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**Militia digs in**

Here's how members of the Grey and Simcoe Foresters spent the weekend before Christmas, occupying a trench

during defence exercises near Orillia. The weather was less than ideal as Pte. Cascagnette of Penetanguishene, left, and

his counterpart from Orillia, M/Cpl. Donoghue could attest.

**Pleased with results**

**Bellisle reviews '81**

The reconstruction of Fox Street in Penetanguishene so as to connect up sanitary sewer lines in the southeast part of town, is viewed by Mayor Ron Bellisle as one of Penetanguishene's greatest accomplishments during this past year.

Changes in the town's police department including the addition of a new police chief also ranked high on the mayor's list. "Police Chief Dennis Player was a good choice," the mayor said yesterday in summarizing some of this year's major highlights

in Penetanguishene. The mayor, who is beginning the second leg of his two-year term as head of town council, first was elected to municipal office as a councillor back in the fall of 1974. He'd like to see more industry come to Penetanguishene and

assured this newspaper "we are working on something at this time...it's a good prospect." The formation of a business improvement area possibly as early as next year and improve lighting along Main Street are two of the mayor's goals.

"We need two-thirds of the business people to agree to a BIA. Once they do then we are in a position to apply for grants to improve our downtown...similar to what other towns with BIAs are doing now."

As for his relationship with members of council, Mayor Bellisle says, "I've been very happy with the people I work with...and who work with me. There's a good rapport. Our new members have added alot too to our meetings."

Mayor Bellisle is especially pleased that 1982 is to be Penetanguishene's centennial.

"I'm looking forward to next Monday's official beginning to our centennial. I'm even growing a beard for centennial year."

Doug Lewis, MP for Simcoe North, plans to present the town with an official Canadian flag right from Ottawa

**Two weeks have elapsed since firemen's last call**

Touch wood...Penetanguishene firefighters have not been called out since they responded to a mutual fire aid call exactly two weeks ago today.

That's the word this week from Fire Chief Ted Light who noted his department's last call was to assist Midland Fire Department in quelling a stubborn fire that gutted Peoples Department Store in Midland.

That fire caused almost \$500,000 damage. The 12-hour, three alarm fire was the second major blaze at that department store in the past two decades.

On March 4, 1960 a similar fire gutted the King Street store.

An official from the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office who was called in to sift through the rubble of this month's blaze termed the fire's cause as "undetermined."

Investigators searched through the store's ruins for two days before reaching the above conclusion.

Meanwhile it took Midland firefighters the better part of the week to dry out and re-pack hoses and other gear used to quell the Peoples Store fire.

Midland's 100-foot aerial ladder truck and Penetanguishene's 50-foot Tele-Squirt were but two of over a half dozen pieces of firefighting apparatus pressed into service to extinguish the Midland store fire.

**Citizen briefly**

**Passenger injured**

A passenger riding aboard a snowmobile travelling along Robert Street West in Penetanguishene early yesterday morning injured his left leg after he fell off the machine, reports Police Chief Dennis Player.

Driver of the machine was identified as being Timothy Huck of Kitchener. The passenger, who was rushed to Penetanguishene General Hospital was identified as being Brad Braun of Waterloo.

**Publishing date**

The Friday Citizen will be published on Thursday due to New Year's Day falling on Friday this week.

The Penetanguishene Citizen office will be closed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday but will re-open on Monday, Jan. 4, 1982.

**New policeman is sworn in**

Mayor Ron Bellisle was on hand yesterday to swear in Penetanguishene Police Department's newest constable.

He's long-time Metro policeman Robert Skeaff, 27. With the addition of the new constable the force will be back to full strength.

**Location of near-ton of dynamite unknown**

Investigation continues into the theft of 1,950 pounds of dynamite from a quarry near Coldwater.

Thirty-three and a half cases of dynamite were taken from an explosive magazine at the Allan G. Cook Quarry, on Con. 14 of Tay Township, some time between Dec. 18 and Dec. 21, Midland OPP report.

An acetylene torch was used to burn an 18 inch by 18 inch hole into the door of the explosives storage shed.

Twenty-five detonator caps were stolen from another building after the building's lock was broken.

Police departments and OPP detachments across the province have been informed of the theft.

**Centennial's official start next Monday**

The proclamation of the centennial of the Town of Penetanguishene will be made next Monday, the Penetanguishene Centennial Committee says.

The three-hour ceremony will begin at 1 p.m. with a reading of the proclamation by Mayor Ron Bellisle.

After the proclamation is read, at the corner of Robert Street and Main Street, a reception and a singing of the town's centennial song will follow.

**New pay schedule for Flos employees**

At its last meeting, Flos Township council approved pay increases for municipal employees.

The new rates are as follows: clerk, \$21,350; deputy-clerk, \$15,000; road superintendent, \$2,900 a year.

Foreman, \$8.20 an hour; grader operator, \$7.70 an hour; truck driver, \$7.30 an hour.

**More room for snowmobiles**

Flos Township council and the Huronia Snowmobile Central Zone have reached an agreement that allows snowmobiling on unopened road allowances in Flos Township.

In other business, the cost of an application to the township committee of adjustment for a minor variance has been increased to \$100 from \$50.

**Poison and Overdose**

**First Aid Chart**

**and Calendar**

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