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The tentative date for the Terrace Bay, Schreiber, Rosspoint area is Monday, September 17, 1973. Dr. Pickersgill will be contacting the municipalities regarding the time and place. Announcements will also be placed in the newspaper and excerpts from Dr. Baldwin's formal talk may also be made available to the public.

STOKES QUESTIONS GASOLINE PRICING

The following is a letter by Jack Stokes, MPP, Thunder Bay, written to The Hon. John Clement, Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations.

"Dear Mr. Minister,  
I read with interest your expressed intention to monitor price increases in the cost of consumer items.

The price of many of these items is dependent on supply and demand, floods, hurricanes, draught and transportation charges. However, when one examines the cost of gasoline throughout the province, it is impossible to comprehend the pricing practices of these huge multinational companies.

This week the cost of No. 2 gasoline in the city of Thunder Bay was 53¢; at Pass Lake, 24 miles east, it was 51¢; at Nipigon, 70 miles east of Thunder Bay, it was 61¢; at Gurney, 95 miles east of Thunder Bay, it was 60¢; while at Schreiber, 127 miles east, it was 64¢. This means that there is an 11¢ difference between Pass Lake and Schreiber.

I am advised that the cost of transportation is less than 1¢ per gallon and yet we are forced to live with these wide disparities in gasoline prices.

There is no shortage of oil in Canada and yet government sits wringing its hands while these large companies continue to rip off and gouge the consumer.

I urge you to set up a Commission of Inquiry to look into the pricing of gasoline in north-western Ontario so that oil companies will be forced to justify a 13¢ price spread over a distance of 100 miles.

Your interest and concern will be appreciated.

Yours Sincerely,  
Jack Stokes, MPP.  
Thunder Bay.

Aurel J. Gauthier, Schreiber's assistant town clerk, has just successfully completed a course in Municipal Administration taken from Queen's University.

HOMES FOR THE AGED BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Management of the District of Thunder Bay Homes for the Aged was held on Thursday, August 23, 1973 at 1 p.m. at Pinewood Court. Present were James Symington, Chairman, Joseph Morgan, Gordon Waghorn, Alex Daneff, Margaret Sideen, Milton Vibert, Secretary-Treasurer, and Verna Peltonen. Mr. Lawrence Crawford Director, and Brad Gee from the Department were also in attendance.

Following a short meeting that dealt with the monthly business, Mr. Crawford informed the Board about the new legislation in relation to the new appointments. The new Board will likely follow the District Welfare setup with two members appointed by the Provincial Minister and five members from the sixteen participating municipalities. Mr. Crawford informed the Board that no new appointments were being made to District Boards until the new regulations have been approved. The existing Board members will carry on until possibly sometime in 1974.

The meeting then went into a detailed discussion on the Birchwood Terrace project. After approximately six months of negotiations the agreement between the province and the Board was signed. The Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to draft agreements that will be negotiated between McCausland Hospital and Terrace Bay Council for the heating of the Recreation Centre and the Hospital. The Project Manager Barnett-McQueen will be instructed to sign a contract with the Hacio Bros. in relation to the heating project. Further work to be done in the Home will be out for tender during the first part of September. The project manager was authorized to accept the tender of Otis Elevator Company with delivery date of November 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ross and baby son Cary Michael are in Schreiber from Sault Ste. Marie visiting proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. Rene Lamoureux and family have returned from their vacation visiting in Prince George and Duncan B.C. with relations enjoying sightseeing generally in the Province.

Mrs. Allan Small of Toronto is visiting her son Lloyd Small & fam.

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