

Anchor

... this little child

There's a story, which I understand is true, about a small farming community in the Southwest, which demonstrates an interesting and important point.

It seems that this community had been suffering for a long time from a serious drought. Their crops and cattle faced certain destruction along with their economy if the needed rains continued to stay away. Finally, the situation became so serious that drastic measures were called for and the entire population was called upon to collect at the small local church to pray for rain.

On the appointed day the thirty or forty families of the area dutifully showed up at the church. The sky was blazing sheet of brass without a cloud in sight. The heat was almost more than a person could stand. Dust devils could be seen whirling across the fields and the group looked upon the dreary scene through squinted eyes as they trooped into the church, depressed and silent.

Inside, led by the local preacher, they fell silent and each in his own way prayed for the cooling, life-giving rain that could save them. An hour passed. Outside, there was a change in the wind, and over the distant mountains to the west a long, heavy line of clouds began to darken the sky. The worshippers inside the little church were unaware of this and continued their silent prayers until, suddenly, their heads raised at the distant sound of thunder. They held their breath until the sound came again, this time unmistakable, the distant crack of heavy, business-like thunder.

They ran out into the churchyard and filled their lungs with the sweetest smelling air on earth, the smell of fresh, cool water falling on dry, parched earth. And soon the fast moving storm reached them and the rain fell in torrents. They jumped up and down and shouted and hugged one another; they danced in circles and thanked God for the saving rain. And then, suddenly, they all fell silent. There was only the sound of the booming thunder and the cascading rain as they all stood and looked at one lit-

tle seven-year-old girl who was smiling from ear to ear and watching the rain from beneath the shelter of a tiny umbrella.

Out of the entire

assembly, she had been the only one who, in her simple, childish faith, had expected the rain to be delivered, and had, in her womanly wisdom, provid-

ed herself with an umbrella. The dripping adults looked at each other, and then splashed back into the church for a sober thanksgiving service.

— Earl Nightingale
Peter Monks, Branch President
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

March Break Activities

The Terrace Bay Recreation Department organized numerous activities varying from Novelty Bowling to Road Hockey for the children of this community during the school break.

Activities commenced Monday morning with Open Bowling and approximately 50 youngsters participated, Friday morning saw the bowling alleys busy once more with approximately 40 people enjoying themselves. Special thanks are extended to Joan Greenwood, Mary Clare Papineau, Linda Falzetta, Mary Cashmore and Cathy Stachiw for a job well done.

Public Skating was available for at least two hours each day of the March Break and average attendance was 85 people. Skating attendant Darryl Payette had his hands full but ensured us that the rules were followed providing fun for all.

The Games Room Challenge was held on Tuesday and 60 youngsters participated in two challenge games. The sponsor of this event was A&W Games of Thunder Bay. This company has shown its community involvement on numerous occasions in sponsoring youth and adult activities, both in the activity lounge and other programs such as Men's Slow Pitch in this community.

The winners of the Games Room Challenge were as follows:

Ages 10 and under: Moon Patrol Game - Darcy Renette, Pole Position Game - Scott Merkley
Ages 11 to 15: Moon Patrol Game - Jamie Speer, Pole Position winner Dale Doucet.

The Curling Club Parking Lot was invaded by all young hockey players both male and female for the first Road Hockey Tournament. Eight teams par-

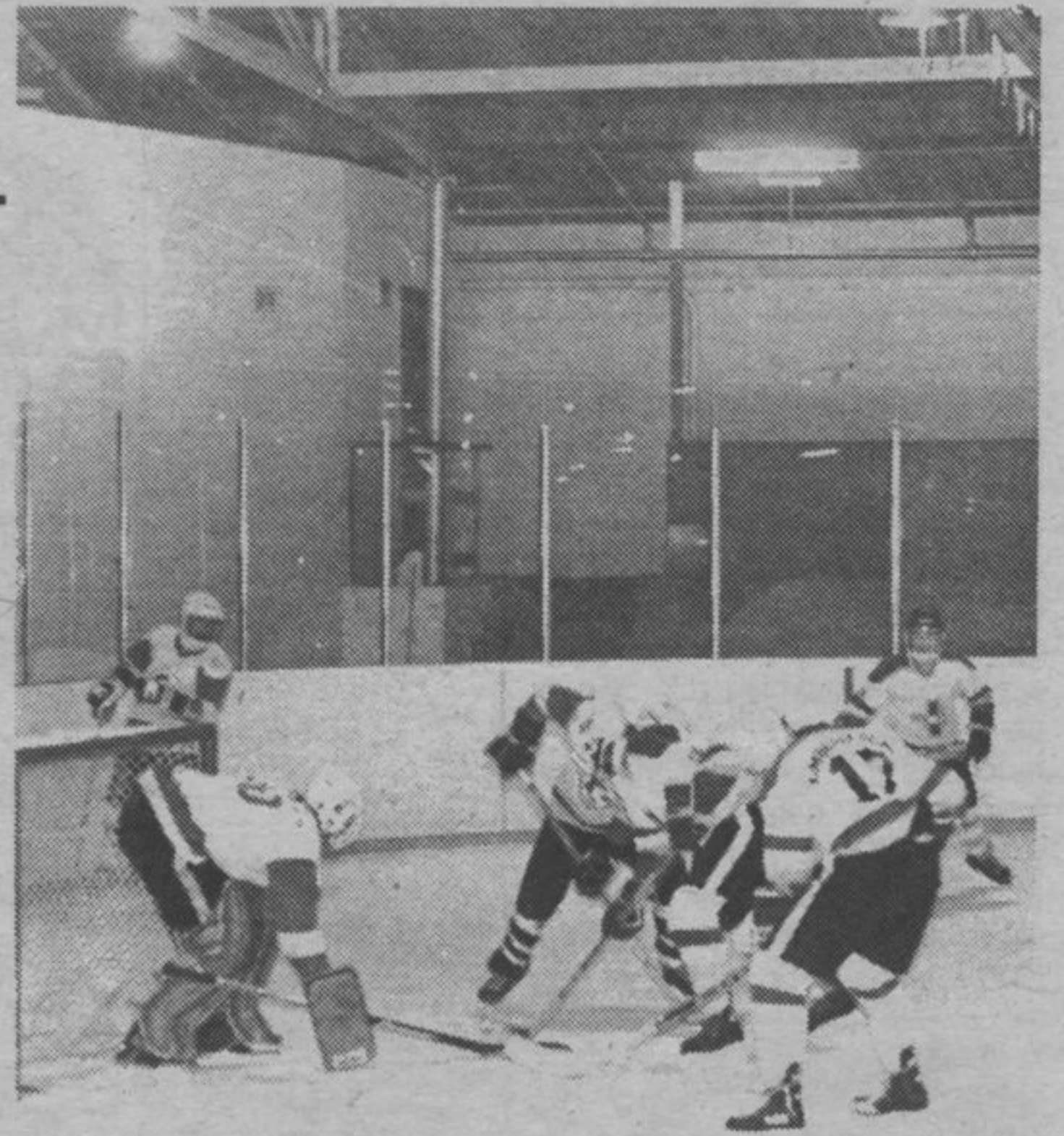
ticipated in this fun event. The team that emerged the winner was the "Oilers". Team players names were Jamie Speer, Mike Duhaime, Ricky Pollard, Terry Singleton, Mike Clements, Derek Bouchie and Robbie Mahoney.

Congratulations team.

The sport of racquetball was introduced to youth between the ages of 10-15. Special thanks to Dave Beaulieu for conducting this session. Dave your work as a volunteer in this venture and others is great-

ly appreciated.

All in all we declare the March Break activities a success. Thanks to you the young participants and to the people who worked the various events. We hope these programs helped you enjoy your school break.



Midget playoff won by Longlac.

Terrace Bay Council

Terrace Bay Town Council held their regular meeting, Monday March 11th, with Reeve D. Speer, Councillor W. Houston, Councillor G. Ramsay, Councillor P. Romanuk, L.H. Simons and M.L. Simmer in attendance.

Constable R. Phillips and P. Folz requested pay out of their accumulated sick leave. The city of Vanier requests support for a resolution calling on the Province to adhere to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, regarding the use of both official languages in government.

The re-hiring of Monty Paget for the summer was referred for further discussion.

Council approved payment of \$301.00 to the District Childrens Aid Society, Family and Childrens Services, as their share of the Exceptional Circumstances Review for 1983.

It was resolved that statement of disbursements 2-85 for the Township be approved in the amount of \$545,562.18.

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statement of disbursements 3-85 for the Township be approved in the amount of \$51,935.80.

It was resolved that the statement of disbursements 2-85 for the hydro be approved in the amount of \$126,153.44.

It was resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay donate a further \$2000.00 to the construction of the Thunder Bay Auditorium to be applied to a specific and named site within the complex after April 1st.

It was resolved that the Recreation Committee report dated March 5th, 1985 be adopted as presented.

It was resolved that the report of the Planning Advisory Committee dated March 6th be adopted as presented.

Tenders

Ontario Northern Affairs Minister Leo Bernier announced that tenders have been called for resurfacing, grading, drainage, granular base, hot mix paving, hot mix patching and structure rehabilitation on Highway 17, from 15.4 km east of Nipigon easterly for 44.7 km including two passing lanes and work in Rosspport.

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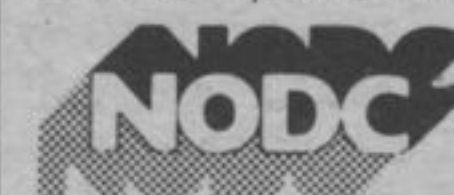
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Thank You

We would like to thank Dr. Wilkes and Dr. Chaudhuri and nurses at the Neurosurgical Ward at McKellar Hospital, the Lumber and sawmill workers Union Local 2693. Also our many friends and neighbours for opening the driveway for us and sending cards during my recent stay at the hospital.

Lorenzo and Mary Bergeron.