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Growing world population improvements in transportation, political factors and the environ-

ment were reviewed in relation to our life here in the North. We are no longer living in an isolated area. Things happening in the

world affect us on a daily basis. The "global village" we have heard about for so long is here.

The second session looked at an array of recent statistics relating to Northwestern Ontario. Income levels, unemployment, education levels, major employers, changes in the population profile, crime and social service statistics and a new report from Confederation College on Student aspirations in the Northwest. There were some surprises among these statistics. Over 40 per cent of students in our High Schools (Dryden excepted) plan to go directly to the workforce from Grade 12. This varies from community to community but not by very much.

The next session looked at the key sectors of the economy of Northwestern Ontario and examined the strengths and vulnerabili-

ties of those sectors. Municipal Government, Forest Products Industry, Mining Industry, Service Sector, Social Services, Transportation, Tourism, Native Issues and the Environment were discussed in small groups and the results reported to the group as a whole. Discussion centered on positive ways to minimize vulnerabilities and build on strengths. This session led to the final one where we were able to bring a lot of new knowledge to setting goals for 1995.

The success of this forum was a result of the depth of knowledge the participants brought to the discussions. Each person there had expertise in something and all were willing to share their knowledge. Each discussion led to the growing feeling that all these sectors of our regional community are inter-dependent.

None of the sectors stands alone. Planning for the future must include many sectors and ensure the inclusion of everyone in the process. Thanks to Quetico Centre for seeing the need and bringing the people together.

George Flumerfelt from

Pam McKeever  
Schreiber, Ont.



*She's no Derby winner, but she's a keeper!*

*Gordon and Joan Smith are happy to announce the safe arrival of their first child, a girl, Ruby Kaitlyn. She weighed in at 6lbs 11 1/2oz at P.A.G.H. on November 5th. Special thanks to Drs. Fernandes, Wilkes and Geran for their care. Also thanks to the crew of the air ambulance and the nurses of the 5th floor of P.A.G.H.*

*Proud grandparents are Mrs. Frances Campbell of Rosspoint and Mr. & Mrs. Harry Smith of Anderson, California.*



**TWEEDIE** - Mr. Alec Tweedie, aged 70, passed away in the McCausland Hospital, Terrace Bay, Ont., Thursday, November 29, 1990. Born in North Bay, Ont., he moved to Geraldton with his family in 1936. He worked for Cochrane Dunlop Hardware prior to enlisting in the Army in World War 2. After discharge he was employed by Chapples Ltd. in Schreiber and Loudon Bros. Ltd. in Geraldton. He had resided in Terrace Bay since 1978 where he was employed as Maintenance Supervisor at Birchwood Terrace until his retirement. He was a Member of the Royal Canadian Legion Br.#223 and Past President of the Robert Frost Br.#133, Geraldton. He was Past Master of Masonic Lodge #662 and member of Khartum Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., Winnipeg. He is survived by his brother Tom of Geraldton, sister Irene Pierce Lagoon City and family, and Mary Daneff, Geraldton and family. Also long-time friends May and Doug Caldwell and Mina Mahoney, Terrace Bay. Funeral services were conducted by Ernest Hunt, Minister of the Terrace Bay Community Church and concluded with the Legion Last Post. A

Masonic Service was held Sunday evening. Interment was in the Terrace Bay Cemetery. Honorary Pallbearers were, Gerry Fischer, Jack Bryson, Mellie Viebert, Roy Teniuk, Raoul Fournier and Leon Therrault. Active Bearers were, Derek, Gary and Robin Daneff, Bill and Gordon Caldwell and Don Reid.

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