



### The calm before the performance

Students at The Dancecentre prepare to go on for their number in Recital '88 held recently. Shown here (from left) are Heather Cottage, 11; Jessie Baird, 9; and Jessica Hakonson, 8. — Jim Thomas

## Recital '88 dance show hard to top next year

By KATE GILDERDALE

Only one problem remains for The Dancecentre's Michelle Green after the incredible Recital '88. How can she possibly top last week's performances next year?

With 20 numbers on a program featuring jazz, tap and ballet, the audience was treated to a fascinating variety of dance routines.

Items ranged from the endearing appeal of the youngest students in Mr. Sun and Dance of the Clowns, to the challenging and beautifully performed choreography of Concerto En Pointe, danced by Grade III Cecchetti students.

From the show biz razzmatazz of That's Entertainment, (Tap III with a solo by Michelle), Wilkommen (Tap II) and Walkin' Down Your Street (Tap I); to the timeless appeal of classical ballet in Pas De Dix (Primary B); Classique (Grade II Ballet) and Valse (Grade II Cecchetti); every item sparkled with talent and enthusiasm.

The Primary B students in Music Box Ballerinas gave a particularly effective performance which received warm approval from the audience.

Michelle Boyd, Joel Green and Michael Wood opened a lively and

colorful jazz routine called Betcha' Say That To All The Girls energetically performed by Beginner Jazz students, while Sh-Boom (Intermediate Jazz), Best Thing Ever and Yes (Junior Jazz) all captured the versatility of the choreography and the impressive ability of the performers.

The Senior Jazz closed the show with panache and skill in Turn It Up.

Ballet isn't always white tutus and pink tights, as the lively Charleston (Grade III Cecchetti), Hoedown (Grade III) and Sleighride (Grade III) amply demonstrated.

## Economy has improved Ontario Tory MP insists

By SCOTT FENNELL

MP Ontario Riding

Since the September 1984 election of the Progressive Conservative government in Ottawa, the Ontario economy has been on the upswing. I would like to take this opportunity to point out to you some of the achievements this government has accomplished.

From September 1984, 611,000 jobs have been created in Ontario at a rate of 14,209 jobs per month. The Ontario unemployment rate has fallen from 9.4 per cent to 4.8 per cent—a decline of 4.6 percentage points. This represents a

drop in unemployment by 195,000.

Some other interesting facts are:

The Canadian-U.S. Free Trade Deal will lead to 98,847 additional jobs in Ontario.

A Canadian Federation of Independent Business survey showed that 36.7 per cent of Ontario small business owners believe the Free Trade Agreement will have a positive effect on their business.

The March national inflation rate was 4.1 per cent.

Between 1984 and 1987, the average rates of inflation in Ottawa (four per cent) and Toronto (4.7

per cent) were well below the rates of 8.3 and 8.6 per cent under the Liberals between 1980 and 1984.

Retail sales are up 40.9 per cent since the 1984 election.

Farm cash receipts in 1987 were up 6.6 per cent compared to 1984.

Capital expenditures of selected companies increased by 7.8 per cent in 1987 compared to 1986, and are expected to increase by 2.2 per cent in 1988.

These achievements demonstrate how this government's policies are working to build a better future for Ontario.

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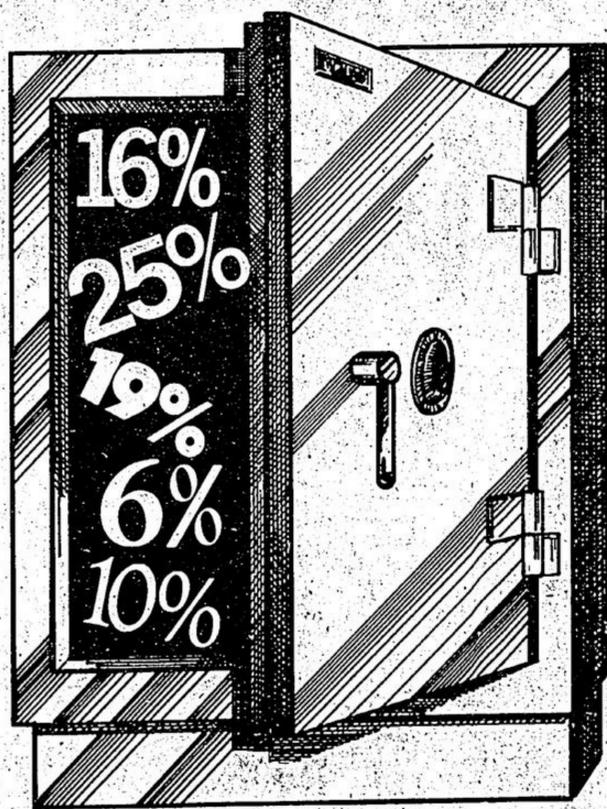
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