

# Refugee Committee formed

The Schreiber Refugee Committee has held two meetings recently to explore the possibility of sponsoring one or more refugees, according to Committee member Jack Stokes.

The first meeting, which was a public session, was held primarily to listen to a talk given by Lloyd Jones, the Canadian Coordinator for World Vision. He is based in Thunder Bay, Stokes said.

"Jones also attended services at the Catholic, Anglican, and United Churches where he spoke of the millions of refugees who were in danger of persecution as a result of oppressive regimes," Stokes added.

The Committee and many Schreiber residents, Stokes noted, feel that more needs to be done to give refugees a chance at hope and life.

On the Committee are Chairman Bill Campbell, Vice Chairperson Marg Connelly, Secretary Arthur Le Blanc, Treasurer Verna Le Blanc, Assistant Secretary Regina Bueno, and Stokes as Second Vice Chairman.

"The United Nations defines a refugee (as) a person outside his native country who is unable or unwilling to rely on the protection of his country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution

on account of race, religion, nationality, or membership in a particular social group or political opinion," Stokes said.

He explained that the Committee is now preoccupied with entering into an arrangement with a group which has a sponsorship agreement with the Ministry of State for Immigration.

"Anyone wishing to assist in fund-raising, coordination, housing, orientation, education, health, or

employment for this worthy cause are asked to contact any of the Committee members," he pointed out.

Stokes said the Committee is convinced their goal of sponsoring at least one refugee is a worthwhile thing to do.

"That's our aim, our objective," he said, adding that the group still has a lot of groundwork to do, though they are committed to the task.

# OFIA is critical

The Ontario Forest Industries Association is "extremely critical" of the so-called "political gamesmanship" which resulted in the provincial government's recent decision not

to use chemical sprays in its budworm insect control program this year.

Ian D. Bird, the president of the OFIA, said in a speech that the government made its decision in the

face of "substantial public support" of a program to spray 740,000 hectares of forest in northern Ontario with a combination of biological and chemical insecticides, according to the June issue of "The Forest Scene" newsletter.

Damage to the northern forest from both spruce and jackpine budworm has now reached epidemic proportions, Bird said. This year's infestation covers over 16 million hectares in area compared to 10 million hectares just two years ago.

In another recent speech given at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, the vice president for corporate affairs at Boise Cascade Canada Ltd. spoke about budworms and echoed a few of Bird's statements.

"I do not hesitate in saying that the budworm problem represents the single greatest threat to our industry's resource today," D. John Valley said, adding that "Action is not only appropriate, it is imperative."



**Signs now up**

Chris Joubert, at right, the Maintenance Supervisor at Birchwood Terrace, and his assistant Bryan Whitney wound up using a pick-up truck to help them put up new No Parking signs at the senior citizens' residence in Terrace Bay recently. Visitors are urged to take note of the signs and use designated parking areas only.



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# Fish derby scheduled

The second annual Loyal Order of Moose Kid's Fish Derby is scheduled to take place this summer, but tickets for the event are on sale now, Moose member Chris Joubert said.

"We are planning for a bigger response this year," he explained.

The tickets are for a draw on a \$200 grocery

voucher, with all proceeds from the contest to go to the fish derby prizes for the kids, Joubert added.

Entry forms for the derby itself are \$1 each, and each form doubles as a ticket on a draw for a bicycle. The form is also good for free refreshments on the day of the event.

Joubert, the chairman for the derby, noted that this year's contest is open to all children in the North Shore area. All they have to do is fill out the entry form.

For the forms or for further information, contact Joubert at 825-9295 or Bob Langford at 825-3575.

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