

SANTA'S MAIL BOX Write your special Christmas wish in a letter to santa. If you mail it in Santa's own mailbox at the Bay you'll be sure to get a reply. Better get busy now; there's no time to lose.



## CHRISTMAS STORE HOURS

OPEN DAILY - BEGINNING DECEMBER 8
9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
WE WILL BE OPEN THROUGH LUNCH HOUR.
NIGHT SHOPPING HOURS:
Thursday, December 18, Friday, December 19,
Monday, December 22 and Tuesday, December 23
9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES WINTER TRAIL PROGRAM

A 500,000 dollar winter trails program for Ontario snowmobilers and cross country skiers was announced recently by Natural Resources Minister Leo Bernier. This is an extension of the one year program initiated last year, with a new dimension added.

For the first time funding will be available for the improvement and maintenance of cross country ski trails, The funds provided will be almost totally allocated to trail grooming and improvements, rather than the purchase of equipment which was funded last year.

Mr. Bernier emphasized that this winter's trail grooming and maintenance program is an interim measure designed to offer immediate assistance in the upgrading of snowmobiles and cross country ski trails, pending longer term recommendations from the Ontario Trails Council. This 17 member advisory group was appointed recently to advise the Minister on the future planning and development of the Province's recreational trails program.

Last year the ground work was laid in the Terrace Bay District for the maintenance of a number of snowmobile trails along the North Shore and in the Manitouwadge area. We foresee no problems in continuing this program. However, the ski trail program is a new venture and in order to do the best job possible with the funds available, we require some input from cross country skiers in the District.

We intend to set up a few informal meetings of cross country skiers to help determine our course of action this winter. If you have any questions or suggestions concerning the winter trail program, please do not hisitate to call our Lands and Parks Supervisor in the Terrace Bay District Office.

## HOSPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

The November meeting of the McCausland Hospital Board of Governors was held on the 19th at the Lake Superior High School, Schreiber Campus.

There were no unusual items needing attention and the meeting dealt with the normal business relating to the administration of the hospital.

Following the resignation of the previous Administrator, many applications for the position were received and three were selected for interviews. The Board have interviewed these people and will make a selection. All were extremely well qualified for this position. continued page 11......