

# Back to old Grind!



It was "back to the old grindstone" for the students in the Terrace Bay - Schreiber area, last week. Back to the books, back to the teachers and back to renew school-chum

friendships. The once deserted school yards have finally come alive again for another ten months.

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## Recreation Northwest Conference Planned

Thunder Bay will play host to a rather unique conference entitled "Recreation Northwest" which is scheduled to take place at the Valhalla Inn on October 20-23, 1983.

This conference is unique not only because it will be the first conference of its type held in Northwestern Ontario but also because it will be dealing with sport, fitness and recreation and involving over 20 government and volunteer agencies throughout Ontario.

The idea for such a conference originated from a discussion between Ed Morrisette, the Rec Director of Atikokan and the O.M.R.A. Board member, Ollie Chapman of Terrace Bay, back in November of 1978. Both individuals discussed the possibility of such a conference, that would be of interest to all recreation oriented groups in Northwestern Ontario. Ed Morrisette suggested to Ollie Chapman, that she write to some key people indicating her interest in organizing such a conference, which Ollie did in January 1979.

The response that she received was good but no definite date was set for everyone concerned to meet. About that time, the Ministry of Culture

and Recreation was undergoing some major changes within the system plus various other interferences - therefore not much got accomplished in regards to setting up a meeting to discuss Ollie's proposal.

In January of 1982, Doug Clark, the Regional Manager of the Ministry of Culture and Recreation in Thunder Bay, asked Ollie about the possibility of setting up a meeting date in order to approach about 15 various organizations concerning a conference.

These organizations got together in the spring of 1982 in order to establish a Steering Committee. From there they met monthly and from the Steering Committee, other organizations were contacted and a Planning Committee was set up. The Planning Committee realized a goal of 12 to 16 months in order to plan for this major conference. When the idea and the concept was perceived, it was then presented to the Minister of Tourism and Recreation, the Honourable Rueben Baetz and other ministry officials. Their response was very positive and the go-ahead was given for such a major under-taking. The

Committee then went into action. Contacts were made ... monthly meetings were scheduled and the rest will become history.

Ollie Chapman should be congratulated on her ability to organize such an event. When asked about the upcoming conference, Ollie modestly stated that "a great deal of thanks should go to the Regional Office of the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation in Thunder Bay. In addition to all their other responsibilities that these consultants have to contend with, they should be given credit for their continuous time and effort which was spent on organizing this unique event. A conference of this magnitude takes at least a year of planning and needs the full co-operation of all those involved, in the planning for the entire affair."

Herb Gray of the Regional Office in Thunder Bay said that "as of August 9th we have 265 out of a possible 320 participants, scheduled to attend. They will be coming from over 36 different communities throughout the Northwest."

The conference is designed for those who

can afford to come and also for those who cannot afford it, if it is too high. The conference is a real bargain with the registration fee set at \$50.00. The registration fee covers the cost of 3 nights accommodation at the Valhalla Inn, various socials, plus all but a couple of meals.

The Conference will be of interest to groups and individuals with a direct or indirect interest in recreation, such as town councils, professional recreationists, volunteers, educators, facility managers and sports and parks personnel.

The goal of the Conference is to bring these groups together to discuss common goals and concerns, roles and relationships. The Theme for this conference is "Sharing Together We Grow" and is appropriately named.

Common goals of all concerned groups are basically the same; that being the improvement of the quality of life. The concerns would be centred around their objectives. The objectives would of course be different for every group, but often the process to meet these objectives are the same (eg.) not enough money, can't get volunteers, can't find the

## SUPPORT TERRY'S DREAM

Sunday, September 18, 1983 is Terry Fox Day. We hope everyone will be out to RUN ... WALK ... or JOG... to support Terry's Dream.

Registration will take place at Birchwood Terrace from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. The Terry Fox Run will take place from Birchwood Terrace to the Aquasabon River.

Donations will be accepted but not necessary to participate. See you there or along the way on Sunday, September 18th.

## INSIDE THIS WEEK . . .

- Meet Joe Figliomeni
- September is Arthritis Month
- Quetico celebrates 25th Anniversary
- and much, much more . . .



O.M.R.A. Board member, Ollie Chapman of Terrace Bay, has played an important role in planning for this massive recreational conference.

cil, Thunder Bay Parks and Recreation, Ontario Arenas Association, and Boards of Education.

Everyone is getting in to the act today and the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation, who are the major sponsor for the Conference, is pleased at being assisted by some of the most knowledgeable groups available to them.

Anyone wishing to obtain more information on this up-coming event may do so by contacting Ollie Chapman in Terrace Bay or by getting in touch with Herb Gray from the Regional Office (toll free) 1-800-465-6939.

And keep in mind the theme - "Sharing Together We Grow."