

Premier to be attraction at reception

Premier David Peterson will be attending a Liberal party fundraiser in Gravenhurst a week from tomorrow.

The Riding Association's director of special events, Adele Kirby, said: "With the heavy demand on the Premier's time in recent months, he has had relatively few opportunities to attend a lot of riding fundraising events. In fact, this is probably the first time this year Premier Peterson will attend an event that is not sponsored by a number of ridings working together."

"In July, with the Legislature still sitting, a First Ministers' Conference, a Royal Visit, and all his regular duties, the Premier will only be spending one day on riding fundraising activities such as this. Naturally we were extremely pleased that he will be joining us."

Recently, Conservative candidate George Beatty said in an interview that the Liberals are concentrating an election attack on the new riding of Muskoka-Georgian Bay.

Black calls the Liberal leader's visit a clear indication of the growth and strength of the Liberals in the new riding.

"We have been working hard for months now and attracting a lot of supporters, and lot of interest. That's given us a great op-

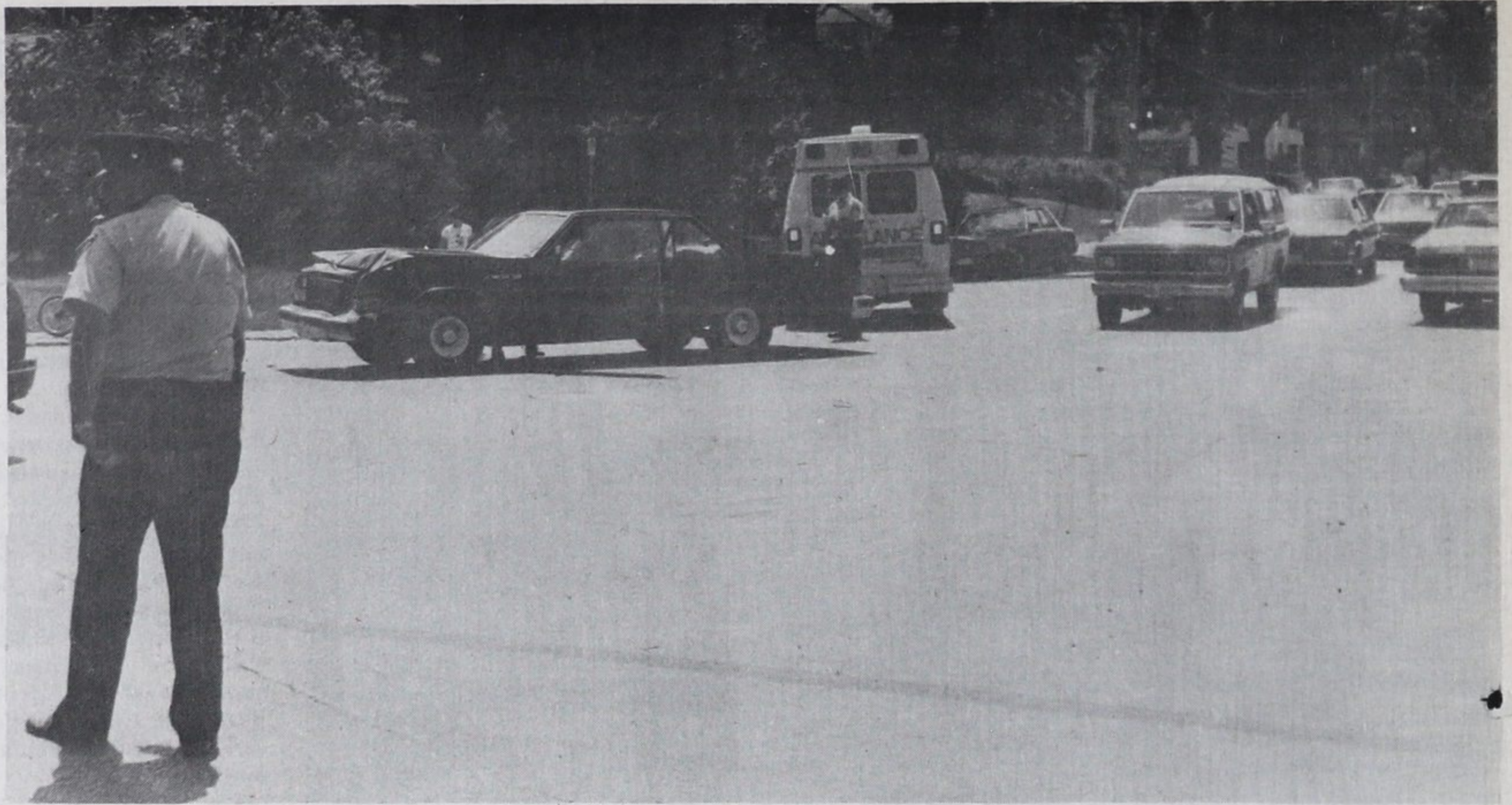
portunity to keep building a strong organization. I think people at Queen's Park have been impressed with that."

"People in this riding - as they are across the province - are enthusiastic about the leadership of David Peterson, and optimistic about the kind of future that a Liberal government will continue to build for this province."

"The visit by the premier," Black said, "particularly in the context of a cocktail reception where he can freely mingle with the crowd, will give people in this area a first-hand opportunity to show support for our future growth in the Muskoka-Georgian Bay region."

Both local Liberals and Conservatives have commented on the pattern of ridings held by retiring premiers being lost in the following election. Conservatives say they have the advantage in Muskoka-Georgian Bay in organization and grass roots support.

Two hundred and twenty-five tickets at \$100 each are being sold for a cocktail reception with the premier, followed by a dinner, at the Muskoka Sands Inn, near Gravenhurst. Money raised is for Liberal candidate Ken Black and the Muskoka-Georgian Bay Liberal Association.



Minor injuries

In Midland last Thursday a pickup truck entering Hugel Avenue from Second Street, and a car eastbound on the avenue, collid-

ed at 2:15 p.m. Elgin West, 59, and his wife Beverly, 58, of Midland, received minor injuries. Charged with failing to yield was

Robert Payne, 16, of Main Street, Penetanguishene.

Traffic fatalities rising this year

The number of people killed in traffic accidents in OPP No. 7 District (which includes Midland) up to July 1 is higher than last year.

Thirty-three people have been killed in No. 7 District, up from 24 in the same time in 1986.

More than 38,000 drivers have been checked throughout District 7 up to July 1.

However, no serious traffic accidents occurred in the Midland OPP's section of District 7 on July 1, the Canada Day holiday.

As a consequence of the checks in District 7 in the first half of 1987, 186

alcohol-related criminal charges were laid; 533 12-hour suspensions were issued; 790 charges were laid under the Liquor Licence Act.

"These statistics obviously indicate a definite need to continue with strict enforcement," the OPP says.

The OPP is preparing for an increased volume of traffic. "Our officers will be out during this busy summer season and we will continue to strictly enforce the liquor laws in an attempt to reduce this serious problem and make our highways a safer place for the motoring public."

13 inductees

The Penetanguishene Sports Hall of Fame came a step closer to reality earlier last week.

Vince Moreau, chairman of the Hall of Fame committee, announced the names of 13 inductees to the hall.

Of the 12 men and one woman, nine men are former hockey players. Jean Thompson took three qualifying heats in the 1928 Olympics and finished fourth in the finals in Amsterdam.

Phil Marchildon, a former baseball player with the 1939 Toronto Maple Leafs team was the only inductee to represent that sport. And O.L. Dubéau and Charlie Nokuet were the two representatives in

the 'builder' category.

Nokuet was a former sports writer who covered baseball and hockey.

The committee had asked for public input in the selection of inductees but only one name was put forward, James Dupuis, who played in the Ontario Hockey Association in 1976. The rest were chosen by the committee said Mr. Moreau.

The only criteria for nominees are that they have to be retired.

Mr. Moreau said the Hall of Fame will be housed along a wall in the arena.

A banquet is scheduled for August 28, when the inductees will be brought in to the Sports Hall of Fame.



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