

Your Opinion

Federal defence minister Robert Coates resigned last week after reports he had

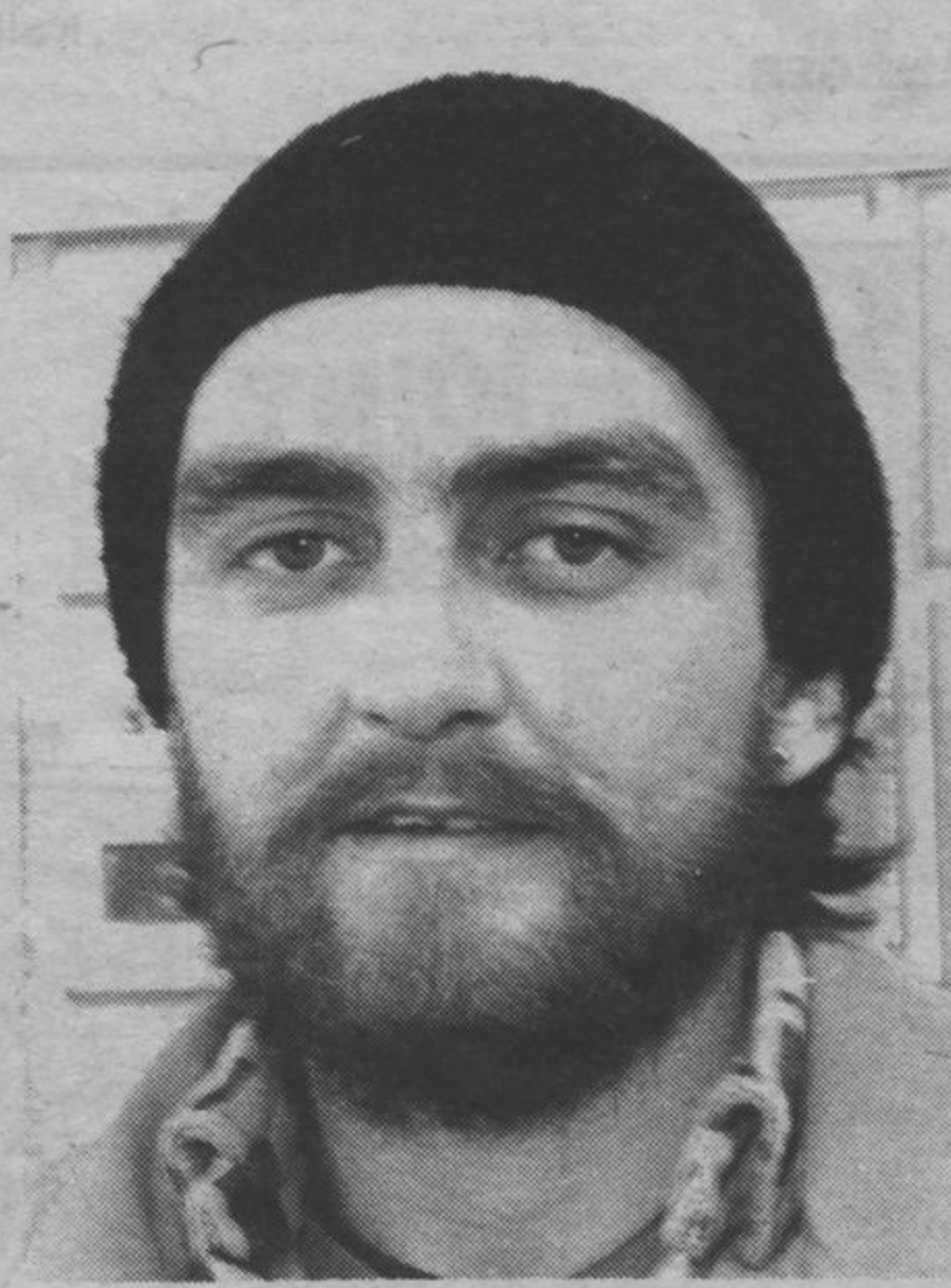
talked to a stripper in a West German nightclub last November. We asked

our readers whether they thought the minister should have had to resign over the

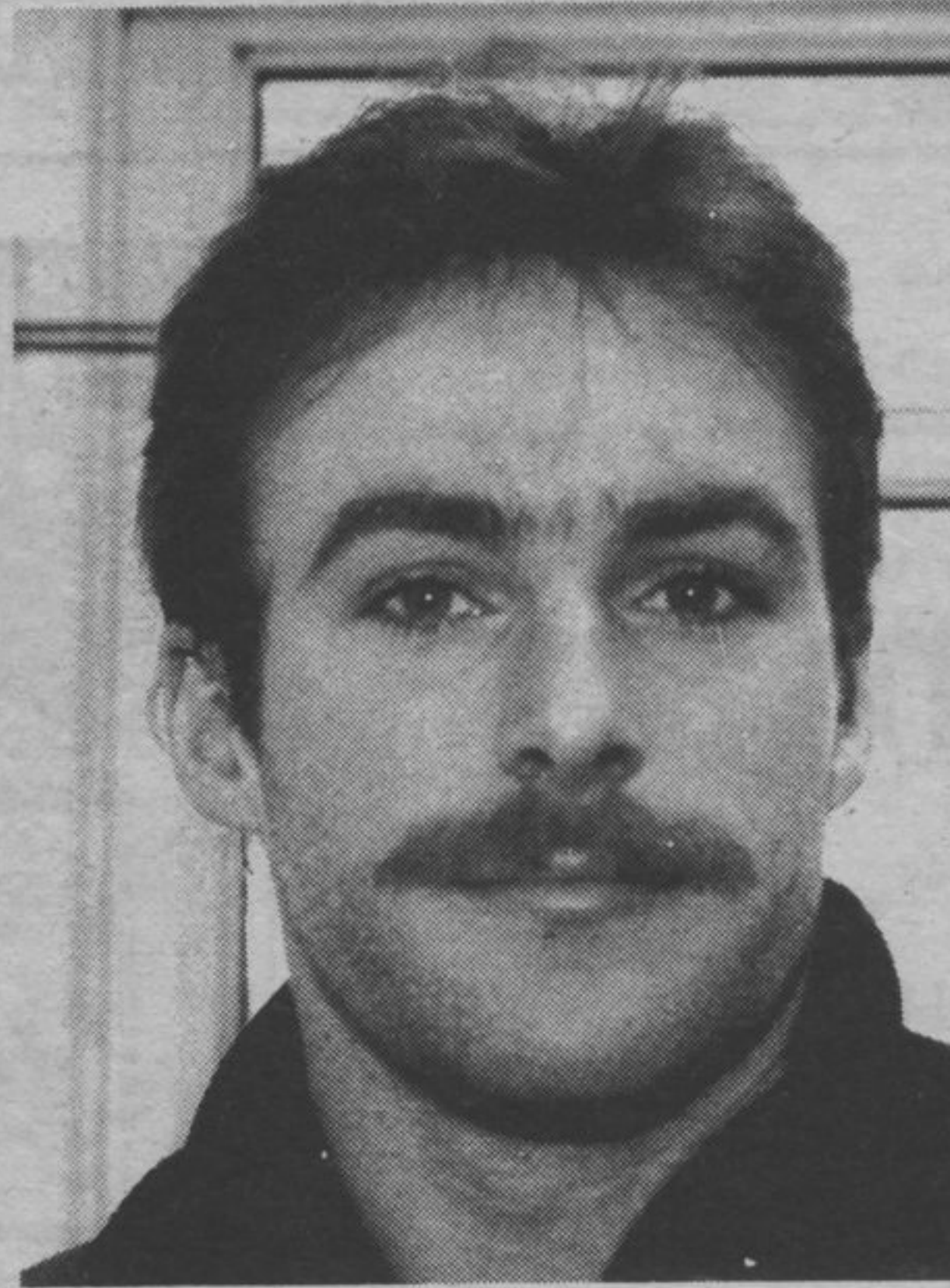
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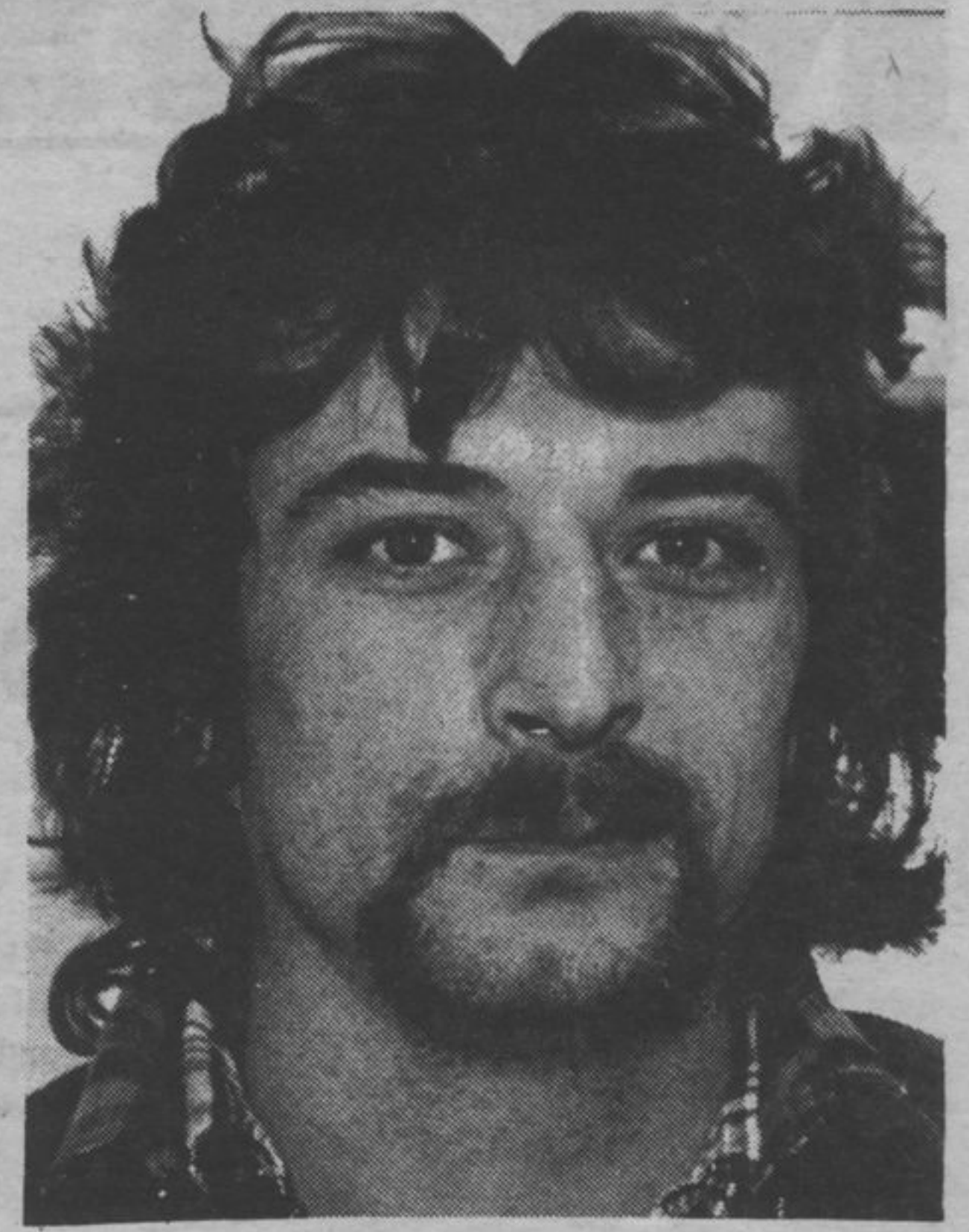
Bruce Kaczor
Feels it was the right thing to do until further inquiry.



John Majeah
Feels it was stupid for Mr. Coates to resign.



Patrick Marcella
No, he shouldn't have, he's human like the rest of us!



Tom Bouchard
No, shouldn't have resigned.

Birds that appear monthly

by MARY HUBELIT
As an amateur bird-watcher I am truly astonished at the variety of bird life in this not-tropical locale. The following is a list of first sightings in each month over the past ten years - January is easy - we feed 'em all in our backyard!

JANUARY
Starling
Raven
Gray Jay
Black-capped chickadee
Evening and Pine Grosbeaks
Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers
Slate-colored Junco
Common Redpoll
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-throated Sparrow (1984 only)

FEBRUARY
Herring Gull
Hoary Redpoll
Common Crow
Snow Bunting

MARCH
Spruce Grouse
Lapland Longspur
House Sparrow
White-breasted Nuthatch
Robin (!)

APRIL
Common Loon
Mallard, Pintail and Black Ducks
Rusty, Red-wing, Yellow-headed and Brewer's Blackbirds
Common Grackle
Mocking Bird (1973 and '75 only)
Canada and Snow Goose
White-throated, Song, Savannah, White-crowned,

Fox and Chipping Sparrows
Tree Swallow
Red-tailed, Marsh, Rough-legged and Broad-winged Hawk
Yellow-shafted Flicker
Killdeer
Brown-head Cowbird
Purple Finch
Great Blue Heron
Cedar Waxwing
Mourning Dove
Brown Creeper

MAY
Western Meadowlark
Myrtle, Black-and-White and Blackburnian Warbler
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Sanderling
Red-breasted and Common Merganser
Barn Swallow
Scarlet Tanager
Eastern Bluebird

Eastern Phoebe
Bobolink
Baltimore Oriole
Semi-palmated Sandpiper
Turkey Vulture
Blue Jay
Rose-breasted Grosbeak

JUNE
Hawk Owl
Belted Kingfisher
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Common Nighthawk
Ruffed Grouse
American Goldfinch
Yellow Warbler
Spotted Sandpiper
Sparrow Hawk

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

JULY, AUGUST
Tennessee Warbler
Whip-poor-Will
American Redstart
Eastern Kingbird

Tourists all! For the last months of the year we see old friends coming back from nesting or just passing through on their long migration. The shy Woodcock is apparently around all summer, but I've seen him only in October.

In 1976, also October, we were lucky enough to see the large and brilliant Pileated Woodpecker and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker while we were hunting in the Atikokan area. One Ring-billed Gull was seen on that trip also.

On Oct. 11/79 I've recorded identifying an Indigo Bunting and on Oct. 16/84 a Crested Myna.

Really, Mary, you'd better watch that Autumn Mist! Seriously, it is not uncom-

mon for birds to be blown off course - I just hope they all got back on the right track.

Would be interested to compare notes with other amateurs (I don't even have a Roger Tory Peterson book!).

Bird-watching is a fringe benefit on our camping and/or hunting trips and a good helping of beauty every day. Don't knock it till you've tried it!

Police Report

OPP

I had an interesting experience the other day, it's not the first time, which made me think that I could share it. Last week while checking a function, I passed a woman who was having one of those days when the kids are such darlings ... as I went by her comment was, "If you don't smarten up, I'll have that policeman put you in jail."

The child looked at me with a horrified look and I reminded the mother than police do not put kids in jail. It would be nice when we are at our wit's end with what to do with Johnny, but, is there not a better way to handle that situation?

You could always say, "Wait till your father gets home". If our children are taught to be afraid of police officers, whom do you expect them to turn to when they become lost or in trouble. You may not like the police but wouldn't you sooner have a policeman bring your son or daughter home by the hand or would you rather hear him say, "I'm sorry,

but they won't be home because they went with a stranger?"

Terrace Bay

Welfare assistance was given to a travelling motorist.

Constables attended two fire calls, one at Kimberly Clark and one chimney fire in the Townsite.

One complaint received regarding a motorist driving through School bus red lights.

One motor vehicle accident over \$700 was investigated resulting in two charges being laid under the Highway Traffic Act and one charge under the Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act.

Several parking tickets were given out.

Assistance was given to M.T.C. re traffic control.

Constables investigated two wilful damage incidents, one private property and one vehicle.

One theft over \$200 still under investigation.

One theft over \$200 investigated and concluded

Investigation continues into damage to the rink building in Rosspoint. During the night of the 9th of February, 1985, culprits broke the window in the door and used the building for a drinking party.

Other investigations conducted by Schreiber Detachment members including a threatening, intoxicated person and a trespasser. Charges were laid against a Schreiber resident following a domestic dispute and he will be appearing in the next Provincial Court. Investigation concluded in a child abuse matter with charges of assault being laid.

A small quantity of a suspected narcotic were seized following the execution of a search warrant at a residence in Schreiber. One male subject was arrested and subsequently released to appear in Provincial Court.

Traffic investigations were of a minor nature with no injuries accidents being reported. Motorists are to be congratulated for the caution exercised during the mild weather and freezing rain. Patrolling members are continuing to monitor traffic speeds by radar as several individuals have found.

By ANNE TODESCO
There has been so many lives lost in train accidents, in other parts of the world lately, that it brings to mind the terrible Spanish River wreck at Nairn, Ontario, many years ago.

I have forgotten the exact date of this disaster, but it must have been about 70 years ago, as I was only a child. I can remember a great about it though, as my father's train was the last one over the fateful bridge.

He was a railroader, out of Webbwood. This day he was on the east bound freight from Webbwood to Sudbury. There were four passenger trains travelling the Soo line at that time. Two were Toronto trains, numbers 17 and 18. Two were Montreal bound, numbers 27 and 28. The Montreal train ran through to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where an American crew took over. I think it was the Toronto train that was involved in this tragedy, as Nairn is only a few miles east of Webbwood, and the freight would have left Webbwood around 8:00 or 9:00 a.m. The Toronto passenger went morning and evening, while the Montreal went afternoon.

There was a massive loss of life, when this freight and the passenger collided. People were drowned, crushed and seriously injured from roll-

ing cars, tumbling down the gully. My father told us about a woman whose coach was slowly submerging into the water. She was holding her baby out the window, screaming for help to save the child. No one could get to her, as other cars began to slide down the bank. It was very very sad.

A couple from Webbwood were returning from their honeymoon. They were found in their compartment, she holding her rosary and prayer book. She was Miss Foran, they were related to the Currier family at home.

We didn't see Dad for a few days after the accident.

His crew was busy, bringing supplies to the disaster area for repairing the tracks and the bridge.

He had purchased some photos of the wreck, and had many news clippings of the accident.

The next time I visit the old homestead in Webbwood I must try to find them.

I still thank God for His protection over my father's train when he passed over that bridge.

THANK YOU

The Schreiber Ringette League would like to thank the mothers and daughters who baked for our bake sale. The winner of the cake raffle was Keith Scott.

Parent Link Reminder

Parents of Terrace Bay, Schreiber and Rosspoint are reminded of the Sunday, March 3, 1985 Parent Link meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Terrace Bay Recreation Centre.

This week's topic will be:

**Problem Ownership
"I" Messages**

All Moms & Dads are Welcome

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