

# This Week in Fire!

Anyone who reads newspapers, watches T.V. or listens to radio has become aware of Kenora 14 and realizes that the current fire season in Ontario has begun with a vengeance. This huge fire was still not under control at a size of 22,700 hectares. (A hectare is an area 100 metres by 100 metres and is approximately equal to two and one half acres).

The size of the fire is evidence of drought conditions carried over winter from last fall. Little snow, and lack of spring rain has not helped an already bad situation. As a result, the North West Region has handled 68 forest fires to date.

Our own region (North Central) is close behind with 42 fires. Only one fire has occurred in the Terrace Bay District. It posed no problems because snow patches and wet or frozen ground conditions still existed at that time over most of our district. One five-man crew was dispatched from Manitowadge for initial attack. They easily contained the fire to half an acre. It had started on the C.P.R. right-of-way near Rous Lake from an unknown source.

Since then, two crews have left this district to help with fires in the North West Region. This type of crew movement is a common occurrence every summer in Ontario. Men and resources are often sent from areas of low fire hazard to help regions experiencing heavy fire occurrences or large fires. (about 800 men are fighting Kenora 14). Crew movement helps to even out the work load, which makes it possible for active crews to take a few days of rest. Long days of work under stressful conditions take a toll on the fittest of fire fighters.

Because of dry forest conditions, all areas west of Lake

only when conditions are so dry that an open fire of any kind, no matter how well tended, would represent a real threat to the surrounding area. It is a temporary measure reserved for extreme conditions. As soon as weather permits, the restriction is lifted.

You will know if a restricted fire zone has been established in our area through media advertising and by MNR Restricted Fire Zone signs. They are green and bright orange, and can be seen along highways and forest access roads. Smaller notices will appear in stores, banks, restaurants, gas stations, lodges, etc.

You may still go camping, fishing, hiking and enjoying a forest environment, but if you need heat for cooking or warmth, a gas or propane stove must be used instead of open fires. Use this equipment carefully. Don't smoke while walking or working in the bush. Ensure that matches and cigarettes are dead out before disposing of them.

If you see any fire during an RFZ, please report it immediately. Call the local MNR office in Terrace Bay, Manitowadge, local OPP, or dial "O" and ask for Zenith 92000, a toll free number available 24 hours a day.

We can all help to prevent forest fires. Nipigon were designated a Restricted Fire Zone (RFZ) by the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources. This does not mean that travel or recreational activity in the forest is prohibited, however, it does restrict the use of fire.

In an RFZ, it is illegal to set out a camp fire for any purpose. Failure to comply could result in a fine of up to \$1,000.00, three months in jail, and financial responsibility for any cost incurred in fighting a forest fire caused by the illegal act.

This is a tough law. It is used

# Motorists are urged to be careful this holiday weekend

According to a recent Supreme Court of Canada decision, the most effective deterrent to drinking and driving is the strong possibility of detection.

In an effort to detect and apprehend drivers who drink and drive during this Victoria Day Holiday

Weekend (May 21-23), the Ontario Provincial Police will operate 16 Ride Checkstops across the province as part of the enhanced year-round OPP RIDE program.

This will be the first holiday for the 16 new OPP RIDE teams to stop and check motorists for drink-

ing and driving offences across the entire province.

"Motorists travelling in the summer resort and cottage areas can expect to encounter an OPP RIDE checkstop," said Insp. Bill Wicklund, Traffic and Marine Section. Violators who flaunt drinking and driving laws will face the full consequences of this illegal and deadly behaviour."

The year-round OPP RIDE program began in April with the commitment of \$14 million by the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

In addition to the special RIDE programs, The OPP will increase regular patrols on provincial highways during the holiday weekend, and this is the first long weekend that OPP radar-equipped motorcycles on patrol.

Force motorcycles are now equipped with the sophisticated Moving Digital Radar (MDR-1) that is capable of being operated while the motorcycle is in motion.

OPP traffic officers will also be looking for traffic offences such as not wearing a seat belt.

"Approximately 67 per cent of Ontario motorists wear seat belts," said Wicklund. "Drivers not wearing a seat belt will be charged because we believe that drivers who are concerned about safety wear seat belts. Seat belts save lives."

# Ladies golf season set to tee off soon

The Semi-annual Meeting of the Aquasabon Ladies' Golf Club was held May 10 right after our farewell gathering for two members, Jean Megraw (who is moving east) and Mary Claire Kennedy (who is moving west). May your future sand traps be very shallow and the water holes a lot drier!

This year we will raise handicaps (for twilights) to benefit the higher handicap players. We will also start a 'chip pot' for twilights for anyone who chips in from off the green. Please remember to enter the date on your cards for Ringerboard and handicap purposes. The tournament schedule will be finalized shortly and will be posted in the clubhouse.

Minutes from the Oct. 15 Annual Meeting were read and included the following list of winners during the 1987 season:

Tournament	Winner	Runner-up
Board of Directors	L. Semp	J. Megraw
Club Championship	C. Stachiw	J. Megraw
Xerox	C. Stachiw	C. Bryson
40 Handicap	A. Graham	C. Hansen
Ladies Best Ball: Teams	A. Stachiw/ R. Mulligan	C. Bryson/ B. Lalonde
C.L.G.A.	C. Bryson	J. Megraw
Most improved player	C. Miller	

# Schreiber OPP Briefs

Coming May 21, 1988

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the United Transportation Union are sponsoring a CHILD FIND on May 21, 1988 at the CHIMO Club from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

All children from newborns to 16 years of age are welcomed to attend. YOU may come at any time during this day to have your child finger-printed and photographed.

Parents will be given the only copy made.

### Aims of CHILD FIND

- 1) Assist in location of missing children
- 2) To increase public awareness about the problem of missing children
- 3) To help to teach children, parents, school officials and communities ways to prevent this from happening to our children.

# Deadline is Thursday

please make an effort to honour it

The Terrace Bay/ Schreiber News

## MINISTRY REQUIRES ASSISTANCE IN CURBING TROUT FISHING

The O.M.N.R. is again requesting the co-operation of anglers in their efforts to establish a reproducing population of lake trout in Santoy Lake.

Santoy, or Mountain Lake, is located just east of the town of Terrace Bay on the Steel River and has potential for supporting a lake trout fishery.

In the fall of 1986, 392 adult lake trout and 250 yearling lake trout were stocked by O.M.N.R. into Santoy Lake.

One hundred and forty-two of these fish were from Killala Lake and 500 were from the Dorion Fish Culture Station.

In the fall of 1987, 1024 lake trout were stocked into Santoy Lake. The majority of these fish were from the Dorion Fish Culture and the rest were introduced from Killala Lake.

Reports of local anglers keeping lake trout caught this spring in Santoy Lake has M.N.R. concerned. If these spawning age trout are not left to reproduce for several years, a self-sustaining fishery will be unable to be developed. Assuring the survival of a spawning population until their young are old enough to reproduce is also critical in establishing any fishery.

Towards seeing this project succeed, we will initiate a closure on the lake trout fishery. In the interim the M.N.R. is requesting that anglers not attempt to catch lake trout in Santoy Lake, and that any lake trout caught accidentally be released unharmed back on the lake.



Ministry of Natural Resources

Vincent G. Kerrio  
Minister

## Lordy, Lordy The Boys Are 40



on May 24th, 1988

## Happy 40th Birthday to Guess Who?



May 24th, 1988

## In Appreciation

We send our sincerest and fondest appreciation to all the dear and thoughtful friends of the late James Ferguson & his family.

Jon & Audrey Ferguson  
David, Dan, Steve, Rodger & Ken