

Experience '74 - continued

In Schreiber four students are employed in a "Canadian Fitness Project for Women", while another four students will work for a "Wilderness and it's Adventures" project.

These projects will be recreation based to involve a maximum number of people and develop useful community services.

All programs were expected to be in operation by July 1, 1974.

INFORMATION ONTARIO

- By Bev Young, Northern Affairs Officer.

The Ontario Guaranteed Annual Income Act came into effect July 1. This Act will guarantee the elderly, who are qualified residents of Ontario an income of \$2600.00 per year. The blind and disabled who qualify for Family Benefits are also eligible.

If you are currently receiving the Old Age Security pension and the Guaranteed Income Supplement pension you will automatically receive the Ontario Guaranteed Income to increase your pension to the amount of \$2600.00.

If you are over 65 and are not receiving the O.A.S. and G.I.S. pensions and your income is less than \$2600.00 per year contact the Northern Affairs Office, Lower Floor Peninsula Bldg., Marathon or phone 229-II53.

The Blind and Disabled receiving Family Benefits will automatically receive this adjustment to increase their income to \$2600.00. If you are blind or disabled but not receiving family benefits contact your Northern Affairs Officer for further information.

In addition the closely related Ontario Drug Benefit Program under which approved drugs prescribed by a doctor or dentist will be provided free of charge effective Sept. 1, 1974. This program is available to recipients of the Ontario Guaranteed Annual Income, Family Benefits or the Federal Guaranteed Annual Income Supplement.

There is presently a serious fire situation existing in the Northwestern region of Ontario. Not since 1961, when there was a total of 1,305 fires which burned a total of 1,184,728 acres in Ontario has there been a situation of such magnitude currently in the Northwestern Region. Alone in 1974 there has been a total of 150,075 acres burned to date.

Compare this figure then with that of 1973 when a total of 8,913 acres were burned in 1,111 fires in all of Ontario. Of these fires the Northwestern Region accounted for 248 which

burned 1,910 acres. This comparison clearly illustrates the seriousness of the existing fire situation.

MCCAUSLAND HOSPITAL PRAISED

Five people are in serious condition in McCausland Hospital after their camp stove in their trailer exploded, resulting in severe burn cases.

Mr. and Mrs. Bender, with their 3 children ages 7, 10 and 13, were on their way from Brantford to the west coast for a holiday, stopping overnight at Rainbow Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Bender have expressed their highest praise to the Doctors and nurses of McCausland Hospital for the excellent care they have received here.

They will be taken to Brantford Hospital on Wednesday by private plane, which will be allowed to use our new air strip here.

We wish the Bender family a safe journey and a return to health.

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