



## Vera Tugwell is home for Christmas

Vera Tugwell is home for Christmas. The 29-year-old Tay township woman flew back to Canada early Saturday morning after being released from police custody in Orlando, Florida several hours earlier. She was accompanied on the flight by a Toronto Star reporter.

Tugwell confessed to her true identity after maintaining for several days that she was someone else.

She had attempted to convince law enforcement officials that she had been murdered and, to this end, sent a bloodied piece of clothing with a note and her personal identification to a Florida crime prevention association.

Tugwell was found alive and well at an Orlando area bus station last Thursday.

Florida authorities dropped charges against her and allowed her to leave the United States after she told them who she was. Tugwell arrived in Toronto at 1:20 a.m. Saturday morning and, shortly before noon the same day, her father Len Tugwell said that the Tugwell family expected to be reunited later in the day.

"Santa Claus came early this year," Mr. Tugwell said.

"It's the greatest feeling in the world."

## Marina shaping up

by PETER SPOHN

Beacon Bay Marina at the south end of Penetang Bay is shaping into a full-service marine after extensive improvements to the property adjacent to Champlain Road.

Rudy Kasper of Niagara-on-the-Lake purchased the marina in November, 1983, and since then has been improving run-down facilities at the site.

Kasper said yesterday in a telephone interview from Niagara that dredging of the bay in front of the marina has been completed. In the spring, he expects construction of new docks will get underway to increase the number of berths at the marina to 220, from 150. Tentative plans include construction of a 5,000 square foot shop for servicing power boats and sailboats.

Negotiations are also underway to bring in a sailboat manufacturing firm to provide a service and repair centre on the site. Negotiations are underway to hire someone to manage the service centre and could be completed sometime early in the new year.

To date, existing docks at Beacon Bay have been upgraded and new lights have been installed after upgrading of the marina's hydro installations. A hydraulic lift-out unit has also been installed to lift out boats for winter storage and spring launchings, Kasper said.

Beacon Bay's on-site manager Andy House, who is the son of the former owner, Fred House, said yesterday that much of the work to date has centred on cleaning up the site. Kasper said that clean-up operations will continue once weather permits in the spring. Construction at the site is being carried out by ABC Construction of Virgil, which is near Niagara-on-the-Lake. ABC is owned by Ed Andres of St. Catharines.

### Cubs' contribution

The First Penetanguishene Cubs gave their December Cub dues in the form of cans of food to the local Salvation

Army, to go into Christmas hampers. Lieutenant Raymond Braddock is

presented with the boys' contribution at a Cub meeting above.

## The name of the game is sharing

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The holiday season is often characterized by sharing with others. Over the past month, this spirit has been greatly in evidence as residents of Ontario have given generously to help those suffering from famine in Ethiopia

and other countries of the Sahel region of Africa.

On the news, we have all seen horrifying scenes of the tragedy taking place and in the newspapers, there have been descriptive accounts of the effects of this, the most severe famine in recent years. With a strong and supportive response

from individuals and governments of developed countries, progress has been made to feed the millions of starving people in the area.

Recently, my colleague, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Tom Weells announced steps being taken by the Ontario Government to assist

victims of the famine.

In conjunction with the federal government and the Canadian Red Cross, the provincial government will provide \$100,000 to the Red Cross to help support its programs in Ethiopia and elsewhere in Africa.

In 1984, including this assistance to African drought victims, the

Ontario Government has granted \$150,000 in total to the Red Cross for relief programs.

As a result of the generous contributions made by Ontario and the federal government, Canada's contribution to the African relief program is now second only to the United States.

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