



Andrew Wiebe and Pete Schellenberg of Frank Penner Construction put the finishing touches on the new Mini-Put located at the Aguasabon Trailer Park just before the concrete is about to be poured in. The nine hole course opens for business this week. Photo by Dave Chmara

Northern Developments



By Maurice Fenelon

Northern Development Officer
Some Ontario residents are seriously injured every year while engaged in common activities such as barbecuing, mowing lawns and yard work. Although the type and severity of the accidents vary, most are caused by carelessness.

It's so easy to become complacent about using propane barbecues and other equipment we handle regularly in our own yards. Unfortunately when safety is taken for granted, the results are often tragic.

Propane barbecue cylinders should be inspected for dents and corrosion - if damaged they should be looked at by certified dealers. Check the date stamped on the raised collar. This indicates the manufacture date and the dates of any later inspections.

If more than ten years have passed since the most recent date, the cylinder is due for inspection or replacement and it cannot be legally refilled. If you are unsure of the last inspection date take it into a certified propane inspection dealer for a check.

When attaching a cylinder to a barbecue, be sure the rubber seal is in good condition. Once the cylinder is in place check for leaks by pouring a soap and water solution over all lines and connections. The appearance of any bubbles indicates a leak and the main valve should be shut off

immediately. Have an expert repair the leak before using the barbecue.

Always read and follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully. Make sure the burner ports or openings are clean and the burner surface is clear of dirt or dust. Arrange the hose so that it does not come into contact with the hot body of the barbecue.

A common cause of backyard accidents is improper use of fuels. Use only approved containers for gasoline.

Don't leave any fuel sitting in the sun. Store it in a cool place

away from the house and any source of ignition. Never transport fuel in a closed trunk. Explosive fumes could turn the car into a bomb on wheels.

For further information on backyard safety contact the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations at (807) 475-1641 or your nearest office of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines at 2 Stevens Ave., Box 280 Marathon, Ontario P0T 2E0 or call 229-1153. For areas outside of Marathon ask your operator for Zenith 33160.

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Water bombing often initial attack

By Norm Gladish
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Water bombing is assuming ever greater importance in forest fire control in Ontario. For many years, the Ministry of Natural Resources relied on a small fleet of provincially owned airplanes for this purpose.

Turbo Beavers, Otters and Twin Otters, helicopters and CL-215's formed the bulk of air attack forces. Extra helicopters and Canso water bombers were contracted from the private sector when needed.

In 1983, the MNR purchased two Canadair CL-215's, state of the art water bombers. Under Federal/Provincial agreements at the time, the Feds were to provide all provinces and territories with additional CL-215's. These aircraft were to provide a water bombing fleet to be called out as needed during times of national fire or other emergencies.

In the years since, Ontario has acquired several more CL-215's which now total 11. A number of additional aircraft are hired on long term agreements. Included are six Birddogs and two Canso bombers.

Birddogs are small aircraft that carry an air attack boss who coordinates all aircraft working on a specific fire. This is necessary for safety and efficient use of bombers and helicopters.

Currently, three CL-215's are based at the North Central Region's Fire Centre in Thunder Bay. A Twin Otter and two Birddogs are also available.

Water bombers are used for initial attack when a fire is too intense or moving too quickly for direct attack by crews on the ground. They may also hold fires if crews are not immediately available for initial attack.

These aircraft of ten continue the assault on hot spots or diffi-

cult parts of a fire, working in conjunction with ground crews.

Bombers pick up water from nearby lakes through metal intake probes on the pontoons, or in the case of the CL-215, on the bottom of the hull.

They skim the surface of water, filling a 5,455 litre holding tank in only ten seconds. For this, they require a mile of open water, clear of rocks or other obstructions.

Because water must be dropped from low altitude, pilots must be proficient in precise handling of their aircraft. Only experienced people are hired to meet this demanding challenge.

OPEN HOUSE

On July 22 there will be an open house held from 1 to 6 p.m.

in honour of the newlyweds
PERTTI & ALISON
at the home of
LORRAINE & VILHO LAITINEN

Relatives, neighbours & friends, please feel welcome to attend.

Wedding Shower

There will be a Come & Go Shower for Bride-Elect, Kerri McColeman on Sunday, July 23rd from 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. in St. Andrew's United Church, Schreiber.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Wedding Announcement



Kerri-Lynn McColeman and Chad Lindsay are pleased to announce their engagement.

The wedding will take place on Saturday August 12, 1989 at St. Martin of Tours Parish, Terrace Bay, Ont.

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Engagement



Malashewski - Caldwell.

Lori Anne youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Malashewski and Floyd Alexander eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Caldwell all of Terrace Bay, whose engagement is announced by her parents. The wedding to take place at 2:00 p.m. September 2, 1989 in St. Martin of Tours Roman Catholic Church with Rev. B.A. Campbell officiating.

Birth Announcement

Turner - Ken & Gerri and big sisters Michele and Stacey are thrilled to announce the arrival of their son and brother

DARREN KENNETH

Born on July 4, 1989 weighing 9 lbs. 7 ozs.

Proud grandparents are Mrs. Lillian Belliveau and Mr. & Mrs. Ken Turner of Terrace Bay. Thanks to Dr. K. Wilkes, Teresa Roberts, Claire Fewer and Ann Condie and the staff at McCausland Hospital.