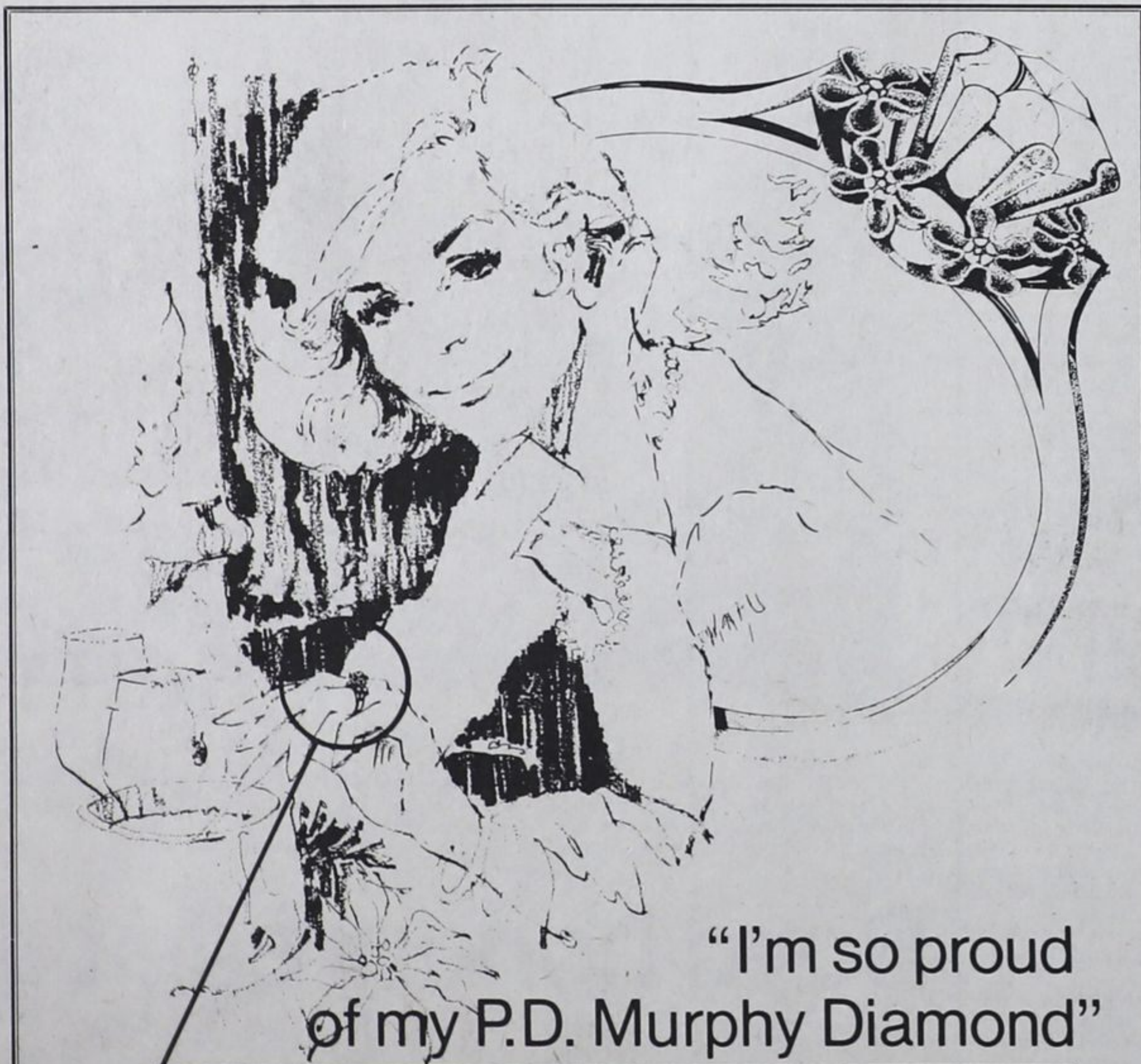
Veteran teacher honoured

Miss Victoire Marchildon was presented with a bouquet of flowers at the March meeting of the Huronia Branch of the Ontario Association of Superannuated Women Teachers. The small token of esteem marked her twentieth year as a member of the Provincial Organization of Retired Women Teachers. The Midland Branch was started in 1961; but, it was in 1958, just two years after the inaugural meeting of the Provincial group, that Miss Marchildon became a member.

Bilingual Section of the Penetanguishene Public School. Miss Marchildon is one of the teachers whose names will go into the Federation of Women Teachers' Diamond Jubilee Book as having taught in or before 1918.

Toronto man charged

A Toronto man was charged in connection with a break-in at the IGA in Penetanguishene. The break-in occurred on March 3 just before dawn. Wayne Robert Ford has been charged by Constable Monroe, with break, enter and theft and assault causing bodily harm.



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Residences broken into

Two Penetanguishene residences were broken into last week. Charges have been laid against two juveniles, following an investigation. The incidents took place on March 1 and March 3. Two charges were laid in connection with the first incident, break, enter and intent, and break, enter and theft. A second juvenile was charged with two counts of break and enter, in connection with the second incident. Constable Tiffen conducted the investigation.

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