

700 down 1300 to go

Lorraine Clarke of Terrace Bay has logged 700 miles since June on a bicycle. Had she started out eastward, she would be past Barrie on her way to Toronto.

Lorraine cycles for the exercise, just to keep fit.

She began keeping track of the miles when the Recreation Centre started the Milers Club. In the club you receive recognition at 100 miles, 700 miles and 2,000 miles.

Lorraine is the first in

Terrace Bay to reach the 700 mile mark and she says she plans to change to cross-country skiing and walking in the winter. She fully intends to reach the 2,000 mile mark to achieve the highest award.

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Lorraine Clarke (left) receives her 700 mile plaque from Terrace Bay Recreation Director Terry Bryson. Lorraine is the first

of the "Miler" club to reach the 700 mile mark.

Coalition Against Postal Abuse

A diversified and powerful group of business, professional and other non-profit associations have joined together in a coalition to deal with common concerns and problems pertaining to Canada Post Corporation.

The newly formed alliance, entitled Coalition Against Postal Abuse (CAPA), lists four major areas of postal concern. They are:

* Service: Since 1965 there have been 59 work stoppages in the postal operation, for a total of 2,427,310 man-days lost to labor disputes. Service disruptions caused by the 42-day strike in 1981 cost the small business sector alone some \$3-billion. Even Canada Post admits that its own surveys show 49 per cent of its customers believe they do not get a good deal for what they are currently being charged.

* Wage Levels: Wage and benefit levels for Canadian postal workers are higher than what their U.S. counterparts receive and higher than what Canadian workers get in comparable private sector jobs. As Canada's fifth largest employer, Canada Post's generous wage and benefit settlements have been key inflationary factors in setting the trend for both the

public and private sectors.

* Price Increases: At 32 cents for first class postage, Canada's postal rate is third highest among the 14 Western industrialized nations. Canada Post is planning yet another postal rate increase in 1985, while the U.S. Post Office has announced a freeze at 23 cents until 1990. Furthermore, productivity in Canada Post is 40 per cent lower than that in the profitable U.S. postal system. Linked to this is an absentee rate at Canada Post which averages 18 days a year per worker -- twice the rate in the private sector -- at a reported cost of \$134-million a year, nearly one-half the \$300-million deficit.

* Unfair Competition: Canada Post has under consideration a plan whereby it would work with selected businesses in the private sector to sell merchandise and other types of non-mail services through its many outlets. Postal facilities are financed by all taxpayers and yet such competition favors one business at the expense of others, something the U.S. Postal Act strictly prohibits.

CAPA intends in the days ahead to bring responsible pressure to bear on Canada Post management,

labor and government to deal effectively with the above abuses. The coalition also expects to add more associations, as many national and provincial organizations have expressed strong initial interest in joining.

A Steering Committee within CAPA has been formed; its member organizations represent the diversity of the coalition. They are: Canadian Federation of Independent Business; Canadian Direct Marketing Association; Association des editeurs de la presse hebdomadaire regionale francophone; Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada; Canadian Retail Hardware Associations; Canadian Federation of Insurance Agents and Brokers Associations; Institute of Association Executives.

As of now the following organizations are members of CAPA:

- * Alliance of Canadian Travel Agents
- * Association des editeurs de la presse hebdomadaire regionale francophone
- * Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada
- * Association Management Group
- * Canadian Advanced Technology Association

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PTA formed at Holy Angels

A group of interested parents and teachers met at Holy Angels School with the idea of starting a Parent-Teacher Association.

Mary Shack and Colleen Gauthier, initiated the program and gathered information over the

past months, a PTA was formed.

After much discussion and many questions and answers, an executive was called for, with the results as follows: President, Teresa Stortine; Vice-President, Irene

Borutski; Secretary, Edythe Cosgrove; Treasurer, Betty Ann Blier. Many parents offered to assist as phoning committees, membership programming, etc. which was appreciated by the organizers.

The executive planned their first meeting as well as a general meeting and membership night to be held October 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Angels School.

Story Time

Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. is Story Time at the Schreiber Library. Terrace Bay Library's story time is Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

Unfortunately last week the article accompanying the Terrace Bay story time photos was inadvertently lost.

A similar program takes place at both libraries. Children are left at the libraries at 2:00. Parents are not required to stay. From 2 to 2:45

they participate in games, stories and other activities. At 2:45 parents can pick them up and are encouraged to help their child choose a book to take home with them. Billie Ann Saarinen co-ordinates the program in Schreiber and Jean Marcella, in Terrace Bay. Call the library in your community for more information or in Schreiber, call Pam at 824-2657.



Story time is fun time at the library. This week in Schreiber, Kelly McGuire (centre) read stories to (left to right) Hilary Stewart, Lesley Pelligrino, Joseph

Pelligrino, and Darren Speziale.