

# Anne Todesco reports from Rosspport

By Anne Todesco

## Fishing

A couple of weeks ago some of the local sportsmen were taking advantage of the open water in the bay to cast or troll for trout- by all reports they were successful in catching some good-sized fish.

Our harbour was still ice-bound with about 18 to 20-inch thick ice. We needed a good rain and a strong northeast wind to blow it out the gap to the bay.

We were hoping that someone with a sturdy tug would arrive and chop a couple of channels through

the ice making it easier to get out of the channel.

We miss the sturdy tug the 'James Whalen'. It always picked up the lightkeepers and their supplies at our government dock and transported them to the Slates, Lamb and Battle Islands.

It would break a couple of channels to the dock in order to pick up its passengers and freight. The captain always received a big welcome from the villagers, especially the commercial fishermen as it enabled them to get out to their fishing grounds earlier to set nets.

Nowadays the lightkeepers are transported by helicopter to their stations. A bit of excitement for all but not near to what the captain and the 'James Whalen' tug caused in the village.

## Priceless Heritage

Rosspportites have a priceless heritage of forests, wildland, cliffs and hills, lakes and streams, vallies, islands, animals and birds.

Geese, swans and herons come back each year. Their nests are well hidden in small coves along Lake Superior's shores or on the islands.

They become quite tame and come ashore in our village to feed on the grassy lawns or looking for handouts of bread, grain and scraps often feeding from human hands holding out tidbits for them.

Some stand and walk about the docks but when the evening and twilight time rolls around they silently leave for their nesting area.

Sunset glows over the village and harbour as they silently disappear.

All that is left is the murmuring of the gurgling streams as they flow down to the lake, and the pounding surf along docks and shoreline while one arrives back after exploring the countryside, old buildings of the hinterlaude, old trails or mining sites of the early days- just peace and tranquility prevailing; birds twittering as they settle in trees and sheltered places for the night.

Occasionally a bark of a fox or coyote can be heard.

## Three names

Rosspport has been known by three names: the Indians called the location "Baugwashing" which means rolling land.

-a captain of a side-wheeler ship in 1876 asked Charles McKay Sr., the Battle Island lightkeeper, to pilot his ship into our harbour. The

ship carried supplies for the CPR construction.

He dubbed the place "McKay's Landing" after the lightkeeper.

Then the third name was after the CPR engineer and head of the construction crew from here to cavers, "Walter Inkerman 'Ross'" and the village still holds onto that name of Rosspport.

Sailboating and yachts are becoming popular among the newcomers of our community whether dockside, anchored in the harbour or in full sail, they please the eye.

Some have luxury fittings and cabins to accommodate the owners while on a sailing holiday.

The population is down to about 150 people now. It once was at 380 to 400 inhabitants. The village is an ideal place to retire in when one reaches the golden years of their life.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to all who visited us, sent flowers, gifts, cards & calls during our stay in McCausland and Port Arthur Hospital.

Thank you to the greatest nurses of both hospitals, also, DR. WILKES, DR. HARTOG, & DR. DE.

Special thanks to Nonno & Nonna, Uncle Ron, Uncle Coe, Aunt Rosemary & girls for taking good care of Jason.

SYLVIA

**THANK YOU**

We'd like to take the opportunity at this time to thank our families, relatives and friends for their support during the time ANDRÉ was in Toronto. Thank-you to all of those who sent cards, flowers, gifts, and a SPECIAL THANK-YOU to all of those who prayed for André's good health.

With our appreciation. MAY AND DANIEL

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JASON FIGLIOMENI is pleased to announce the birth of his new Brother & Sister:

KEVIN JAMES-5lbs 9 oz & SHEENA MARIE-6 lbs 2.5 oz at the Port Arthur General Hospital on May 19th. Proud parents are FRANK & SYLVIA. Grandparents are Frank & Stella Speziale and Vincenzo Figliomeni.

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**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Steffie and Slim Dorman of Terrace Bay, Ont., & Liz and Dave Robson of Haileybury, Ont., are pleased to announce the engagement of their children.

**Jenny-Lynn & Walter David**

Wedding to take place  
**June 20, 1987**

**STAG & DOE**

A Stag & Doe will be held in honour of:

**JENNY DORMAN & WALLY ROBSON**

on Friday-June 5/87 at the SCHREIBER LEGION HALL.

For tickets call April at 824-3385 or Floyd at 824-3842

**STAG & DOE**

A stag & doe will be held in honour of

**CATHY BELLIVEAU and DAN GLAD**

on JUNE 13th  
at TERRACE BAY LEGION HALL  
from 8:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.

\$3.00-single  
\$5.00-couple

NO MINORS

## Church Listing

**Schreiber**

**Grace Baptist Church**  
Pastor, Rev. Jim Johnson. Phone 824-2402.  
Sunday School, all ages- 10 a.m. Morning worship service, 11 a.m.  
Sunday evening service, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, Bible study and prayer, 7 p.m.  
Nursery provided for all services.

**Holy Angels Roman Catholic**  
Pastor, Father Peter Groulx. Phone 824-2010.  
Sunday Masses: Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m., Rosspport, noon.  
Confessions: Saturday, 4-5 p.m. in Schreiber.  
Pays Plat Prayer Group: Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

**St. John's Anglican Church**  
Pastor, Rev. Bill Le Grand. Phone 824-2771.  
Holy Eucharist every Sunday at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist every first, third and fifth Sunday.  
Morning prayer every second and fourth Sunday at 10:30 a.m.  
On Fridays the Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at Birchwood Terrace.  
All welcome.

**St. Andrew's United Church**  
Minister, Ernie Hunt. Phone 825-3346 or 3396.  
Morning service and Sunday School are at 9:45 a.m.  
Communion service is the first Sunday of every month. A nursery for infants is provided.

**Terrace Bay**

**Terrace Bay Gospel Assembly**  
Pastor, Rev. Keith Milne. Phone 824-3436.  
Family worship is on Sunday at 11 a.m.  
Wednesday night is Action Night from 6:30-8 p.m. which provides Christian education for all ages.  
Friday night is YOUTH ALIVE at 7:30 p.m.

**St. Martin of Tours Church**  
Pastor, Father Bernard Campbell. Phone 825-3231.  
Confessions are on Saturdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
Sunday Masses are on Saturday, 7 p.m., Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Birchwood Terrace is at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

**Community Church**  
Minister, Ernie Hunt. Phone 825-3346 or 825-3396.  
Worship every Sunday morning at 11:15 a.m.  
Church school is also at the same time.  
Communion service is every first Sunday of each month. A nursery is provided.  
A warm welcome awaits all.

**Lutheran Church**  
Pastor, Rev. Mark Moss.  
We will be meeting every Monday evening at Birchwood Terrace.  
Bible study will be every Monday night from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and worship service will be from 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
For more information contact: Rev. Mark Moss, 887-3020 (office), 887-2612 (home), Lloyd or Hilda Hiebert, 825-3897 or Cathy Withers at 825-9495.

(If you would like to include a message with your listing, please contact the News at 825-3747).

## OPP News

**Holiday fatalities down**

The Ontario Provincial Police are pleased to report that the number of traffic deaths during the holiday Victoria Day weekend dropped substantially when compared to 1986 and as well the number of boating deaths plummeted from seven in 1986 to one this year.

Six persons were killed in traffic accidents on roadways patrolled by the provincial police this year as compared to nine in 1986.

"This is a significant reduction in holiday traffic fatalities," said Deputy Commissioner Bob Rose. "We attribute this decline to an increased public awareness of safety on the road and waterways in Ontario and to increased enforcement by our officers last weekend.

In 1985, prior to Strict is Fair, there were 18 traffic fatalities during the three-day Victoria Day weekend.

We are pleased that this was one of the safest holiday long weekends on record on Ontario's road and waterways," said Deputy Commissioner Rose. "Much of the credit for this welcome change is due to the efforts of the provincial media in getting the message out to the public that safety is no accident."

According to Rose the O.P.P.'s Strict is Fair program of increased enforcement will continue throughout the summer.

**NORTHSHORE SELECTS HOCKEY CLUB "PRESENTS"**

FROM THE VOYLES, DOWN TO THEIR BEATLE BOOTS, YOU'LL THINK YOU'RE SEEING JOHN, PAUL, GEORGE & RINGO!

IF YOU MISS THE BEATLES... DON'T MISS

**"1964"...**



...AS THE BEATLES

**SATURDAY JULY 11 - 1987**

**SCHREIBER COMMUNITY ARENA**

SCHREIBER, ONTARIO

Advance tickets \$10.00  
At Door - \$13.00

at: TERRY'S SIGHT AND SOUND  
TERRACE BAY

&  
VOYAGEUR RESTAURANT,  
SCHREIBER

**DOORS OPEN 7:00 p.m.**

Proceeds to  
DISABILITY ACTION GROUP

**Thank-you**

I would like to thank all my family and friends who came to CELEBRATE MY RETIREMENT WITH ME. Also, Thanks For The Money Tree, ards and Gifts Received.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO KIMBERLY-CLARK for the lovely dinner given in my honour. Also a very special THANK-YOU TO ALL MY CHILDREN for the lovely party

**BILL MOON SR.**