

# Who causes forest fires?

Lightning is the only natural cause of fire, accounting for about thirty percent of all forest fires. People are responsible for the remainder. - the majority a direct result of carelessness.

-The careless smoker is responsible for more wild fires than any other forest user. -some 25 percent of people caused fires. For that reason, Legislation prohibits smoking while walking or working in forested areas.

-Carelessly attended camp fires rank second as a fire cause. However, it is encouraging to see that fires caused by this group have actually decreased, despite the increased number of campers, hikers and outdoor enthusiasts using our forests.

-Residents burning grass, brush or rubbish spark another thirteen percent of wild fires. Ontario's system of burning permits helps to educate people about safe burning practices and limits burning to safe weather conditions. If you wish to burn,

you must obtain a permit from the Ministry of Natural Resources or Northern Development and Mines in your area.

-Railways have traditionally matched residential burning at thirteen percent as well. Exhaust carbon from diesel engines, hot metal from brake shoes, sparks from rail grinding and right-of-way burning are all contributors to railway fires. Recent prevention programs have helped railways to reduce the numbers of industrial forest fires.

In addition, many forest fires can be traced to children playing with matches, such as occurred in Marathon this spring. This school forest fire prevention program that sees Smokey the Bear visit all primary school children in the Terrace Bay District, aims to reduce this source of forest fire. Children are taught the dangers of playing with matches and fire in both home and forest. They are shown how to enjoy a safe campfire and extinguish it

before leaving.

Other forest users responsible for starting fires are Fishermen, Berry pickers, Campers, Hunters, Canoeists and even Picnickers. It is up to every individual to accept the responsibility of forest fire prevention by following a few simple rules:

- Do not smoke while walking or working in forested areas.
- Do not leave camp fires unattended.
- Drown campfires before leaving.
- Remind your children about the dangers of fires at home and in the forest.

-Don't burn on windy or hot days, and never without obtaining a burning permit.  
-Use car ashtrays, not the open window to dispose of smoking material.

We all suffer when forests burn. We all have a responsibility to prevent forest fires.

## Tents must be flame retardant

Federal Consumer and Corporate Affairs Minister Pierre Blais announced new safety regulations requiring the use of flame-retardant fabrics for all tents sold in Canada.

"Some canvas tents can burn to the ground in as little as 45 seconds," Mr. Blais said. "But these new regulations under the Hazardous Products Act set stringent limits on the flammability of fabrics used in tents. The new requirements will significantly reduce the risk of a tent catching fire and burning."

The regulations affect all camping tents, children's play tents, ice-fishing tents and dining shelters. Previous regulations, in effect since 1988, require warning labels on tents. These labels indicated whether a tent was made with flame-retardant fabric and warned consumers to take precautions when using fire sources while camping.

The Minister advised consumers to check their tents for the flame-retardant label. Non-flame-retardant canvas tents should be replaced with the safer products now on the market. Approximately 250,000 of these canvas tents are still in use.

Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada recommends the following guidelines for a fire-safe camping season:

- remember that flame-retardant doesn't mean fire-proof;
- do not use candles, matches, or open flames of any kind in or near a tent;
- never cook inside a tent;
- build campfires downwind and several metres away from a tent and be sure to extinguish them fully before leaving a campsite or retiring for the night;
- exercise extreme caution

when using fuel-powered lanterns or heaters inside a tent and use battery-operated lanterns whenever possible;

-do not refuel lamps, heaters, or stoves inside a tent;

-extinguish or turn off all lanterns before going to sleep;

-do not smoke in a tent;

-never store flammable liquids inside a tent.

## Women of Moose

By S. Benko  
Terrace Bay Chapter 1426 Women of the Moose held their chapter meeting on June 3rd with Senior Regent Jean Bozec presiding.

Membership chairman Trixie Bursey gave a resume of her program for the night.

Roll call of officers and chairman was given.

Receipts and deposits were verified by pro-tem Trixie Bursey.

Hospital chairman Vicky Kostiuk reported sending out sympathy and get well cards to members. A thank you card was read by Heather and Joe Sechesky.

Members were in favor of holding a bingo on Thursday, June 14th.

Women of the Moose bursaries were discussed. Jean Bozec will be presenting the bursaries.

Recorder Sadie Benko gave a report on the Annual Conference of the Women of the Moose which was held at Hyatt Regency in Chicago. She attended the College of Regents and Star Recorder session and received her College of Regent degree.

The Pot of Gold was won by Sadie Benko and 50-50 draw by Bernice Williams.

Lunch was served by membership chairman Trixie Bursey and her committee.

The next meeting is June 17th.

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### McCAUSLAND HOSPITAL DIABETICS...

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A meeting will be held to further discuss formation of a Canadian Diabetes Association Chapter for this area. Representatives from Thunder Bay will be in attendance.

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Wednesday June 20, 1990  
The McCausland Hospital Lobby  
7:30 p.m.



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### SUMMER AND FALL/WINTER COURSES

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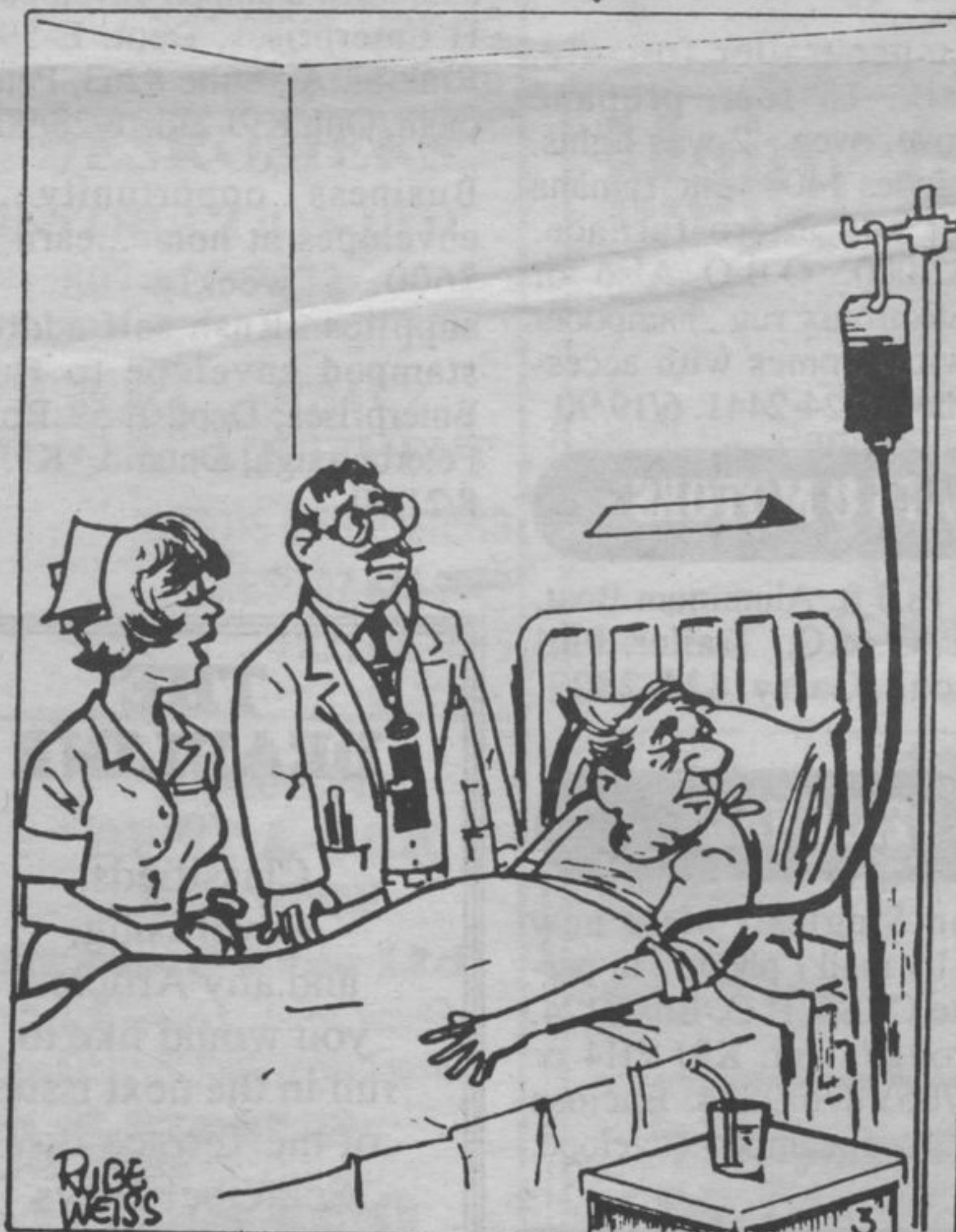
Centre: Terrace Bay  
Date: Wednesday June 27, 1990  
Time: 4 p.m.  
Place: St. Martin's School

To ensure the courses you want may be offered all students are urged to attend. Minimum enrolments for courses should be reached at this meeting.

For further information contact our off-campus representative:

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