

How do you feel about winter?

Although it is still officially autumn, that cold, white, crystallized stuff we

all know as snow has already been spotted

several times in Huronia. Winter is just around the

corner, as can be seen by the number of people buy-

ing toques and taking their cars in for tune-ups. We hit

the streets this week - in mild, late October weather

- to find out what people really think of winter.



Cheryl Webber

"I like winter because the area that we live in has a lot of great ski hills and I am an avid downhill skier."



Randy Lediard

"I like winter because I like skiing and going to the cottage. As well, it is a good time to sit with your family and hide away from stormy weather."



Tim Tracey (from southern England)

"No! I don't like being cold and not being able to get about. Where I am from in England, we get more rain in the winter and it is damp and miserable."



Bob Haley

"Yes, I do like winter because I participate in winter sports. Without it we would not have the kinds of spring we have in this area of Canada. It is exciting for children, especially on the first day of snowfall. It is something we all have in common."



Chris Thomson

"I like winter as long as the car goes, the driveway is clear and the furnace works."



Sharon Freund

"Yes, I like winter as long as there is lots of snow and I don't have to shovel it. A year without it would be boring."



Cathy Groves

"I hate it. I hate cold and wet. I like summer, when you don't have to get bundled up to go outside. Winter is better from the inside."



McLean's Notepad

by Al McLean, MPP, Simcoe East

Keeping the people informed

Along with providing readers with all of the latest and most up to date news, sports and human interest information, newspapers here also offer another rather unique opportunity

Young offender charged

Another young offender has been charged in connection with a break-in at a Midland bakery.

Last Wednesday Midland police arrested and charged the young male, the third in this case, with break, enter and theft.

The charges stem from an incident Sept. 6 of this year at Bernie's Bakery on King Street. Some property was stolen from the shop at that time.

Honesty the best policy

There is at least one honest citizen left in 1987, Midland police report.

They know: He found a purse last Sunday containing over \$2,000 cash - and turned it in.

Police say an out-of-town visitor left the bulging handbag in a phone booth near the PMCL bus terminal on Bay Street.

But a passerby found the valuable package and handed it in to town police, the very same day.

"There are still honest people around," said a police spokesman.

In cases such as this, the name and number of the honest citizen is given to the owner of the purse or wallet. It's up to them to, if they wish, contact the finder, and reward them.

not found in countries without democratic governments: They let their politicians use a portion of their pages to keep the people informed of proposed or new government legislation, programs or policies.

This will be the eighth year since I was first elected by the people of Simcoe East (which now includes Penetang but not Midland) to represent them at Queen's Park that the newspaper of this riding have graciously allowed me to use their pages to communicate directly with my constituents and keep them informed of legislation programs and policies that will have a direct effect on their daily lives. I thank the newspapers of Simcoe East for continuing to give me this chance to

explain what is happening in the provincial Legislature and what has been legislated by their government.

As readers of my news columns in the past will know, it is not my policy to criticize the other two provincial political parties or their elected members. Instead, I prefer to write about new or proposed legislation and new policies or programs. These are the things that affect them directly and I firmly believe better informed constituents will be able to voice their support or concerns more effectively if they have all of the necessary facts at their fingertips. And I think this is reflected in the philosophy I have always believed in. Allan McLean is a politician who puts his

constituents before his party.

I was gratified that the people of Simcoe East decided on Sept. 10, to send me back to Queen's Park for yet another term of office. I thank not only those who supported my candidacy, but also all of the people of this riding who took part in the provincial election. An election is a humbling experience. It is both an honor and a privilege to serve as your provincial representative in the Legislature and I look forward to working with many individuals, groups and municipalities throughout the riding to ensure that the future of Simcoe East is a bright and prosperous one.

As your duly elected member at Queen's Park, I

all constituents of Simcoe East regardless of which area of the riding they live in or which political philosophy they subscribe to. And to that end, I will be opening a constituency office in the Town Of

Penetanguishene before the end of the year.

Please feel free to contact either of my constituency offices in Orillia or Penetanguishene if you need information or assistance or if you want to

comment on any legislation under discussion at Queen's Park.

I look forward to working with you to accomplish much for the riding of Simcoe East in the coming years.

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