

Recreation Grants - continued

facilities or when trying to pay directors and assistant directors of recreation. These grants should be brought in line with those provided for other programs such as Day Nurseries and other cost sharing areas. Recreation is becoming more important each year because of its therapeutic effect and a good playground or athletic program could prevent many serious social ills which result from too much idle time.

Surely this concern and interest in sports and recreation, as expressed by the Honourable William Davis, and the Honourable Rene Brunelle, should be translated into more generous operating and capital grants for this program.

Some assurance that this indeed will be the case will be most welcome and greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely
Jack Stokes, MPP
Thunder Bay.

FIRE SITUATION

Multiple fires breaking out within hours of each other were creating control problems for firefighters in Northwestern Ontario, the Ministry of Natural Resources reported.

Electrical storms moving in with a weather front from western Canada started 26 new fires in the Northwestern region on Wednesday and the regional fire centre in Dryden expected more lightning starts yesterday.

New fires were all in Kenora and Dryden districts in a band along the mid-section of the region. Additional lightning was reported throughout the central and eastern areas with only minimal rain.

In northern parts of the region, however, heavier rains fell slowing fire spread in some of the major fire areas. Rain, varying from 1.47 inches to negligible amounts, fell on the 129,000 acre fire located about 22 miles west of Red Lake.

Sixty-five fires, including 26 lightning fires discovered Wednesday, were reported burning in Northwestern region yesterday. In the past 24 hours to 8:00 a.m. yesterday 27 new fires were reported and 14 extinguished.

Sixteen fires were not under control, 22 fires were under control, nine were being held, one was being investigated and 17 fires north of the 52nd parallel were being observed.

Little change was reported on the fires which remain out of control.

All but three of the fires reported Wednesday were manned by Wednesday night. The remainder were manned yesterday morning. These fires were all small in size, from one-tenth to two and one-half acres.

As of 8:00 A.M. Thursday, 1,049 men were fighting fires in Northwestern region. A further 200 were held in reserve.

SPORTS SLANTS

- By Ray Shank

Just about 'dis 'n' dat:

Former Montreal Expos relief artist Mike Marshall has a good chance of winning the Life Saver of the Year Award, the way he's been saving (and winning) games for Los Angeles Dodgers. Marshall, as of mid-July, had appeared in something like 60 games, almost half as many as the Dodgers had played. Besides saving about 19 victories for L.A., Marshall had also chalked up 12 victories of his own, which was also close to the top as far as wins are concerned by National League pitchers -- starting pitchers, that is. Marshall undoubtedly has helped the Dodgers, as much and maybe more than the player the Expos got for him from the Dodgers, Willie Davis. But if he keeps appearing in all those games (he pitched in 17 of 20 Dodger games in one span) he'll be burned out in the stretch, when the Dodgers will need him most

Isn't it fantastic how hockey star Gordie Howe, once a little-educated lad out of Weyburn, Sask., has become such a successful financier. Gordie, whose first pro hockey contract with Detroit Red Wings in 1946 was worth a measly \$2,500 a season, is now a

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