

Balloons have been getting the message across

by Diane Greenfield

Balloons have been receiving replies - Centennial send-off balloons that is. Though most replies have been from within town the winds blowing Jan. 4 suggest we should be hearing from some Innuits soon.

The IGA Centennial Beard Growing Competition is ably underway. The 26 registrants for beards include the Fuzzy Phantom who registered with organizer Fern Moreau. This mysterious entrant appeared with a Lone Ranger mask and a railroad engineers cap and left with a hearty ho ho "keep growing".

Another centennial project - the Grand Marshalls competition closed today and it remains for the judges to select a man and woman to become the official hosts of the 1982 centennial program.

The official announcement and presentation will be made Feb. 6 at the gala centennial ball. A reminder here that tickets at \$20 per couple are still available from the town office. Be sure to get yours early.

The registrations for the exposition to be

held Saturday and Sunday Feb. 21 and 22 at the IGA Plaza are rapidly coming in. Food, public health topics, hobbies and consumer aids material are all scheduled within the mall.

Entertainment is also being planned and we are still looking for groups, classes or individuals who might wish to participate.

Call JoAnne Klug or Marguerite Ruth to reserve a time or space.

Dressmakers and hobbyists are advised that three coming competitions should provide an interesting challenge.

There will be a major centennial gown competition with excellent prizes, and an opportunity to model winning creations in the spring fashion show presently being organized by Patti Torrance. Design and make your gown, wear it during the festivities and enter into the competition this spring.

Another spring event is the Legions competition. Plan now and design a fashion hat in the 1882 styles.

That means a small hat with a very small brim or none, and yet very elaborate. Add everything imagination

will allow to a small hat and enter it in the Easter Bonnet Competition. In the same fashion, there is a centennial Dress-a-doll Competition.

Dress a doll in a centennial fashion and enter it in the giant doll competition to be held during summer festival week. The entry fee is \$1 but you will be able to keep your doll or sell it in the giant arts and crafts show to be held July 2. Spend a few hours on a cold snowy day, planning your centennial sewing projects then join in the fun.

Word of the centennial is being spread far and wide, and your help is needed. Include centennial in all your letters and perhaps you might wish now to plan a family reunion on the official Reunion Weekend, 22nd and 23rd.

Already several families have decided to pledge a natural tree to the centennial forest and will attend the tree planting, and then hold their own family reunion that weekend.

Special events like that require advance planning so write and share the idea now. Penetanguishene is the oldest town in the

province and all residents past and present have something to celebrate. Make it a family celebration as well.

Details for the Winterama weekend are presently being finalized. Floats are still needed for the grand parade and general volunteers are always needed. Call the chamber of commerce office to offer your assistance. This is the 36th year for the Winter Carnival and it too is the oldest carnival in the province.

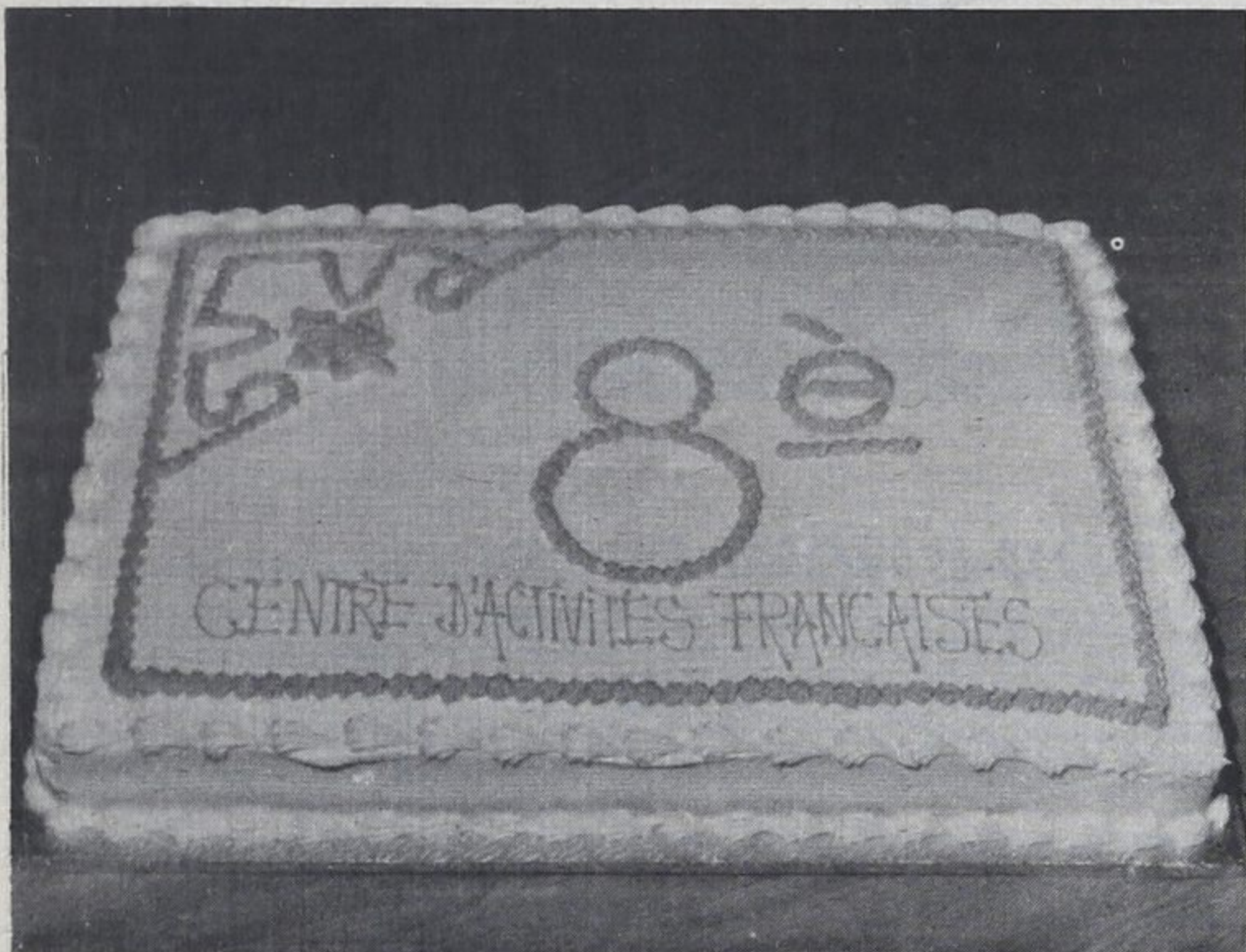
The final centennial program will be released early in February and the centennial pins ordered early in October should be arriving soon. At \$2.50 each these pins make an attractive souvenir of our celebration. Watch for them soon.

Centennial Reminders

Calendars - 50 cents each - available from Corpus Christi or the town office.

Centennial Ball - Feb. 6 - \$20 per couple includes meal, social hour, photographer and special entertainment tickets available at the town office.

Pledge-a-Tree - Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce - call 549-2232 for information or pledge sheets.



Important occasion

Last week le centre d'activites francaises marked its eighth birthday complete with a colourful and delicious birthday cake. Here, many of the centre's top brass watch director Roland Desroches prepare to cut the birthday cake. The event took place at the centre during noon-day celebrations



Tough regulations New tire standards planned for Feb. 1

New standards for tires used on vehicles operated on Ontario roads come into effect Feb. 1, 1982, Ontario Transportation and Communications Minister James Snow

said recently. "Essentially, we've adopted the standards currently in use under our motor vehicle inspection program," Snow said. "Now those standards

apply to all motorists, as well as those seeking to obtain a Safety Standards Certificate." Under the new regulations, a mixture of radial-ply tires on the front and bias-ply or

belted bias-ply tires on the rear will be illegal. Mixing of 50 or 60 series tires on the front with any other series mixture on the rear will also be prohibited.

A combination of

construction types or sizes on an axle are also banned, unless they are equivalent by tire industry standards. This does not apply, however, to a temporary use spare tire in an emergency providing only one is used.

Tires cannot be smaller than the vehicle manufacturer's specified minimum size, nor

can they surpass maximum specified size so that they contact any part of the vehicle in such a way as to affect the safe operation of the vehicle.

Tires with any wording or lettering indicating the tire was not designed for highway use will also be prohibited, including those bearing the words

"Not For Highway Use," or "Farm Use Only," or "Competition Circuit Use Only," and the letters "SL," or "NHS," or "TG."

The regulations will also set minimum tread wear depths. Tire must be replaced, for example, when there is less than 1.5 mm of tread depth remaining.

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hour or 45 minutes by OPP officers until a snowplow the cars could follow cleared the way.

One accident that tied up a tractor-trailer and some cars at Waubaushene closed Highway 69 between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon. The highway was again closed at 6 p.m. and into the evening.

Although Highways 27, 12, 69, 93 and the 400 extension, and 11 were open Monday, the road surfaces were icy and very slippery, OPP said.

A secretary to Irving Harris, director of education for the Simcoe County Board of Education, said that Barrie's schools were closed Monday. The decision to close a school is made by each school's principal, she said.

Only custodial staff were at Midland Secondary School and Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School. A call to Elmvale District High School was not

answered.

At least one school was open Monday, however: St. Theresa's High School in Midland. The principal and some staff were at the school, and classes were being held as usual, a secretary said.

A small number of traffic accidents occurred during the blizzard Sunday afternoon and night, Midland OPP said. Those accidents were property damage accidents.

By Monday morning Highway 27 was open from Midland to Toronto, Highway 12 from Midland to Orillia, Highway 69 at least to Parry Sound, Highway 93 and 400 extension as far as Barrie, and Highway 11 from Barrie to Bradford.

Midland OPP Constable Murray Cooper said Monday that whiteouts during the past blizzard, combined with slippery roads and drifts on the roadway, made getting stuck very easy for drivers. Once stuck, a vehicle posed a danger to still-moving traffic.

Annual report

Calls to fire dept. were down last year

Penetanguishene firefighters responded to a total of 57 calls in 1981, reports Fire Chief Ted Light.

In 1980 local smoke-eaters answered 73 alarms while they responded to 71 calls in 1979.

As well the town's fire department hosted a Simcoe County Mutual Fire Aid Association meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall last fall.

And last month Penetanguishene firefighters under Chief Light assisted Midland Fire Department in quelling

a stubborn fire that gutted Peoples Department Store in downtown Midland.

Chief Light says seven of last year's calls for assistance were to quell wood stove-related fires.

As well the department answered 10 false alarms and answered seven calls to wash down gas spills on municipal streets.

The local fire department is comprised on 20 firemen.