

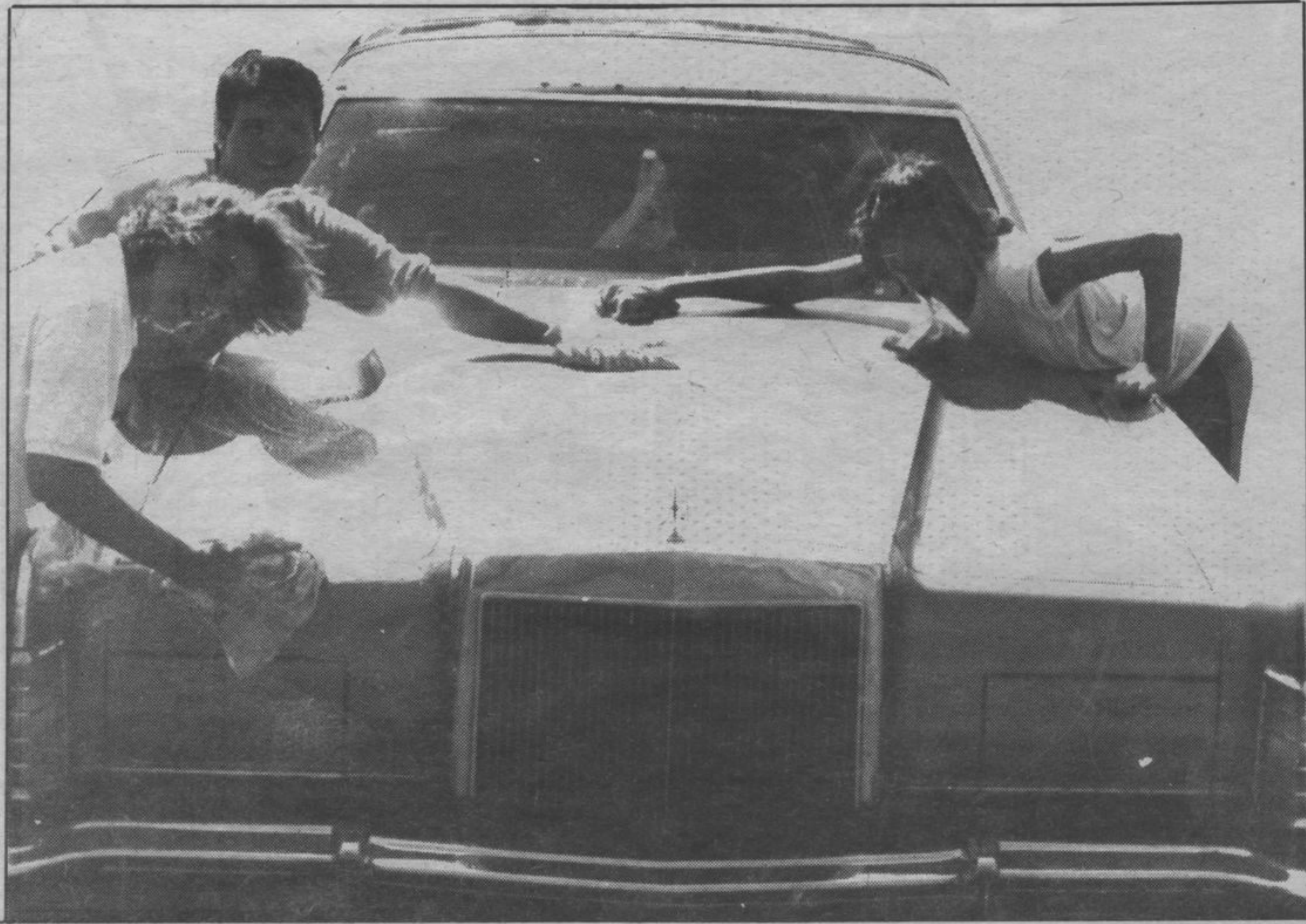
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**So clean it sparkles!:** The owner of this car got a good deal when he paid \$5 to get it washed. The Canada Employment Centre for Students sponsored a car wash last Saturday in front of the Norwood Motel. The centre will be closed for another

year after August 15, so those who need enthusiastic workers for any type of job are urged to call either the Terrace Bay or Schreiber rec centre and ask for Student Placement Officer Johanne Bolduc.  
photo by Greg Huneault

## Local chamber of commerce invites cottage industries to join booklet list

By Greg Huneault  
the News

The Aquasabon Chamber of Commerce wants to know about everything. That's why they have begun compiling a comprehensive Community Directory which they hope will list all of the organizations and businesses stretching from Rosspoint to Jackfish.

Two high school students were hired under the Summer Employment Experience Program '88, and have been collecting information since the beginning of July.

Genny Stuttard and Sheri Payette have been contacting officials from local clubs, organizations and businesses for information that they will include in a reference book to be used by the chamber of commerce.

The two say that they are including recreation facilities, government services, medical facilities and other products and services that many citizens in the area aren't even aware of.

They are also collecting questionnaires that have been completed by tourists staying in the area. The questionnaires have been dropped off at local hotels and restaurants.

They are designed to provide the chamber and the establishment with information that will help the business itself as well as the gener-

al drive for local tourism.

One area that the chamber is trying to address and become better knowledgeable of is the local "cottage industry." These types of businesses are typically operated out of the owner's home, and provide goods and services ranging from homemade food to bicycle repairs.

Fournier and Son Bicycle Repair, a small yet thriving business in Terrace Bay, is a good example. Well-known to many residents, it also provides a service to those who are cycling through the area.

The chamber is asking local residents who run small businesses from their homes to contact them.

Ken Randle, Aquasabon Chamber president, says there are people in the area who are providing services and products, but don't have a high profile.

He mentioned that he received a phone call from a Thunder Bay resident who asked if there were any 'bed and breakfast' establishments in the area, but couldn't give the caller a definite answer.

Randle said that the book would help provide a wide range of information to both local citizens and tourists. He encourages cottage industry owners to contact the chamber so they can be included at no cost. For more information, call 825-9377.

## New restaurant opens in bid to expand local economy

By Greg Huneault  
the News

Those who travel into Rosspoint are in for a "serendipitous" occasion. For the second time in the last few weeks, the area's economy has become a little more diversified with the opening of a restaurant.

Last week the Serendipity Gardens opened in Rosspoint, and owners Mary Burnett and Roger Alty hope that it will be a happy discovery for those looking for a unique dining experience.

"Serendipity" is defined in

Webster's Dictionary as: (a) knack of stumbling upon interesting discoveries in a casual manner.

That is the concept Mary would like to share with those who visit Rosspoint. She said she sees the restaurant as an addition or complement to the attractions already in Rosspoint, and hopes it will attract more people to the small community.

Burnett and Alty have experience in the local food service industry, and have been planning to open a new restaurant for a while.

Renovations to their home

began in earnest about ten weeks ago, and it has been a lot of work to transform the building into a restaurant with an intimate cafe atmosphere.

Alty lead a crew of tradespeople in designing and building the interior. With the exception of the high-back chairs, almost everything else such as the table tops and doors were designed and built locally.

Burnett said in the week since the restaurant opened, the reception has been positive.

"A lot of people say 'Oh, you're Serendipity.' I think a lot of people have gotten into the spirit." Burnett feels the people of Rosspoint consider the Gardens a positive addition to the area's economic diversification.

"Local support has been good for progress. (Rosspoint) is such and energetic, growing community."

The restaurant is tucked behind a beautifully lush and colourful vegetable and flower garden, which Mary has tended to for years. She feels the garden is an integral part of the atmosphere of the dining experience.

The Serendipity gardens employs one full-time and six part-time employees who live in Rosspoint and Schreiber. Burnett said she hopes to hire more as the

restaurant becomes better established.

Burnett said she firmly believes that the area's economy must become less dependent upon resource-based industries.

"I'm willing to put my money where my mouth is. The province said two or three years ago that

they envisioned two growth industries in the North — agriculture and tourism." She added that the economy will suffer "if we don't look at diversifying and providing services and products."

In her bid to provide a service, Burnett said that Serendipity Gardens is opened from noon to 9.00 p.m. seven days a week.

## Oil spill slows highway traffic between towns

East-bound motorists travelling on Highway 17 had to use caution last Friday after an oil truck spilled its contents from an open hose as it travelled between Schreiber and Terrace Bay.

The fuel supply truck, from White River, developed a leak in a hose and "created a very slick, hazardous condition," according to Terrace Bay Police Chief Don Kidder.

A citizen informed the police department of the spill, and constables established road blocks.

Drivers were allowed to proceed through the spill area, but were cautioned to use extreme care.

Department of Transportation trucks were called out to pour gravel over the spill area to absorb the slick.

Driving conditions were made worse by a heavy fog which prevailed throughout the morning, but there were no reported vehicle accidents resulting from the spill.

Ministry of the Environment officials and Terrace Bay police are conducting the investigation.



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