

Family allowance cheques to go up in '81: Ottawa

For families living in Huronia as well as elsewhere throughout the nation, Ottawa has some good news for you.

Health and Welfare Minister Monique Begin announced this week, there will be a full escalation of Family Allowances this year.

The Family Allowances Act provides for annual escalation of payments in January of each year in accordance with the increase in the cost of living.

Effective in January, the federal government

Family Allowances paid monthly for children under 18 will rise to \$23.96 from \$21.80 in most provinces and in the territories. In addition, the refundable Child Tax Credit will provide up to \$238.00 per child per year based on family income.

The amount and method of payment of Family Allowances varies in Quebec and Alberta. Under a provision in the Family Allowances Act, a provincial government may ask the federal government to

vary the rates payable in that province according to the age or number of children in a family, or both, providing the payments average \$23.96. Quebec and Alberta have again chosen this option.

Special Allowances, which are paid to foster parents, welfare agencies, government departments and institutions maintaining children, will increase to \$33.53 from \$30.51.

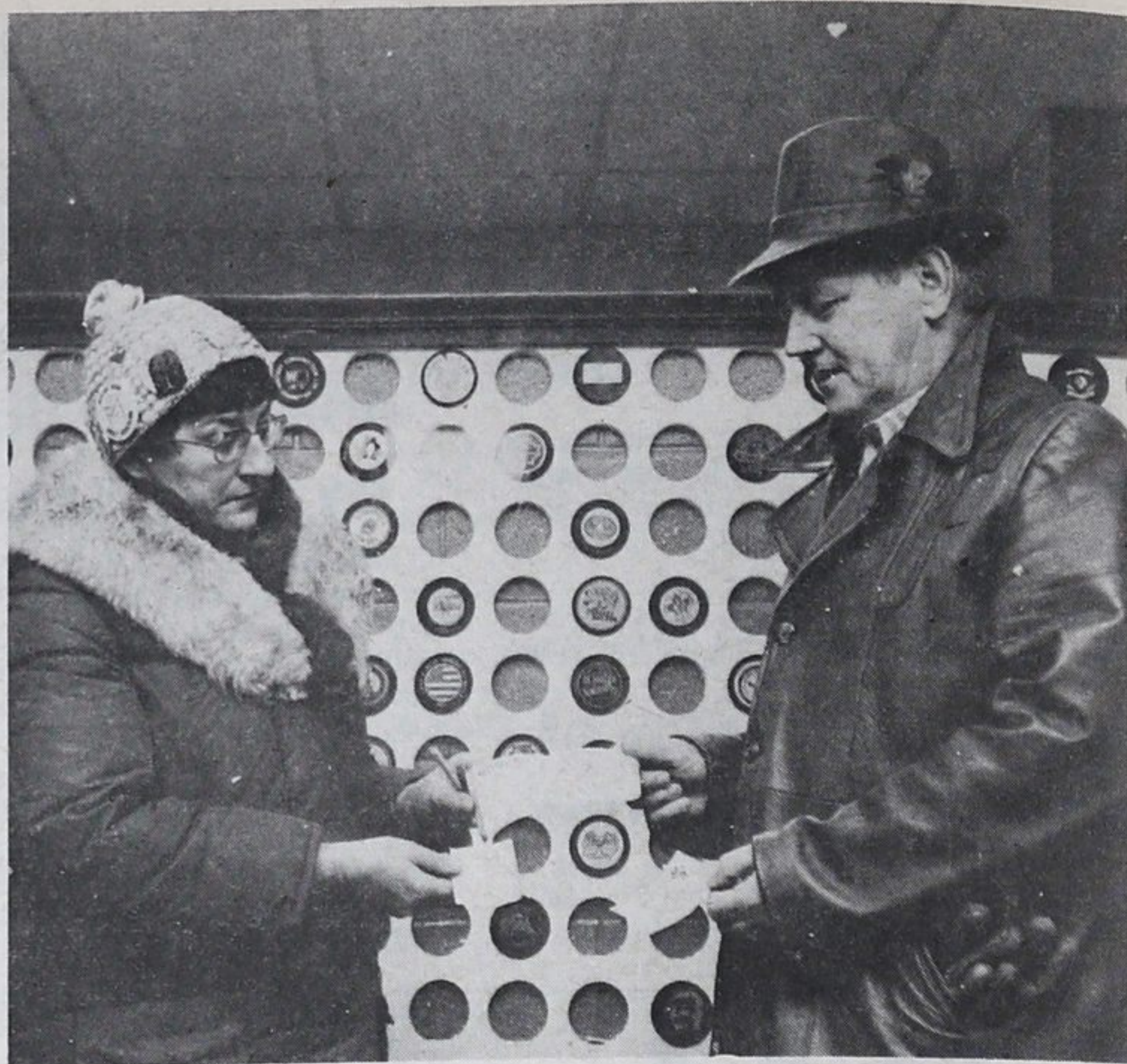
Each month during 1980 the federal government paid out more than \$151 million

in Family Allowances to 3.6 million families. The cheques covered 6.9 million children. The national average allowance for each recipient family was about \$42 monthly.

Add another road to 'closed' list

You can add Highway 92 between Elmvale and Wasaga Beach to that long list of area roads that were closed for a time Wednesday due to whiteouts.

Winds that had subsided for a time whipped up again at news prompted a number of police forces in the county to shut down key routes in the district.



Lucky winner

The Regional Silver Stick hockey competitions were entertaining for Bill Goodchild of Midland, right in more ways than one as he collected a check for \$1,000 as the prize in the ticket draw held during the tour-

namment. Mae Newburn, vice-president of Midland Minor Hockey, left presented him with the check Saturday in Midland Centennial Arena.

\$4,000 damage as oil truck crashes

Imperial oil agent Paul Mooney of Midland received minor injuries and was treated at Huronia District Hospital yesterday morning after his oil truck rolled into a ditch on Highway 12 near Tay Township's Con. 4 causing \$4,000 damage.

According to Midland OPP the truck's steering malfunctioned causing the driver who was heading east on Highway 12 to veer into

a north snow-covered ditch.

Some oil escaped from the damaged vehicle after seeping out of a filler cap.

Although only a small amount of oil "vented" from the fully loaded oil truck Ministry of the Environment officials were notified of the mishap which is a requirement under provincial regulations.

However OPP assured this newspaper

at press time there was no major spill."

The fuel truck couldn't be right or hauled away until its cargo was transferred to another truck.

The single-vehicle accident reportedly occurred at 8:50 a.m. There were no charges laid.

Members of Old Fort Road Volunteer Fire Department were called to the scene to stand by.



\$4,000 damage

This fuel oil truck from Midland sustained \$4,000 damage and its driver suffered minor injuries after the vehicle rolled into a ditch yesterday morning on Highway 12 between Port McNicoll and Victoria

Harbour. A small amount of oil seeped from the fully loaded fuel truck. Its cargo had to be removed before it could be "righted" later in the day.



Top patrollers

André Duval, Carole Moreau, and Melissa Miesinger were chosen School Safety Patrollers of the Month by their respective Penetanguishene schools recently. The trio received a

pass to the Pen Theatre and a coupon for a free meal at the Dock Lunch by Constable Bernard Maracle. The youngsters were recognized for their efforts for the month of December.

Costume party

Elmvale Bantam hockey club is attempting to start a unique skating event for this area.

On Jan. 24 there will be a "Costume Carnival and Family Skating Night" in the Floss-Elmvale Arena. Skating will take place from 8-10 p.m. with costume judging taking place

about 8:45 p.m.

Trophies will be awarded for the most original costume, the best period costume, the best dressed couple, the youngest costumed skater, and the most humorous costume.

All costumed skaters will be eligible for a special prize donated by Devilbiss (Canada) Ltd.



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Raffle winner

Red Marchand was the winner of the Christmas raffle sponsored by Penetanguishene's Thursday Night Ladies Bowling League.

Quilt winner

The winner of the quilt recently raffled by the Huronia Association for the Mentally Retarded was Bayview Drive, Midland resident Lise Haworth.

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