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## Proposal for teen dances has Winterama angle

### Waiting to hear Legion's reaction

Vera Tugwell has an idea for starting dances for teenagers on a year-round basis in Penetanguishene that would also involve a new contribution to the upcoming, annual Penetanguishene Winterama.

Tugwell is waiting to hear the reaction of the Penetanguishene Legion to her proposal. Tugwell wants to hold dances in the Legion two Friday evenings a month the year round.

Her idea for a new event for Winterama is the election at a dance on Feb. 11 of a Miss February and a Mr. February, both of whom would be a part of the Winterama parade.

Several teenagers have told her that what she is proposing is very much wanted by Penetanguishene teenagers. Otherwise she says, the town's young people spend their time visiting their friends, playing pinball, or going to a movie.

The proposed dances would be for teenagers age 13 to age 17. She and two other people would be in charge at the dances. She has written a letter to the town police chief with the suggestion that helping at such events would be good public relations for the off-duty town policeman.

When she was growing up in

Penetanguishene, she knew town policemen other than an official basis and she thinks off duty police helping at the proposed dances would allow teenagers a chance to get to know their local police informally.

Yesterday Chief Dennis Player said he has forwarded her letter to the Penetanguishene Police Association.

Tugwell has included in her proposal to the Legion the suggestion that any profits that might result from the dances be put in a special fund for the benefit of veterans, their children, and grandchildren. And she would like to see any profit put to a special use on Remembrance Day.

She thinks of the twice-monthly meetings as more than simple dances. She mentioned having amateur nights, and game nights, and encouraging the teenagers to "make their own stuff happen."

Nevertheless the Friday nights would be structured. The Legion would know what was planned for an evening at least two weeks in advance, she said.

Ted Light of Light's TV Sales and Service has offered to donate \$10 gift certificates for each dance. Cable 12 would film the Mr. and Miss February contest, she said.



### Derailment over for township

Ten months after the Feb. 28, 1982, derailment that upset Medonte Township, a cheque from the province and CP Rail has been delivered to the township, covering all but a few

hundred dollars of its expenses claim. Solicitor-General George Taylor, left, delivered the cheque himself last Wednesday to Reeve Ingram Amos.

## Rotarians will run parade

Responsibility for the 1983 Penetanguishene Winterama, to be held in six weeks, this year includes the Rotary Club of Penetanguishene. The six-month-old club is taking charge of the running of the big parade. Jim Tippett is the parade chairman.

The club will sell badges to raise money to pay for the expense of running the parade. Club president Don Charlebois says that the

club offer this year a draw prize to encourage the sales of badges.

If the club has money

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left after its expenses, it will buy a page of advertising in the Winterama program book. The Chamber of Commerce remains the official organizer of the long-running winter event.

The French Centre will offer a number of events again this Winterama, with a

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casino on the centre's second floor a possible new event.

Chamber president John O'Hara says that no events are being planned by the chamber to take place on the bay, because of the lack of

ability to predict the condition of the ice in late February. The weather for Winterama the past two years has been mild, he noted.

He expects that the popular puddle jump will be held, however, under another group's organization. A long slit the width of a snowmobile is cut in bay ice. The successful puddle jumper is the one who speeds across the length of the open water

and regains solid footing without sinking.

Other regular Winterama events such as the Queen Contest, the Winterama hockey tournament, and the lumberjack competition are all expected to be held.

The chamber of commerce is seeking permission from the town to close Peel Street between Simcoe Street and Robert Street during Winterama.

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#### This winter's snow report is revealing

Three centimetres of snow fell on Penetanguishene, Wednesday.

This winter's total snowfall now stands at 80 centimetres. By this time last winter a total of 202 centimetres or 78.78 inches of snow had blanketed the town.

#### Meeting for release of group home policy

Next Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. a public meeting will be held in the Penetanguishene council chamber so that the town planning board's approach to the establishment of group homes in the town will be presented to the public.

Last year the town began receiving applications from property owners who requested zoning changes to allow the opening of group homes.

Next Wednesday the planning board will present the group home policy which it has created after several months' work. The policy will be the standard against which proposals for the establishment of group homes will be judged.

#### Chamber election on Wednesday

The 1983 executive of the Penetanguishene Chamber of Commerce will be elected next Wednesday.

The election meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Penetanguishene Legion.

#### Councillors to meet on Jan. 24

Penetanguishene councillors meet for the first time this year on the evening of Monday, Jan. 24.

That session is slated for a 7:30 p.m. start in the council chambers on Robert Street West.

#### Successful surgery on Mayor Bellisle

Mayor Ron Bellisle of Penetanguishene expects to leave Penetanguishene General Hospital this weekend or early next week.

The mayor entered hospital Dec. 26 and underwent successful abdominal surgery. No complications resulted, he said yesterday.

#### Guilty pleas to supplying charge

Two local men were each fined \$293 in provincial court here on Wednesday after they both pleaded guilty to supplying liquor to a person under the age of 19.

Steven Emery, 16, and Philip Tessier, 20, were charged by Penetanguishene town police on Dec. 17, with supplying liquor to a number of juveniles.

#### Pre-school screening clinic being offered

Simcoe County District Health Unit is offering its annual Pre-School Screening Clinic, for children who will be entering kindergarten this fall.

The purpose of the screening clinic is to detect any health problems, which need to be corrected before the child begins school.

It includes a health history, physical assessment, assessment of general development, vision and hearing test, urinalysis, hemoglobin and updating of immunization. Dental care and good health habits will also be discussed.

Phone: 526-9325 for an appointment or information.

#### Mutual Aid meeting scheduled for Jan. 19

Next meeting of the Simcoe County Mutual Fire Aid Association is scheduled for Wasaga Beach on Wednesday, Jan. 19.

The association is comprised of 32 firefighting brigades in the county.

#### A thaw in winter's cold snap coming!

The weatherman is calling for warmer weather for the weekend...but keep your snuggles handy, since by this coming Monday things will start getting chilly again with the reappearance of cold arctic air and more snow.