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## School starts

Some were anxious, some were tired, and some were just plain fearful as the 1986 school year kicked off on September 3 in the Terrace Bay area. Shown here

are a number of Terrace Bay Public School youngsters heading into the building where they will spend much of the next few months. (Photo by Conrad Felber).

## Group questions K-C 'credibility'

Conflicting reports from some Kimberly-Clark managers in the woodlands operations of the company have prompted the Heads of Councils Committee for the area to "question the credibility" of that part of the company, Committee member and Terrace Bay Reeve Ollie Chapman said on Sunday.

The Committee, composed of Reeves from five area communities including Schreiber, met in Longlac on the weekend at which the members decided to unite as one voice when it comes to such issues as the recent K-C layoffs.

"No one seems to know what's going on," Reeve Chapman told the News in an interview after returning from the meeting. "We are all sort of at the point of frustration."

Although she wouldn't be specific, she did say that two members of the Committee said they had received contradicting news from K-C as to if and when the woodlands employees would be returning to work.

The woodlands operations were shut down for a two month period by K-C starting last week, putting approximately 800 people out of work for that time.

There have been some reports that the company

has pulled its woodlands machinery out of its forest sites, while another source claimed that the woodlands workers probably won't be going back to work for the rest of this year.

## Local archer places second

Karri Pollard of Terrace Bay finished second in the Advanced Female division for those 20 years of age and under at the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) Archery Competition held in Toronto on August 24.

Karri, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burke Pollard, shot a score of 1392, while the first place finisher, Pascal Bolduc of Quebec, had a final score of 1408.

In the team finals, Karri's contribution helped her Ontario squad to finish first in the Advanced div-

ision, with an accumulated score of 4452, compared to Quebec's 4358 score.

Ontario's Junior team also finished first over Quebec, with a final score of 4520 against 4279.

Event Co-ordinator Julia Ford said in a CNE news release that shooting conditions were very rough due to high winds.

The division winners attended the event from various cities in Quebec as well as Windsor, Aurora, Don Mills, Etobicoke, and Richmond Hill in Ontario.

## Winston Lake mine not changing schedule

By Conrad Felber

Kerr Addison Mines officials, including the president of the company, have disputed a Sept. 3 Thunder Bay Times-News article which claimed that development at the company's Winston Lake mine near Schreiber will be "accelerated."

Ian Bayer, Kerr Addison Mines President and Chief Executive Officer, told the News in an exclusive telephone interview on Monday from his office in Toronto that "we can't really speed things up" at the project, though he did confirm that the zinc mine is a priority for his company.

On August 27, the sale of over six million shares of Corporation Falconbridge Copper (CFC) to Kerr Addison was completed at a cost of just over \$120 million. Up until the sale, CFC was one of the partners in the Winston Lake project, along with Zenmac Zinc.

"We will just be carrying on," Bayer explained. He said he hopes to have the zinc mine in production by January of 1988.

Winston Lake Employee Relations Superintendent, John Smrke, confirmed Bayer's statements, and added that work at the site is progressing at the same rate as it was before the change in ownership took place.

"We are already going as fast as we can," he said. "When you are going flat out, it's flat out."

Work at the site will include the transfer of an idle CFC mill from Sturgeon Lake to Winston Lake. A contract for the job was recently awarded to Copper Cliff Mechanical Contractors of Sudbury, Ontario, and work began on the mill move last week.

Smrke also agreed that production should begin by 1988 at the latest, but at the

moment the company is shooting for a September of 1987 start date.

Smrke also commented on the recent "unfortunate" layoffs of 355 employees at the Kimberly-Clark pulp mill and woodlands operations in Terrace Bay. He said he has met with K-C officials to discuss the situation.

One result of the layoffs will be that there will probably be a number of houses on the market. Kerr Addison may be able to avoid building some new houses by picking up those that will go on sale in Terrace Bay and Schreiber, he pointed out.

Smrke said this will help to avoid a situation which currently exists in places like Manitowadge, where houses were built by a company and then never occupied.

At the meeting with K-C held recently, Smrke said he identified the types of skills the mine will need as Kerr Addison may be able to hire some of the laid-off K-C workers.

Smrke stressed that the zinc mine project amounts to a "very, very small employer," especially when compared to K-C. He added that he doesn't want to get all of those who have been laid-off too excited by the prospect of a possible job at Winston Lake.

"But if there are skills or trades that have a corresponding value, we'll be watching for that," he admitted. "We are all quite united to keep the skilled people here if we can, but we also don't anticipate that we'll be hiring a great number...we'll do what we can to keep some of these people in the community."

The zinc mine, located about 14 kilometres north of Highway 17 just west of Schreiber, will employ up to 140 workers once it is in full production.

Smrke said the "fairly broad schedule of recruitment" has already started, with two ads in the latest issue of the Northern Miner newspaper.

"There will be four or five more positions filled before the end of this year," he added. Then the

## Premier is coming to town

Ontario Premier David Peterson and several members of his Cabinet will be meeting with Terrace Bay Reeve Ollie Chapman and Schreiber Township Reeve Mike Cosgrove this Friday afternoon in Terrace Bay, Reeve Chapman announced this week.

She admitted that the news of the Premier's visit took her by surprise. She received a phone call last Friday evening while she was in Longlac attending the Heads of Council meeting held there on the weekend.

The call was from Larry Simons, clerk-treasurer for Terrace Bay, who told the Reeve that he had received a call himself, from a representative of the Ministry of Northern Affairs and Mines in Thunder Bay, regarding the meeting.

Kimberly-Clark officials from the pulp mill in town have been invited to attend the session, Reeve Chapman explained, as has a representative from the Chamber of Commerce in Manitowadge. Up to five Ministers may be attending the meeting, which at last report is to be a closed one. It is expected to begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Recreation Centre.



## Bike winners

The Terrace Bay Police Force's Bicycle Safety Program, held during the summer, concluded on Sept. 5 with a draw for two new bicycles. Ryan Patterson, 7, a Terrace Bay Public School student, is shown at left with his new cycle and sponsor Lynn Merkley, Vice-President of the local Royal Canadian Legion

branch. Representing the Police Force is Const. Gary Callaghan, centre. At right is the winner of the girl's bike, Tracy Bryson, 8, a St. Martin School pupil. Behind her is Bill Malcolm, representing Palm Dairies, which also sponsored the draw, as did Mary Cashmore of SunLife Insurance.