

# 1987 is on the road

By Mary Hubelit

Out of the darkness they loomed, over the top of the bridge. Headlights flashed excitement into the swirling snowflakes. Slowly, warily down the bridge the snow-plow led the convoy, warning with its ice-blue flasher. Then the local police car, the provincial police car and then...and then...in a breath-catching moment, one very small vehicle and its brave driver plowed through the blowing snow. Cheers rang out, eyes dampened, throats choked up so one could only wave, and Rick Hansen's cavalcade was minutes away from shelter, and rest. The Man in Motion could be still for a while. The time was 5:45 p.m.

One wonders how many other nights of adverse weather in other lands this entourage must have faced; how many other hundreds of eager and grateful

citizens waited in rain, snow, heat or winds to help this crusader. We had waited since four o'clock, in the warm car, out into the cool wet evening, in the car, into the building to donate and to assess the size of the welcoming committee. Back in the car, checking one intersection after another, finally stopping at Kenogami road, we waited. A wicked thought crossed my mind: "I'll bet our casserole will be ruined"; I pushed it aside just in time to see the approaching lights.

So another young man has joined the ranks with Him who taught and encouraged care and healing and compassion, and some of them have died in His name. Let us hope we can remember Rick Hansen's lesson through '87 and beyond. P.S. The casserole was ruined.



The week of Dec. 15 to the 19 had schools in the area staging Christmas concerts. Shown

above is a choir from Holy Angels School singing for the audience.

## Disability Action Group News

The December meeting of the Disability Action Group was on Dec. 18 in the lobby of the McCausland Hospital. The members were welcomed by President Rod Thompson.

The meeting was brief to allow for the Christmas social. However, a motion was made for Jack Patterson to present a cheque to Rick Hansen on his arrival to Terrace Bay- Shirley Mikus to assist.

The Catholic Women's League will be coming to entertain at a Games Evening for the Jan. 15 meeting.

The meeting will commence at 7

p.m. and the social will be at 7:30 p.m.

Members are requested to bring in any memberships they still may have.

Praise for the snowblowing program now being carried out by the Municipality of Terrace Bay was expressed by those who had applied.

The program was turned over to Cathie Smith who followed up on her November presentation.

On her recommendation, the secretary was requested to write to the Secretary of State requesting funds for a series of workshops.

At the conclusion of the business,

one of Santa's fairy elves appeared by the Christmas tree to dispense fun gifts, much to the merriment of all, though Jack Patterson, hospitalized in Thunder Bay, was certainly missed.

Another pleasurable portion of the evening was the arrival of the North Shore Variety Band, led by Doug McIlwain.

Members joined in the chorus as lovely Christmas music filled the lobby.

Tasty Christmas baking and coffee concluded the evening.

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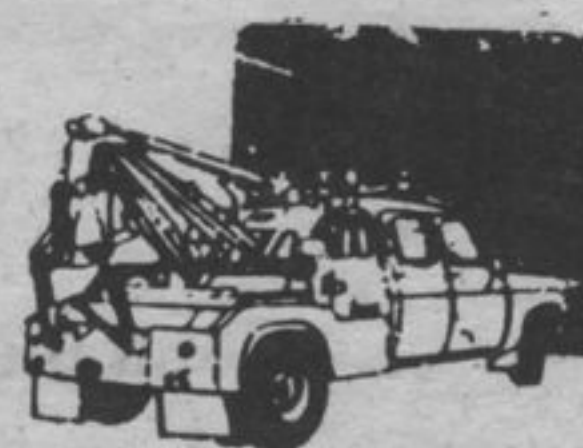
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