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ON THIS ISSUE'S COVER:

A little snow does not scare off determined hikers in the VTA. Cliff and Susan Graham find their snowshoes handy even during lunch break.

PAUL SYME HONoured

RECIPIENT OF PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

The Corps d'Elite Ontario Award, the province's highest honour for recreation volunteers and professionals was awarded to Paul Syme. Lieutenant Governor Lincoln Alexander presented the award to Paul in Toronto recently, for his dedication and work for the Voyageur Trail Association.

We all congratulate Paul on receipt of this well deserved award. New members may not realize that their club is the result of a dream by Paul to clear a trail from Manitoulin Island to Thunder Bay. Only a dream in the early 1970's, it became reality as the first hike was held near Gros Cap on two freshly cleared miles (yes - miles in those days!) of trail on May 11, 1975. From its official opening on September 21, 1975, the trail and membership slowly grew,

with encouragement and leadership through the years from Paul. The Trail is now continuous from Sault Ste. Marie to the Elliot Lake highway in the east, and north to the Mile Hill. There is also a northern loop in the Red Rock area skirting the shores of Lake Superior. In the Wawa area, active members have cleared trail south to Lake Superior Provincial Park. West of Wawa, the Casque Isle section maintains a picturesque trail, again following the Superior shoreline. The coastal trails in Lake Superior Provincial Park and Pukaskwa National Park will also be part of the Voyageur Trail.

Congratulations again and let's all work together to make sure that Paul's dream becomes reality.

HIKE ONTARIO! NEWS

- Hike Ontario! has made an application for a grant to provide funds for an office and an Executive Director. This is a step in the right direction, for as a blanket organization for many trail clubs in Ontario, Hike Ontario! should be available to anyone.

- Hike Ontario! is encouraging individual memberships at \$15.00 per year. This membership entitles you to receive their quarterly newsletter and gives you the right to attend meetings and workshops. There are plenty of opportunities if you wish to get involved.

- Hike Ontario! publishes fact sheets such as walking vacations in Ontario at a cost of \$0.50 each.

- Hike Ontario! is hosting a workshop in Guelph, March 2, 1991 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at a cost of \$10.00 per person.

The focus of the workshop is "Recruiting and Training Hike Leaders." This could be an informative workshop for anyone travelling to Southern Ontario at that time.

- Andy Cann is leading a group from Southern Ontario on hikes in the Sault Ste. Marie area on May 11 and 12.

If further information is required about any of the above mentioned points, please contact your Hike Ontario! representative, Patrick Capper at 253-4470.