



### Here's why 'Cops are Tops'

Police Exemplary Medals, endorsed by Queen Elizabeth, were presented to four Midland policemen last Friday night for years of service. From left: Police Chief Bates (31 yrs.), Staff-Sgt.

Ross Willett (26), Sergeant Bruce Hook (23) and Const. William Campbell (23).

—Special photo



### A grand occasion

Midland's Rod Barlow, right, was presented with the town's Award of Merit and other tributes during last Friday night's Christmas Party for

municipal staff at the Legion. Doing the honours here at left is Bud Lewis.

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## In the news

### TREES

When selecting a fresh Christmas tree, the Ontario Safety League reminds you to make sure the branches are springy and the needles tight. Help keep it fresh by placing it in a stand that holds water.

Position the tree a safe distance from any heat sources and from curtains and upholstered furniture. Check light strings for faults and replace cracked, frayed or worn strings. Don't hang breakable ornaments or ones with small detachable parts on lower branches where tots could reach them.

### LIVING ROOM

Holiday decorating usually means rearranging furniture. No matter how slight, the Ontario Safety League asks you to make sure any elderly or disabled members of your family are fully aware of the changes.

### GREATEST GIFT

Out of gift ideas? Consider a smoke detector for the family. Or how about an infant restraint for that newborn. Concern for the safety of your family and friends shows that you really care, says the Ontario Safety League.

## Unanimous consent request to the Pope

At their annual general meeting of ACFO-HURONIE, the Francophones of the Penetanguishene area have voted unanimously the following resolution:

"Since the eight Canadian Martyrs were Francophones living outside Quebec, and since they were models of courage, tenacity and love for their neighbour, be it resolved that we send a special request to his Holiness Pope John-Paul II, asking him to proclaim the Canadian Martyrs special patron saints of the French Canadians living outside Quebec who wish to maintain their language, their culture, their traditions, their way of life and their religious faith, often in spite of the pressure of the majority."

The new executive of ACFO-HURONIE plan to communicate as soon as possible with persons in charge at all levels so that it can be recognized that the "canadiens" who live in a minority situation have a duty to promote and develop a love of their own traditions first and foremost, to be able to open-heartedly accept the different culture of the majority.

Thus one reaches the Christian ideal of loving one's neighbour as one loves himself.

### Weekly Yarn Specials

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| <b>Paton's Beehive</b>        | Wed. 7   |
| Arran \$1.19                  | Thurs. 8 |
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| after sale \$1.48             | Sat. 10  |
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## Danger in toyland

During the holiday season, children could aspirate ornaments or toys that mask their potential danger behind a face of fun.

The delicate plastic Santa Claus dangles on a low tree bough, enticing the two-year-old boy. He grabs it, puts it in his mouth and realizes it isn't candy. Surprised, the youngster tries to spit it out. But it cracks, and a portion of the plastic lodges in his windpipe or is aspirated (inhaled) into his lungs. It's a possible tragedy in the midst of fun because

aspiration of foreign objects is a leading cause of death and injury among children under six years of age.

Holiday time, with attention-getting ornaments, decorations and parents distracted by dozens of activities, is a particularly dangerous period for curious toddlers who instinctively grab for objects and put them in their mouths.

What can parents do to keep preschoolers safe? The Ontario Lung Association suggests:

- Do not place tiny ornaments on low tree

boughs where a youngster can grab them.

- Tell Santa Claus to bring presents that do not have button eyes or tiny car wheels that can come loose.

- Keep small 'finger food' such as peanuts and popcorn, off low coffee tables when you entertain. Food also can be aspirated.

At this joyous season, Your Lung Association wishes you and yours a happy and healthy holiday.

By answering your Christmas Seal letter your donation helps to prevent lung disease.

### TAKE A UNIVERSITY COURSE IN JANUARY — IN MIDLAND!

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