

# Mary Burnett Corrections Worker

The Ministry of Correctional Services, through their Community Corrections Workers, is reaching out to Northern Ontario's smaller communities. One district office is located in Nipigon and until three years ago all supervision

and counselling came out of that community. It has been three years since Terrace Bay, Schreiber, Rossport, have had a worker in their midst.

Mary Burnett has, for three months been the Community Corrections

Worker for this area and explains the program as such; "This project is actually a pilot project in the province, insuring locally based supervision of court-ordered community service orders, in addition to full probation and parole super-

vision. It also includes the implement of a chemical (alcohol and drugs) education program for the community."

Over the past three years there has been a dramatic reduction of impaired driving charges and a complete reversal of the pre-community-based program problems of incompleting community service orders. (Community service orders being orders from the court for an offender to perform community work). Mary's job is full-fold, starting with the supervision of parole, matching probation orders for community service to the appropriate worker, practicing preventative counselling, undertaking educational presentations to schools and the community as well as providing preventive

counselling.

It only makes sense that a local worker is the best approach for dealing with the community's problems of probation and parole. Mary works quite closely with the area probation office in Nipigon, as well as the Community Correc-

tions Board. The Board is a group of volunteers from the area who are concerned enough to make it their responsibility to provide educational and preventative measures to their communities. The annual meeting has just passed and turn-out and response was

good. The Board now has a few new members who are anxious to work with Mary in transmitting the communities feelings about corrections work and what they feel the community

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Nurses Kelly Oneschuk [L] and Aldea Churney [R] present Chairman of the Board, Michael Moore with ultra sound stethoscope. Michael Moore accepts on behalf of the hospital, from the Nurses Association. The stethoscope is used often to detect a fetal pulse.

## This Week in Fire

Spotting lightning with lightning speed....

During 1983, 1090 fires were started by this cause which almost doubled the annual average number of such fires over the past five years.

Fortunately, the Ministry of Natural Resources lightning locator system has proven itself over a number of years in north-western Ontario. With this system in place, it is possible to detect and locate 80 to 90 per cent of all cloud to ground strikes. These strike occurrences are roughly estimated at 300,000 to 500,000 each year (based on 1983 the Ontario Lightning Locator system). This level typically ignites approximately 500 fires annually. It's obvious from the ratio that not all lightning strikes ignite forest fires. The challenge that fire managers face is determining which strikes do start fires. Knowledge of fuel moisture conditions before the storm and of rainfall amounts during the storm are essential in the prediction process.

In 1983, the Locator system was expanded to enable the M.N.R. to locate lightning activity for the whole of Northern Ontario from North Bay west to the Manitoba border. A total of 11 Director-finder stations are now in place.

Whenever lightning strikes, it is detected by one of these stations and

is immediately printed on colour display monitors in M.N.R.'s five Northern Regional Fire Centres and the Provincial Fire Centre in Sault Ste. Marie. Fire Managers can also obtain a printed map of the storm activity. This up-to-the-minute information helps fire staff monitor potential lightning fire access, plan detection patrols for aircraft and move initial attack crews and water bombers into high-risk fire occurrence zones.

Lightning is a natural cause; human-carelessness still continues to be the leading cause of forest fire incidence.

Next week, a short history of the Terrace Bay District Fire Management area.

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In accordance with Forest Management Agreement No. 500800 signed between the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Q.N.S. Paper Company Ltd. (Ontario Paper Co.), a Forest Operating Plan will be prepared for the Forest Management Agreement area named the Black River Forest for the period of April 1st, 1986 to March 31st, 1991. The Plan components consist of: (1) Annual Allowable Cuts; (2) Management Objectives; (3) Road Access; (4) Operating Areas; (5) Modified Management Areas; (6) Silvicultural Activities; (7) Cut Allocations; (8) Mill Requirements; (9) Declaration of Surplus.

Should you have any concerns pertaining to Forest Management for the upcoming period of April 1st, 1986 to March 31st, 1991 on the Black River Forest, we ask you to participate in the planning process by submitting your comments in writing addressed to:

**District Manager  
Ministry of Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 280  
Terrace Bay, Ontario P0T 2W0**

For further information, please contact:

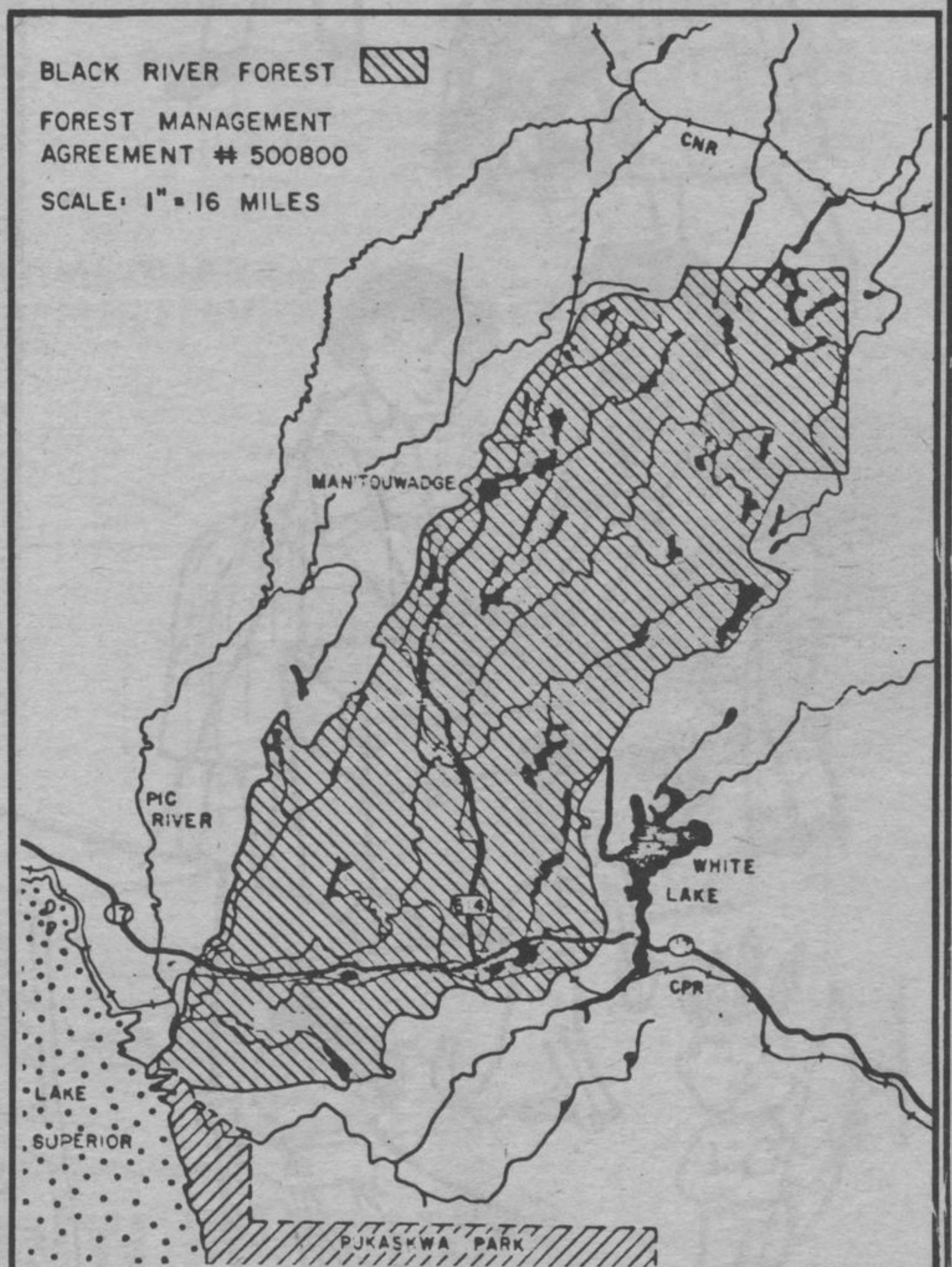
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In addition, an informal public information session will be held June 11, 1985 at the Ministry of Natural Resources office in Manitouwadge during the hours of 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. to present proposed road locations, and operating areas.

All comments are to be received no later than July 16, 1985.



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