

Court acquits school bus driver

Justice of the Peace Don Pahl acquitted the driver of a school bus involved in a fatal accident last October of a charge of careless driving at a trial in Schreiber last week.

The charge was laid after the school bus carrying about twenty-five students from Ter-

race Bay to Schreiber left the highway and overturned in the ditch on Hydro Hill.

Following the accident local police "consulted Crown Attorney Leon Nicol and he in turn consulted with senior Crown Attorney C.B. Devlin, following which they directed

that the driver be charged with careless driving under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act." The charge was the lightest that could be laid and was tried in JP Court rather than in the regular Criminal Division Court which would have handled the matter if a more severe charge had been laid.

Crown Prosecutor John Clarke presented the case against the school bus driver Mrs. Lorraine Lauzon. Witnesses for the prosecution included the constable who first arrived on the scene, a Ministry of Transportation and Communications Inspector and several of the students who were

on the bus. Testimony showed that just prior to the accident the driver had glanced down and shuffled her feet in an attempt to move a cassette tape that was in the area of the foot pedals.

Following the presentation of the Crown's case defence attorney

Ron Poirier moved that the evidence presented did not substantiate a case of careless driving. Poirier specifically cited an earlier case in which the courts had ruled that "momentary inattention does not constitute careless driving." In rebuttal to Poirier's motion, Crown Prosecutor Clarke said

that there was indeed enough evidence to justify the charge and that the defence's motion should not be granted.

Justice of the Peace Pahl retired for about an hour to consider the motion and returned to find Mrs. Lauzon not guilty of the charge.

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Pay TV for local cable

The number of programs available locally and the quality of reception for some of them should undergo a marked improvement in the coming months.

Lakeshore community TV in Terrace Bay will begin picking up its TV Ontario signal off the new Anik C satellite next month. In addition both the cable operators in Terrace Bay and in Schreiber have applied to the Canadian Radio Television and Telecommunications Commission for permission to begin a Pay-TV Service off the new satellite.

The CRTC will be holding hearings in Hull, Quebec on March 1 at which it will consider the applications by

the local companies to carry Pay TV. Both companies have applied for a renewal of their broadcasting licences which expire on September 30, 1983. If the renewal applications are approved the new service will be added to the list of the channels the companies are allowed to carry.

In Schreiber TV Ontario will continue to be received off-air from Thunder Bay, but in Terrace Bay Lakeshore Community TV will be switching its reception from the satellite it is now using to the new Anik C3.

The provincial Ministry of Northern Affairs is providing Lakeshore with the new satellite reception equipment needed to make the

switch. The equipment in Terrace Bay is being provided as part of a \$110,000 grant from the Ministry to TV Ontario to allow the educational television network to maintain satellite reception in 18 northern Ontario communities, serving some 60,000 people.

The grant will permit TV Ontario to upgrade and maintain existing satellite receiving dishes as well as purchase new ones. The dishes were part of a federal government field study began in 1979 to test the capabilities of direct broadcast satellite communications.

Federal involvement in the experiment ended last September and the provincial grant will be

used to continue the cable system service now in place. The money will enable TVO to replace approximately ten of the original 20 dishes used by cable operators, and refit the remainder with equipment compatible with ANIK C.

Until January 23 northern cable companies will be able to continue using the Anik B satellite to receive TVO's signals, but after that they will need receiving equipment for Anik C3. If the equipment is not in place by that date there may be some disruption of the service.

Anik means "Little Brother" in Eskimo. The "C" designates the

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Corrections Program expanded

The Community Corrections Committee has received an expanded budget which will allow Corrections Co-ordinator Judie Cooper to offer full time services to probationers and to the community.

"This is an exciting step toward improving the probation and parole services for Terrace Bay, Schreiber, Rosspport and Pays Plat," said Mrs. Cooper. "In the past, our program has dealt with just one portion of a probationer's supervision... namely, the community service order involving volunteer work to be done for the community... whereas now, I will be supervising the full terms of probation which could include such things as addiction education and/or treat-

ment, restitution, curfews and any other conditions imposed by the Courts. This means that I will have an opportunity to work more closely with each probationer, offering him or her the best possible programs to enhance rehabilitation, and offering the community the assurance of a well-supervised probation period."

The special funding which has made the expansion of the local Corrections program possible may be of a temporary nature and is only assured until March 31st of 1983. The Corrections Committee has submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Corrections to continue the program on a full time basis during all of 1983 to April 1984, but is still awaiting word on

whether or not the proposal has been accepted.

Community Corrections began as a grassroots organization in September of 1981 when concerned persons from Terrace Bay and Schreiber got together to consider ways of enhancing the communities' input into the correctional system. There was a general dissatisfaction with the community service order program and a feeling of powerlessness in so far as changing anything in the probation or parole system. This was all compounded by the fact that the probation officer responsible for the Schreiber - Terrace Bay area was located in Nipigon with responsibilities stretching from Nipigon to Manitowadge and

Heron Bay. Therefore, the officer could spend only one or at best two days per month in our communities. When approached with the concerns of the local group, Mrs. Huovinen responded enthusiastically and assisted the group in preparing a proposal for a local corrections worker to be based in Sudbury and in Terrace Bay. The Co-ordinator was hired in April of 1982 and has been working out of the former town hall in Schreiber since that time. The Corrections Committee's Board of Advisors remains a strong and active voice and performs a vital role according to Mrs. Cooper. "The role of the Board is absolutely essential to community-based programmes such

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Skaters Compete

Skaters from the Terrace Bay and Schreiber Figure Skating Clubs participated in the North Shore Inter-Club competition in Red Rock, January 28th and 29th. Watch for full results in next week's NEWS.



Skating in the Intermediate Ladies Interpretive event were (back row l-r), Carrie Pytyck, Tracey Clark and Jennifer Kodila and (front l-r) Candace McLellan, Sandy Cooper and Petrina Taylor.



Candace McLellan, Tammy McParland and Andrea Stortini warm up for the ladies solo events.



Competing in novice ladies interpretive were (l-r) Ashley Riley, Jackie Glad, Lynette Gauthier and Kellina Cooper.



All competitions require lots of practice time. Hard at work in the Terrace Bay arena, young skaters hone their skills for the competition.