



'Bill' Boyd's passing rocks OPP detachment

Funeral mass is to be said this morning at 11 a.m. at St. Margaret's Roman Catholic Church, Midland, for former detachment commander of Midland OPP, Staff-Sgt. William A. Boyd of Midland.

The late "Bill" Boyd died late Saturday evening at Huronia District Hospital following a lengthy illness.

The staff-sergeant stepped down as commanding officer earlier this year for health reasons.

The long-time Ontario Provincial Police officer was in his 49th year at the time of his passing.

Flags at OPP detachments throughout District 7 were lowered to half staff in tribute of the late policeman's death.

He leaves his wife, two sons, a mother, two brothers and a sister.

Business improvement goes afield

For the first time in its seven year history, Midland Town Centre BIA will be going outside the community to solicit tourist dollars.

At last Wednesday's early morning meeting, the eight member Business Improvement Area Board of Directors, BIA Manager Liz Downer, and Town of Midland Council Representative Claude Buck agreed to create a new Tourism Committee.

The three person committee will be assembling a promotional package to encourage more business from bus tours carrying regional, national, and foreign visitors.

Downer first became aware of this, "potentially very lucrative market," at September's annual meeting of the Huronia Tourist Association where several bus tour organizers expressed interest in Midland's attractions.

Although Allan Howe, from the Travel, Trade, and Convention Service of the Provincial Ministry of Tourism and Recreation, voiced some valid criticisms about aspects of Huronia's tourist facilities he did offer the services of a government consultant to help

promote more tour bus business.

The format of the BIA's presentation for the 1985 season has yet to be decided but Downer hopes to encourage bus travellers

to stay overnight in Midland motels, shop downtown, and take in some local entertainment between trips to the tourist sites.

She will also strive to emphasize the year

round appeal of the area.

Downer is also a member of the new committee along with Sharon Park and Irene Parker. The BIA

Manager sits on all six Business Improvement Area committees including, Advertising and Promotion, Beautification, Communication, Administration, and Parking.

Fire Chief says:

Christmas season brings threats to child safety

"Christmas brings temptations to many parents, while visiting with neighbours or completing last minute shopping, to leave small children unattended for short periods," says Fire Chief Hal Belfry.

"At the same time, decorations, trees and wrapping paper bring an increased threat of fire danger unless constant care is exercised."

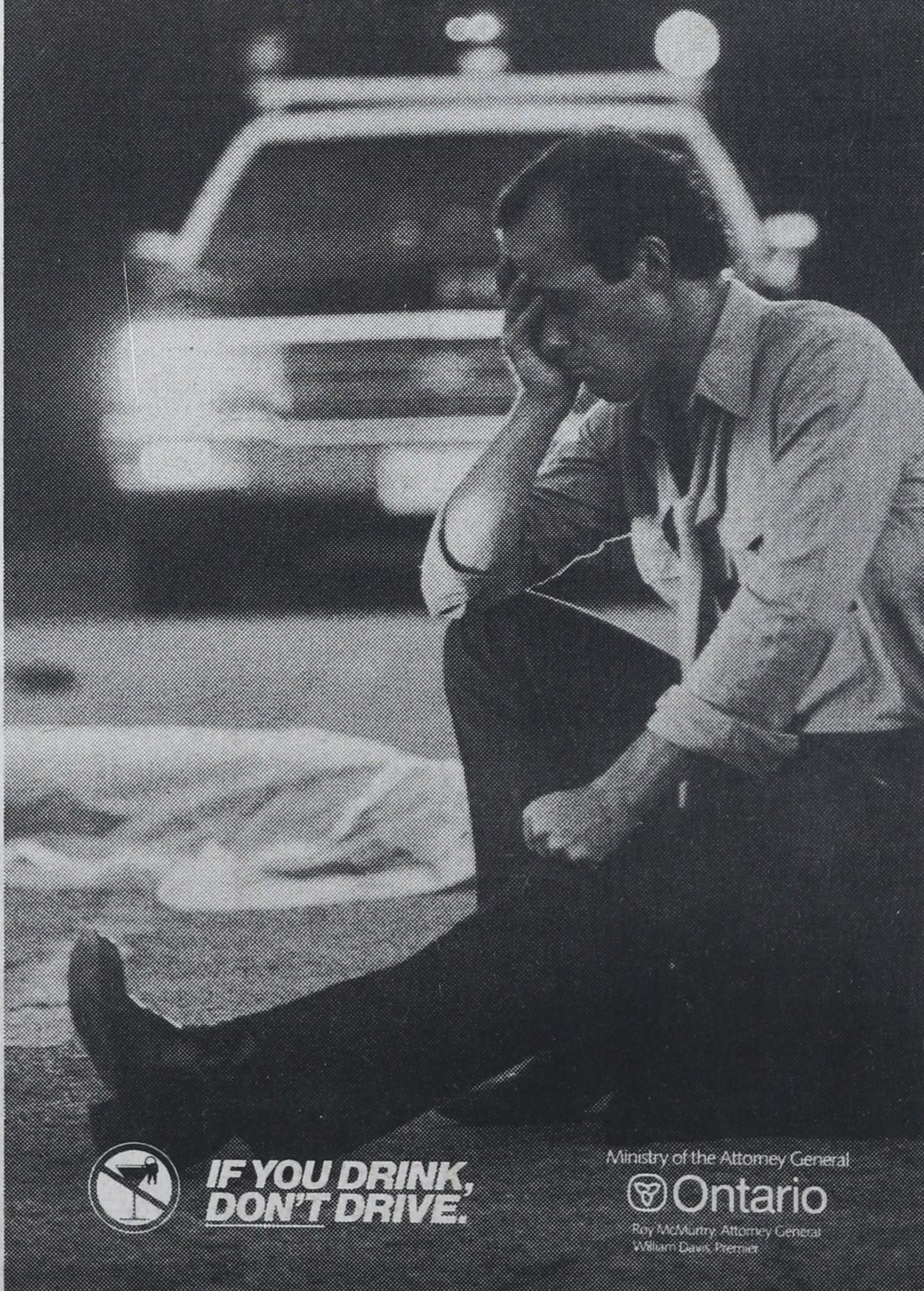
The Fire Chief urges all parents to recognize the fire danger of this season, and not to leave small children alone in the home for a moment. He points out that the Criminal Code of Canada for-

bids such action which endangers the life or health of any child under the age of ten years.

Parents are further reminded that under certain conditions a Christmas tree can be ignited by a single match to burn furiously to charred wood in a few seconds. Care must be taken to keep butts of natural trees immersed in water and to ensure that the tree itself does not obstruct access to a door or window.

Families are also urged to review their home fire-escape plans for a quick exit in an emergency.

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