



### All together

Port McNicoll Branch 545 of the Royal Canadian Legion held its meeting Nov. 30, where donations of \$1,000 were made to Father Schmied (Catholic Church), Dr. Charles

Talbot (HDH), Lt. Norm Garcia (Salvation Army) and Ralph Coughlin (for Bonar Presbyterian). Exec. present President L. Perreault, 1st vice G. Corkum, 2nd vice R. Gor-

don, A. Worth, B. Henderson, L. Parent, D. Spencer, D. Henderson and G. Maher. Missing was B. King.

### Packed for show

What a show! Those were the thoughts of a packed house at Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School on Sunday evening's annual Christmas Concert.

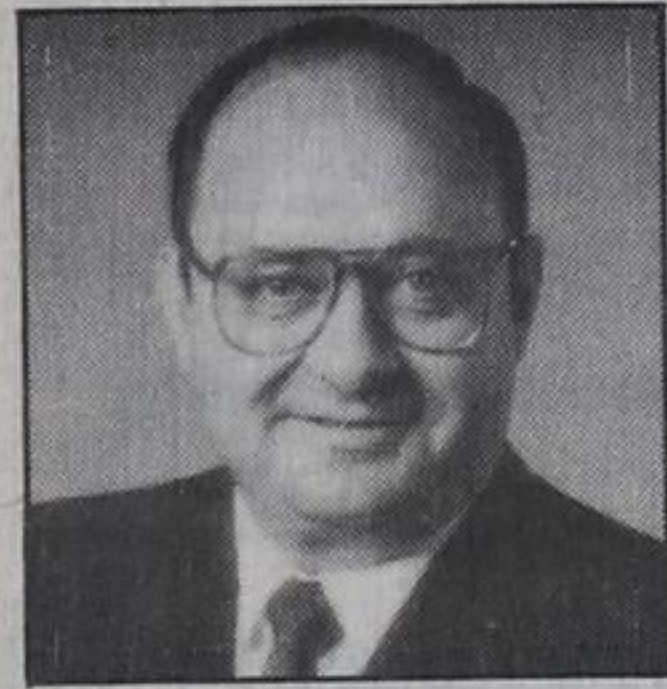
The enthusiastic audience filled every seat in the house and overflowed onto the bleachers, giving the young musicians a standing ovation. They received two encores from the stage band.

The concert bank took the stage first and opened with a stirring fanfare from 2001: A Space Odyssey. The group then displayed their skill and talents as they played a wide range of music; everything from Mozart to Glen Miller, from the Nutcracker Suite to Themes from Flashdance. Prominently featured during this evening's performances were trombone soloists Dawn Lockhart and Shelley Charlebois. These young

ladies will be trying their Grade 6 conservatory exams in January.

In the second portion of the concert, the 50 member Junior Band took to the stage. Many of these young musicians had never played an instrument before September. Under the guidance of music director Blake Smith they have progressed to the point where they are now performing simple concert arrangements as well as marches and contemporary tunes. Many of the young musicians have now made the jump into the concert band.

The final group to perform was High Voltage, the ESPSS stage band. This group of 35 musicians thrilled the crowd with jazz arrangements by such greats as Glen Miller, and Maynard Ferguson. The performances featured many fine soloists, including Liz Duval on trumpet and Terry Bugg, Jason Sajan and Allan Limoges on saxophone.



## McLean's Notepad

by Al McLean, MPP, Simcoe East

### Apply now for Access Fund

The first deadline for community organization applying for grants from the \$15 million Access Fund falls on Dec. 31, 1987.

This Access Fund which will provide \$15 million over three years for eligible renovations is a joint program of the Office for Disabled Persons and the Office for Senior Citizens' Affairs. After the first Dec. 31 deadline, there will be four more-April 1, 1988; Oct. 1, 1988; April 1, 1989; and Oct. 1, 1989.

The Access Fund provides matching grants of up to \$50,000 to community organizations for renovations to their premises that improve physical access for disabled people and seniors. Examples of such renovations include: ramps, elevators, grab bars, alert and emergency systems, signs that are three-dimensional or in braille and changes to structural features such as widening doors.

Community groups must contribute an equal

amount to the Access Fund grant and that sum should come from a source other than the federal or provincial governments. To be eligible for a grant, the organization must be private, non-profit and must have been incorporated for at least a year prior to applying. Examples of eligible applicants include: service clubs, senior citizens' centres and consumer and religious groups.

Municipally-sponsored senior citizens' and disabled persons' centres are also eligible. The fund will assist in paying for such renovation costs as professional fees for architects, engineers and consultants; permit and municipal inspection fees; construction costs including demolition, labor, materials and insurance; and all adjustments to permanent furnishings and equipment to make them physically accessible (including adjustments to heating, ventilating and air

conditioning equipment, security devices and lighting systems). Further information and applications for Access Fund grants are available by calling the Office for Disabled Persons at 1-800-387-4456 toll free or my Orillia constituency office at 326-3246.

In a previous news column it was noted that I had been appointed as my party's Critic for Tourism and Recreation and also as Deputy Critic for Agriculture and Food.

I would now like to report that I have also been elected chairman of the Standing Committee on Government Agencies and appointed as a member of

the Standing Committee on the Ombudsman and the Standing Committee on General Government.

I look forward to these added responsibilities during the First Session of the Thirty-Fourth Parliament and would appreciate any input you, the people of Simcoe East, would like to provide regarding these committees.

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