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McCausland Hospital

Disaster plan put into practice

by Rob Cotton
The News

A collapsed high school
gymnasium roof injured 25
students in Terrace Bay on
Tuesday, June 4.

Two Lake Superior High
School students, Tosha Veinot,
16, and Paula Doucet, 15,
were sitting outside of the
building when the roof fell in.

"It just crashed down on
them," said Veinot, "around
30 students were taking a gym
class."

Doucet said it took 3- 4
minutes for the ambulance to
arrive on the scene.

"The first ambulance
driver to arrive asked to help,
carrying flashlights and
oxygen," she said.

The interior of the gym
was in total darkness and the
cries of students asking for
help could be heard from
outside.

One ambulance attendant
had the area secured and was
communicating with the
ambulance station and the
hospital while others were
evacuating students.

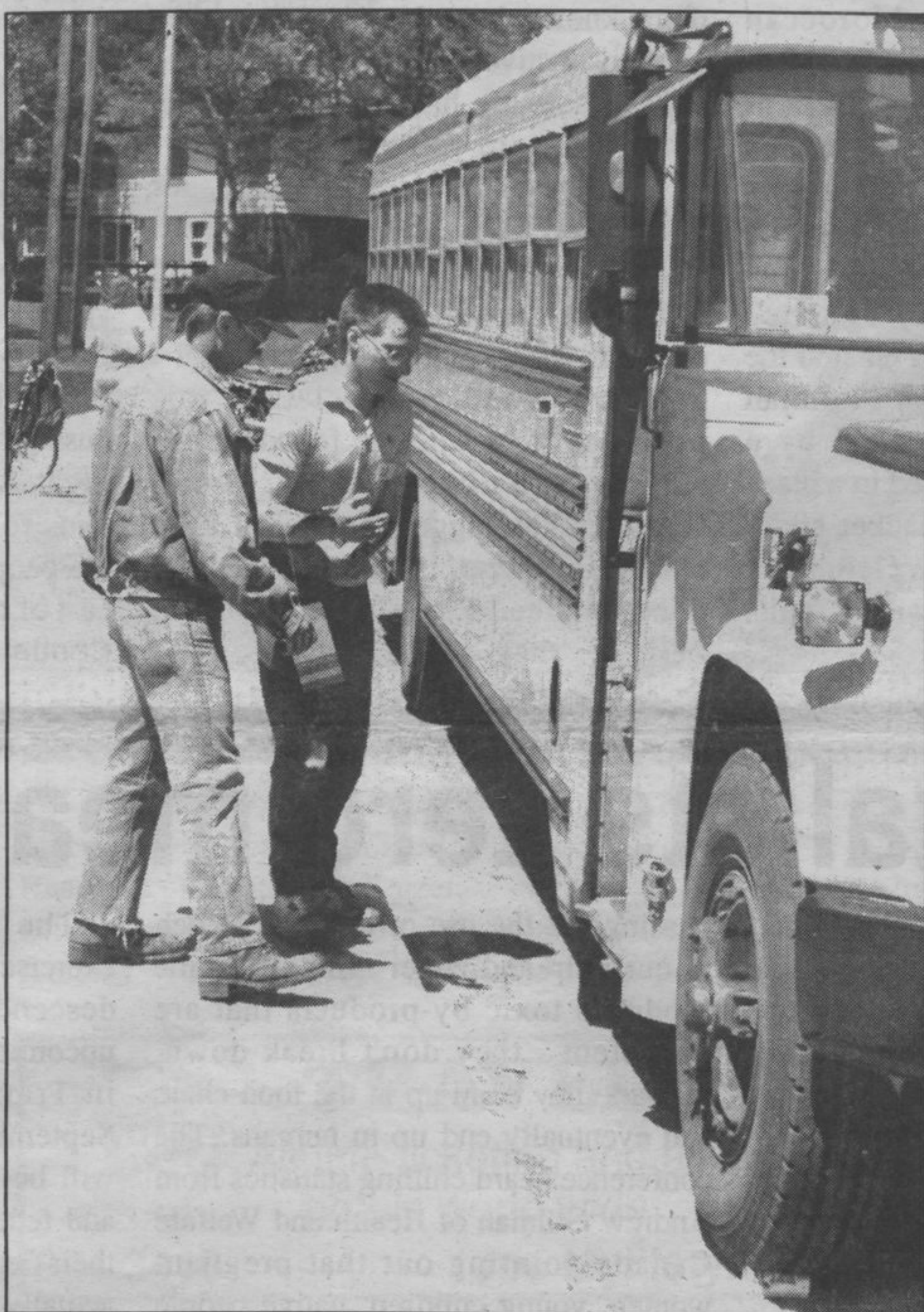
A school bus was called in
to take students who were
injured, but could still walk,
to the hospital.

Veinot and Doucet assisted
the walking injured onto the
bus and stayed with them
until they reached the
hospital.

At the emergency
department hospital medical
staff were assessing and
treating the injured.

A hospital spokesperson
said there were 25 casualties
with injuries ranging from...

That's the scene as it might
have been had the roof of the
gymnasium at the Terrace Bay
Campus of Lake Superior



Mock injuries for a mock disaster

High School actually
collapsed.

In fact what happened was
an exercise to monitor the
McCausland Hospital's
Natural Disaster Plan and the
response of the various
departments involved.

A press release from
McCausland Hospital said, all
local agencies, such as
Terrace Bay Police Services
and the Terrace Bay Fire
Department, were informed of
the exercise, however there
was no actual involvement on
their part because the mock
disaster was set up to test
the Hospitals disaster plan.

"As with all exercises of
this nature, many positive
points were noted which were
originally addressed in the
Natural Disaster Plan. New
points raised will be included
in the Natural Disaster Plan,"
the release said.

The students of Lake
Superior High School were
made-up with fake wounds
indicating various degrees of
injury and played their part by
providing authentic sounding
screams of pain and confusion.

Feigning shock and
disorientation, some of them
even tried to wander away
from the accident site.

Terrace Bay senior receives provincial achievement award

Lillian Belliveau of Terrace
Bay has been presented with
an Ontario Senior
Achievement Award by the
Honourable Lincoln
Alexander, Lieutenant
Governor of Ontario.

Belliveau travelled to
Toronto to receive her award
from the Lieutenant Governor
at a special ceremony held in
the main foyer of the
Legislative Building, Queen's
Park on Thursday, June 6.

The Ontario Seniors
Awards, given to a total of 20
seniors, recognize and honour
the achievements of individual
seniors who have made
outstanding contributions to
their communities during their
senior years.

"Each of these individuals
tells us a great story of energy,

creativity and strength," said
Elaine Ziemba, Ontario's
minister of citizenship with
responsibility for seniors'
issues, in a press release
announced the recipients.

"These seniors are
recognized not only for these
qualities, but for the collective
role model they represent," she
continued.

The minister added that all
of the award recipients have
played a fundamental role in
helping society improve their
attitudes towards older
persons.

"They reinforce what I have
always felt ... that individuals
continue to achieve, contribute,
make a difference in their
lives... and the lives of others,
at every age," she said.

North Bay Interlink Choir

Music for a summer evening

Two generations singing with one voice performed a very
special concert at Lake Superior High School, Terrace Bay
Campus, on Friday evening, June 7.

The North Bay Interlink Choir gave an upbeat and positive
evening of song to those in attendance.

The choir is made up of senior citizens and children and while
music is the vehicle the heart of Interlink is the caring
relationships that form through the exchange of pen pal letters.
Life experiences are shared, bonds are created and the generation
gap begins to close.

Interlink provides an opportunity for seniors to enjoy the rich
rewards of a caring child and gives youngsters a greater
awareness, understanding and appreciation of an older adult.

The North Bay Interlink choir stopped in Terrace Bay as part
of its three day tour in communities between Sault Ste. Marie and
Thunder Bay.

The Schreiber/Terrace Bay Lions Club and Lake Superior
High School sponsored the choirs' visit to Terrace Bay.

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