

Letters to the Editor

So he blew . . .

Dear reader: last week I tried in all seriousness to present to new citizens as well as long-time residents a sketch of Terrace Bay's worth.

Somebody blew it. In the very first sentence a ridiculous typographical error slapped a daub of whimsy on my canvas - "knocked down by the fly" indeed!

The immediate reaction of course was annoyance - I do put a lot of work into these articles. But then a second look at the stupid thing suggested that it might generate a chuckle in the reader, and a good laugh never hurt anyone, especially someone recovering from the flu. I mean, we're all

painfully aware of the wollop of the fly that attacks in Northern Ontario - "blackfly" is almost as ominous a word as "blacklist" or "black death". But in a Northern Ontario winter? No one here could possibly believe "fly"

for "flu"!

This mistaken reference to the little beast actually enhances the theme of the good life in Terrace Bay - the accents of pain and suffering give a richer glow to the picture, no?

But (she whimpered) did that person have to make that particular error - couldn't he or she have boo-boomed "the" into "thb" or "and" into "anz" or something? Anything but "flu" into "fly" - I'll never live it down!



Hi-tech research for home furnace

One might not expect Atomic Energy of Canada Limited to be dabbling about with the heating ducts of family homes, but that is exactly what the company's engineers are doing at Deep River, Ontario, 180 kilometers north-west of Ottawa.

A series of experiments in 50 company-owned Deep River homes has shown that mixing electric heat with conventional oil furnace heat in a hybrid heating system can slash up to 80 per cent from the volume of furnace oil it takes to keep a house comfy in the rugged winters of northern

Ontario.

Householders are saving up to 25 per cent on their annual heating bill by using electrical energy for heat on all but the coldest days. More expensive oil energy is saved for those surges of furnace warmth you want quickly on a cold morning, or for those days when the thermometer does a real nose-dive.

Here's how it works. If a house has a CSA approved oil furnace, an electric heating element is inserted in a box into the hot air duct just above the furnace fire-box. When low temperatures in the house trig-

ger the thermostat, the electric element is switched on automatically, and the furnace fan spreads electric heat through the house. When heating demands are too great for electric heat to supply, the oil fire cuts in to supply additional warmth. The electric can be overridden to get instant heat from an oil fire, which has the capability of raising the temperature of a house more quickly.

If the house is heated with hot water, a similar hybrid system can be designed, with electric heat on the water coils.

Oil, natural gas, or

wood aren't nearly as efficient as electricity for heating, because all three dissipate up to 50 per cent of their heat energy up the chimney. Electric heat needs no chimney, so the energy stays in the house.

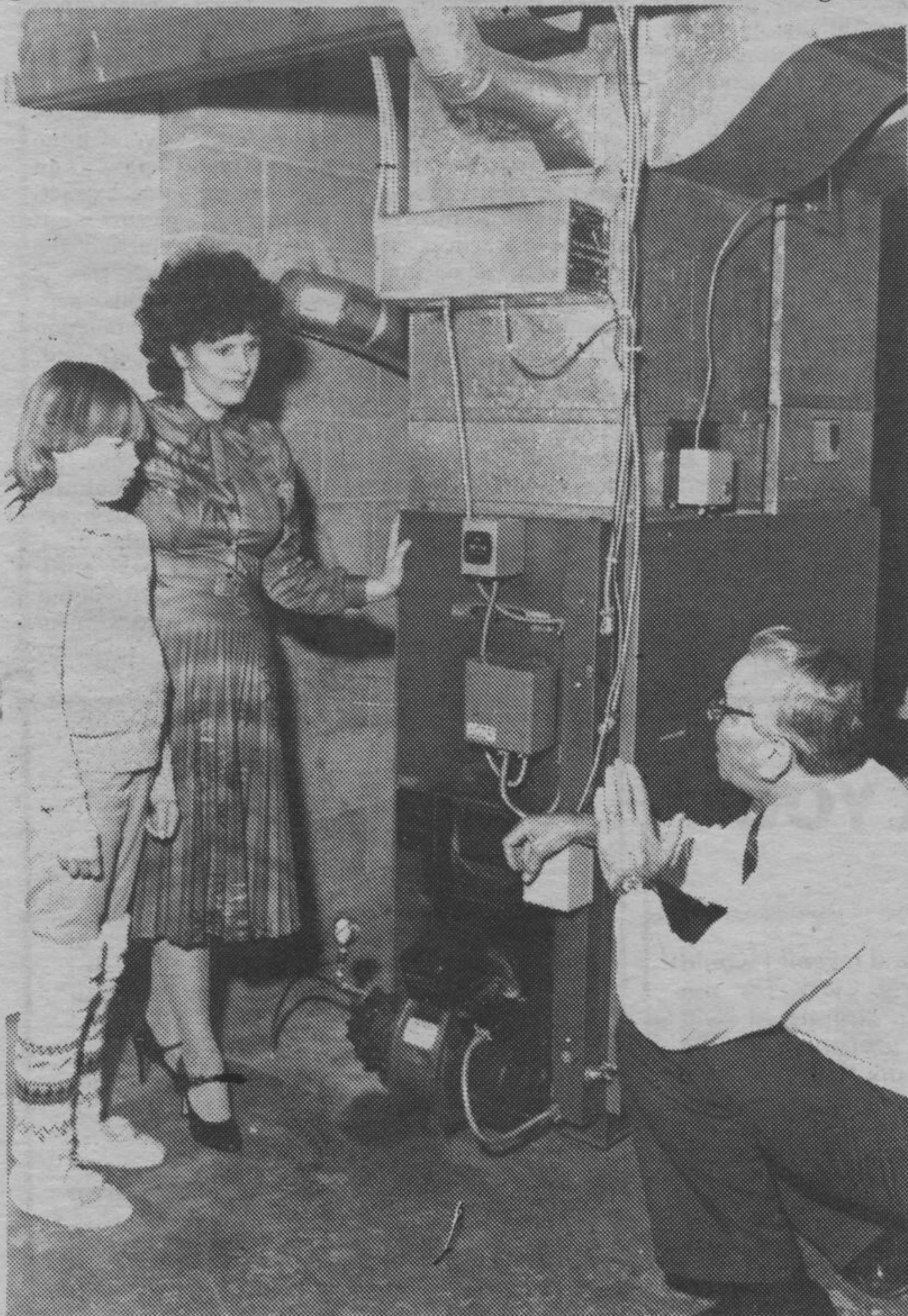
Engineering experiments at Deep River have shown a mixed system of oil and electric heat can warm a house more cheaply than straight oil in every major Canadian city, except in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, where electricity costs are high.

Supplementing oil heat with cheap and abundant electrical energy means a saving for every Canadian, because each drop of the 170,000 barrels of foreign oil we import daily costs tax dollars and valuable foreign exchange. In 1982, Canada will spend an estimated \$2.6 billion for foreign oil imports, or \$107 for each Canadian.

Engineers at Deep River are performing a two-year scientific study of hybrid oil-electric heating to discover the best combination of heating element power and control for maximum efficiency.

Electric heating elements for hybrid heating systems cost between \$800 and \$1,500. If a system is installed replacing more than half of normal oil heating consumption, the federal government's oil-saving program will refund up to \$800 of the cost. There are also similar parallel programs in some provinces.

Ron Elliott, an engineer supervising the hybrid heating tests, cautions potential hybrid heating converts to check the market for the electric heating element combination best suited to the individual home and to make sure only qualified experts perform installation.



Frankly, I am getting tired

To the Editor,

The letter from Mrs. Todesco in Terrace Bay News Feb. 2 prompted me to write this one. Frankly, I am getting tired, and I am sure many other people are also, of reading about the tax issue of White Sand Lake and Selim. Before anybody writes a letter to a newspaper, they should make sure they have their facts straight, and not complain about something they heard from somebody else.

Of course I cannot speak for everybody who owns a cottage at White Sand Lake or Selim, but the owners I have talked to, are not against paying school taxes. The

complaint they do have is the way they found out about it, just where the boundaries are going to be, and the services they can expect for the children.

If the former school board who made the

suggestion would have bothered to find out the opinion of the owners, it would have been very easy. After all most of us are only a phone call away.

Sincerely,
Inge Ellacott

Church Directory

TERRACE BAY

The Community Church
Serving all Protestants
Sunday Service - 11:15
a.m. with Sunday School
at the same time
Rev. Brian Bigelow,
Minister

Terrace Bay Gospel
Assembly
Sunday School 9:50 a.m.
Sunday Service - 11:00
Sunday Evening Service -
7:00 p.m.
Pastor Barry Fellingner

St. Martin's Roman
Catholic Church
Mass Saturday - 7:00
p.m.
Mass Sunday - 8:30 a.m.
and 10:30 a.m.
Confessions Saturday
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Father Kenneth Pottie

Lutheran Mission
Sunday Service 7:30
p.m.
Birchwood Terrace
Chapel
Richard Klein - Pastor

SCHREIBER

Holy Angel's Roman
Catholic Church
Mass Saturday - 7:15
p.m.
Mass Sunday - 10:00
Schreiber
12:00 - Rossport
12:00 Pays Plat, first
Sunday of every month.

St. Andrew's United
Church
Sunday Service - 9:45
a.m. with Sunday School

at the same time
Rev. Brian Bigelow,
Minister

Grace Baptist Church
Sunday School 10:00
a.m.
Sunday Service 11:00
a.m.
Sunday Evening Service
7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer
Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Rev. Jim Johnson,
Pastor

St. John's Anglican
Church
Sunday - 9:30 Holy Com-
munion and Sunday
School
11:00 Parish Eucharist
7:00 Evening Prayer
Monday - 2:00 p.m.
Birchwood, Holy
Eucharist
Wednesday - 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Eucharist
Father Timothy
Delaney, Rector

The Church of Jesus
Christ of Latter-Day
Saints meets at 60 East
Grove Crescent, Ter-
race Bay 10:00 a.m.
Sunday morning

"An Ecumenical Service celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held on Thursday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Martin of Tours Church in Terrace Bay. All denominations welcome. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall."



by WINNIE CAMPBELL

Mrs. Retta Pearson has returned from St. Thomas after visiting relations.

Our sympathy to Mrs. George Martin on the death of her husband in Thunder Bay.

Mrs. Ida Krause has returned from Winnipeg after attending the wedding of Joanne Winters to Perry Oakman. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Winters.

Congratulations to Mr. Jack Rummery on his retirement from the CPR.

Bonny Bourguignon and George Miller from Brandon, Manitoba are visiting relations.



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Resource Office at

824-2867