

## Gas prices called "idiotic"

(The following is the second and concluding part of a submission made by Jack Stokes of Schreiber on July 8 in Marathon to the North/South Gasoline Price Forum. The first portion was published in the News last week.)

Since oil companies dictate the price at the pump wherever there is a subsidy, how can they justify a 10 or 12 cent per litre difference between Thunder Bay and Schreiber or Armstrong?

Four years ago, the Ministry of Transportation and Communications conducted a study investigating the high cost of consumer goods on remote Northern reserves.

Notwithstanding the fact that airstrips are being built at government expense allowing for a switch to

large aircraft and heavier payloads, there has been no relief from the ever escalating costs of goods and transportation charges (there).

As recently as July 7, unleaded gas was selling for \$4 a gallon in Fort Hope and \$4.60 in Big Trout Lake. It is selling for \$4.60 a gallon in Fort Severn if it is brought in on the barge from Moosonee, and \$6.19 per gallon when flown in from Pickle Lake.

In Summer Beaver, where there is no airstrip and supplies are flown in by float-equipped aircraft, gas today is selling for \$7 per gallon.

I do not pretend to understand the proliferation of arrangements that have been entered into between the oil company refiners and the 6,000 dealers across Ontario.

With company operated stations, branded leasee dealers, branded independents, private brand independents, private retail chains, jobber outlets, fighting brand outlets, and rack pricing, it is impossible to determine the precise relationship between the producer and any given dealer.

We are never sure who is setting the price, whether on any given day that it is being subsidized by the oil companies or whether the dealer is charging all that the traffic will bear. We do know that many northern residents are paying far in excess of the 4.2 cents a litre (extra) claimed in the North/South Study.

We know that it is costing us far in excess of the \$130 per year mentioned in the same report. We know that the Ontario govern-

ment took action and passed legislation in 1975 to control the wholesale and retail price of gasoline for a 90 day period.

We also know that Nova Scotia regulates the wholesale gasoline price in that province by requiring that wholesale prices be approved by the Public Utility Commission. It also regulates allowable retail margin.

If the federal and provincial governments are not prepared to ensure that residents of northern Ontario are treated fairly and equitably in the price we have to pay for a product as essential as gasoline in the so-called free market system, let them use a portion of the 14.7 cents they collect on each litre sold to compensate us for the extra we pay at the gas pump.



May Day entertainment was held for the mothers of the Mom and Me group in Rossport recently. Shown here presented with red roses are Louise Stefurak, Laura Legault, Vickey Armstrong, Linda Joiner, Colleen Kenney, Laurajane Tymko, Lyne McGrath, and Billie-Jo Keating. (Photo supplied by Anne Todesco)

## Golf tournament a success

On Saturday, July 26, the Charlie Simmer Junior Invitational Golf Tournament was held in Terrace Bay. Seventy seven young golfers from the district took part in this event. Dan

Nicholas of Thunder Bay was the overall winner with a gross score of 81 and Robbie Speak also of Thunder Bay was the net winner with a 61. Results in the four age

groups were as follows: A Division (15 to 17 years old): 1st low gross: Richard Ciponi; 2nd low gross: Len Arvelin; 3rd low gross: Rob Mallon; 1st low net: Barry Caland; 2nd low net: Richard Brassard; 3rd low net: Simon Pollard.

B Division (13 to 14 years old): 1st low gross: Jamie Murphy; 2nd low gross: Joe Woodgate; 3rd low gross: Benji Meikle; 1st low net: Richard Bacari; 2nd low net: Josh Dupuis; 3rd low net: Todd Hansen.

C Division (11 to 12 years old): 1st low gross: Vic Seagris; 2nd low gross: Ryan Milani; 3rd low gross: Gary Weiss; 1st low net: Kelly Cummings; 2nd low net: Kevin

Sundberg.

D Division (9 to 10 years old): 1st low gross: Jamie Biscardi; 2nd low gross: Mike Shaw; 3rd low gross: Robert Cummings; 1st low net: Angela Dakin; 2nd low net: Curt Mantel; low gross (female): Alana Cernjiel.

The Terrace Bay Junior Club would like to heartily thank the following donors who helped make this tournament a great success: Pat Spadoni - Spadoni Bros. Ltd.; Gordon Moorey - Shoreline Insurance; Juris Zdanovishis - Belluz Realty; Garth Morris - Morris Trucking; Terrace Bay Chrysler; Bart Cebrario - Cebrario's Hardware; Bob Adamo - Imperial Motel; A and I Supply Ltd.; Red Dog Inn; Tony Costa - Costa's Foodmarket.

## People make a difference

By Mary Hubelit

When we talk about a sight-seeing trip we tend to accent the visual aspects first, of course; the scenery (invariably compared with our own), then the price of gas, motels, souvenirs, ect. Right? Possibly the weather comes next.

Now that most of that information has been extracted from the diary, this tourist has memories of the month-long trip that will warm the ol' heart for a long time. Without the people in stores, gas stations; parks, even on street corners, to fill in the objectivity of observation, any trip would be dull and a waste of time and money.

Imagine the stimulation when one meets people with mutual acquaintances or activities, far from home! I mean other than planned meetings with family and friends. I'm thinking of a lunch break on the Eel River just out of Dalhousie, New

Brunswick when meeting two fellows from Kapuskasing. They were in a high state of elation at the success of a guided fishing trip that morning. The three were talking like old buddies as I came back from trying to photograph blue herons. Later that same day, at Chapman's Campground east of Janville, we met Joan and Fred Schellenberger and family from Chatham, N.B., formerly of Kapuskasing!

I remember the brave effort a uni-lingual Francophone gentleman at Cap Chat made to give us a news update about the storm which had hit the Montreal and Gatineau Hills areas previously, and with wide eyes and a troubled brow said, "Even torpedoes, I hear!" My face was equally solemn as I mentally tossed around "torpedo" and "tornado" and found the error quite logical. You see, I

remembered my clumsy efforts at the Ukrainian language a few years ago.

Without exception, officials at Provincial Parks were more than courteous- the word "warm" comes back. They seemed especially pleased when they could extend Senior Citizen advantages to us.

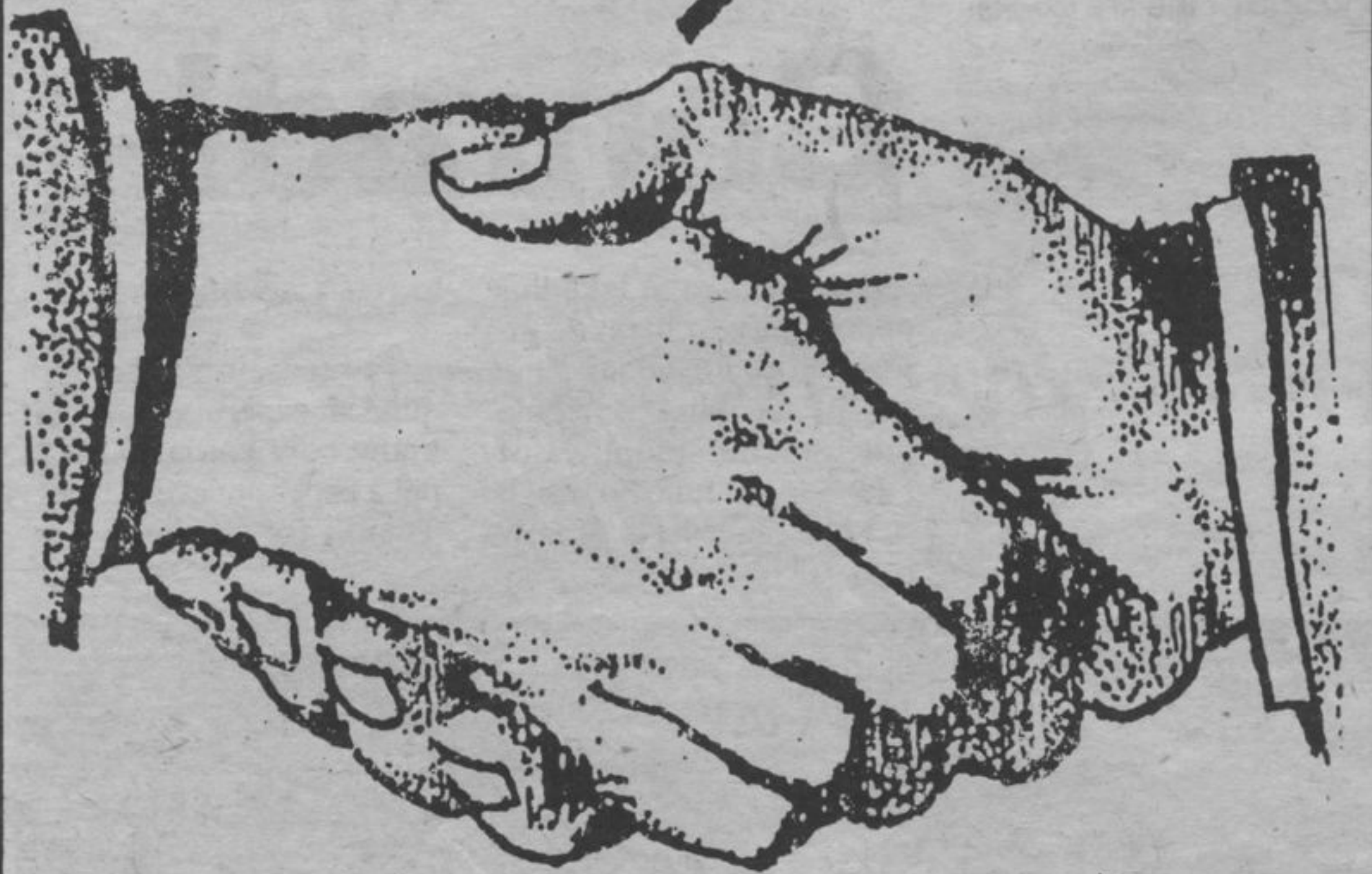
On the ferry from Prince Edward Island to Nova Scotia we had fun exchange with a portly fellow in uniform: "You look like you're enjoying this run?" "Oh yes, immensely." "Where ya from?" "The prairies." "Well, aren't they flat too?" "Yeah, but they stay still!"

Another warm encounter happened at a picnic area near Ironbridge, Ontario. People from California, were feeding crackers to the ring-billed gulls whining piteously for a hand-out. One lady would toss a piece of cracker up in the air to watch the little gulls fly up or across and seize it. Their flight is sheer music, whether it's from a dead stop on the ground or a graceful swoop between trees. I was watching from our camper, and when the lady ran out of crackers, I rushed out with a couple of end crusts from a loaf of bread. After a pleasant chat, she resumed this odd method of feeding the birds, and I continued to admire her skill and technique. (I can't throw anything where I want it!) People do make a difference!

Thanks for the great party Paula but next time let's invite John & Lynn.

Mark

Thank You



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