

# Reading Rising set for another year

Reading Rising, the adult learning program for Terrace Bay, Schreiber and Rosspport is underway for another year.

Our funding, which comes mainly from the Ministry of Skills Development, should arrive this week and we are negotiating for office space.

We would like to have a central office for the program. It has been difficult working from our homes for the last three years.

Pam McKeever, one of the coordinators, is currently contacting all tutors and learners who were involved last year. If she hasn't called you, and you are interested in continuing your work with the program, please call her.

If you are interested in joining the program for the first time, call Pam and she'll tell you all about it. We will be training new tutors this fall.

We can offer two kinds of

English upgrading for adults this fall. Our program was established in 1986 to offer free confidential one-to-one tutoring for adults using volunteer tutors.

This program will continue this year. We had 19 students last year and hope they will all return.

We also offered an English as a Second Language course in the evenings. Confederation college will offer this course for the 1989-90 year. They plan to offer

45 hours of English upgrading for adults, one evening a week for 13 weeks. Anyone interested should call Pam at 824-2657 or the College number in Marathon.

We have distributed some new pamphlets around town called "CAN YOU READ?" Please take one wherever you see them. They are valuable information for anyone interested in adult literacy and offer our address on the back page.

# Unorganized area's taxes

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Minister of Education, the Honourable Chris Ward and our letter to the Minister of Tourism and Recreation, the Honourable Hugh O'Neil, along with a letter by Mr. Bradley E. Mayers, C.A. Senior Portfolio Officer, Loan Administration Branch of the N.O.D.C. are included.

Our problem with the high tax-base, caused undisputedly by the development of the "Hemlo Gold-Fields" has not been addressed and our Appeal to the Assessment Board has been rejected.

At the onset of the development in Marathon, a direct result of the Hemlo discovery, the town-clerks of the four Municipalities, namely Terrace Bay, Schreiber, Marathon and Manitowadge attached us in the Unorganized Areas to the closest town.

We were attached to Terrace Bay and our taxes sky-rocketed by 124 %. The Minister of Education addressed our legitimate complaint by the formation of Bill 100, however, the problem was only solved in part.

Bill 100 rightly detached us from the town and stopped the respective town clerks from arbitrating our taxes, but it did not address the enormous tax-base achieved. In short, taxation without representation ceased, but more importantly, our inflated 124% tax-base remained.

We were attached to Terrace Bay solely for the purpose of raising our taxes, but, one cannot begin to compare our small summer business with a similar year-

round business that is located in town that we were attached to. We have become very disillusioned and so have other small businesses in the Unorganized Areas.

The development of three Gold-Mines in Hemlo must result in at least a one billion dollar investment, yet, small businesses along the Trans-Canada Highway and little communities like Rosspport, Selim, Jackfish and White Sand Lake, approximately 150 km from Hemlo must pay for the School Services of Marathon.

Is this the policy of your Government? Is it your intention to burden us with financial responsibilities that we cannot control and that are not of our doing?

If your Government is interested in a viable tourist-industry in this area, as it professes to be, then why do you burden us with the indirect development payments aimed at subsidizing mining development?

Explanations that our taxes were too low compared with the rest of the towns are simply untrue because the Unorganized Areas were always assessed at market value.

The market value assessment happened only recently in Schreiber, Terrace Bay, Marathon and Manitowadge. With the attachment process each town's tax-load was passed on to each respective Unorganized Area; it may have been legal at that time, however, where is the moral side of this action?

Once again we are appealing to you for your help in this matter by lowering our tax-base to the same level as our neighbouring municipalities as it was before the attachment process and fulfilling our request of a refund for monies paid or owed during the years exceeding the municipality rates.

We were attached without our consent; we were never informed about it; and we had no representation in those proceedings, but were given the "privilege" of paying thousands of dollars for School Services needed by a billion dollar mining development (Marathon's population increased from 2,000 to 6,000 within the past two years).

We often wonder why we are in business in this remote area of Northern Ontario trying very hard to supply a service to the public and employing people.

We, the people of the Unorganized Areas in the Lake Superior Board of Education School District, are anxiously awaiting a favourable answer to our legitimate complaint.

Yours very truly,  
Charles R. Kneipp

  
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**from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
Registration fee for all units is \$18.00



## ANNUAL MEETING

The Thunder Bay District Health Council  
will be holding its  
**Annual Meeting at the**  
**VALHALLA INN (Viking I & II)**  
**at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 28th**  
Interested persons are invited to attend  
**For further information contact  
the Council at 623-6131.**

## Prenatal Classes

The Thunder Bay District Health Unit  
will be holding a series of  
prenatal classes comencing  
*October 10th, 1989.*  
If you are pregnant or planning a  
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