



### Open water

Midland Harbour Committee Chairman Wayne Cowdery inspects the result of the installation of underwater water movers under each of 11 finger docks attached to the Rotary Pier. The constantly moving

water does not freeze and the problem of a changing water level raising and lowering the fixed docks, and damaging them, is eliminated. The open water could be a hazard for the unwary.

## Mountie describes local drug scene

Want to buy marijuana? Hash? Cocaine? LSD? All of the above and more is available in Huronia, at affordable prices, says a man in a position to know.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Constable Rob White told Midland Rotarians last week about a drug bust that wouldn't be out of place on an episode of the television series Miami Vice.

This arrest took place not in Miami, Florida, but in Midland's Tiffin Park.

Before the dust had settled, three police cars had collided with the car of a drug dealer. Just before the collision, an undercover Mountie had been running with the accelerating vehicle, trying to get the driver out of the car.

The undercover policeman was buying one-quarter pound of cocaine for \$10,000. (A half pound of cocaine will fit inside a coffee mug.) The drug dealer was under the influence. He wasn't bothered when he was pulled out of his car through the window and dragged along the ground. The Mounties were apprehensive because the drug dealer had said a van was nearby with friends with guns inside.

Before the attempted escape, when the Mountie said he had the money, and asked for the cocaine, the dealer gave him two loaves of bread. The cocaine was hidden inside the bread.

Drugs are smuggled into a country in all manner of ways. An example is a seizure of hash, or hashish, at Pearson International Airport. The hash was shaped to look like plates and coated with enamel. Because of the enamel, dogs trained to find drugs by their smell could not detect the hash.

"If you want it, it's here," the plainclothes RCMP constable told the Rotarians.

"People right across the board, including people such as yourselves," are the buyers of illegal drugs. Doctors and lawyers finance the buying and selling of drugs for a maximum return on a minimal investment. Policemen and customs officers are not immune to addiction or corruption, Const. White said.

"I could take you to a few places around town. Penetanguishene is not exempt, by the way." During his speech Const. White mentioned a number of communities in Huronia as places where drugs can be purchased. "The cannabis products (marijuana, hash, hash oil) will always be here in small and large quantities, because Huronia is a tourist area. Cocaine is coming into Huronia in quantity. It's here to stay. It's like marijuana was 20 years ago."

Seven grams (one-quarter pound) of the drug with currently the highest

profile, cocaine, sells at the rate of seven grams for \$800. By contrast, one-quarter of a pound of marijuana can be obtained for \$600.

Drugs arrive in Huronia in all manner of ways: by boat, by car, with tourists, through local dealers with suppliers in Toronto.

A cocaine user can become mentally addicted after using it six times,

Const. White said.

At the beginning of last summer, Const. White would have said, if asked, that the drug scene in Huronia was low key. But by the end of the summer, the Mounties had a much better idea of the level of local activity, including knowledge of a number of drug-involved individuals whose existence previously was unknown to the federal police force.



### Drug expert

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Constable Rob White, a plainclothes officer assigned to the RCMP's Orillia office, told Midland Rotary Club members that illegal drugs of every kind are all available in this area to those who know who to ask.

## Winterama countdown

### Ball Hockey Tournament

A Ball Hockey Tournament is scheduled again for this year! This is geared to girls and boys up to the Grade 8 level. This tournament will be taking place at McGuire Park on Saturday, February 21. The entry fee will be the wearing of a Winterama Booster Button. Sponsored by Memories Roadhouse, Main Street. To enter a team, or for more information, please call Cathy Dupuis at 549-2012 or 549-7991.

### Puddle Jump

Talk about community spirit! How about those Penetanguishene Lions...There's going to be a Puddle Jump this year! After an absence of four years, the Lions Club will be hosting a Puddle Jump on Sunday! It's to be along

the shore of our Waterfront Park, in front of the Penetang Curling Rink. Sign-in is at 12 noon, and they'll be off at 1:00 p.m. It's going to be fun! So, if you are interested, please contact Jake Reimer at 549-7652 or 549-2514. Way to go fellas!

### Cafe Chantant

Le Centre D'Activites Francais, will be kicking off their in-house activities on Thursday, Feb. 19th with "Cafe Chantant" at 8:30 p.m. which will feature a cash bar, and a lunch at midnight included in the admission charge.

Friday, Feb. 20th with "Club ADO" a pre-teen dance limited to grade 7 and 8 students only. Cover charge \$1.00. Saturday Feb. 21, features Brasserie du Centre D'Activites Francaises...with live

music by Michel Paiemont and Basil Lafreniere, Junior Step dancing competitions, cash bar, and Restaurant Chez Nous.

Once again the Centre d'Activites Francaises will be hosting "Soiree du Carnaval" on Saturday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. This features adult step dancing and "P'tit Bonhomme Gigueur" Contests. Midnight lunch included in admission charge.

### Snow Sculpture Contest

The Second Annual Snow Sculpture Contest is raring to go again this year! Again the dates for completion will be 8:00 a.m. Friday, Feb. 20, 1987 to Saturday, Feb. 21, 1987 at noon. Entry deadline is Saturday, Feb. 14th, 1987. Pick up and forward entries to "Dion's Flowers", 146 Main Street.

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