



Spree winner

A total of over \$300 in groceries was won on March 20 in a shopping spree sponsored by the Terrace Bay Kinsmen Club and held at Costa's Food Market. From

left to right are Kinsmen Club representative Todd McKie, contest winner Jan MacKenzie of Terrace Bay, and store manager Toni Costa.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Since June 12, 1984, when Premier William Davis announced his about-face on the issue of extended funding for Roman Catholic separate schools, it has been a disheartening time for all who care about public schools, the democratic process, inter-faith goodwill, and fair and equal treatment for all regardless of creed. All three political parties have turned a deaf ear to these legitimate concerns.

Two other commissions on education were appointed that same day. These reports have now been released to the public. The Shapiro Report on the funding of private and secondary education recognized the problems of taxation and funding when major changes in educational policy occur. Both reports mentioned the importance of equality.

The events of the past year have shown that extended funding has been a most difficult issue for all

of the political parties. The Tories are still in disarray; the NDP is undergoing pressure to change its policy. The Liberals still maintain the bold stance of going ahead at all costs. In the meantime, there are a number of religious and educational groups which are taking the issue to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Despite the headline: "RC Financing Ruled Constitutional", designed to leave the public with the feeling that there is no more to be said, there are serious flaws in the structure upon which "two systems of public education" could be based. The 88 page minority report of the Court of Appeal's split decision fully explored the legal and historical basis. While all five justice agreed that Ontario has no obligation to fund separate secondary schools, they disagreed on whether such a gift would violate the Charter of Rights guarantee of equality to all

Canadian citizens. Equality must be for all, or it is for none.

From the beginning of this decision to extend funds, there has been recognition of the difficulty. This has resulted in the autocratic methods used to slip the funding into place even before legislation is passed. Excessive powers are proposed for the Implementation Commission. This would leave public trustees with few options to preserve public education under Bill 30.

The feelings of love and pride which Ontarians have had for their culturally rich province have been marred by these recent events. In the years to come, we will have quality education, equality for all citizens and responsible government — only if we speak up and defeat these principles now.

Friends of Public Education in Ontario, Inc.
P.J. Totten, President
Harrow, Ontario

Bonspiel a hit

by "Duffy"

There was a great turnout for the Jim Beddard Memorial Bonspiel on Saturday night, March 22. Sixty-four curlers participated and many more spectated. The trophies were presented by Edna Beddard.

The following is a list of the prize winners: In first place were Darlene McArthur, Al Regis, Joan Woods, and Ken Churney. The second place team were Fred Gosselin, Debbie Seidel, Rick Burry and Ingrid Fournier.

The third place team were George Churney, Lisette Wenzel, Ray Theriault, and Evelyn Gosselin. In fourth place were Betty Randa, Murray Clarke, Shirley Love, George Morre, Barb Hopper, George Hermes, Leslie Benoit, Terry Hanley, and Bob Hopper, Raoul Fournier, Pete

Gilbert, Sheila Moquin. The biggest end was a tie with 5, between Barb and Bob Harper with Barb winning with the closest shot to the button.

The Best Bonspieler after a close vote was M.C. Kennedy. The door prize was won by Sheila and Rolly Moquin. Other prizes went to Gene and Joan Woods and Al and Peggy Regis.

This Bonspiel could not have been a success without the help of many people too numerous to mention here. A special thanks must go to the Ladies Auxiliary, especially Evelyn Falzetta and Agnes Paulson. Also, thanks to my wife Irene, Pat Gorrigan, George Churney, Joe Kennedy, Lisette Wenzel and last but not least Adie Beaulieu.

We look forward to seeing you all out there again next year.

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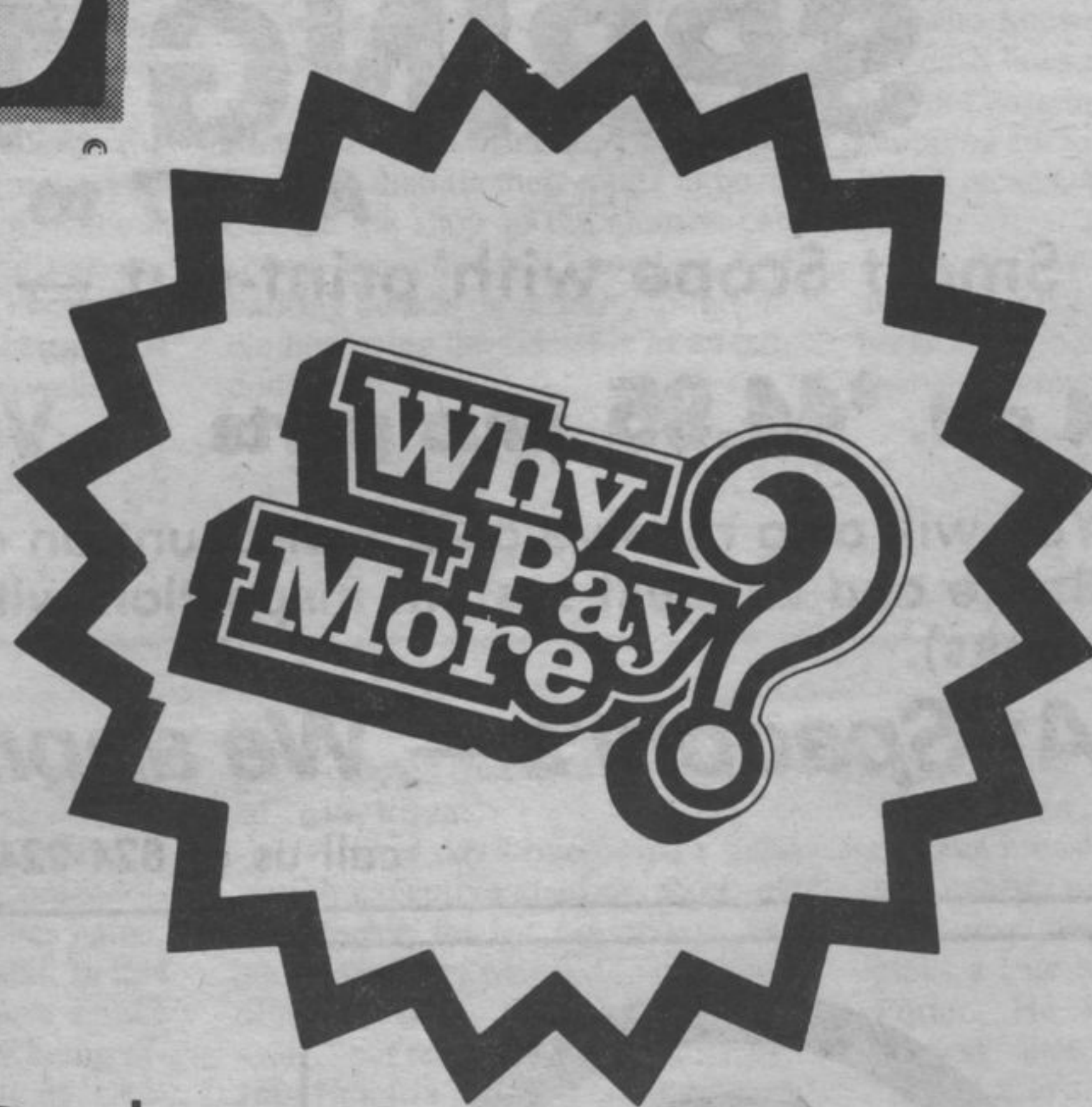
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