

VIP graduates

Terrace Bay Councillor George Ramsay, a VIP in his own right, was on hand to present T-shirts and caps to the graduates of the VIP (Values, Influences, and

Trudson's Bay Company

Peers) program at St. Martin School in Terrace Bay on June 20. Here he congratulates one of 28 graduates, Jeanette Fournier, 12, a Grade 7 student.

VIP graduation held

Grade 6 and 7 students at St. Martin School in Terrace Bay had a different sort of graduation near the end of the school year, with the presentation of VIP certificates, caps, and T-shirts to 28 graduates of the Values, Influences, and Peers program on June 20.

Teacher Maxine Holland and Terrace Bay Councillor George Ramsay representing Police Chief Russ Phillips presented the certificates at a ceremony held at the school.

Under the VIP program,

students learned about things like peer pressure, authority figures, school rules, the dangers of drugs and vandalism, and other problems facing the youth of today.

The program had its first set of graduates on March 21 at the Terrace Bay Public School. It will probably be continued at St. Martin School next fall.

That school's graduates were as follows: (Grade 6) France Bilodeau, Treena Burns, Annadette Clarke, Stephane Deslauriers, Jeff Mikus, Trent Edmonds, France Maltais, Deborah McDougall, Paula Moon, Kerry Robinson, Suzanne Thibault, Josee Roy, and Kelly Wilson.

The Grade 7 graduates were: Michel Bolduc, Kevin Boucher, Dion Bozec, Renee Deschatelets, Jeanette Fournier, Marcy Gallagher, Kevin Leclair, Melanie Levesque, Kenney Madore, Wade Papineau, Aileen Potan, Kimberly Rennette, Sonja Snofl, Sandi Batt, and Mark Thompson.

Rossport Report

By Anne Todesco

The family of Lester Legault entertained their father last Saturday upon his retirement from the Terrace Bay mill, with a

social and dinner for relatives and neighbours and friends. Lester was the recipient of a money tree and numerous other gifts.

His brother-in-law, Ray Kenney, was master of ceremonies. He spoke of his childhood and growing up in the village. He served in the navy during the second World War. Following his discharge from the Navy, he started employment in the pulp mill.

Mrs. Kenney also spoke on his life as a family man. His wife Doris and his children Leo, Danny, Beverley, and John were blessed with a kind and loving husband and father.

His interest is with his family and home, yet he always found time to help neighbours when they were in difficulties, especially the senior citizens of the village.

Eugene Gerow, a cousin, spoke of episodes that
he and Lester has enjoyed
together during their
growing-up years. Eugene,
being aware that Doris was
often heard scolding about
dogs messing up their lawn
while Lester would destroy
any evidence laying about,
so he built a special La

poop cabinet and shovel to use in cleaning up while Romeo Bouchard carved a pair of human feet with socks and shoes on them to support the stool he had made to accompany the cart about. The stool provided Lester a resting period from pushing the cart about. It all added to the merriment of the social.

Bill Hubelit, a cousin-inlaw, also spoke a few words of congratulations to Lester and Doris and wished them a long, healthy, and happy retirement. The buffet dinner was by Beverley Legault, Prina Gerow, Joan Smith, and Colleen Kenney. Laura Legault cut and served the retirement cake while Albert Jakukowaske and Harry Wilson looked after the punch bowl.

Besides local relatives and friends, present were Mrs. Violet Oakly, Miss Janet Missere, and George Campbell of Thunder Bay; Albert Jakukowski, Harry Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Pyhilla and family, Mr. and Mrs. Honore Bouchard all of Terrace Bay; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gerow of Fort William, and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Huller of Aylmer, Ontario.

MPP wants gas tax break

Gilles Pouliot, MPP for the Lake Nipigon Riding, sent a letter to the Minister of Energy on June 9 in which Pouliot called for a the provincial government to offer northern Ontario residents a tax break to offset the difference in price of gasoline compared to the southern half of Ontario.

Pouliot was responded to a letter he had received from the Minister, Vincent Kerrio, dated May 16.

"(In) your letter, you state that smaller markets experience less competition and that in low volume markets, retailers are less aggressive and the cost of transportation and operation must be spread over a smaller volume," Pouliot reminded Kerrio.

"There is ample evidence that retailers in small market areas are more aggressive in charging all the traffic will bear in setting their prices, even though there is no justification on the basis of operating and transportation costs when compared to retailers in neighbouring communities (in the north)," Pouliot added in the letter.

He also told Kerrio that recent pump prices show that the price per litre now ranges from up to 48 cents in Schreiber, 61 cents in

Armstrong, and over \$1 per litre in many far north communities, yet prices in Ontario liquor and beer stores are uniform throughout the province regardless of operating and transport-

"You have the mandate.

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the power, and the authority to offer consumers in northern Ontario a tax break to offset the price differential between the north and south in recognition of the greater distances that northern residents must travel to work and... in the absence of public transit that is available and subsidized by the province in larger urban centres," the MPP explained.

A survey conducted by

the News last week discovered that gasoline prices in both Schreiber and Terrace Bay are at least three cents per litre more than the price in communities to the west, like Nipigon, and the east, such as Marathon.



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