

Annual D.A.G. meeting held

By Gertrude Cotton

Three new members along with a fine attendance of regulars were welcomed by President Shirley Mikus to the May meeting of the Disability Action Group (DAG).

As this was the Annual Meeting of DAG, Shirley outlined the tremendous strides covered in the past year. Among the highlighted projects, five workshops which advanced the understanding and coping of problems faced by the seniors and disabled in this area were discussed.

A hearty thank you to Elaine Mannisto for her organization of these workshops.

Yet another workshop has been conducted to study the feasibility of funding for area transit needs. A steering committee is continuing to research this project.

Currently, Mr. Doug Roberts of Lake Superior High School had students research accessibility of

six businesses in Schreiber and others in Terrace bay. The format used by the students was displayed.

In line with housekeeping of the constitution, eight amendments were voted on and seven were approved.

Minutes of the last Annual Meeting and financial report as well as reports of all committees were presented and approved prior to nominations and elections for the coming 1988-89. Nomination Chairperson Mary Middaugh conducted the elections. Elected to office were: President — Shirley Mikus, 1st Vice-President — John Souliere, 2nd Vice-President — Elaine Mannisto, Recording Secretary — Elizabeth McLean, Corresponding Secretary — Pat Savage, Treasurer — Pam Jones.

Committees will continue as: Accessibility — Alma Hart and Dorothy Plourde, Publicity — Jack Patterson, Gertrude Cotton, Scrapbook — Estelle Wallwin,

Resource Information — Russ Stevens, Membership — Elaine Mannisto, Public Relations — Irene Kettle, E.M.O. Alerting — Elizabeth McLean, Gertrude Cotton, Lifeline — Elizabeth McLean, Elaine Mannisto, Gertrude Cotton, Sick and Visiting — Peggy Thompson. Dorothy Kenney agreed to become Social Chairperson.

In Memoriam cards will now be available from Peggy Thompson.

With National Access Awareness week on May 29 to June 4, an ad had been placed in the Terrace Bay News. Several D.A.G. members were co-operating with Terrace Bay — Schreiber News Editor Greg Huneault in connection with accessibility.

The next meeting of D.A.G. will be Thursday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m. in McCausland Hospital Lobby. Everyone welcome.

This Week in Fire!

By Norm Gladish
MNR Prevention Technician

When the siren is heard at an MNR Fire Operations Headquarters (such as at Terrace bay or Manitouwadge), crews of men with fire fighting equipment are ready to go within minutes.

It is critical to get to a fire while it is still a manageable size. Extinguishing a small fire can be quickly accomplished, but if it escapes this 'initial attack,' huge amounts of manpower and resources may become necessary to contain it.

Therefore, early fire detection and reporting is important to minimize losses of forest, recreation areas, and built-up values such as cottages, resorts and settlements. For this reason, the MNR has several systems to find and report fires which are a great improvement from the early days of detection.

In the early years, fire detection was carried out by rangers on foot patrol, in canoes and by railway hand cars. A tree on a high hilltop would serve as a lookout point. Reporting was slow and limited to the amount of area covered or patrolled.

After the Forest Fires Prevention Act was passed in 1917, the first detection system was established. Wooden lookout towers were erected at key points on high hills.

Towermen would live at the remote sites, staying in small cabins and taking days off only during wet weather. Fires could be located using triangulation and were reported by primitive radio systems.

In 1922, aircraft were first assigned specifically to the detection and subsequent control of forest fires.

Two years later and comprised of 20 WWI surplus flying boats, the Ontario Provincial Air Service was created. At this time, metal towers began to replace wood. People familiar with Manitouwadge might recall such a tower, which was located adjacent to the Geco mine site. It was dismantled several years ago, as aerial surveillance completely replaced the fire tower network by the early 1970's.

Present fire detection efforts are

directed from regional fire centres, such as the one located near the airport in Thunder Bay. It is primarily dependent on aircraft reports, but a look inside reveals a modern office stocked with sophisticated electronic equipment that rivals the Houston NASA control room!

An impressive lightning detection network is operated, which consists of 12 direction finder locations positioned across Northern Ontario. Cloud to ground lightning strikes are detected and automatically mapped with the aid of computers and modern communication equipment.

Information appears on monitors in the Fire Centre within one minute of a lightning occurrence. A large, electronic map of the province displays the whole pattern of strikes over a given period of time, or new ones as they occur.

In connection with lightning reports, current weather and educated predictions are both used to make a forecast of the probability of people-caused fires and lightning fires that will likely occur in a given time and over a specified area.

Aerial reconnaissance is then scheduled in those areas where probability of fires is highest. In this way, the huge area of Ontario can be reduced to more economically feasible detection zones for a given day. If the fire hazard is low, flights are not required. All of this information is available to Fire Operations Headquarters on a daily basis by teleprinting machines and electronic mail computer systems.

Fire reports submitted by the public, woods industry employees and private or commercial aircraft supplement the MNR fire detection activities. A monitoring radio frequency (VHF-AM 122.9) is located at each Fire Operations Headquarters to facilitate aircraft reporting fires directly to the centre.

A toll-free number — Zenith 92,000 — can be used by anyone to report a fire anywhere in Northern Ontario.

More than half of all forest fires in our region (North Central) are reported by the public. If you see an unattended wild fire, your report may be the first... or the only one. Your actions could save countless dollars and lost resources!

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June 5, 1988

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Our objectives are to provide the residents of the North of Superior with ready access to mental health assessment, treatment and consultation, and to provide assistance to community groups in their efforts to improve the quality of life and general mental health of themselves, their families and the community at large.

To meet this mandate, we need the interest, dedication and abilities of local people who are willing to provide representation for their community on our Board of Directors.

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