

## Guide Books for Disabled and Seniors

The Provincial Secretariat for Social Development has released two new publications which offer a complete listing of government programmes to assist disabled persons and senior citizens.

The "Guide to Programmes and Services for Disabled Persons" and the "Guide for Senior Citizens", describe the many pro-

grammes and services which exist to help Ontario's disabled persons and senior citizens. There are a wide variety of initiatives which benefit disabled persons and seniors and it is important that these client groups, their families, and concerned agencies are informed about what is available to them.

The Secretariat is dis-

tributing the guides to individuals, community agencies, consumer groups, libraries, information centres and Ministry field offices throughout the province. In addition, the "Guide for Senior Citizens" will be automatically sent to every Ontario resident when they turn 65 years of age.

The number and

diversity of programmes and services available to assist disabled persons and seniors has grown considerably over the years, and the guides are excellent reference books for any senior or disabled individual who wants to make the most of the opportunities which are offered in the province of Ontario.

Anyone wishing to obtain a copy of either of these books should write: The Secretariat for Social Development, 700 Bay Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 1Z6.

## Homes for the Aged monthly report

The Board of Management of the Thunder Bay District Homes for the Aged, held their monthly meeting at Birchwood Terrace in Terrace Bay on Friday, June 1st at 12:30 p.m. Five Board members attended.

On Thursday evening, the staff at Birchwood Terrace held a retirement party for the Administrator, Mr. M.J. Vibert. After enjoying a delicious Pot Luck Meal, they presented Mr. Vibert with a Seiko clock, along with an honorary plaque.

Operation accounts for the month of April were approved totalling \$175,421.57. One resident application was approved for Pinewood Court.

Isabelle Lindberg, R.N. at Pinewood

Court will be honoured with a suitable retirement gift on June 30th.

The Board approved the repairs of the roof on the storage building at Birchwood Terrace.

The Administrator reported that June is Senior Citizens month. They will be featuring a variety show at the Coliseum with Joel Aldred as M.C., and over 900 seniors are expected to attend. Free tickets are available by phoning 345-3090.

Region 9 is holding a conference on June 6, 7 and 8th and Board members and staff from each home will be attending.

Mr. Tom Gash, the new Administrator will begin working at Pinewood Court on June 25th.

The Administrator spent considerable time

explaining negotiations that had taken place on May 16th and 21st with the Ontario Nursing Association. The main concern was that the salaries now being paid are lower than the other homes in the area. This has been one of the reasons for the heavy turnover in the R.N. staff in the past year. Both the union and the board will be investigating ways to solve this problem.

The next Board meeting will be held at Pinewood Court on July 6th.

## Superior Hockey Schools

Superior Hockey Schools announces four new instructors added to the already fine coaching staff.

Walt Poddubny of the Toronto Maple Leafs; Mike Tomlak, Cornwall Royals, Ontario Hockey League; Rob DeGagne, North Bay, Ontario Hockey League; and George Cava, Italian 2nd Division League, are ready to instruct during the 1984 Superior Hockey School.

Poddubny, a Thunder Bay native who played his minor hockey locally had a fine season despite a broken ankle which sidelined him for most of the season. Walt played junior hockey in Thunder Bay before moving to Major "A" with the Brandon Wheat Kings, and later the Kingston Canadians where he was drafted as Edmonton's 4th overall choice in 1980.

Walt holds the Leafs record for most goals by a rookie with 28 in 1982-83. He also had 31 assists for 59 points to help the Leafs to the playoffs.

Tomlak had a fine season with Cornwall, leading the team in scoring with 88 points and being nominated for player of the year in junior hockey. Mike played minor hockey locally and one season with the Thunder Bay Junior Kings coached by School Director, Dave Siciliano. It is expected that Mike will sign a contract for the Toronto Maple Leafs and has an excellent chance of joining Poddubny for the 1984-85 season.

DeGagne, a standout minor player in Thunder Bay, has played the last two seasons with the North Bay Centennials of the Ontario Hockey League.

DeGagne had a fine season scoring 61 points while only playing 37 games because of injuries. DeGagne's second effort has always earned him high praise and excellent results in every league he has played in. Rob was one of the first counsellors at the school and now graduates to an instructor.

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