

The Penetanguishene Citizen Community Newspaper

WARNING: stay off ice

Stay off the ice! That's the message Police Chief Dennis Player of the Penetanguishene Police Department wants to get across this week.

"We have received reports of people and

snowmobilers out on the ice. It is still too dangerous. The ice just isn't safe enough," Player observed yesterday. It was noted earlier in the week that the ice is only an inch or so thick in some sections.

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Upgrade of town dock continues

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While the Midland Harbour Commission waits to see if its request for several hundred thousand dollars to change the Midland town dock is granted by the federal government, work continues in Penetanguishene to improve its town dock.

New light standards are being placed and islands being built. When the paving is finished, next spring, the amount of parking area at the Penetanguishene town dock will be double to triple the area of the old parking area.

Penetanguishene has also purchased 50 to 54 new street lights that will stand on Main Street from above the top of the hill to the bottom of the hill. The lights, which cost \$20,000, will cost as much again to install, Mayor Ron Bellisle expects. He hopes the lights will be on the street in one or two years, as soon as the town can afford to erect them.

The half a dozen lights in the dock area are similar. The Main Street lights are a lantern-type of light, antique in appearance, the mayor said.

Mayor Bellisle said that he is going to suggest to council next year that a town harbour commission be formed, perhaps with two councillors and three other members. The town arena, parks and recreation board is currently responsible for the town dock. The

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Christmas at Keating House

Penetanguishene's famed Historic Naval and Military Establishments enjoyed a record-setting weekend. Open House at-

tracted 1,900 people of all ages to the site breaking last year's record of 1,100 people. The two-day event drew 500 folks Saturday

and 1,400 more Sunday to the popular Penetanguishene "people place."

Police clamp-down

Force eyeing unlicensed snowmobilers

Penetanguishene police, according to Police Chief Dennis Player, will be clamping down on unlicensed snowmobilers and on those snowmobilers who are licensed but are driving unlicensed machines.

"We have also received a number of reports of snowmobilers driving around our schools during school hours. We plan to clamp down too on these people since we have received a number of complaints."

Meanwhile police, here, have yet to find the person or persons responsible for making off with two licence plates from a car parked at the Brule Hotel earlier this week.

And police are con-

tinuing their investigation into a weekend break-in at Dusome's Garage where a quantity of money was taken.

The force's police blotter also shows that Antoine Bottineau, 23, of

Con. 16, Tiny, has been charged with possession of stolen property while 19-year-old Brent Murday, 12 Lower Road, Penetanguishene,

was charged Friday night with possession of a narcotic.

CITIZEN BRIEFLY

Warden's Committee appointed by Stewart

Simcoe County warden Art Stewart of Penetanguishene has appointed his warden's committee.

The committee is made up of Victoria Harbour Reeve Doug Jackson, Port McNicoll Reeve John Moreau, and Tiny Township Deputy-reeve John Lackie.

Committee duties include the carrying out of the warden's duties at public functions, and representation of the warden when he is not available.

The appointments were made at last week's Simcoe County administration election meeting.

Daring snowmobiler risked life and limb

This newspaper received a report on Saturday of a daring snowmobiler who crossed the thin ice from the foot of Main Street at the town dock to Champlain Road. The ice still isn't safe enough for such daring antics, The Citizen has been advised.

Crime takes a holiday in the area

Crime is taking a holiday in the Midland OPP's territory.

Only 64 general occurrences were recorded in the seven days ending Dec. 20. But among the investigations were 14 thefts, five of which were shoplifting incidents.

Three drivers were charged with being impaired, one driver's licence was suspended, one narcotics-related charge was laid, and one charge was laid under the Liquor Act.

The snow keeps coming and coming...

A total of 31 centimetres of snow has fallen on Penetanguishene this winter compared to 181 centimetres of snow at this time last year.

Dateline Canada

On Dec. 31, 1857, Queen Victoria picked Ottawa as the capital of Canada. The population of Canada on Dec. 17, 1901, was 5,371,315.