Environment should concern us all

By Angie Saunders

Everyone has been hearing a lot about the environment lately. The general attitude of our generation seems to be-"Who cares about the environment?" But in reality we should care because the problems are steadily getting worse.

The Greenhouse Effect is mostly caused by carbon dioxide from the ever-growing quantity of fossil fuels (coal, oil, and gas) which are burned for heat or power. Carbon dioxide acts as a blanket around the planet, holding in much of the solar radiation that would otherwise escape into space. When too much heat is retained, we have not just a greenhouse, but a hothouse, and the entire global climate system is affected. A warmer atmosphere could cause melting glaciers and ice-caps resulting in higher sea level. In the longer term, lowlying cities could be swamped. Changing rainfall patterns could shift, possibly turning the prairies into dust bowls. The Industrial Revolution is much to blame for the rising level of carbon monoxide but who is going to do something?

The largest source of air pollution is caused by modern transportation such as cars, planes, trains, and boats. These noxious fumes also poison forests, lakes, marine life, and endanger human health.

Products a consumer buys can

also cause environmental problems. Non-reusable products such as cans, some plastic, and disposable diapers worsen the problem that we have disposing of garbage. The more garbage a. family has, the more garbage. must be burned or landfilled.

Canadians can improve the environment by starting in their own homes. If a consumer chooses to buy environmentally friendly products, more will be made available. Choosing products that are reusable or have the least amount of packaging, will result in less garbage.

Laundry detergent companies have introduced phosphate-free products which are available in grocery stores.

Milk in plastic bags, instead of heavily bleached cardboard containers, is better for our health. The bags can be reused for sandwiches or storage wrap.

Vegetables bought frozen in bags instead of cans are more nutritious and the bags can also be reused.

Pop or beer can be bought in returnable bottles instead of cans and plastic bottles.

By reusing plastic bags for carrying groceries home from the supermarket we'd be saving excess waste and possibly the stores' savings would be passed on to the consumer.

Both sides of paper and recycled paper can be used.

Fixing leaking water taps can save money on water bills and a lot of wasted water.

If you have a gas stove with pilot lights, consider turning them off and using matches.

Garbage disposals waste water and electricity as well as putting more stress on the sewage treat-

ment system. Compost heaps are much friendlier to the environment.

Air conditioners that are going full blast in the hot summer months can force electrical generating plants to pump so much carbon into the air that they actually

heat up a city.

Turn your lights off when they are not in use to save energy.

Canadians can help improve the environment if they start now. Remember, whenever possible, "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle."

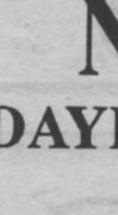
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Dr. Benz & Dr. Peterson will be in Terrace Bay at the Community Church on:

Wednesday April 18, 1990

For appointments please call Cathi at:

825-3330



NOTICE

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Terrace Bay

Under the Time Amendment Act, Daylight Saving Time will come into effect this year on the first Sunday in April, and continue until the last Sunday in October.

Residents are reminded to advance their clocks by 1 hour at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday April 1, 1990.

DR. WOLDNIK'S OFFICE HOURS

Please note Dr. Woldnik's office will be closed from Friday March 30, 1990 (afternoon) to Monday April 9, 1990 (inclusive). Regular hours will commence Tuesday April 10, 1990.

If there is an urgent medical matter, please call The McCausland Hospital Emergency Department at

825-3273.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL WORK SCHEDULES - TERRACE BAY DISTRICT

The Annual Work Schedules for the Black River Forest, Big Pic Management Unit, Steel River Crown Management Unit, and the Longlac Forest have been approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources. These schedules outline timber harvesting, road construction and renewal and maintenance activities on each of the above management units for the period from April 1, 1990 to March 31, 1991. The Annual Work Schedules will also be available during this 12 month period.

For further information please contact:

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