



## REMEMBRANCE DAY APPROACHES

### "The Symbolic Poppy"

The poppy, an international symbol for those who died in war, also had international origins.

Made famous by a Canadian doctor-poet during the First World War, it was first worn as a symbol by an American, and to raise funds by a French woman.

The doctor, Lt.-Col. John McCrae of Guelph,

Ontario, assured the poppy's place in history when he wrote "In Flanders Fields" back in 1915.

Three years later, an American by the name of Moina Michael, was working in a New York City Y.M.C.A. canteen when she started wearing a poppy in memory of the millions who died on the battlefield. During a 1920 visit to the United States a French woman, Madame Guerin, learned

of the custom. On her return to France she decided to use handmade poppies to raise money for destitute children in war-torn areas of the country. In November 1921, the first poppies were distributed in Canada. The rest is history.

Shortly after its formation in November 1925, the Royal Canadian Legion assumed responsibility for the distribution of poppies. Almost 60 years later,

more than 1,500 Legion branches are still doing the job. One indication of their success is that as the years since the wars ended increase, so does poppy distribution. In 1982, more than 12 million were distributed, raising almost \$3 million to help veterans and their dependents.

Watch for the volunteers who give their time to distribute these poppies. Give generously and support their cause.

## O.P.P. REPORT

### "Hallowe'en Safety"

With the first shadows on October 31st, tiny apparitions will appear on your street as ghosts, goblins, Smurfs, cowboys and Princesses and will wind their way from house to house, soliciting treats.

For many of these little people, it will be their first Hallowe'en without Mom or Dad to assist them across the street and around the neighbourhood.

Traditionally, traffic is very heavy and sometimes these youngsters do not always look before darting across to another house, where some tasty morsel awaits their arrival.

Parents are asked to talk about safety with their children prior to leaving on this yearly adventure. Points to discuss should include the following:

- 1) Where the child is going and when to be home.
- 2) Do not run back and forth from house to house but use the sidewalks.
- 3) Do not eat treats until you get home; and
- 4) Make certain youngsters go with someone responsible.

Costumes should not be bulky and the children should wear comfortable shoes that fit. Masks should be discouraged and faces painted or made-up instead, to improve vision. Flashlights make travelling dark streets easier, and the child is more visible to motorists.

Have a safe and happy Hallowe'en.  
The Schreiber O.P.P. Detachment.

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## Minister of Northern Affairs tours Northwest area



Minister of Northern Affairs Leo Bernier addresses his audience during the recent dinner in Marathon.

by LARRY MCINNES  
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Last week the Honourable Leo Bernier and his staff made a two day tour of Nipigon, Terrace Bay, Marathon, Hemlo, Geraldton and Longlac.

Travelling with Mr. Bernier were: David Hobbs, Deputy Minister; Bill Lees, Assistant Deputy Minister, N.W.; Neil Stuart, Director, Community Development Branch; Ernie

Lane, Northern Development Economist; Don Little, Financial Officer; Don Myles, Manager, Community Relations Branch; Brian Thompson, Information Officer; Elaine Anderson, Northern Affairs and Bill McIlwaine, Northern Development Economics.

On their arrival in Marathon by ONTC bus they were met by Jane Greer, Northern Affairs Officer for this area.

They were then joined by Spence and Wendy Bell from CFNO Radio, Allan LePage, Times News, Thunder Bay, Adrian Sharp and a cameraman from CHFD TV, Thunder Bay and Garry McInnes, Marathon Mercury.

The tour then proceeded to the Noranda Mines Hemlo Project. Mr. Larry Highcock, Superintendent of Human Resources for Noranda Mines, Hemlo Project greeted everyone on behalf of Noranda and explained a few rules and regulations. After coffee and snacks in the

recreational hall, Maxine Wiber, Environmental Co-ordinator showed a slide presentation on the project. Arrangements were then made with Huisson Aviation for a helicopter tour of the site. What is a very impressive site on the ground is even more spectacular from the air.

A very large construction camp has been set up with a cookery that can feed 500 men. Rows and rows of trailers have been set up to accommodate the men and women involved in the construction of this immense project.

Mr. Angus McKinnon from Noranda showed the group where different parts of the mine site would be located. Most of the steel for the headframe is now in place; this construction took approximately 16 days. The actual mine shaft is down approximately 90 feet. Further shaft sinking will not be done until November sometime. The footings for the mill have been poured and Mr. McKinnon said they hope to have the mill all enclosed by the end of November so that they can work inside during the winter. Mr. Mc-

by JANE E. GREER

On Friday, October 28th, the residents of Marathon and the surrounding area are invited to attend the Marathon Festival of Social Services. From 1-7 p.m. in the gym of the Marathon Rec Hall, representatives from the various human services and programmes that provide a service to residents on the northshore, will be displaying their wares and will be at the festival to give questioning individuals an opportunity to gain more information on the types and scope of the services available.

This type of festival was conducted in Nipigon last year and I understand that it was such a great success that there will be another festival scheduled this year. The purpose behind the festival is to make residents aware of the variety and type of human services that are

available for their use on the northshore.

Among the agencies that will be participating at our first festival are: The Marathon Public Library; Confederation College; Continuing Education; Kinna-Aweya Legal Clinic; Family and Children's Services; the Community Mental Health Programme; the National Native Alcohol and Drug Programme; the R.C.M.P.; the Canadian Cancer Society; Veteran's Affairs; the Community Mental Health Worker Programme; the Vocational Rehabilitation Programme; the Ontario March of Dimes; the Ministry of Northern Affairs; the Child Development Programme; the Public Health Unit; the Wilson Memorial General Hospital; the Community Development Programme; the Life Skills Programme; and the Adult Protective

Services Worker Programme.

Everyone is welcome to attend our festival! There will be a play area available for children, provided by the Marathon Community Play Group and a refreshment stand will be available, operated by the Marathon Senior Citizens' Club. If you want to know more about the services that are offered to residents in your community and to meet the services providers, please plan to attend the Marathon Festival of Social Services. Depending on your response to this type of festival, it may become an annual event. See you there!

For more information, contact your nearest Northern Affairs office located on the lower floor, Peninsula Building, 2 Gilbert Street, Marathon, Ontario. Phone 229-1153 or Zenith 33160.

Kinnon said that the men were working 10 hour shifts, 7 days a week.

Mr. Gil Leathley, Mine Manager for the Noranda Mines Hemlo Project was also on hand to answer any questions that the group had. Other Noranda staff members as well as staff from Teck Corporation were also very helpful in supplying information.

Later that evening a dinner hosted by the Ministry of Northern Affairs was held at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall. Mr. Bernier and his party were joined by the Reeves, some councillors and Clerk-Treasurers from Marathon,

White River, Manitowadge, Terrace Bay and Schreiber. Also on hand were Ken Buchanan and Bill Goodfellow from Pic Forest Products, Gerry Byrne and Bob Gregor from James River-Marathon, Ltd., Gil Leathley, Larry Highcock, Angus McKinnon and Maxine Wiber from Noranda Mines, Chief Roy Michano, Heron Bay and Al Mitchell, Teck Corporation. Others attending were members of the Lake Nipigon PC Association and members of media.

After dinner Ms. Jane Greer introduced Mr. Bernier. Mr. Bernier said that when the government house is not in

session it gave members of parliament an opportunity to get out into different areas of the province to see what was going on. He found times such as this were very helpful and informative. Mr. Bernier said he enjoys getting out and meeting with everyone and to hear of their concerns and suggestions. Mr. Bernier said it also gave him a chance to see the Northern Affairs Officer in the north and in this instance Jane Greer.

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# SAFE and HAPPY HALLOWE'EN

