

# Dr. Mike delivered the first baby

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"Then the babies began to arrive," Dr. Mike said in 1975 during an interview with Jane Poole.

"There seemed to be no end of them. One night and then the next was the record - six babies in one weekend. There were only three bassinets so we had them in clothes baskets, dresser drawers - anywhere we could put them," he said.

In that interview he recalled the birth of Marilyn Marsh, the first baby born in Terrace Bay.

"The baby was delivered at home and there was a wild celebration afterwards. There were only about eight or nine houses, people were out in there back yards shooting off their rifles and shotguns and we sort of had a chain parade - a snakedance I guess you'd call it - through the occupied houses!"

In August of 1970 the town paid a tribute to Dr. McCausland for 25 years of service to the community. Many of those attending the ceremonies wore a blue ribbon that proudly bore the words "I'm Dr. Mike's Baby." At that time the count for babies delivered by Dr. McCausland was 1,050.

It was at this time that Kimberly-Clark Pulp and Paper Company honored the physician by changing the name of its 22 bed hospital to McCausland Hospital - Terrace Bay.

"He was the kind of doctor that just doesn't exist anymore," Dr. Wilkes said.

"In his day a doctor working alone in an isolated community

did everything," he continued, "In fact Dr. McCausland did major surgery at the old hospital, he did anaesthesia, obstetrics, emergency medicine and all of those things now considered specialties unto themselves."

Dr. Wilkes was a fourth year medical student when he first met Dr. Mike. He had come to Terrace Bay to find out first-hand what a rural practice was like.

He recalled a day during that time Dr. Mike had taken him fishing on Hydro Bay.

While they were fishing the hospital beeped Dr. Mike and he headed back into the hospital.

"It made me realize how important he was to this town as a dedicated physician. It was a significant role he played," Dr. Wilkes said.

Dr. Wilkes also remembers Dr. Mike's sense of humour.

"He never lost his sense of humour, even when he was sick in his last days here at the hospital he never lost his sense of humour."

Dr. McCausland is remembered by many as an ardent churchgoer and an individual who enjoyed music.

He was a member of the Terrace Bay Men's Choir along with Ernie Kettle, Mike Bass, Bob Harris and many others. The choir took part, along with several other men's choirs, in the Big Sing in Thunder Bay in 1960.

Born in Toronto in 1911, Dr. McCausland came north in the spring of 1946 with his wife Lois, to find a job as a doctor in one of the bush

camp.

This initial attempt proved unsuccessful but on the trip home they heard about the new mill being built at Black Siding [Terrace Bay] and Dr. McCausland applied for the job as doctor.

When Dr. McCausland arrived in 1946 he was met by Stan Hodgkiss of Terrace Bay.

"I met him at the CPR station in Schreiber," Hodgkiss recalled, "and he was still wearing his Navy uniform."

In those early days the only doctor in town was kept very busy and wasn't until he got some help in the form of a nurse and an assistant that he was able to get out and do much fishing.

"The only pleasure he had besides work and family was to go outside and enjoy nature through fishing," Hodgkiss said.

"Between looking after people, keeping up on the practice of medicine and fishing, he was a busy boy," Hodgkiss added.

Dr. McCausland was predeceased by his wife Lois and his sister Molly Kinney.

He is survived by his daughters Judy (Mrs. John Griffiths) of Clearwater, Florida, Susan (Mrs. Harold Hansen) of Niagara Falls, Ontario, Molly (Mrs. Ingo Schmiedchen) of Barrie, Ontario, and Pat (Mrs. Jack Hasen) of Toronto, Ontario.

He is also survived by seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held on Sat., March 9. Interment Terrace Bay Cemetery.



Lake Superior High School

## Principal's Perspective

by Balan Menon

### Excellence in Education and Parents

A couple of years ago Time magazine ran an article on the educational achievements of young people from other countries. It seemed as if many of the top students at American high schools and universities were from other countries, particularly Asia. Immigrant children from Korea and Taiwan and India seemed to dominate many academic fields, particularly the professional fields of education. Time magazine asked the question that was asked by many: Are Asians at the top because of superior academic abilities?

And last year a Canadian professor at the University of Western Ontario, Phillippe Rushton, presented a highly controversial research paper that contended that in the hierarchy of intelligence Asians stood above whites and blacks.

Setting aside this nonsense about intellectual superiority that is racial and genetic, we must still ask why those students excel. The answer, I believe, was precisely stated by the President of the Juilliard School of New York: "It's not just being Asian that makes them good..", he says. "It's a matter of dedication, family support and discipline."

There is the key: family support, dedication, discipline. Add to dedication and discipline, the vision of success through education, and the elements of sacrifice and self-denial that Asian parents accept - and you have in a nut-shell the entire basis of the excellence of youth.

Parental expectations are thus the foundation of excellence. When a child comes home from school with a mark of 90%, and the parent pats him on the back and at the same time asks, "What happened to the other 10%?", then parental expectations are etched in the minds of children.

Most Asian parents automatically plan for the university education of the child as it enters kindergarten. To them it is not merely a duty, but an accepted fact of life, as natural as breathing and eating. The costs of the children's education are never an issue, just as the costs of feeding and clothing their children is never an issue. The question of affordability never once enters into their minds. To them, education is an inalienable right of the child, and it is the parents' responsibility to provide for the education and it is the child's responsibility to excel educationally. No half-way measures are acceptable. The aim is to excel.

When parents put this passion for excellence at the centre of their vision of life, that vision become part of their children's goal in life. Excellence in any endeavour must be the central doctrine of life. One must aim at excellence single-mindedly, no matter what path one chooses in life.

In Indian mythology, for example, there is the story of a hero who excels in archery because of his single-minded devotion to the art. The story goes that when his teacher asked him and his brothers to bring down a bird with an arrow, they were all asked what they saw as they took aim. All the brothers described the bird in detail, from its colour to its shape, from its tail feathers to its head. All, that is, except our hero. He said that he saw only the head of the bird, nothing else, because that was what he was aiming at.

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