

Season's Greetings



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Do the scuffle!

Brian McReynolds of the Penetanguishene Kings (14, dark jersey) scuffles with Terry Cameron of the Midland Centennials in front of the Centennials net during

Tuesday's Georgian Bay Junior C Hockey League encounter at Midland Arena. Looking on are the Kings' Brian Norwood (16), the Centennials' Brad Copeland (16,

white) and Cents goaltender Brad Bumstead. The Kings won 7-6. For details, see today's Sports Report.

Town won't serve as ratepayers' friendly banker

by Adrienne Graham Gardner

Town of Penetanguishene is no longer going to serve as the "friendly banker" for those ratepayers who are behind in their taxes.

At the Monday night meeting of council the new rate to be charged on tax arrears was set at 18 1/2 per cent, or 1 1/2 per cent above the average bank rate.

The proportion of tax arrears to the total assessment has been on the increase in the last two years, clerk Yvon Gagne reported to council.

This trend is particularly obvious in the commercial sector, where business owners have found it cheaper to "borrow" from the town rather than obtain loans to cover taxes under bank rates of up to 21 per cent.

Dispenser approved Council okays propane set-up

by Adrienne Graham Gardner
Penetanguishene council has granted approval of rezoning to allow the installation of a 2,000 gallon propane dispenser by Penetang Motor Sales.

The propane outlet will service fleet trucks initially, but will "eventually serve the family car" predicted public works chairman Ray Baker at Monday night's council meeting.

Councillor Ken Tannahill confirmed the strength of the trend towards propane powered vehicles, saying "the demand will quadruple Ministry expectations, and an outlet for the area will be a necessity."

There was considerable discussion by council on safety and environmental problems posed by the propane tank.

The dispensing facility will be

surrounded by concrete pillars, and the control panel will be locked, according to the regulations set out by the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations.

The construction of a sewage collection and treatment system for the north end of Penetanguishene has been postponed one year.

The project, which is estimated at \$2,753,000, is being held back until the 1983 construction year because of the costs and "additional homework necessary" according to town clerk, Yvon Gagne.

The cost of the system will be subsidized by grants from both the Ministry of the Environment and the Ontario Neighbourhood Improvement Program of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Citizen briefly

Weather-related car crash: P.P.D.

At press time yesterday Penetanguishene police were probing a weather-related motor-vehicle accident in the municipality. No other details were available.

Isolated snowflurries coming our way

We can expect some isolated snowflurries tonight as we head off to Christmas eve church services.

The story will be the same tomorrow. Drive carefully and have a most Merry and Happy Christmas.

Office will be closed for three days

The Penetanguishene Citizen office on Main Street will be closed tomorrow through Sunday but will re-open next Monday as usual.

We will be publishing newspapers next Tuesday and Thursday, because of the holiday season.

World class skier

Angela Schmidt of Midland won a spot on the Canadian National cross-country ski team with a second-place finish at a Canada-U.S. qualifying event in Wisconsin last Saturday and a first-place finish in Sault Ste. Marie the previous Saturday.

This Saturday, she'll be off to East Germany and France to compete in two World Cup events, the kick-off of what will be a busy season of International competition for the 21-year-old.



Angela Schmidt

Applications pour in for secretary's job

A total of 51 applications were received up to 5 p.m. (closing time) last Friday for the position of secretary to the chief of police in Penetanguishene, reports the town's Clerk Yvon Gagne.

Not all of us will be home for the holidays

Many of us have a knack of taking for granted we'll be home for Christmas.

However there will be scores of men and women who will be on the job over this joyous occasion.

Municipal police and OPP, Bell Telephone operators, public works and department of highways personnel, ambulance drivers, nurses, doctors and support staff, stationary engineers, sewage plant operators, custodians, choirs and clergymen will be on the job.

So here's to you all...thanks for caring...Merry Christmas.

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