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## Bubble bursts

Timmy McParland's bubble may be bursting in this photo, but it was good enough to get him first place in a bubble gum blowing contest held for Grade 6 students at Holy Angels School in Schreiber on Oct. 31. One of Timmy's classmates looks on. Dwayne Courtemanche and Rocco Crupi won the other two prizes. To celebrate Hallowe'en, all students came to school dressed in costumes. Timmy appeared as Dracula. (Photograph by Conrad Felber, Terrace Bay-Schreiber News.)

## TB Council hires new rec director

Terrace Bay Council, at its Oct. 27 meeting, narrowed a list of 50 candidates to one person by hiring Dean Main of Manitouwadge to replace Terry Bryson as the township's Recreation Co-ordinator.

Councillor Jim Ziegler said Main is scheduled to start work on Nov. 17, though clerk-treasurer Larry Simons later noted that Main may not be able to begin in Terrace Bay until later on in the month.

Bryson, who had been Terrace Bay's Recreation Director for four years, accepted a position with the provincial government in Sault Ste. Marie and moved there last month.

Simons added that Main said he would be visiting Terrace Bay this week. An interview with Main will appear in next week's issue of the News.

At the meeting, Council also decided to accept Councillor Chris Joubert's recommendation to collect tax bills from township ratepayers in four instalments.

Two interim bills and two final

bills will now be sent out on March 1, June 1, Sept. 1, and Dec. 1 of each year, Simons said.

Joubert explained that the four instalment system is necessary due to a "slight problem" in getting the regular, annual tax bill prepared before the end of October.

He said the new plan will give taxpayers in the township smaller payments spread out over an entire year. School taxes are also on a quarterly basis now, he added. The motion was passed unanimously.

Duncan MacKay of Terrace Bay attended the meeting to present Reeve Ollie Chapman and Council with a book which will be donated to the Public Library.

MacKay received the book during a recent trip to Taiwan with former Terrace Bay Reeve Dave Speer. Lake Nipigon MPP Gilles Pouliot and former area MPP Jack Stokes were also in the group with MacKay.

While in Taiwan, MacKay pre-

Amid all of the bad news coming out of the Kimberly-Clark pulp mill in Terrace Bay over the past few months, there was finally some good news for a change last week as the mill set several new monthly production records in October.

K-C of Canada President Jack L. Lavallet said the mill's new daily average of 1,227 air-dry metric tons of kraft pulp for the month of October broke the old daily average record of 1,213 metric tons set in April of 1985.

The total monthly pulp production was a record as well. The old mark, also set in April last year, was 35,849 metric tons, while the level reached last month was 36,282, Lavallet said on Monday.

"The trick is not to just have one record day, but to put your record days back to back and avoid any shut-downs," he explained.

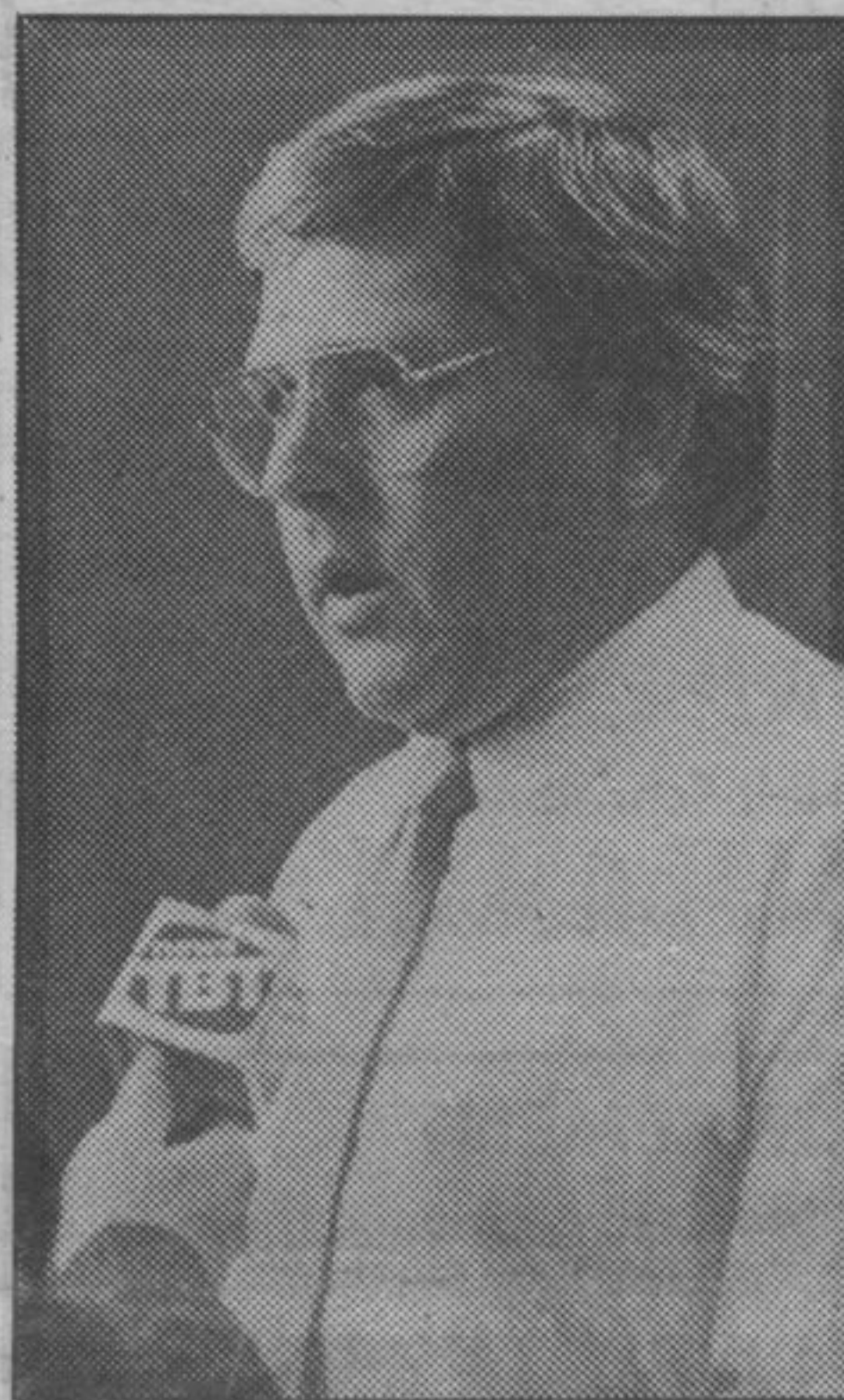
A meeting of the top production people at the K-C mill was held with the News to discuss the mill's accomplishments. Paul Sigurdson, K-C Director of Pulp Operations, said the number of metric tons of pulp actually sold was also a new record.

When asked why the records took place, K-C Director of Environmental and Quality Control Dave Fikis credited a combination of things taking place in all areas of the mill.

"It was really a lot of hard work by a whole bunch of dedicated employees," Fikis added.

Sigurdson echoed those comments and said "it was also combined, supportive teamwork involving everyone in the mill, from the maintenance and technical side to engineering, the materials group, and industrial relations...everybody did their part."

He also praised the work of all the support teams. "It goes right down to the guy sweeping the floors. We are all members of a team here."



Jack L. Lavallet

Les Graham, Manager of Engineering, said there is a "visible enthusiasm" at the mill which "makes things hum...I saw this when we hit the record."

"It was a matter of everyone paying attention to details and doing it right the first time," K-C Manager of Wood Receiving and Processing Dick Mannisto explained. Fikis also gave credit to a reduction in delays and mill downtime.

But quantity is nothing without quality, Lavallet pointed out, and Fikis agreed, noting that the quality was there. If anything, quality was even improved over the month, Fikis added.

"Quality is extremely important," Fikis said. "And we have exceeded all of our quality requirements for the month." Quality actually means producing pulp to contract specifications, Sigurdson explained.

"We've demonstrated that we can make consistent quantity and quality



## Hef's bunnies

This motley crew of impersonators won second prize at a Hallowe'en costume contest held in Schreiber recently and later won first prize at the Moose Hall in Terrace Bay. "Hugh Hefner" was portrayed by Clark Stuttard, and his "Playboy bunnies" were John St. Amand, Dave Kaizer, Barry Gilmore, Lyn Engler, and Ron Jowitt, all of Terrace Bay.

## Second housing meeting

By Conrad Felber

A disappointing response rate to an Assisted Housing Survey and a poor turn-out at a public meeting held on Sept. 25 has prompted a firm hired by Terrace Bay Council to ask that a second public meeting be held in the township, with Dec. 10 suggested as a possible date for that session.

In a letter from Doggett and Kowalchuk Appraisals of Thunder Bay Gerry Kowalchuk said the Sept. 25 open house was held as a follow-up to the distribution of questionnaires to all seniors and families in Terrace Bay and Schreiber.

Kowalchuk noted that as of Oct. 16, the response rate for the questionnaires has not been high enough for work on the survey to continue. His letter was read at the Oct. 27 meeting of Terrace Bay Council.

In Terrace Bay, there were 54 surveys returned out of a total of 155 distributed to seniors in the township, indicating a 34.8 per cent

response ratio, Kowalchuk explained.

The ratios were even lower in the other areas, Kowalchuk added. A total of 195 questionnaires were sent out to families in Terrace Bay, and only 40 came back, for a 20.5 per cent ratio. In Schreiber, the senior citizen response rate was 16 per cent, or 35 out of 218, while the family ratio was a mere 6.5 per cent, or 13 responses out of 198 surveys.

Susan Fraser Wilson of the Ontario Housing Corporation told Kowalchuk that a 40 per cent response ratio is considered "good".

Kowalchuk then added that "we believe it may be in the best interest of the Township to schedule another open house to obtain the full benefit of the doubt." Kowalchuk's firm was employed to determine if assisted housing for seniors and families is warranted in Terrace Bay.

Councillor Chris Joubert said at the meeting that he didn't know that the survey was for families as well as for senior citizens, and concluded that a lot of other people receiving the sur-

vey questionnaire probably thought the same way.

"They said, 'why should we fill this out?' Everybody thought that this was just for senior citizens," he said.

Township clerk-treasurer Larry Simons agreed that the "main emphasis" of the survey was senior citizens, but noted that the survey had to include families as well, in order to take advantage of a Ministry of Housing loophole which would have otherwise prevented the survey from taking place.

Councillor George Ramsay said many township residents still seem to be confused over the matter and that another meeting should be held.

"Yes, we have to get this in gear now," Councillor Peter Romanuk agreed. He suggested Dec. 10 as a possible date for the Open House.

Simons said he would contact Kowalchuk to confirm the date. Kowalchuk had originally suggested Dec. 8 for the second meeting, but that date would conflict with a scheduled Council meeting, Romanuk noted.