

# This Week in Fire!

## Some forest fires are set as a forest management tool

By Norm Gladish  
MNR Fire Prevention Technician

Every summer, children playing with matches are responsible for starting a number of wildfires. Last week, a smoke report was investigated in Terrace Bay at the edge of town.

Children had constructed a play-house and then decided to make a campfire. Fortunately, M.N.R. extinguished the fire before any damage resulted. Parents, please instruct your children on the danger of playing with matches and fire.

Fire occurrences in Ontario were on the increase again last week, with 29 on Thursday, 32 on Friday 37 on Saturday and 39 on Sunday.

This brings the provincial total number to 2,487 fires this year with some 250,292 hectares of forest land burned. The majority of last week's fires resulted from thunder storms with minimal rainfall.

Fire crews from both Terrace Bay and Manitowadge were kept busy with six small lightning fires during this period. One Terrace Bay district 5-man crew was dispatched to Wawa district to help contain a Prescribed Burn.

A prescribed burn is a fire intentionally lighted under controlled conditions. Usually, areas considered for burning have good natural barriers to fire such as lakes, rivers, swamps, roads, railways and hardwood stands.

These natural barriers are often tied together with bulldozed boundary lines. The day before the fire is expected to be ignited, sprinkler systems are activated to wet down fine fuels near the boundary area to help enhance its ability to act as a fire barrier. Standby fire fighters are ready to suppress any spot fires caused by wind-blown sparks and embers outside the boundary line.

If the weather produces conditions that allow forest fires to burn without being too dry or windy, then ignition may proceed. In recent years this has been accomplished with the helitorch, a technology developed by Simplex Corporation in Oregon.

The pattern used when igniting a fire is important. The objective is to create a column of smoke near the centre of the burn, which will draw fire from the boundary inward. In this way, the fire consumes available fuel from the outer edges toward the centre where it builds to peak intensity before rapidly running out of available fuel.

This use of controlled burning can prepare a cutover site for silviculture projects such as tree planting or seeding, the removal of slash and the duff layer through burning, exposes mineral soil and removes fire hazards such as dry branches and needles. Prescribed burning has become a cost effective forest management tool in Ontario over the past five years.

## Student involvement noted

# Disability Action Group had a busy agenda for town plans and services

By Gertrude Cotton

The Disability Action Group (DAG) held their July meeting Thursday, July 21st, in McCausland Hospital Lobby with Shirley Mikus presiding.

Shirley thanked the members who had assisted with the Canada Day balloons on behalf of D.A.G., then proceeded to outline plans for the Fall Fair.

Simon Hoad, Community Services manager with the March of Dimes had been pleased to share a booth with DAG and the theme will be Sensory Simulation.

Members approved participation and with the aid of students plan to display many avenues of difficulties for seniors and handicapped. Suggestions for implementing this theme were many and varied and will be completed at the August meeting.

Reports of all convenors were accepted. Student surveys of business establishments, completed and compiled under the directions of Doug Rogers, were passed among those attending. It was noted by an observer that the students participating had really tried to take on

the role of the handicapped.

A list of Schreiber residents had been received by Chairman for the Emergency Alerting System Dorothy Plourde. This will be confirmed before submission.

The names of Terrace Bay residents listed were reviewed and members were asked to recommend anyone else needing to be included. Research material into Post-polio Syndrome was given by Mrs. Callaghan and will be passed along to concerned members.

Shirley had met with Doug Baker, Terrace Bay's Townsite engineer, to discuss the construction this summer of a properly inclined ramp from the street level on Simcoe Plaza to the outside sidewalk near the east end of the present sidewalk.

This had been followed up by a letter from the Corresponding Secretary to the Reeve and Council. A letter had been received from the Board of education concerning accessibility.

The committee investigating the establishment of a personal emergency response system in this area reported their findings to date. Questions were answered compar-

ing the different systems. An excellent response was shown by the Hospital Administrator Mr. C. Fewer.

There had been no further contact with Concerned Parents Group, but DAG expressed continued interest and were supportive of their needs for a research centre.

The President also discussed the difficulties of holding a meeting of the Steering Committee on the handitransit Study during holiday time. Another meeting had been scheduled.

Elaine Mannisto, as the assistant Red Cross Homemaker, distributed papers detailing the Home Support System as well as the Red Cross Bulletin.

Some of the services offered were already covered in Schreiber and Terrace Bay by the townships, but others such as the light home maintenance could be very welcome. Retirees would be encouraged to become volunteers in this project.

To conclude the meeting, Elaine showed a very interesting video by Bell on Special Needs. Members enjoyed a chat and coffee in the McCausland Hospital.

## International figure skating meet will provide thrills for audience

Northwestern Ontario residents are in for a treat. Thunder Bay is the site for a future international figure skating competition.

The Sun Life Skate International will be held from October 25 to 30.

Competitors from approximately 14 countries will be participating. The Canadian Team of 12 skaters includes: Kurt Browning, Matthew Hall, Shannon Allison, Marie Claude Tremblay, Isabel Brasseur/Lloyd Eisler, Melanie Gaylor/Lee Barkell, Karyn and

Rod Garossino, Melanie Cole and Micheal Farrington.

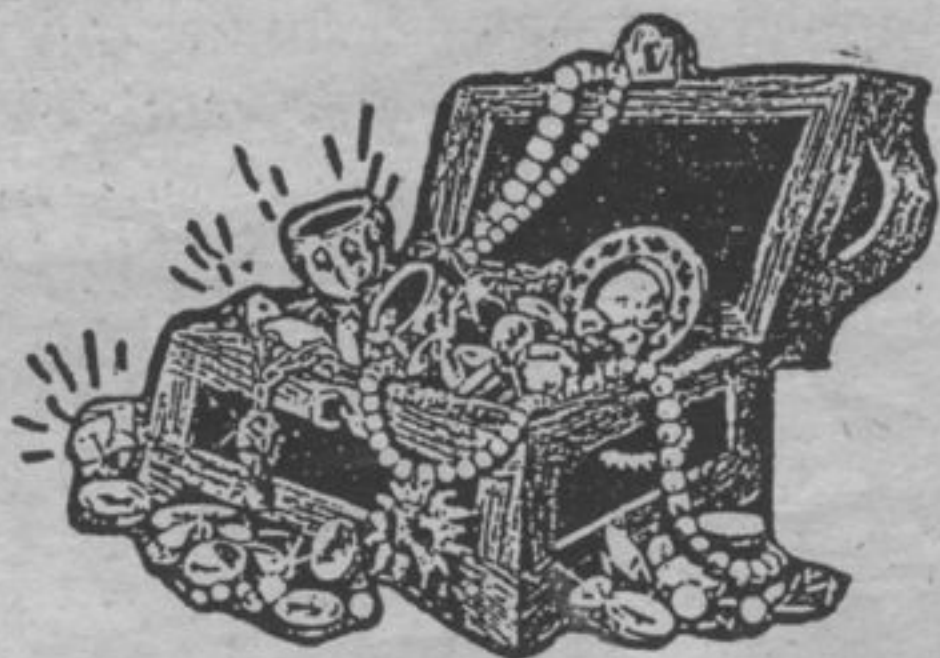
Enthusiastic support of our Canadian team will only enhance the air of excitement flowing from other team supporters. Not only will the strength of the team be shown, but the exceptional talent of individual skaters is sure to mesmerize the entire audience.

The hosts for this event are the Fort William and Thunder Bay Figure Skating clubs, who act on behalf of the Canadian Figure Skating Association.

Volunteers from the two local clubs, plus strong community involvement and regional support ensure that this event will be enjoyable and extremely successful. The clubs can also draw on active participation from some 20 clubs throughout Northwestern Ontario.

The Host Committee is confident that fellow Northerners will again enjoy another activity in Thunder Bay. A warm welcome filled with a spectacular display of international skating awaits everyone.

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## Thank You

O'Connor

The family of the late M. Eleanor O'Connor wish to express their heartfelt thanks to all our friends and relatives for their support and kindness during the recent loss of our beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

Thanks to Dr. Wilkes and all the nurses of McCausland Hospital, Terrace Bay.

Thanks to Comcare, the Red Cross Homemakers Service and especially to Mr. & Mrs. J. Clavelle who have taken of their time to attend to mothers needs over the years.

A thank you to the many relatives and friends who donated to McCausland Hospital, the Northwestern Ontario Cat Scan Fund, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, St. Johns Anglican Church, Schreiber.

The many sympathy cards and flower arrangements received.

A thank you to King Funeral Home and Rev. R. Elkin and A.C.W. of St. Johns Church for the luncheon Your kindness will always be remembered.

Sincerely Ernestine Hucal,  
Kathleen Corbett

**PELTO** - Mr. Uno Pelto, age 62 years of Winnipeg, passed away in the Winnipeg Hospital on July 26, 1988. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Winnipeg. Survived by sister Lila Korpela of Sudbury; brother John of Schreiber and sister Lillian Parent of Schreiber. Predeceased by his parents, and three brothers, also survived by nieces and nephews. Rested at St. Andrews United Church Schreiber. Funeral services were held on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Interment Schreiber cemetery King Funeral Home Schreiber in care of arrangements.