Deadline extended for du Maurier Council grant applications

November 25th is the new deadline for The du Maurier Council for the Performing Arts' receipt of grant applications from Canadian performing arts organizations. Isabelle Sauberli, the Council's Executive Director, announced today that the original November 1st deadline has been extended to afford as many arts organizations as wish to apply an opportunity to submit their projects to the Council for consideration at their annual meeting.

The Council is accepting applications for specific arts projects to be staged after April 30, 1984, by Canadian arts organizations incorporated more than two years prior to the year in which application is made. du Maurier grants are awarded for no other purpose than

for live, on-stage, public performances outside the organization's subscription regular season.

Full details and application forms may be obtained by writing to: The du Maurier Council for the Performing Arts, Post Office Box 27, 180 Dundas Street, West, Toronto, Ontario M5G 1Z8 or by telephoning (416) 598-4222.

Fuelwood - Keeping the home fires burning

by STEVE GRAY Ministry of **Natural Resources**

On an average September day, as noisy crickets and neighbors' lawn mowers are apparently under the assumption that it's still high summer, many Ontarians can also hear the unmistakable sound of some industrious soul splitting wood.

There's something noble about chopping wood. And the pungent smell of a wood fire is unforgettable — crisp and comforting, embracing and defying the cold — a part of what it means to be Canadian.

Until early in this century, most homes in Canada were heated with wood. Most homemakers cooked with it, too. But in many urban areas of Canada between about 1880 and 1920, coal replaced wood as the primary source of home heating energy. After World War I, heating and cooking with wood were already becoming a nostalgic part of North Am-

erican history. It took the energy crisis of the early 1970s, with its soaring fuel prices, to bring home the benefits of heating with wood to many Ontario residents. Since then, a quiet renaissance has been occurring in wood heating. A recent Ontario government study showed that while few Ontarians use wood as a primary source of heat, about 35 per cent of those surveyed do use it as a supplementary heating source. Wood is popular for fireplace and stove use in homes and cottages all across Ontario, and that popularity is increasing rapidly.

Simple economy is one of the big reasons for the trend back to wood. Depending on the type of wood used, its cost, and the way it is burned, wood can actually be cheaper to burn than coal, oil, propane, electricity and natural gas.

And wood is a renewable Ontario resource! Ontario has a thriving fuelwood industry, and innovative woodburning technologies are being developed rapidly by our manufacturers of airtight woodstoves, woodburning furnaces and fireplace inserts. Their recent sales records are impressive. But where is all the firewood coming from?

Some of Ontario's fuelwood is made available through the provincial government about one-third in Northern Ontario and about four per cent in the south. About 84 per cent of all the fuelwood burned in Ontario is burned in southern Ontario. In Northern On-

tario, the Ministry of Natural Resources annually designates certain forest areas where residents may cut firewood. Some of these areas have already been logged, but often tree tops, branches and imperfect trees are left. These leftovers often make excellent fuelwood, however, and the ministry authorizes fuelwood cutting by issuing permits to local residents for their household and cottage needs at a specified price per cord. (Traditionally, a cord is defined as a pile of wood which measures 4'x4'x8', and which has a solid wood volume of about 90 cubic feet when properly dried for burn-

Many Ontario resithus obtain enough firewood for the

long northern winters at very reasonable cost, as they choose to cut, split and haul the wood themselves.

Says Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope: "Most of the fuelwood permits issued in Northern Ontario actually help my ministry clean out residual trees - such as birch — so that we can plant more valuable species." In southern Ontario,

where much of the land is privately owned, most fuelwood comes from private woodlots. More than 10,000 woodlots in southern Ontario are now managed co-operatively by agreement between the owners and the Ministry of Natural Resources, under The Woodlands Improvement Act (WIA). In effect since 1966, the Act sets up agreements which lead to a management plan for each woodlot. Provincial extension foresters offer the woodlot owners their assistance — with tree planting, tending, weeding, trimming and other silvicultural operations - to ensure the wise use of a highly valuable provincial resources. In turn, the owners agree to maintain the properties as woodlots for at least 15 years.

Many WIA agreement holders are now making substantial additional income by selling fuelwood from their woodlots. These proper-

Winterize now for

pre-season warmup

ties — often located on farms — were usually considered simply as "bush" before provincial foresters gave the owners guidance and assistance in planning their efficient and profitable use.

The Ontario Ministry of Energy has become involved with the Natural Resources ministry in encouraging the return to the use of wood as a fuel source. For several years, the two provincial ministries have run a fuelwood enhancement program which assists with stand improvement cutting and tree marking, as well as road construction, and in 1982-83 vielded more than 60,000 extra cords of wood. Last year's fuelwood enhancement program also provided more than 4,400 days of work for northern residents.

Thanks to the efforts of both private woodlot owners and the provincial government, Ontario residents can anticipate the ring of the woodchopper's axe and the pungent smell of a cheery wood fire in future years, because the future of wood is glowing, and bright. And it is somehow comforting to realize that, in an age when today's latest discovery is tomorrow's outmoded technology, the family hearth will be around for a long time to come.

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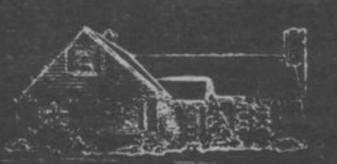
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If you drive and maintain your car in winter the same way you do in the summer, you're asking for big trouble, reports the Ontario Safety League.

According to the League, your car needs different care in winter much in the same way you need to master different driving skills to meet winter driving conditions. For a quick preseason warm-up to guarantee you won't be left out in the cold, here's how to "winterize" your car in seven easy steps:

(1) Have the battery tested. Get it charged, if required, or replace it if you think it will not last through the winter.

(2) Check brakes for quick, precision stops. "Perfect" braking means equal braking on

all four wheels.

(3) Check tires for worn spots and balance. Regular tires with deep treads will provide adequate traction on winter roads; snow tires are even better. Reinforced tire chains are best for severe snow and ice stop-and-go traction.

(4) Check windshield wipers for adequate arm tension and blade contact. If blades are worn or cracked, replace them.

(5) Add an antifreeze solvent to the windshield washer sys-

(6) Test the defroster to be sure that it is working properly. (7) Have the entire ex-

haust system checked for leaks. And remember to

drive defensively!

TINSIDE **OUTSIDE** "As a man thinks in his heart so is he"

Impossible?

A scientist once said of the young Thomas A. Edison, "This poor fellow is wasting his time. Two fundamental laws of physics prove he is attempting the impossible. The first is that there can be no light without combustion; the second is that no combustion can take place in a vacuum. Therefore, no light can be made in a vacuum."

But even in the face of these "impossibilities", Edison went right ahead and perfected the incandescent electric

The world is full of people who say 'it can't be done,' but the person with vision looks beyond the fault-finders and discouragers, and presses on with the task he knows can be achieved.

The Bible teaches that, with God, nothing is impossible. There is no darkness that His light cannot penetrate, no sin beyond His forgiveness. He specializes in things thought impossible.

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