

Constable Callaghan always prepared

In our second police profile, we look at Terrace Bay Police Constable Gary Callaghan who has been in the policing field for 17 years (don't worry, Schreiber profiles are next).

Callaghan is a constable now but he has also been a Royal Canadian Mounted Policeman and a highway patrolman.

He has lived in such diverse areas as Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Red Rock, Ontario.

Callaghan, 37, was born and raised on Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia. He lived there until he was 19-years-of-age. At 19 he went to Regina, Saskatchewan, for six months to join the RCMP.

With the RCMP, Callaghan travelled to places like

Headingley, Emerson and Flin Flon, Manitoba.

He decided he had had enough of the RCMP life because he was "tired of being transferred" all the time.

In 1978, Callaghan joined the Red Rock Municipal Police Department as a Police Officer, where he stayed until 1984.

Next Callaghan was off to New Brunswick for one-and-a-half years as a highway patrolman.

Then in December of 1985, Callaghan came to Terrace Bay where he has enjoyed living ever since.

Callaghan had originally applied for the position of police chief of Terrace Bay, but the job was given to former chief Russ Phillips.

So Callaghan came anyway and become a first class constable on our town police force.

(Dave Smeltzer and Wes Fenton are also first class constables; Bernie Chasse and Ralph Polches are third class constables).

Callaghan met his wife Pat in Starbuck, Manitoba, in 1971 and

the two were married in 1973.

They have two children; Kimberleigh, 14, and Erin, 8. Pat is a clerk at Robinson's in Terrace Bay.

Certified

Only a few of the qualifications Callaghan has are in breathalyzer, radar, and field trainer. As a field trainer he would coach the junior officers in various aspects of policing.

Several programs

Callaghan has given lectures on bus safety for areas schools. He is in charge of the VIP (Values, Influences and Peers) program and the bike safety programs.

Callaghan said he started the bike safety program in Red Rock and carried it over to Terrace Bay.

He started cubs and scout groups in 1977 in Thompson, Manitoba.

In Red Rock Callaghan was a cub leader and a scout leader. He has been on the board of directors for the group and he has been the committee chairman for cubs and scouts.

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Workshop on on out-of-town birth to be held

A workshop focusing on the experiences of women and their families who have to travel away from home to give birth will be held in the Terrace Bay Recreation Centre on Tuesday, March 22 from 7.00 - 9.30 pm.

Intended as an information sharing session, the Workshop is part of the Project on Out-of-Town Birth, which is a 16-month community research project funded by the Health Promotion Directorate, Health and Welfare Canada.

It will give participants a chance to discuss common concerns and seek solutions to a situation faced by families across the region.

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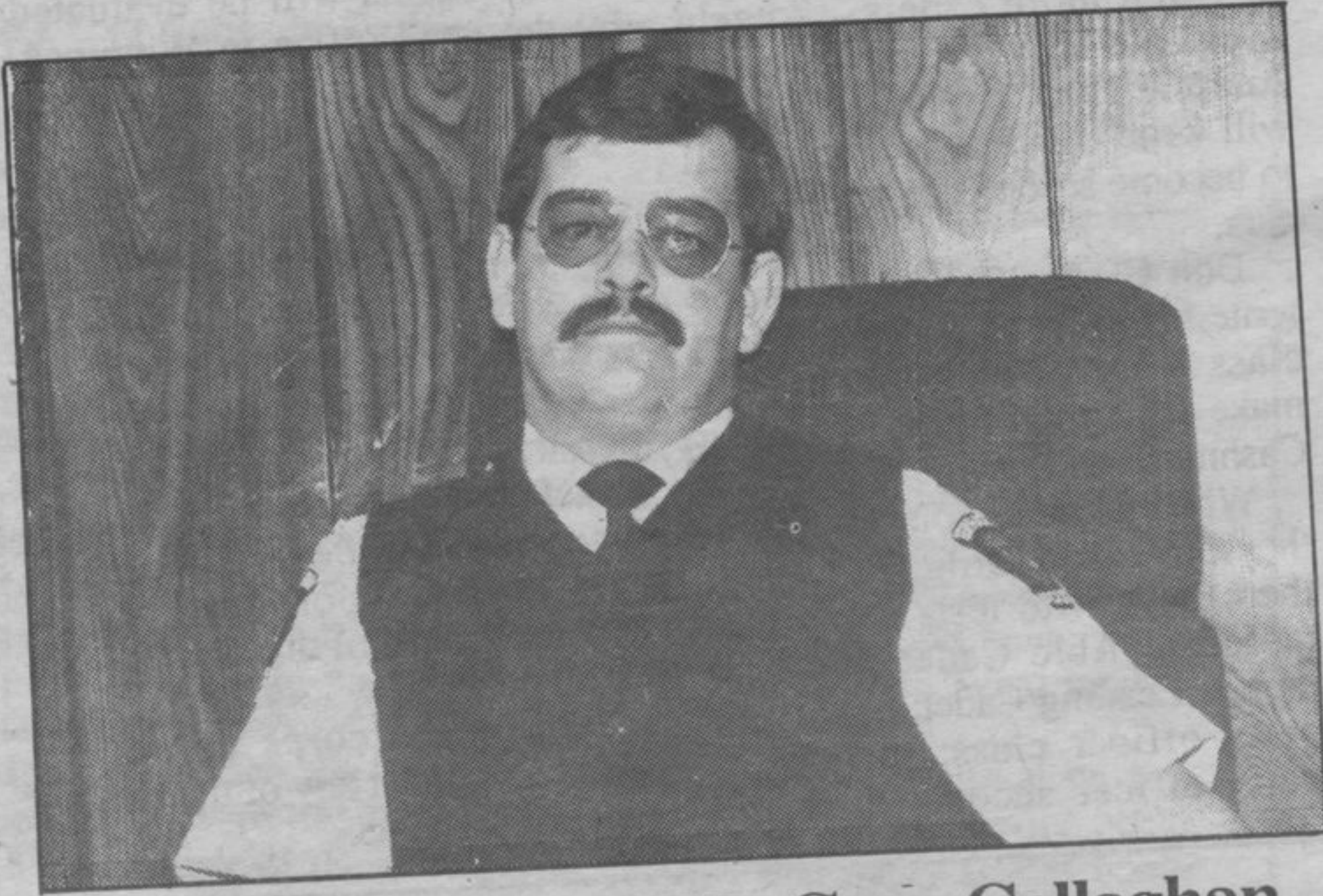
Birthing services may be available on a limited basis in most northwestern Ontario communities. However, when complications arise during labor or delivery, or a woman's prenatal history could put her or her baby at risk, travelling to a larger medical centre becomes necessary. In some places, there are no services at all and every pregnant woman must travel out-of-town to have her baby.

The project coordinators hope to hear from men and other family members as well as women. The anxiety and financial burden created by birth away from home has an impact on the whole family. For those who have yet to face an out-of-town birth, the session may provide valuable support.

Comments and ideas gathered during the workshop will be a key source of material for a 48-page booklet to be produced and distributed across the country.

The Project on Out-of-Town Birth is co-sponsored by the Northwestern Ontario Women's Health Information Network, which is an advocacy group based in Thunder Bay, and the Red Lake Women's Information Group.

For more information, contact the project coordinators: Diane Lai, Thunder Bay; or Donna Mikeluk, Schreiber at 824-3050.



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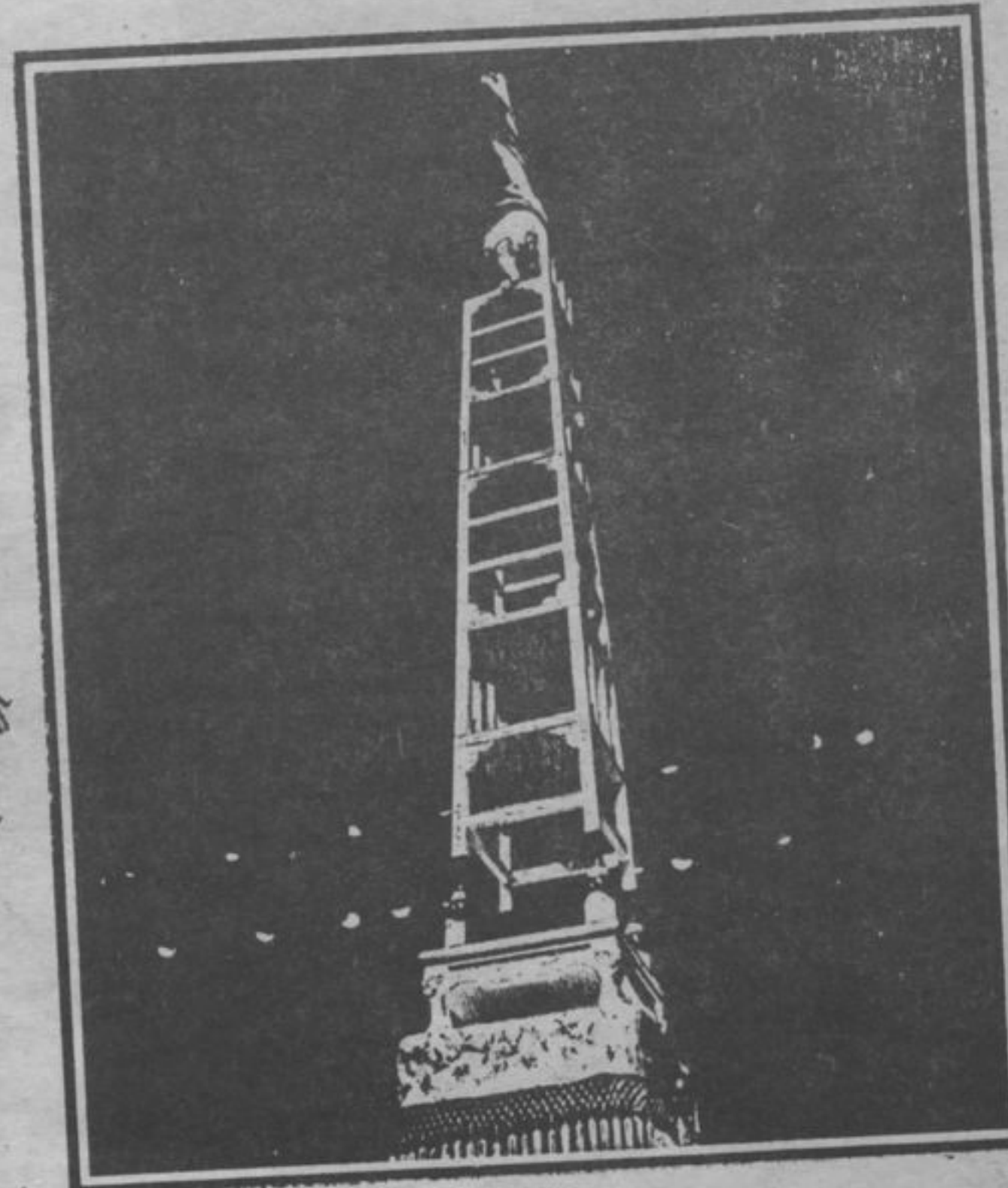
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