

JUNIOR 'B' OUTLOOK

On Sunday, May 7th, in Schreiber, the executive of the Thunder Bay Amateur Hockey Association held a meeting with the executive of the Nip-Rock, Marathon, and Schreiber Junior hockey teams, to discuss future plans. The Nip-Rock team, it was announced had applied for Junior A status, for the next season, and as such a move affected the whole Junior B league the reactions of the other teams and the future outlook of the league itself were major topics.

With Nip-Rock stating that they wished to enter as a Junior A team next season, the TBAHA executive were concerned as to what were the plans of the other two teams in the league. Marathon's representatives stated that they would follow the majority as they were relatively new to the league and their future hinged on the decisions of the other two teams. The Schreiber representatives chose to listen to the alternatives offered by the TBAHA before passing a decision as to their choice.

The alternatives presented were the introduction of two more teams to the Junior B circuit, Longlac and Manitowadge, to make it a four or five team loop depending on Nip-Rock's final decision. The second choice offered was that all three present teams apply as Junior A teams and play in the same league with the winner of the playoffs in this league to challenge the winner of the Thunder Bay city championship. The winner of this to move on to the Memorial Cup championship playdowns. The third choice offered was that the Nip-Rock and Schreiber teams would play as Junior A teams against Marathon and hopefully, the two new teams, who would have Junior B status. The top team between Schreiber and Nip-Rock to play against Thunder Bay's winner at the season's end.

This year there will be an Ontario Winter Games in which the TBAHA will have a Junior B representative, and talks are under way so that a Junior B champion from this area will play against the Manitoba Junior B champions at season's end for the Manitoba Junior B championship.

No final decisions were made concerning the future status of the teams involved pending the outcome of the discussions with the Manitoba Junior B executive. The success or failure of these talks will be instrumental in the final vote for Junior B or Junior A status for the Schreiber North Stars and thus in the direction in which the team will take in future years. The North Stars are planning to hold their annual banquet and wind-up dance in the near future at the Schreiber High School.

COME & GO SHOWER

A Come & Go Shower will be held in honour of Marie Maggio on Sunday, May 21st from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Holy Angels Church, Parish Centre, Schreiber.

Everyone Welcome



NORTHERN AFFAIRS

by JIM TRISTRAM

Spring has sprung, and with it summer camps will be opening with the recreation season in full swing shortly.

Last year in Northwestern Ontario there was a fatality of a tourist which was caused by carbon monoxide poisoning emanating from a faulty propane refrigerator.

The coroner recommended that more publicity should be given to the responsibility of people to have gas appliances checked each season - especially when only used seasonally as they are generally in our area.

Regulation 255 under the Energy Act - Part 1 Section 5(1) states:

No person shall use an appliance that uses propane as fuel, if, (a) the products of combustion of the appliance are unsafe; (b) any device, attachment, alteration or deterioration might in any way, (1) Impair the combustion within the appliance (11) Render the products of combustion - unsafe.

It is strongly recommended that if you own or operate a propane refrigerator, have it serviced annually and kept in good working order.

An ounce of prevention is worth a summer of worry free recreation.

If you require technical material concerning the maintenance of propane refrigerators, please contact your nearest Ministry of Industry and Tourism, Tourism Development Consultant or your Northern Affairs Office located lower floor Peninsula Building, 2 Gilbert Street, Marathon or telephone 229-1153.