

# Getting around the riding

The annual Remembrance Day services prolives during two World agreement. Wars and the Korean War The minister said, to preserve freedom and "Throughout the prodemocracy in our counr- vince's economy, women try. Last Saturday I attend- are disproportionately ed a service in Port represented in jobs that ap-McNicoll; Sunday I was in pear to be most jeopardiz-Bracebridge; and on ed by the trade agree-Remembrance Day itself, I ment." joined members of the According to the led to predictions of reces-Royal Canadian Legion in minister, nearly 100,000 sion and hard times ahead. Huntsville and in Midland women could lose their as they paid tribute to jobs in sectors of the Treasurer Robert Nixon fallen comrades.

On Nov. 9, Greg Sorbara, vided an excellent oppor- Minister responsible for tunity for me to visit a Women's Issues, released a number of different parts report indicating a signifiof the riding and to par- cant portion of Ontario's ticipate in ceremonies to female work-force could be remember those young hurt by the proposed people who have gave their Canada-U.S. free trade

working women is a bad seasonally deal for Ontario."

Many people have expressed very real concerns about the state of the economy. The rapidly fluctuating stock market has In the past few days,

industries. The women several indicators that On- Retail sales increased by particularly affected will be tario's economy is strong, 10.2 per cent over the first older women, those with and as a result, there is eight months of 1987 and little formal education, and good reason for guarded the housing sector remains immigrant women. Mr. optimism. In terms of vigorous with housing Sorbara concluded his employment, Ontario's starts up 109,000 units, the remarks with the statement total employed increased highest level of starts since that, "A deal that stands to by 179,000 from Sept. 1986 the first quarter growth of hurt so many of Ontario's to Sept. 1987, and our 1974. adjusted unemployment rate re- that although we can exmained at 5.8 per cent, the pect a slight down-turn in

lowest since 1976. nual inflation rate was 4.5 expect Ontario's economy per cent in Sept., another to remain strong in 1988. indicator of a solid economy. Business planned to spend over \$25.8 billion is capital expenyear, a 13.6 per cent in- ment caucus, I participated

All of these facts suggest the economy, there ap-The Consumer Price an- pears to be every reason to

Along with a number of ditures in Ontario this members of the governmanufacturing and service has continued to point to crease over 1986 levels. in a meeting this past week with the Ontario Coalition for Better Daycare. Over 300 members of the coalition attended this session, at which time they presented their concerns related to day care in the province. Minister of Community and Social Services, John Sweeney, dealt tions. Of major concern to all is the delay by the 1987.



Boy Scout David Vanstone, a 15-year-old student at St. Theresa's high school in Midland, was honored recently with one of the top awards any Scout can get: the Chief Scout Award. He has been judged by his peers to have exemplified the principles of Scouting through leadership, voluntary service to the community as well as outdoor activity. As well, David completed five badges at the gold stage and 50 hours of community work. The award is signed by Canadian Governor-General Jeanne Sauve.

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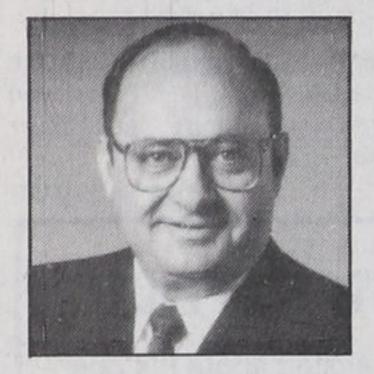
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federal government in an- Commerce is hosting a Get committee sponsor on nouncing their child care Together for its retail/com- their behalf, for them and proposals and the cost mercial members on Nov. their staff. sharing arrangements with 18 between 5 p.m. and 6:30

grams they would like to

The Midland Chamber of see the retail/commercial

Please call the office to the province. Hopefully, p.m. at the Chamber office. let the Chamber staff know their plans will be made At the meeting members if you plan to attend. public before the end of will discuss ideas and pro- Refreshments and finger foods will be served.



# McLean's Notepad

by Al McLean, MPP,

# Tax refunds

The Ontario Ministry of Revenue has begun mailing more than 600,000 Property Tax Grant cheques to senior citizens through the province.

These cheques - the second instalment of the 1987 grant - provide up to \$600 per household to help offset municipal and school taxes paid by seniors who rent or own their own home. Earlier this year, the government raised the grant to \$600 from the \$500 level.

The first instalment equal to one-half the 1986 entitlement - was mailed to senior citizens last May Property Tax Grant ap- and Food. plications, to more than 690,000 seniors and, based send out the annual \$50

is about \$336.

years of age on or after Ju- 1988. ly 1 should receive an application by January 1988. First year recipients will receive their grant in one sum. Senior citizens who farm or who are tenants on farms should note that the \$600 maximum applies only to taxes or rent on the principal farm residence and one acre of land. The remaining farm lands and outbuildings are eligible for approximately a 100 per cent tax rebate 631,000 households receiv- under the Ontario Farm ing a total of \$152 million. Tax Rebate Program, By the end of October, the which is administered by ministry had mailed 1987 the Ministry of Agriculture

As well, the Ministry will

on the returns, estimates Sales Tax Grant beginning some 600,000 households Nov. 27 to seniors who either the Property Tax will receive in excess of turned 65 in September. Grant or the Sales Tax \$200 million. The average Ontario residents turning Grant may be obtained by second instalment cheque 65 in the last three months Simcoe East residents by Those who turned 65 Sales Tax Grant early in my constituency office at

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