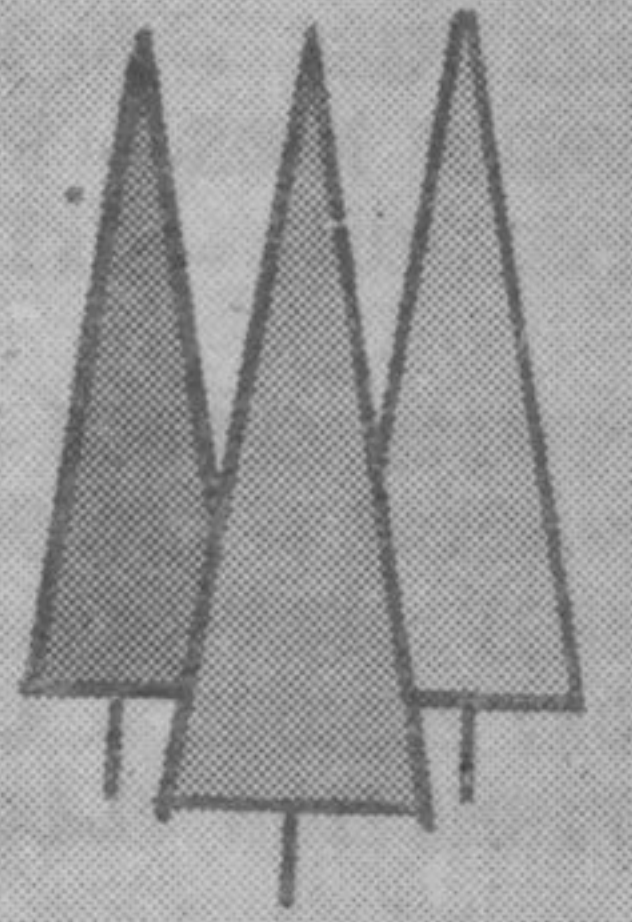


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Tom Pattison, Terrace Bay Kinsmen Club presenting a Kinsmen banner to Jane Williams.

The CNIB Mobile Eye Care Unit was in Terrace Bay from Monday, September 19th to Friday, September 23rd. The Terrace Bay Kinsmen Club and the Schreiber Kinsmen Club sponsored the clinic and patients were seen from both towns. For the first time, due to patients for appointment demand in previous years, the length of stay was increased to a week.

Dr. Richard Merritt from Niagara Falls was the ophthalmologist for the week. Miss Sandy Friesen and Miss Jane Williams are the permanent staff with the van. The van has been travelling since the first of April and will return to Toronto in November.

Dr. Merritt found amblyopia or "lazy eye" to be the most prevalent eye problem seen during the week. Amblyopia is loss of vision without any pathological reason. If it is detected early enough it is treatable with patching and for this reason it is important to see an ophthalmologist if there is any suspicion of any eye problem. Dr. Merritt states: "If amblyopia is found parents should ensure the protection of the good eye by obtaining protective eyewear for sports".

Other problems which were seen during the week were refraction errors, several eye infections, and follow-up check ups were made on those people with glaucoma and cataracts. One hundred and twenty five people were seen.

The staff of the Mobile Eye Care Unit would like to thank both Kinsmen Clubs for supporting the Prevention of Blindness Program and the Terrace Bay Fire Department for the use of the Fire Hall. A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Bill McKie for their personal involvement in the project.

Thanks also to Mrs. Jan McEwen for her excellent co-operation with the van.

Dr. Merritt, Sandy and Jane enjoyed their stay in Terrace Bay and the warm hospitality they received.

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