



### Martin-Jolie

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Martin are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Anne to Vernon Kevin Jolie, son of Mrs. Florence

Harding and the late Mr. George Jolie of Hillsdale.

Wedding will take place on Saturday, August 29 at 3:30 p.m. in Wycliffe Anglican Church, Elmvale.

## S.O.S. local search and rescue team on call

by Murray Moore

An 18 foot Avon Searider with twin 35 horsepower outboard motors is a familiar sight to local boaters, and a particularly welcome one to those boaters who find themselves in difficulty.

The Searider is the patrol boat of the local marine search and rescue unit based in Port Severn. Three university students are available 24 hours a day to answer distress calls.

There's a minefield of rocks out there (in local waters) and most people manage to find them," says Tom Cross, a three year veteran of search and rescue.

Cross is one of six university students who are divided into two groups of three. While one group works a seven-day 24-hour-a-day shift, the other group has a week off.

By far, the most common problem that the search and rescue team is called to deal with is an engine that doesn't work. Boats stuck on rocks is another common event.

The local search and rescue team's area extends between Christian Island on one side and Parry Sound on the other with Port Severn as the bottom border. The search and rescue service begins operation in mid-May and concludes Sept. 8.

To be eligible to serve, applicants must be university students who have a bronze medallion from the Royal Lifesaving Society, a driver's licence, several year's experience in power boating, be a graduate of a first aid course such as those offered by the Red Cross

and the St. John's Ambulance Society and have passed C.P.R. training.

The team's responsibility is search and rescue. They constantly monitor the emergency channel on the VHF radio band, Channel 16. They will tow a boat in distress to a marina but another call for assistance must take precedence.

Cross emphasizes the importance of having proper safety equipment, especially life jackets and of filing a float plan, information as to where a boater is going and when he expects to get there plus a description of his boat.

Hypothermia is a real danger for a person who is trapped in Georgian Bay water for three to six hours, he says. Current daytime temperatures of 17 degrees Celsius drop to 14 or 15 degrees Celsius at night.

On weekdays two of the three team members patrol the waters for four or five hours in the afternoon and go out again at dusk. The third member stays at the base to answer the telephone and command the base station radio.

On weekends when most of the incidents occur, the patrol begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 11 p.m. Nearly all of the trouble occurs within two miles of Beausoleil Island.

The Port Severn base is one of nine spread from Gananogue in the east to Batchawana Bay on Lake Superior. The Port Severn base has been in existence for seven years.

The telephone number of the Port Severn Search and Rescue base is 538-2000.

## Safe boating

by Robin Nutbrown

Because water safety legislation underwent periodic amendment and change at the Nov. 1980 meeting, the National Council made a policy decision to update all water safety regulations.

Boating regulations were developed in consultation with Transport Canada/Coast Guard and the Canadian Red Cross Society.

The regulations outlined below take effect immediately. These new regulations will be included in the next edition of B.P. and P recently off the presses.

### Watercraft

Watercraft, used for Scouting purposes must meet Transport Canada/Coast Guard and local Scouting regulations of Transport Canada/Coast Guard.

Watercraft used for Scouting purposes

must: a) be equipped with painters or end loops b) if equipped with drainholes, carry a spare plug.

Each small watercraft, if full of water, must be capable of remaining afloat supporting its occupants.

When travelling at night is necessary, watercraft not required by law to carry navigation lights must be equipped with a flashlight or lantern in order to make their presence known.

Each watercraft must carry a lifejacket or P.F.D. for each person. Life jackets and personal flotation devices must be of a type approved by Transport Canada/Coast Guard, and must be inspected annually.

Every member taking part in watercraft activities must be able to swim at least 50 metres wearing a shirt, shorts

and socks.

When it is necessary for those who cannot meet this swimming requirement to take part in watercraft activities, they may participate at the discretion of the person in charge, providing they wear life jackets at all times while on the water.

## SCOUTING AROUND



Government approved life jackets properly fitted vest-type personal flotation must be worn when a) travelling at night, b) encountering rough weather, broken water, white water or fast moving water, c) travelling long distances from land or over cold water, d)

sailing (Transport Canada/Coast Guard recommends that approved P.F.D.'s be worn at all times while participating in watercraft activities).

Members taking part in watercraft activities must have a knowledge of hypothermia, its symptoms and treatment.

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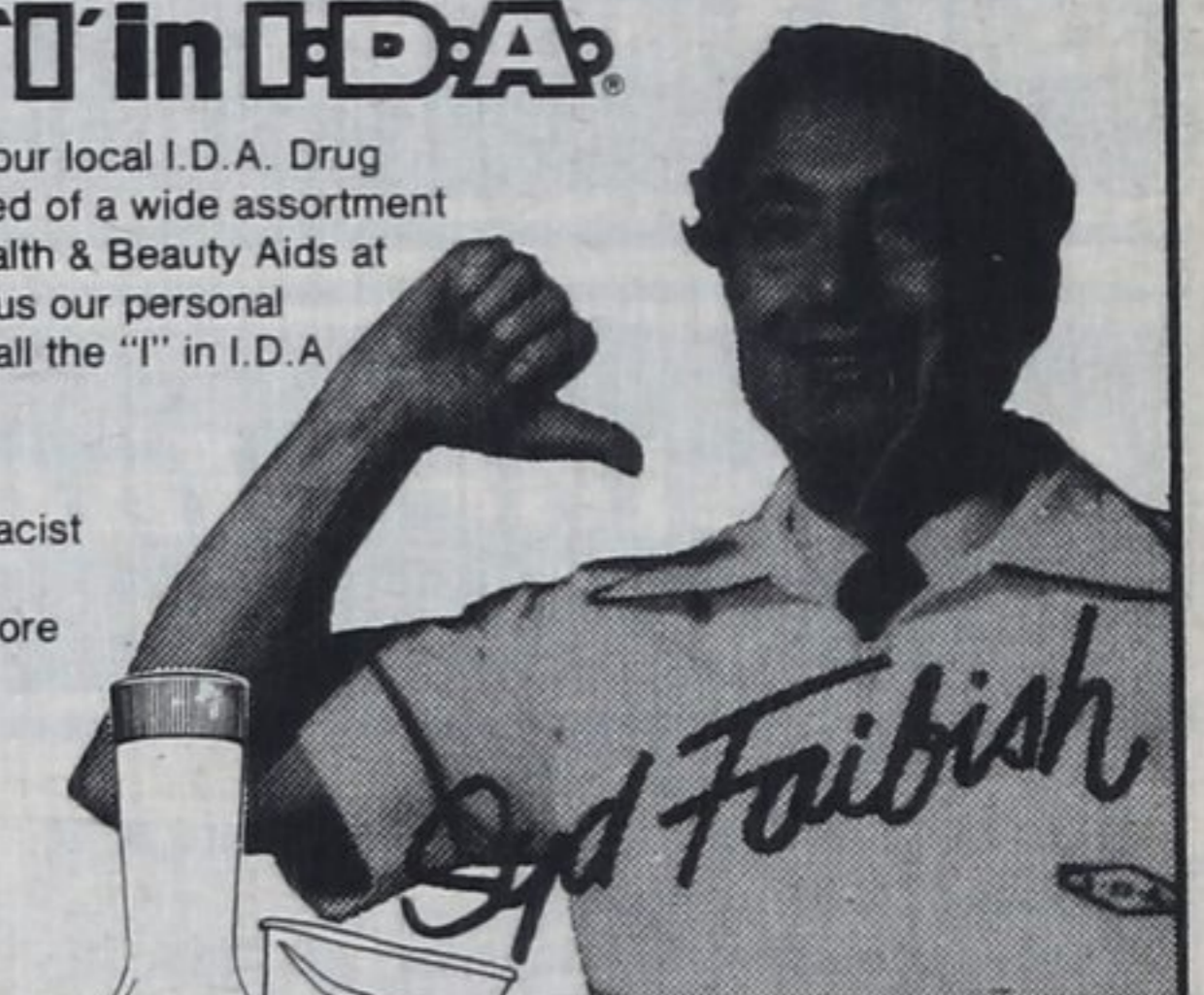
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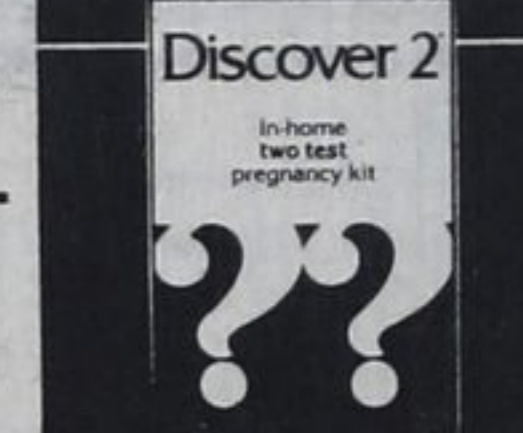
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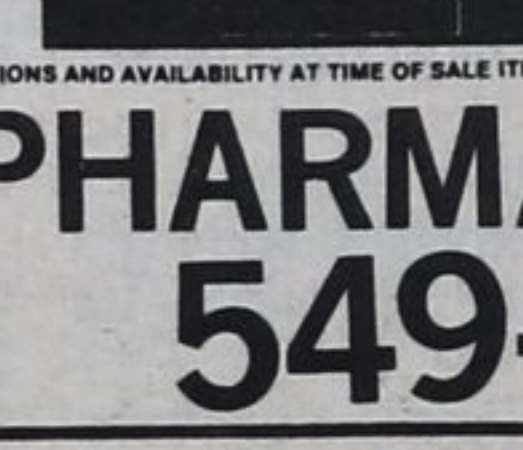
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