

Competition in Terrace Bay cemented with expansion

"I feel competition is good for Terrace Bay, because if you are worried about competition, you are worried about your own business." Those were the words of Northern Construction and Equipment Rentals (NorCon) owner Randy Mercure, who recently responded to a number of charges raised by area residents in the media.

The problem began for Mercure when he applied for a building permit on

behalf of Permanent Concrete at the town office. The permit was granted by the town engineer, although at least one township resident and some members of Township Council felt Council should have had a chance to investigate the permit before it was issued.

The permit, Mercure explained, was for the installation of a cement hopper pad, the hopper itself, and a 40 ton silo at his NorCon site on Industrial Road in the town.

"This will be a cement batch plant," he said. "Permanent Concrete was going to set it up in Schreiber, and then they contacted us and we made a better deal. We will also be hauling for them."

Mercure took exception to the reports that no local people will be hired by the company, since the opposite is true.

"We will be employing quite a few local students this summer," Mercure pointed out. "We also have one man now on permanent

full-time here, but before he was just part-time. This just clinched the full-time job for him."

The addition of the Permanent Concrete plant will also mean at least \$50,000 in additional income this year for NorCon, some of which will go to the township as taxes.

The company began six years ago as Randy's Contracting, and changed to NorCon three years ago. He is a partner in the company with his brother, Roddy.

Mercure admitted that the cement plant will mean competition for at least one local firm, but added that he feels the situation can be beneficial for all concerned.

The cement plant is now in the first stages of production, with the addition of the silo this week at the site. Mercure explained that crushed stone and sand will be dumped by conveyor into the hopper, and the subsequent combination will be added to water and mixed in one of two cement

trucks the company has.

He said the cement made at the plant will be used locally, at the Kimberly-Clark pulp mill, and in Schreiber and Rosspport for sidewalks, driveways, patios, and other projects.

"The student employment will be necessary to

do some cement curbing this summer," Mercure noted. "We also have a back hoe sevice and some rental equipment, like jack hammers, generators, rototillers, and pumps, and we haul black earth and gravel as part of our trucking operation."



Cement hopper

Competition is healthy, according to Randy Mercure of NorCon (Northern Construction and Equipment Rentals) in Terrace Bay. He is shown here with his company's cement hopper, which will be the focal

point of a Permanent Concrete cement batch plant in town. A large silo, not seen here, was installed earlier this week at the Industrial Road site.

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Results of play on May 9 were 1st: Colin and Anne Dodd, 2nd: Alison and David Stewart, 3rd: Mike and Diane Foley.

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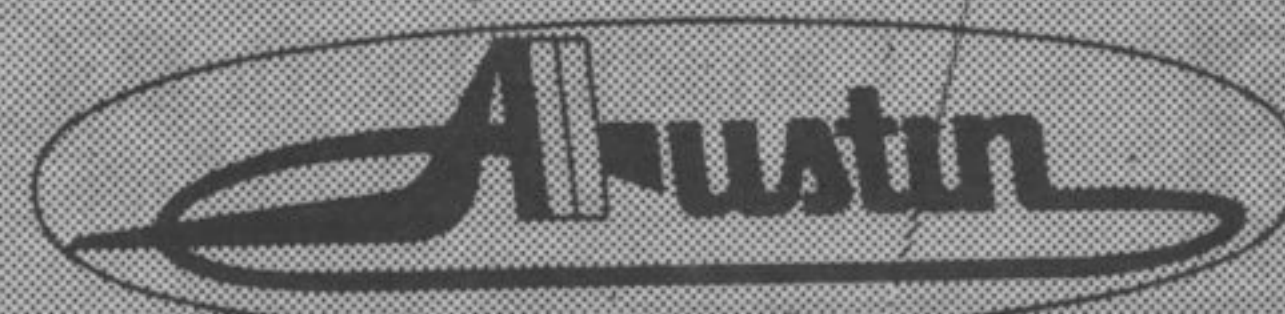
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Monday to Friday			
Geraldton	Manitouwadge	6:00 a.m.	6:25 a.m.
Manitouwadge	Marathon	6:35 a.m.	6:45 a.m.
Marathon	Sault Ste. Marie	6:55 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Sault Ste. Marie	Marathon	10:05 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Marathon	Manitouwadge	11:10 a.m.	11:20 a.m.
Manitouwadge	Geraldton	11:30 a.m.	12:00 noon
Geraldton	Manitouwadge	1:55 p.m.	2:20 p.m.
Manitouwadge	Marathon	2:30 p.m.	2:40 p.m.
Marathon	Sault Ste. Marie	2:50 p.m.	3:40 p.m.
Sault Ste. Marie	Marathon	4:00 p.m.	4:55 p.m.
Marathon	Manitouwadge	5:05 p.m.	5:15 p.m.
Manitouwadge	Geraldton	5:25 p.m.	5:55 p.m.
Saturday			
Geraldton	Manitouwadge	8:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
Manitouwadge	Marathon	8:40 a.m.	8:55 a.m.
Marathon	Sault Ste. Marie	9:05 a.m.	10:10 a.m.
Sault Ste. Marie	Marathon	10:30 a.m.	11:40 a.m.
Marathon	Manitouwadge	11:50 a.m.	12:05 p.m.
Manitouwadge	Geraldton	12:15 p.m.	12:45 p.m.
Sunday			
Geraldton	Manitouwadge	1:20 p.m.	1:50 p.m.
Manitouwadge	Marathon	2:00 p.m.	2:15 p.m.
Marathon	Sault Ste. Marie	2:25 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
Sault Ste. Marie	Marathon	4:00 p.m.	5:10 p.m.
Marathon	Manitouwadge	5:20 p.m.	5:35 p.m.
Manitouwadge	Geraldton	5:45 p.m.	6:15 p.m.



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