Province bails out Homemakers'

Red Cross Homemakers Program receives deficit funding for two years

By Dave Chmara

In light of the recent financial problems with the Canadian Red Cross Society's Homemakers' Program, Community and Social Services Minister John Sweeney has announced the provincial government will cover the deficits forecast in the program for the 1988-89 and 1989-90 fiscal years.

The provincial government will also cover the deficits of six other not-for-profit organizations across Ontario.

The projected deficit for the 1988-89 year is \$1.1 million for the Homemaker's Program, and the six other agencies have forecast deficits totalling \$700,000.

NDP M.P.P. for Lake Nipigon, Gilles Pouliot, said, "It's certainly

high time the government took this step. Nothing less would have satisfied us."

Sweeney said, "This funding will ensure the Red Cross and other organizations offering homemaking services can continue to do so." He

added, "However, there are a number of long term issues affecting homemakers services which must be dealt with. My ministry, the Ministry of Health, and other min-

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Scott Tournament of Hearts district playdowns results By Dave Chmara The Scott Tournament of Hearts Donnelly, Keewatin. was held at the Schreiber Curling Club last Thursday, Friday and Saturday with six teams from

Northwestern Ontario taking part in the playdowns.

The playdowns were just one in a series held in districts throughout the province.

All of the teams competing in the three day event were from out of town. Those rinks were: Kathie Sinclair, Lakehead; Linda Churchley, Fort William; Taffy Drajanoff, Geraldton; Julie

McNulty, Sioux Lookout; Roxanne Botel, Atikokan; and Noreen

Barb Spadoni, chairperson of the playdowns committee, said, "It worked out great with six teams and three sheets of ice."

The teams were competing to advance to the next round, the provincials, of the Scott Tournament of Hearts.

Those provincial playdowns will take place in Nipigon January 31 and will see 10 teams competing to advance to the nationals.

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Above are the two teams who will be advancing to the provincial Scott Tournament of Hearts to be held in Nipigon. The top rink, Lakehead, from left to right are Kathie Sinclair, Kim Tolan, Donna Rae Craig, and Diane Pushkar. The bottom rink, Geraldton, from left to right are Taffy Drajanoff, Karen Saarimaki, Lynn Nicklin, and Pam Hunt.

Photos by Dave Chmara

Snow removal crews have been working extra hard with all the snowfall lately. They have a thankless job and no matter where you live, they always plough snow in to the end of your driveway just after you finished shovelling it. Crews just caught up with their work Monday, January 9, and, as might be expected, it snowed on Tuesday. Photo by Dave Chmara

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