

RosSPORT Theatre Group gearing up for first performance

By Maureen Tychoniak

With opening night a short four weeks away, the cast and crew of the RosSPORT Theatre Group are busy with rehearsals every second evening. The set is near completion

and needs only a few finishing touches.

The play being produced has a cast of five members, and three of the actors were profiled in a previous issue. The remaining two members are a husband and wife

team, and we'll also learn about the founder of the RosSPORT Theatre Group.

Dr. Jan Raczki, Toronto born and raised, has just braved his first Northern Ontario winter. He and his wife Roxanne arrived in

September to set up his first medical practice since completing his internship.

They presently live in Terrace Bay, but are having a home built in Schreiber.

Jan's first performance on stage took place in the neighbourhood theatre where he gave a commanding performance as the Troll in the "Three Billygoats Gruff."

During his second year of medical school at University of Toronto, he acted in the musical comedy review "Daffydil," in which he played several different characters.

In "The hand That Cradles the Rock," Jan plays the part of George Withers, an ex-military man. George is spending his retirement following the often exasperating Beattie Cooper around the country-

side, and finds himself caught in the middle of a major family crisis.

Roxanne Raczki, also Toronto born, moved to Exeter with her family at sixteen. Upon entering South Huron High School, she became involved with their theatre group.

She acted in such productions as "Godspell" and "Grease," and toured the elementary schools in the area performing "Bartholomew Skunk."

She also did the make-up for a production of "The Babes of Toyland." Roxanne graduated from Centennial College as a qualified cosmetician.

She decided to take on an acting part in this play as Miss Bricker, see "Experienced" on page 8

TMA's must be on Northerners' terms

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While Tourism Management Areas will serve the interests of some, the question is whose interests will be served and whose will be served up?

Through the development of TMAs, Northerners are being encouraged to give up access to prime tracts of Crown Land, lakes and wilderness for the limited use of a few tourists. Historically, Ontario's tax paying public has had unrestricted access to all unoccupied Crown Land for recreational purposes. This access must not be denied or controlled for the benefit of a single user or user group.

Tourism Management Areas will only be acceptable if structured on Northerners' terms — terms which will truly benefit the Northern economy. Some of the

terms include the following guarantees:

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tions, consumable goods, etc.

We Northerners have too few resource opportunities left. We have learned through bitter experience that true development requires a sense of true commitment, commitment to maximize economic benefit in which short term jobs and prosperity must never again be traded for the devastation and depletion of our natural resources.

We want to build a strong economic future for generations to come, and I can think of no inheritance more important to offer our children than the North itself.

I urge you in the strongest possible terms to enlist full public consultation which will offer you a broader information base upon which to make decisions regarding our resources.

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