

Jim Beddard Memorial Sweetheart Bonspiel

The Third Annual Jim Beddard Memorial Sweetheart Bonspiel was held on Saturday, February 19 at the Curling Club in Terrace Bay. The Bonspiel was sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion, Terrace Bay Branch and Sports Chairman Rolly Chase said that the bonspiel was about a third larger than last year and a great success. "We had nine rinks including one from Chapleau. Next year we are hoping to see between 16 and 20 rinks competing."

The winning rink was skipped by Ron Seidel, third Mary Clare Kennedy, second Bill Randa and lead Johanne Lapointe. The runner up was skipped by Bruce Pelto, third Joe Pelto, second Gaile Moore and lead Marie Stark.

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Looking back

What was happening in The News 12 years ago - March 4, 1971.

A community farewell was held for Rev. Father J.M. Cano. Tributes were offered by Reeve F.V. Harnes of Schreiber and Reeve W.E. Cavanaugh of Terrace Bay. Gino Caccamo was Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

The regular meeting of the Terrace Bay Council was chaired by Councillor Al Chisholm in the absence of Reeve Cavanaugh. Dr. A.B. Adey was appointed to the Library Board.

The Annual Brownies and Guide Mother and Daughter Banquet was held. Guests were Rev. McKague and Guest Speaker G. Sidhu. Tawny Owl Saranpaa was MC.

The first shipment of Terrace Bay mill pulp was made to Kimberly-Clark's new mill in Huntsville. "This was the first shipment of what is expected to be a continuing demand for Terrace Bay pulp at the Huntsville mill."

Schreiber Town Councillor Harold Fischer received a cheque for \$500 for the artificial ice fund from Kinsmen President Mike Cosgrove.

Editorial . . .

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Humorous is the idea that this might result in a drop in taxes (hope springs eternal), and watching two Marathon Trustees, who were apparently not at all adverse to stirring up a little trouble at this end of the Board, have the whole thing blow up in their faces as Marathon's camp owners and not those at Whitesand and Selem broke into open revolt. The Ugly is the lasting feeling of frustration and alienation that this move has unfortunately left in Marathon. As Edmund Burke said of the American colonies, "Reflect how you are to govern a people who think they ought to be free to decide this for themselves, and find that they are not. The lasting revenue that your scheme yields maybe discontent, disorder and disobedience."

The whole thing has been a sorry episode. The taxes from the camps will be so small that they will hardly be worth collecting, Jackfish still remains within the Board and its residents will still be paying taxes. The only benefit will be whatever revenue may or may not come out of the mining camps where only the works above ground can be taxed, and that only if the mining companies don't tie up the annexation for years in the courts or kill it altogether.

One has to feel some sympathy for the Trustees who inherited the mess from the previous Board. There is no way everybody could be satisfied.

In the end the whole fiasco reduces itself to the absurdity of raising school finances from the property tax. As long as we continue to use the property tax there will continue to be inequities because it is a fundamentally and inherently inequitable tax. However, that's a windmill to tilt at another day.

"The only thing that seems to grow well on any kind of ground is taxes."

Ben Franklin

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