



### Pre-Christmas fun

Stringing old fashioned popcorn and cranberry garlands was one of the many children's activities at the Historic Naval and Military Establish-

ments, Dec. 20-21. Over 500 people turned out for "Christmas in the Garrison Community," marking the site's sixth annual Christmas Open

House.

Photo by Odesse, Huronia Historical Parks

### Good news for snowmobilers

As of Jan. 17, snowmobiles in Midland-Penetanguishene will be able to snowmobile right across the province via the Trans-Ontario trail.

That's the date set for the connecting link between the trail at Maple Valley Ski Club and the Trans-Ontario trail to be effected.

The link will give area snowmobilers 540 miles of trail that will take them from Alexandria, Ontario to Kincardine, Ontario.

It will be like a major highway, only for snowmobiles and it will be complete with metal signs warning of hazards and keeping travellers informed of where they are in relation to the next rest stop.

In time, the trail is hoped to connect right through to New York State and other provinces of Canada.

Eddie Fulawka of Maple Valley Snowmobile Club, along with the assistance of Judy Hornberg, keeps the trail groomed for which neither receives any reimbursement for their labour.

A lot of the expenses such as gas has been paid by Fulawka and Hornberg in the past as well.

To help them in their work, a membership fee is paid to belong to the local chapters of the Huronia Snowmobile Association and the Ontario Snowmobile Federation.

It costs \$15 per family and \$10 per single to buy a membership in both of these groups as a package deal.

The membership fee also entitles the membership holder to literature and magazines that inform them of things going on within the groups and in snowmobiling in general.



### Some stocking!

The world's biggest Christmas stocking was up for grabs as part of Penetanguishene's Dock Lunch's annual Christmas promotion. Winner was

Jeannette Hercia, left, shown with Dock Lunch staffers Prima Paus, centre, and Marlene Lahaie, right. Jeannette lives at RR 1, Penetanguishene.

## MPP's New Year's message

by George W. Taylor, MPP

### Simcoe Centre Christmas Message

We are near the end of the first year of a new decade. 1980 has been a year of challenge and achievement - a year of effort and excellence.

Through many difficulties and in the face of countless problems we have advanced across the days and weeks witnessing change, achievement, renewed hope and energy.

We have seen the wonder of the universe unfold before our eyes. Pictures of Saturn and its moons have revealed mysteries previously unimagined.

### Determination

We have seen the courage and determination of a single man captivate a nation and urge it to action. Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope demonstrated man's nobility. The generous response of all Canadians to this brave young man's solitary marathon has significantly aided the fight against cancer.

People have been out doing things - not just for themselves but for their community. Some indeed, have been able to achieve for all mankind.

In Ontario, in spite of external pressures, our people have been at work - building industries, creating jobs, developing opportunities and strengthening our communities. The entrepreneurial spirit is flourishing in our Province as never before.

We are standing together in Ontario. Helping the young get a start in life, extending a hand to those on low or fixed incomes so they too can share in the good life our Province has to offer.

As I travel throughout Ontario and talk to people from different regions and walks of life, I sense a growing strength and optimism. I see a greater sense of conviction and more caring. I see confidence in the future of our Province and our nation. I believe this confidence is not misplaced.

### Optimistic

During this festive season I believe every Ontarian should have reason to feel proud and optimistic. We have much to be thankful for, living in a nation so blessed with human and natural resources. We have worked hard and gained much success. The road to a better future is clear ahead.

Take stock of yourself, what you have and what you can do with it. You too will find that you have much to be thankful for this season. With this knowledge you will have the strength and inspiration to make of 1981 an even better and brighter year.

## 1981 plans in works

Hurononia's two famed historic tourist attractions, both located in North Simcoe, have plans well advanced for a series of special events to be held during 1981.

Sainte-Marie among the Hurons and the Historic Naval and Military Establishments will both hold open houses on Sunday, May 10.

Saturday, June 27 will be set aside for Celebration Day at the Establishments while the second annual Shonnecti (canoe portage and races from Midland to Ste Marie) is slated for July 11.

The Tecumseth Trophy Race will be staged July 25 at the Establishments. First Person Days are planned for Ste Marie, Aug. 10-14 while Descendants' Day has been earmarked for the Establishments, Aug. 15.

Oct. 12-13 it's Esprit De Quendake at Ste Marie and then on Dec. 19-20 of next year it's Christmas Open House at the Establishments.

### CCBU's invitation has been accepted

Simcoe Centre MPP George Taylor has accepted an invitation from members of the Concerned Citizens for Bilingual Unity to attend a public meeting, Jan. 8, at Penetanguishene Legion starting at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting is being held by CCBU members to give the MPP and others a better understanding of how different parties view the on-going saga of whether or not to build a new French language high school in the Town of Penetanguishene.

### No cause found for Diver's death

Tests done by the Centre for Forensic Science in Toronto into the sudden death of Garrold Diver Nov. 6 in the Kingston Regional Reception Centre were negative, Kingston police said Monday.

The Forensic Science staff put the death of the 20-year-old man down as one of about 200 deaths that occur in the country a year for which no cause can be found, said a Kingston police spokesman.

An inquest will be carried out, likely in February, by Kingston area coroner Dr. Cliff Meyer, he added.

Diver collapsed in the Regional Detention Centre's canteen while waiting to be served.