

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have waited until the heat of argument has cooled and having thought over the situation with care, I feel that as a parent, I have a right to express my opinion.

I am writing to express my thoughts on what took place at the open meeting held at Terrace Bay, February 20, 1971, on the topic of the amalgamation of the Schreiber and Terrace Bay High Schools. Goethe once said that "The public wishes itself to be managed like a woman; one must say nothing to it except what it likes to hear." In this instant my concern is for the minds of our students not the feelings of the public.

The youth of a nation are the trustees of posterity. I as a parent desire that my children have the ability and sense of responsibility to accept that trusteeship. I do not wish that they be taught hatred, violence, disrespect for authority. My concern is that they be taught self respect, respect for others, respect for the dignity of public office, respect for the experience of those older than themselves. I want my children not merely to know right principles but to love them and practice them. I want my children to learn that the voice of the majority is no proof of justice.

As a parent I look for the true teacher who defends his students against his own personal influence. It is then with grave concern I view the attitude of a teaching staff who remained silent after the disrespectful speech made by a young student against the Director of Education. I view with concern the silence of the parents who did not seek to guide their child into the proper approach to be made in discussion and debate on a controversial issue. I view with concern the loss of opportunity for the teaching of students, the true dignity of a person stating his opinions in a fair minded way. Silence gives consent to an action. This silence leaves no doubt in my mind, that we should as parents, remind our educators that they be alert to the responsibility we parents place in their hands, the responsibility of building walls of peace and understanding in the minds of our children not violence. Whatever the issue, be it right or wrong, the opportunity was given for free discussion and constructive criticism. Constructive criticism builds respect for those on either side of the issue. I am for freedom of speech and constructive criticism but remembering the right of others. I am not for violence or disrespect. I feel as a parent we all owe an apology to our Director of Education for our failure as parents in allowing disrespect and a hint of violence to be shown towards him.

The public, who have freely elected the Board of Education, who in turn hired a competent Director of Education for guidance and advice in purely educational matters, should continue to have confidence in the board's proposals and decisions. Remember, when the public freely elects a governing body they have delegated to that board authority to make proposals and decisions. We all know that an ad hoc committee of the board and teachers is looking into the facts. We hope that the members of this committee will express their opinions as they see fit, we hope that the board members of that committee will express their opinion as they too see fit; the right to express this opinion which was given to the board by the public in a free vote. The public should not feel that the board or the Director are less concerned than a few individuals. We have not as yet heard clear cut opinions that the amalgamation is wrong.

Concerned Parent.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

The following are results of District Court held in Schreiber, March 9, 1971 with Provincial Judge T.A. Connor presiding: -
Bruce Leslie Bottomley, Sec. 82(3) L.C.A. - "Minor Consuming" - Reissue; Paul Michael Caccamo, Sec. 16 M.S.V.A. "Speed-

ing - Fined \$20.; R. Reinhard Hennings, Sec. 8(I) H.T.A. "No current year markers" - Fined \$20. or 3 days; Thomas Long, Sec. 59(I)(f) H.T.A. "Speeding" - Fined \$30 or 4 days; George Robert Mayhew, Sec. 72(a) H.T.A. "Driving left of centre line" - Fined \$20.; or 3 days; Clovis Marcel Mazurat, Sec. 59(I)(f) H.T.A. "Speeding" - Fined \$30 or 4 days; James Michael McGuire, Sec. 82(3) L.C.A. "Minor Consuming" - Fined \$10.; N. Gregory MacIsaac, Sec. 7(3) M.S.V.A. "Unlicensed Driver" - Fined \$20.; Camille Perras, Sec. 7(2) "Permit under aged Driver" - Fined \$20.; Walter Lloyd Relph, Sec. 82(3) L.C.A. "Minor Having" - Fined \$10.; Arthur George Riley, Sec. 67 H.T.A. "Fail to Yield" - Reissue for March 29/71; Neil Thomas, Seagris, Sec. 42(I) L.C.A. "Having" -- Fined \$10.; and May Judith Speights, Sec. 8(I) H.T.A. "No Current Year Markers" - Fined \$20. or 3 days.



SCHREIBER DETACHMENT WEEKLY REPORT

A Break and Enter was investigated by Provincial Constable J.E. Wills at the residence of Matt Mayry, IOI Subway St., Schreiber on March 7, 1971. Entry was gained by opening a window. Residents are urged to secure all windows and doors when premises are unattended. Occurrence is still under investigation.

On March 12, 1971, four Schreiber youths were charged under the provisions of Section 82(3) L.C.A. when liquor was found by detachment personnel. All of the aforementioned liquor was seized from motor vehicles. Investigations conducted by Provincial Constables Duffy and Wills.

On March 13, 1971, it snowed lightly and Provincial Constable S.R. Jones was kept busy investigating motor vehicle collisions resulting in \$1550.00 in damage. None of the drivers or occupants in the vehicles were injured. Motorists are reminded to adjust their driving habits to the changing weather and road conditions. These accidents ended a thirteen day accident free stretch during which the highway had been bare and dry.

The first collision occurred five miles east of Terrace Bay when a 1968 Meteor operated by Sister Marina Smith, Manitouwadge, went out of control, spun around and came into contact with the frozen snowbank.

A 1970 Hornet owned and operated by Michael Mosychuk, Keswick, Ont. went out of control near Dead Horse Creek, east of Terrace Bay and came into collision with a guide post.

The third and final collision investigated by Constable Jones occurred at Empress Hill and involved David Cozac, Englehart, Ontario when the 1967 Pontiac he was operating also went out of control and struck two guide posts.

A world of "CAUTION" to ice fisherman and snowmobile enthusiasts regarding ice conditions. With the warm weather experienced in the last week and with more to come ... ice conditions on the lakes will be changing daily especially at inlets and outlets. If travelling on the lakes, stay well away from these areas in particular and be certain of the ice thickness before crossing.

Good fishing and with a little fore thought, you can make 1971 a tragedy free year for you and your family.

The Canadian Forestry Association and member Provincial Forestry Associations are public service non-profit organizations formed to encourage people to use Canada's natural resources wisely.