Winnie's Schreiber Scribbles

By Winnie Campbell

A bridal shower was held in the United Church basement June 20 to honour Sue Fairservice (nee Smith). Greeting guests at the door were Sue and Michele Garneau, Marg Smith (mom) and Alice Fairservice.

Natalie McKenzie and Veronica Fummerton looked after the guest book. Opening the gifts were Holly Smith, Sheila Fairservice and Julie Pleuna.

Servers were Julia Stortini, Lisa Ray, Sharon MacKenzie, Deb Roen, Wendy Pluta, Lori Wilson and Deb Fummerton. Kitchen helpers were Nora Richardson, Toots Reynolds, Marlene Doig and Susan Fairservice. Many friends attended and thanks to all.

A bridal shower for Lynn Wong took place in the basement of the Anglican Church on July 6. The guest book was attended by Amy Legault. Kathy Hirt and Sharon Dobush were opening the presents.

The servers included Marlene and Kathleen McParland, Jacqui Willan, Linda Levinge and Janice Veneziano.

The ladies in the kitchen were

Laura Legault, Verna LeBlanc, Simone Persone, and Doris Gauthier.

Social notes

The CWL held their picnic on the church grounds. It was a nice day. Hamburgers and hot dogs were served and there were baloons and races for the children. Thanks to all who helped.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Denis and son Eldon from Prescott are here visiting friends.

Our deepest sympathy to the O'Connor family on the passing of a wonderful mother and friend of

all, Mrs. Eleann O'Connor.

Mrs. Goss from Kenora is visiting mom Larivee and family.

Mrs. Driscoll from Kenora is here visiting the Klassens.

Mr. and Mrs. Micheal McIsaac and their five children from Winnipeg are here visiting relations and friends.

Welcome back from the hospital Mrs. Borutski.

Get well wishes to Mary Inatko and Mrs. Schelling.

The Home Chimo Bingo was won by Pat Guina; the next game starts August 2.



Simple precautions will help prevent forest fires

By Norm Gladish MNR Fire Prevention Technician

There is nothing like a campfire. many people feel that camping is not camping without one. It creates a focal point for an evening's social activities, whether for a family, boy scout group or fishing and hunting pals.

But campfires are also one of the main causes of forest fires in Ontario. In fact, 1,500 forest fires are started every year in Ontario. Eighty per cent of these are started by people through careless use of campfires, cigarettes and matches.

Even experienced campfires can accidentally set off a destructive wildfire. It only takes one thoughtless act or moment. This

does not mean you should be afraid to build a fire or panfry your next shore lunch when fishing, or to keep you warm and bug-free at your campsite.

It is possible to enjoy a campfire without risk simply by paying attention to weather conditions and following some simple fire safety rules.

Firstly, ask yourself if conditions are right for a safe campfire. For example, if it is hot, dry and windy, there is a good chance that sparks from a fire will blow into nearby woods and readily ignite forest litter and underbrush.

If you decide that conditions allow for a campfire, the next step is to choose a safesite. If possible, locate the fire near water. Keep a full container of water close by at all times. Stay away from dry grass, leaves, trees and shrubs.

Prepare the ground carefully. Build on bare rock if you can, or else clear a two-metre area around the fire site by digging down to the mineral soil.

This will prevent the fire from igniting leaves, pine needles, moss and grass which has accumulated on the forest floor. It will also prevent the possibility of the fire spreading underground through rotten logs and roots, only to resurface elsewhere at a later date.

Before lighting the fire, collect enough wood to last the evening. Many fires spread when left unattended while someone looks for more fuel. Keep a stockpile of larger wood well away from the campfire site.

Many people believe that a ring of stones will contain a campfire. They could have the opposite effect, actually, by hiding left-over embers from sight and protecting them only to flare up later.

Another rule of thumb is to keep your campfire small. That way, it's easier to control if wind speed or direction changes.

Food will cook more evenly and just as quickly with a small fire. Cooking utensils won't become blackened or overheated, and the cook will be able to stay close to the fire without discomfort or burned fingers. At night, the campfire gathering will be closer around a smaller fire.

How you put out a fire once you are finished with it is just as important as how you build it. There are three basic steps to follow: drown it; stir the ashes; and drown it again until the remains are cool enough to touch.

Put out a campfire as soon as possible after cooking if there is no further use for it. The chances of spreading are much less likely and heat absorption will be minimized. Remember, if coals and ashes are too hot to touch, the fire is not out.

Although campfires are not currently restricted by the Ministry of Natural Resources, great care should still be exercised. Don't take anything for granted when building a campfire in the forest. No matter how many safe campfires you have previously enjoyed, conditions will always be a little different each time. By following these basic rules and using common sense, you can be sure your campfire won't set the woods on fire!

Terrace Bay Information Centre Trivia

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Did You Know......

* Terrace Bay's greatest attraction is our Aguasabon Falls.

* The first archeological find in the Schreiber region dates back to 5000 B.C.

* Prize-winning trout at the Rossport Fish Derby have ranged in size from 42 pounds to 3 pounds

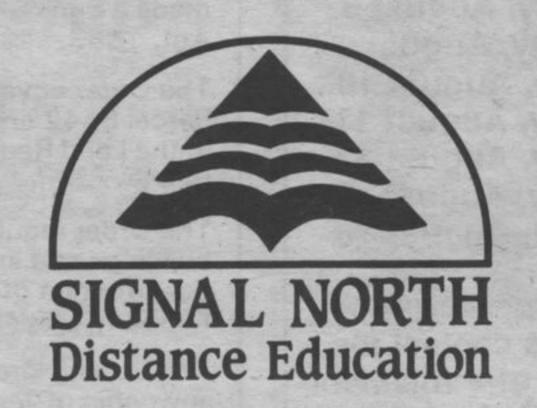
* 84 visitors stopped at the tourist bureau this week.

* 15 visitors of those who stopped indicated that they planned to stay overnight in our area.

* Our furthest visitor came from Switzerland.

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