



'I believe I'm to lead, my dear'

19th century dances were the order of the day at Keating House, Historic Naval and Military Establishment, on the weekend.

The gala Christmas Open House attracted 1,900 visitors: 500 on Saturday and 1,400

more on Sunday. Last year's record 1,100 visitors was easily beaten.

Busy month at PGH

'rehab' patients get into the act

December has been a busy month for the patients and staff of the Chronic Rehabilitation Unit at the Penetanguishene General Hospital.

Early in the month, patients, with the help of the hospital's occupational therapists, Judy Thomas and Joan Lawton made invitations for their Christmas party which was held Dec. 16 in the Chronic Rehabilitation Unit.

Invitations were sent out to families, friends, hospital staff, and former patients of the Unit; many of whom attended the party.

All during the month, the patients were busy making all the Christmas decorations for the Unit; the Christmas mobiles, the table centre pieces, a gingerbread house and decorations on the Christmas tree.

Patients at PGH also did all their own Christmas baking for the party; Christmas cookies, and Christmas cake.

Some of the gentlemen in the Unit (probably for the first time in their lives) could be seen cutting up fruit for the batter.

In the midst of all the hustle and bustle of preparation for the party, patients took time out for a shopping trip earlier in the week buying presents for their families and friends, admiring them, wrapping them and having them all ready for presentation at the party.

The party started with a short prayer service, followed by Christmas carols, Christmas films and refreshments for all.

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harbour commission would be responsible for hiring the dockmaster and his assistant, and the general operation of the dock.

Between \$200,000 and \$300,000 has been spent on the Penetanguishene town dock in the past several years. Among the changes was the removal of the dockmasters' shack and the incorporation of his office in the new building occupied by the Chamber of Commerce in the tourist season.

AT RCA

Gloomy day tomorrow

Tomorrow promises to be a gloomy day for hundreds of RCA employees in Midland who will be reporting to work for the last time.

Although the Highway 12 colour picture tube plant will officially lay off the majority of its staff on Dec. 31, tomorrow will be the last day for most workers since the holiday schedule has been posted for next week.

Of the 452 hourly workers now employed at RCA, according to a union official on Sunday, about 60 will be kept on as the plant begins to shut down. By March 31, a total of 16 hourly workers will be left.

That number will drop to three when the factory completes its shutdown by May 27.

About three dozen members of Local 532 of the International Union of Electrical Workers met Sunday morning at the Yonge Street Civic Centre to hear their local President Jeff Peck read a press release he had received from the union's national president Glen

Patterson.

Patterson had to call in the press release after he became snowbound in Brantford. It had been his intention to attend Sunday's session.

The final membership meeting of Local 532 was told, based on an analysis, initiated by the union, it is hopeful RCA can be sold provided RCA is prepared to accept a price and terms consistent with that at which businesses with similar characteristics are expected to be sold under current market conditions.

Responding to a question, Sunday, could RCA be forced to sell,

Peck observed, "There's no way you can force any company to sell."

He went on to reveal, "I wish I could have told you the place has been sold. Contrary to rumours it hasn't been."

Monday, Peck added, "We hope RCA has put some realistic figure (price tag) on the place...so it can be sold and that we can work with the new owners...that's what this community needs."

Peck told Sunday's audience, it was his intention to keep "you people informed through the media" if there is any change in events.

People in the news

North Simcoe will be well represented in the 1983 Simcoe County Council.

Not only is Reeve Art Stewart of Penetanguishene the county's new warden, but three area politicians will chair key county committees.

Port McNicoll Reeve John Moreau will chair the Property and Protection Committee. Tiny Township Deputy-reeve John Lackie will head up the Roads and Transportation Committee while Victoria Harbour Reeve Doug Jackson will chair the county's Agriculture Planning and Development Committee.

Essa Reeve Ross Whiteside, who was the other candidate for warden this week will chair the general government committee.

Tosorontario Reeve Jim Wales, Adjala Reeve Ed McDermott, and Cookstown Reeve Anne Monkman will head, respectively, the health, environment and education committee, the recreation and cultural services committee, and the social and family services committee.

PGH births

Two boys and one girl were born recently at Penetanguishene General Hospital.

A boy weighing nine pounds three ounces was born Dec. 19 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Drinkill of RR 3, Elmvale.

On Dec. 17 a boy

weighing seven pounds eight ounces was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gabel Robitaille of 19 Peel Street, Apartment 4, Penetanguishene.

And on Dec. 14 a girl weighing five pounds was born to Linda Belanger of 285 Bay Street, Midland.

Eleven-year-old amputee is actor

Woman's nephew an actor in Terry Fox movie

BY MURRAY MOORE

Ada Klimowicz of Penetanguishene has a special interest in the movie that has been made about Terry Fox, the young man who became a hero to millions of his fellow Canadians when he ran across Canada from east to west to raise money for cancer research. Fox had to stop near Thunder Bay. The bone cancer that first cost him his leg took his life on June 28, 1981.

Ada Klimowicz's 11-year-old nephew, Gary Draycott, of Brampton, in the upcoming Terry Fox movie plays Greg Scott, 10, of Welland, who was, like Fox, an amputee because of bone cancer,

and who died, like Fox, because the spread of cancer in his body could not be stopped.

Scott met Fox in Hamilton while Fox was running on an artificial leg on what he hoped would be a transcontinental run. Scott later joined Fox at a point that turned out to be near the end of his run, near Terrace Bay, Ont., went swimming with Fox, and followed him for a time. Gary Draycott, like Fox and Scott, has lost a leg because of bone cancer. No symptoms of cancer have been found in the two and one-half years since his left leg was amputated at the hip, his

aunt says.

Scott was an all-star baseball player. Draycott is more active since he lost his leg than when he had two legs, his aunt says. Draycott climbs trees, rides his bicycle, and plays hockey.

On a summer day when he was visiting his aunt and uncle, Draycott went swimming. His aunt went to find him at the beach and saw his artificial leg protruding from a pile of rocks. She thought he must have fallen headfirst into the rock pile. But her nephew had left his leg on shore when he went swimming.



Gary Draycott