

Wowee!

Children of members of Penetanguishene's branch of the Royal Canadian Legion were delighted Sunday afternoon when Santa and some of his friends

came to bestow gifts on them. One youngster on Santa's lap stares at the huge boxful of gits while Santa takes all the excitement in.

Tay grant pays off secondary plan

has been given a \$1,250 ing measures. grant from the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Planner Doug Carroll, Municipal Affairs on approval. Affairs.

The money is the final payment on a \$8,333.67 community planning grant that has been allotted for the preparation of the Waubaushene Secondary Plan.

Grants of this nature are designed to encourage municipalities to review and udate their planning programs, zoning bylaws and other planning documents. They may also be used for special studies on local issues such as lakeshore development or commercial development along highways and for

Homeowners' grants

Midland has received a \$40,000 Ontario Home Renewal (OHRP) grant from the provincial Ministry of Housing.

The program assists homeowners to upgrade their homes, with the emphasis on faulty structural and sanitary conditions, and on plumbing, insulation, heating and electrical systems.

Loans of up to \$7,500 are available to eligible owneroccupants. A portion of the loan might be forgiven, depending on the recipient's income. Interest rates range from zero to eight per cent, depending on income.

Physically-disabled homeowners, with homeowners physically-disabled relatives living permanently with them, might qualify for loans of up to \$9,500.

An income of \$20,000 a year, after deductions, is the maximum income an OHRP applicant can have to be considered for a loan.

The Township of Tay energy-conserving plann- township officials are whether the plan, that was presently awaiting word completed earlier this year, According to township from the Ministry of will be given final





Wye Marsh activities

Christmas break: Winter snowshoes, but they are people each day. Picnics on Dec. 26,27 and

cludes a guided snowshoe walk and cookout. Groups leave the Centre promptly at 11 a.m. and return at 1 p.m. Bring your own lunch and hot chocolate), Wye public is now in operation. Marsh supplies the snowshoes. At the fireside, naturalists will brew up some wild beverages such winter wildlife.

Regular admissions app- the winter months.

to wait for next summer to snowshoes to fit most peo- them along in a sled. enjoy a cookout. Wye ple aged six and up;

Already missing hot dogs ly, and snowshoe rentals welcome to join the group and marshmallows toasted are included with your ad- if their parents can carry over an open fire? No need mission. Wye Marsh has them in a backpack or pull

Hurry and pre-register Marsh offers a special treat smaller people often have for these special walks, for families over the trouble managing on places are limited to 15

This family outing in- Winter road report

The Ministry Transportation and Communications has announced that its Winter Road The Road Information Centre at Toronto and the

office ministry's throughout the province have up-to-date informaas sweet sumac tea for you tion on the condition of all to sample and will point provincial and secondary out the sights and signs of highways 24-hours-a-day, tre 526-9333 located in the seven-days-a-week during

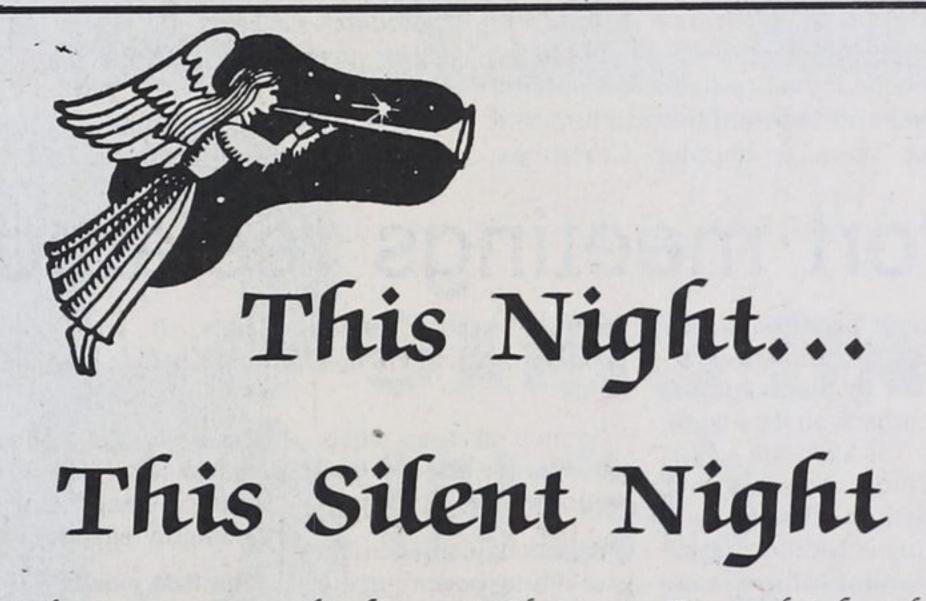
Information on winter road conditions may be obtained around-the-clock by telephoning Barrie (hot dogs, marshmallows Reporting Service for the 835-3014 (not a long distance call from any area except Penetang and Lafontaine) or toll-free 1-800-461-9523.

> Remember for Free Information and Referral call Contact Information Cenlower level of Edward's Village Mall.

As Christmas comes soft and still, may the spirit of peace gently fill your heart and home with love and goodwill



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There comes to each of us, on Christmas Eve, a brief and silent moment of hushed expectancy. The shopping rush is over... the

Great Day is not yet here.

You pause... you know not why.

Another Christmas you say, and all at once you feel older, yet somehow younger.

Then, as you look around you, at family, friends, yes even strangers, you know their minds are pausing too.

Here in this moment of humble reflection, cradled between what has been and what is to be, is the peace which passeth all understanding.

This night... this Silent Night, the true Spirit of Christmas may touch your heart. Hold it closely... the whole world needs it, so very, very much.

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