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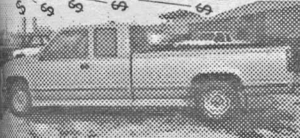
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Donation made for Guide Air Trip

As part of the Girl Guides Thinking Day activities they took a ride on 'Guide Air' to different parts of the world to visit the Guiding Centres located in India, England, Switzerland and Mexico.

The cost of riding 'Guide Air' was a non-perishable food item. The 25 young ladies donated the food to our local Salvation Army.

TR Icemen Raffle

After the second period of the TR Icemen vs Dawson Creek Raiders game held last Sunday the draws were made for the Polaris ATV, adjudicating the raffle was Cst. Trevor Prosser and President Doug Cameron. The ATV was won by Brian Trottier.

Also held was the draw for a trip for two to Las Vegas, Nevada, won by Cindy Stuckless. This draw was in combination with the programs, each program had a number and during the home games numbers were drawn for prizes (such as Icemen jerseys) and a number had their names entered in this draw for the trip for two to Las Vegas.

Congratulations to all who won prizes, and a thank you to all who purchased tickets for the raffle and programs for the draws.

Donation made by Cubs

On Sunday February 19 our Cubs, Scouts and Beavers held their annual Candlelight Parade. This year, along with groups throughout the province they also did a "Hike for Hunger". Each of the young men brought along a non-perishable food item. The food was collected and during the Cubs meeting the food was donated to our local Salvation Army and accepted by Lt. Rose Moulton.



Twenty-five of our Girl Guides, Brownies and Pathfinders with their box full of non-perishable food collected as admission on 'Guide Air' to visit

the Worlds Guiding Centres. The food was donated to our local Salvation Army.

Workshops in Honour of International Women's Day

Glenda L. Nikirk

On March 8, 1997, the Tumbler Ridge Women's Resource group is hosting its second annual day-long workshop, in honour of International Women's Day. This workshop is available to all women (sixteen and older) and will be held in the Tumbler Ridge Community Centre.

This year we have a very busy, fun-filled day planned. Check-in and the silent auction starts at 8:00 AM followed immediately with a Continental Breakfast. We will then wake up with a very low impact aerobics which will be more fun than fitness. After that you will be ready to start your day of classes.

There will be a minimum of three classes running simultaneously which will cover all interests. These seminars will cover intellectual topics, creative crafting, beauty, alternative health care, as well as recreational activities using the Community Centre facilities.

Lunch will be served 12:00-1:00 PM. Take advantage of this rest period to recharge your batteries

and visit with new friends.

The afternoon classes will commence at 1:00 PM. In addition to the classes there will be demonstrations and displays running throughout the day. The bidding fun will be wrapped up at 3:30 when the silent auction closes.

The non-physical women can now head over to the library, for a beauty makeover or a class in creative problem solving. The rest who still have energy to burn will go downstairs for either walleyball or bodyshaping. Don't forget to pack a bathing suit, because the next stop is the pool, where you can take part in an Aquafit class or just luxuriate in the sauna, steam room or Jacuzzi.

The day is just about over and you haven't cooked, cleaned or heard a child. Sound too good to be true? We are even offering reasonable day care which will be operated by the Pathfinders in the TR Day Care Facility. This is arranged through pre-registration only (March 5th deadline).

At 6:15 PM the whole group will

walk over to the Dragon Palace Restaurant for cocktails, dinner and conversation. Winners of the door prizes will be announced at this time. We hope that this International Women's Day celebration will be of interest to all of you.

Cost is \$30.00, all inclusive. You can pre-register at the Community Centre desk after which someone will contact you for class sign up. For more information contact Glenda Nikirk 242-5068 or Janice Lee at 242-4116.

Workshops: Financial Planning, Creative Problem Solving, Rubber Stamping/ Embossing, Body Shaping, Aquafit, Tole Painting, Homeopathy, Maritime Square/ Line Dancing, Midwifery, Walleyball, Intro to the Internet, Demonstrations in Alternative Health Care, Legislation Protecting Women in Other Countries (sponsored by the TR Public Library and Presented by Anne LeBlanc), breakfast, lunch and dinner (except for drinks) is included in the cost.

Editorial

by Kathy Cope

Well, after all the hoopla about the federal budget, it was more anticlimactic than anything else. There was a few added dollars for medicine (\$300 million for health care), for science (\$800 million for universities and hospitals), working income supplement (\$195 million), tax credits increased for post secondary education, student loan repayments extended to 30 months, double RESP (Registered Education Savings Plan) contributions, tax breaks for those that are disabled (\$70 million), charitable donations increase to 75% from the current 50%, and Canada Foundation for Innovation will be putting \$800 million over the next five years into research infrastructure.

The provinces will be putting more back into pockets of families with lower incomes, similar to what BC has been doing for the past year. Maybe we will get some back from the federal government and help defer some of our deficit.

There is also more funding for prenatal programs, and community action programs for children, to help pay for health and social workers in more than 300 communities. These programs teach parents how to feed their children on a low income nutritious foods.

International Women's Day

On March 8, 1909, 15,000 women workers marched through New York City demanding shorter working hours, safe working conditions, equal pay and the right for women to vote. Police violently attacked the women in an attempt to disperse the demonstration.

The demonstrators demanded "Bread and Roses". Bread the symbol of economic security and roses, the symbol for a better life.

One year later at the second International Conference of Socialist Women, women from 17 countries unanimously approved a proposal that women the world over set aside March 8th, each year to

Although there aren't any freebies, per se, there are a few things that we as Canadians can be happy with. Most notably the RESPs and the extra funds for research are the ones that are am most happy with.

But, there is no job creation programs. As was hoped. But, if the economy keeps growing, and the 25% of large companies felt that if it does they will be hiring more people this year. That could, conceivably, take care of most of our unemployment. Something to look forward to, in this the supposed end of a decade and a half of recession that this country has been in.

But, I am not sure that this could be construed as a pre-election budget. There aren't enough hand-outs to Canadians, especially those with an income that has been slowly eroded over the past years budgets. There aren't jobs for everyone, at least promised, if not always delivered. There aren't such things as new tax incentives to companies, to put more wages into their employees pay cheques.

There isn't anything at all that would make we want to vote for this government, if they called an election today, except for the fact that they insist the deficit will be down to \$9 billion by 1998-1999. And no new taxes. Maybe.

commemorate women and their struggles.

In 1922 women in Canada began celebrating International Women's Day, however, it wasn't until 1975, that the United Nations formally declared March 8th as International Women's Day.

It's a day that began as an event to draw attention to the appalling conditions in which women worked. March 8, 1997 allows women and men the world over to reflect on women's progress, celebrate this effort and acknowledge that women are still striving to attain "Bread and Roses".

Tumbler Ridge Women's Group still going Strong

Glenda L. Nikirk

Many of you out there ask "What is the T.R. Women's Resource Group". Well Teck Corp. you can relax, it isn't a new mineral exploration company. We are a non-profit organization that has been operating in tumbler Ridge for the past five years. It started out as a Women's Steering Committee, then the T.R. Women's Friendship Circle. Today it is still a group undergoing changes as it tries to accommodate the different expectations and needs of the women in Tumbler Ridge. We currently have 31 members in our group.

The membership is comprised of women who are mothers, and professionals; traditionalists and contemporaries. The ages vary from spring to winter (mid-twenties to sixties). We have members from exotic places such as South Africa and the Philippines. Our Canadian born members are from B.C. right through to Newfoundland. The only criteria to join us is, being a WOMAN.

Why the need for the T.R. Women's Resource Group? For the past two decades, the town of

Tumbler Ridge has been carved out of the wilderness. Every resident is a relative newcomer, leaving behind family and friends. Winters in the Peace Country are very long. Combine these two factors and there can be a great feeling of isolation. We meet every month, to simply offer camaraderie. We have become surrogate sisters to one another and offer support in all our endeavours. Just like any friendships, we have come together in times of joy and also in times of sorrow.

At each meeting we try to incorporate something educational either from our own resources or an outside source. The only perpetual executive we have is a Treasurer, Directors and a Phoning Coordinator. The Chair and Recording Secretary positions rotate monthly. We chose to do this to eliminate any one leader, thus our group moves forward as a whole, all equal and important.

Currently our group has three special projects. We are in the preliminary stages of supplying Tumbler Ridge with a volunteer registry. The registry will help all

the non-profit organizations of Tumbler Ridge by supplying a central registry of volunteers. This will help with the many fund-raisers as well as supplying volunteers with appropriate recognition. The other project dear to our hearts is the "Barb Buck Perpetual Bursary Fund". In honour of Barb Buck who passed away on August 4th, 1996. This Bursary will be awarded yearly to a graduate who has chosen a non-traditional profession.

The final one is our Annual Women's Day Workshop. This is a fun-filled day for a nominal fee. This year our date chosen is March 8th in honour of International Women's Day.

The TR Women's Resource Society can be best defined as an educational organization for women who, by working together, exchange their skills, broaden their interests and work to improve conditions at home and the community through service, self-fulfillment, sociability. If this sounds like a group for you we meet the second Tuesday of every month, 7 PM at the Library.

Book Review

David Bischoff Grounded

"While answering a distress call from a scientific station in a remote part of the galaxy, the U.S.S. Enterprise becomes infected with a mysterious alien life form which feeds on and transforms inorganic materials. The Starship begins to gradually disintegrate and Starfleet is forced to order its evacuation and destruction to prevent the dangerous infection from spreading throughout the galaxy. It's the end of an era for Captain Picard and his crew, who are scheduled for transfers that will split them up among different Starfleet vessels. But even as the end draws near for the Enterprise, Captain Picard begins to formulate a desperate plan to save his ship and preserve his crew - a plan that will force him to defy Starfleet orders and lead him to a confrontation with a malevolent alien force which has the power to destroy the entire Federation."

Another great story about one of the world's best-loved group of characters.

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TRE News

Education Week: The week of March 3rd to the 7th is Education Week. A variety of things will be going on throughout the week at TRE: Monday - Classes will be writing a verse relating to the theme of Education to the tune of 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat'. Each class will sing their verse at the assembly. Each class will be given a spelling list for students to do, in which the top 5 students from each grade will be finalists at the assembly. Tuesday - Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) will happen from 12:30 to 1:00. For parents - 1-2-3 Magic Video at 7 to 8 PM in room 5, learn about a no-nonsense discipline program that enables parents to manage children ages 2 to 12 without arguing, yelling or hitting. Developed by Thomas W. Phelan,

Ph.D. Wednesday - Classes making murals depicting the importance of education to be displayed at the assembly. Thursday - Sam's wide math activity. Friday - Assembly at 9:15 with presentations by Mrs. Edward's class, Miss Hood and Mrs. Ferguson. Spelling Bee Finals. 87 to 100 wide presentations.

Thanks to the Fire Station and the Police Station for the time they have given to Mr. Moulton's class. Thank you to Mrs. Perry, Doonan and all the skating rink teachers who have been helping with the classes.

"Gotcha" winners: Jenna Mathew Rowe and Christensen for February. Congratulations!

Heritage Week at the Library

The Library was busy with activities for youths and adults alike last week with Heritage Week. On Wednesday they had 30 youngsters take part in their TR Pioneer Days. Janet and George Hartford made a slide presentation and talked to the children about how TR came to be built, what was built when and they all enjoyed the slides showing construction in different phases, the people, etc. Then the children went on to build their own town out of boxes, Easter grass, rocks, thread spools, small round styrofoam balls, larger styrofoam pieces, bark, moss,

pinecones, leaves, cut out at and vehicles, and more. Many supplies were donated by Empson of Stardust Creations. On Thursday evening a show presentation was made by Doreen Younge to adults. The Library had coffee on for everyone to enjoy as they watched the show and reminisced about how town came to be built.

On Saturday afternoon a geography workshop was presented by Gwen Hayhoe for all those who would like to trace their roots and build a Family Tree.



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Chetwynd dart tournament attracts over 200

The Chetwynd Dart League held its 8th Annual Sweetheart's Tournament on Feb. 14-16.

The tournament was a huge success. There were 218 participants, many from Tumbler Ridge, Fort St. John and Dawson Creek.

We'd also like to thank everyone who helped organize, set up, take registration, sell tickets as well as the participants.

RESULTS OF THE TOURNAMENT

Mixed Doubles

First: Brett and Kirsty Hall (Tumbler Ridge) Second: Brain and Anne George (Chetwynd) Third: Eric and Lea-Ann Walsh (Chetwynd); and John Burns and Liz Dewald (Chetwynd)

Ladies Singles

First: Flo Wiseman (Tumbler Ridge) Second: Nancy Cowan (Chetwynd) Third: Sandy Schallock and Kirsty Hall

Ladies Doubles

First: Kirsty Hall and Sandy Schallock (Tumbler Ridge) Second: Suzie Back and Grace Walsh (Tumbler Ridge) Third: Carolyn Castle and Dorothy Rivers (Chetwynd) Flo Wiseman and Angie Hynes (Tumbler Ridge).

Men's Singles

First: Ed Phillips (Chetwynd) Second: John Burns (Chetwynd) Third: Ralph Bradshaw (Ft. St. John); John Payne (Tumbler Ridge)

Men's Doubles

First: Brett Hall and Don

Schallock (Tumbler Ridge) Second: Blackie Anderson and Dave Browett (Ft. St. John) Third: Ed Phillips and Tom Castle (Chetwynd); Carl Cheeseman and Brendon Walsh (Tumbler Ridge).

Mixed Teams

First: Ed Phillips and Dorothy Rivers: Tom Castle and Carolyn Castle (Tumbler Ridge) Second: Carl Cheeseman and Angie Hynes: Flo Wiseman and Brendon Walsh (Tumbler Ridge) Third: Don Schallock and Sandy Schallock; Paul Wiseman and Fe Buttersand (Tumbler Ridge); Russell Downey and Marge Reeves (Chetwynd); Frank Walsh and Grace Walsh (Tumbler Ridge).

Health Centre News

by April Moi, Chamber of Commerce

A strong feature of Tumbler Ridge is the level of services provided by our Community Health Centre. Since it was established in 1983, the basis for funding through the Ministry of Health has been for that of a diagnostic and Treatment Centre. The intention is to treat and stabilize patients before transporting them to a larger referral centre. In other communities, Diagnostic and Treatment Centres operate between 8 am and 5 pm with minimal services offered outside this time frame. Due to our remote location and distance to a larger referral centre, arrangements were made in 1987 to extend the level of coverage to include an evening nursing shift and in the Emergency Department. Doctors and nurses are available on-call to assist with any medical emergency. Through this arrangement, residents have been provided with 24 hour health care. The expenses for the addition of the evening nursing shift was never funded by the Ministry of Health as this level of service was not part of the mandate of a Diagnostic and Treatment Centre. It was funded by the Health Centre in years past with surplus funds that had accrued. With declining population and declining sources of revenue, it has become extremely difficult for the Health Centre to continue with the evening shift.

The past three annual budget submissions to the Ministry have been deficit budgets. All surplus funds were used to balance the budget for each of the three years. Last year, the Ministry directed the Health Centre to make modifications in how services were to be delivered in order to balance the budget. The decision was made to continue to provide the same level of

care that the community has come to expect but decrease the labour costs associated with providing these services.

There has been some success in bringing the budget under control. Through staff support and involvement, operational costs are under constant review and management. Administrative realignment has resulted in some positions being eliminated. The evening nursing shift has been reduced from midnight to 9 pm at which time the on-call process begins.

Operating within budget constraints remains a challenge. Some services are being reviewed for efficiency and cost effectiveness. The Health Centre remains uncertain of the realignment of the regional and community health councils and the impact this will have on future funding and program delivery.



Counselling Office

Delirium Tremens, acute organic disorder occurring as a symptom following withdrawal from alcoholic intoxication. The seizures generally last from three to six days and are characterized by terrifying hallucinations, usually of small creatures, and violent tremors. The patient is disoriented and usually incoherent. The tremors are physically so exhausting that the condition, even if treated, may be fatal. Treatment includes the administration of hypnotics and tranquilizers, and nutritive therapy to restore normal metabolism.

Winner

The winner of the February 22, Win Your Groceries for FREE at Shop Easy Foods was Linda Helm, with \$42.97 worth of FREE Food.

Congratulations!

Sharlene Gevatkoff
Constituency Assistant to
JACK WEISGERBER, M.L.A.

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to assist anyone having
concerns regarding the
Provincial Government.

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C.A.A.D. Meeting

Twenty-one people took part in the latest CAAD meeting. Shannon MacKay and Mark Thiesen led the meeting. The results of the recent parent survey were presented. The work of Bernice and Gertie for their posters, articles, etc. Eleven people responded to the survey.

Gertie and Vi mentioned a program called PRIDE Canada. Dennis brought some pamphlets from Health Canada, he has ordered more. Powell River and Vanderhoof have made use of the PRIDE Canada.

A steering committee was set up of a Counsellor, RCMP rep, School rep, Parent, two or more Students, Alcohol and Drug, Mental Health, Community Centre, Ministry Child and Family Services, etc.

1) Collect and analyze info. to

Action against YA & DA eg. PRIDE, EFAP, STEP, as it applies to TR, present at forum.

2) Put something in place to maintain consistency.

3) Identify target population.

4) Peer experience involved and not involved, how to educate other kids - role model.

5) Work towards youth generated and run work for peers and younger youths.

6) Peer network - address elementary school.

Positive role models, multiple solutions for multiple problems.

Sub-group will meet in early March and go over the different programs and discuss recommendations to bring to the larger Steering Group, for a possible upcoming Open Forum.

Recipes to Remember

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Sweet Pea Guacamole
by Georgina Toews
2 cups cooked peas
1/4 cup chopped onion
1 teaspoon lemon juice
2 cloves garlic, minced
4-5 drops tabasco sauce
1/4 teaspoon white pepper
2 tablespoon chopped tomatoes
Peas are used in place of avocado

to make this dip. They add a unique sweetness. In food processor with metal blade, combine all ingredients except tomatoe. Blend until smooth. Cover and refrigerate 1 to 2 hours to blend flavours. Garnish with chopped tomatoes. Yield: One and one-quarter cups of dip.

From: From Our Kitchen to Yours, District of Tumbler Ridge Chamber of Commerce and Friends Cookbook.

Anyone Interested in Genealogy?

Anyone interested in forming a genealogy group is invited to attend a meeting at the Library on Thursday, March 6/97 at 7:30 PM. We will be looking at pooling resources, sharing ideas and trying to find an used microfilm for Tumbler Ridge. For more information please contact Alex at 242-3350 or Gwen at 242-4068.

TR Gymnastics Year End Show

Our Gymnastics Association is planning their Year End Show on March 9 at 1 PM. The show will take place at the TRSS Gym. Door Prizes and Refreshments will be there and everyone is welcome to attend and cheer on our gymnasts.



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Secretary Judy Proulx, Treasurer Gord Collison, Sergeant at Arms Anthony Pisoni, Serving Officer Doug Ruffell and Installing Officer Bud Melin from Zone Command.

New Executive at Royal Canadian Legion

Last Saturday evening our Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #286, installed its new executive. For the Royal Canadian Legion the new Executive is: Past-president Heather Kilborn, President Ray Proulx, First vice-president Andy Kilborn, Second vice-president Wayne Davies, Executive Officer Henry Hansen, Secretary Judy Proulx, Treasurer Gord Collison, Sergeant at Arms Anthony Pisoni, Serving Officer Doug Ruffell and Chaplain Dave Moulton. They were installed

by Bud Melin from Zone Command.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #286 is: President Anne White, Past-president Bessie Samson, First vice-president Flo Wiseman, Executive Officers Angie Hynes and Doreen Dupras, Secretary Lisa Ruffell, Treasurer Sandy Schallcock, Sergeant at Arms Lucy Dargatzis. They were installed by Alice Dell from Zone Command.

TR Icemen vs Dawson Creek Raiders

Last Sunday the last of the 1996/97 Northwest Junior Hockey Leagues season was played. The game was held at 3:45 PM with our Icemen playing the Dawson Creek Raiders.

The Icemen: Dave Sadlier, Shaun Piercey, Jaret Lenart, Duane Sadlier, Derek Lalonde, Phil Dicaire, Blaine Stokes, Will Howe, Doug Taylor, Andrew Nystoruk, Brady Hebb, Chris Crawford, Robert Mackay, Cliff LaPrairie, Steve Breen, Stephen Moffat, Eric Nystoruk and Scott Pimblott, goalies: Jeremy Spotter and Arnie Rotenburger. With coaches: Randy Muise and Grant Littlefield.

The Raiders came with 13 players and their coaches and equipment manager.

The game started off really well with goals coming right and left by our TR Icemen. Within in the first two periods there were seven goals made by the Icemen and one by the Raiders.

But, there were, unfortunately, quite a few fights. Penalties seemed to be a common occurrence. Most for roughing it, but a few for slashing and one for high sticking. Then came the big brawl, actually more than one. This left Dawson Creek with four men out of the game, and one was injured as he hit the boards (I hope he is alright).

With such a shortage to begin with they decided not to finish the game, as there wouldn't be enough players to allow for a reasonable time on the bench to rejuvenate from the hard work. I'm not being facetious, they do work pretty hard when you watch them come in from just ten or fifteen minutes out there, they are really sweating.

I got the chance to watch the game, basically because I was helping out my son for the grade 8 trip to Calgary. The parents were work-

ing Security for the Icemen in change for the use of their building. I have a confession, this was the first of their games that I had been to. I was wondering just how different these games were from those I had watched on television (I spent many an evening watching such games with my son, a real hockey fanatic) and those that the younger hockey players play (something I have a chance to catch over the years). There weren't as many fights as I would see in a regular game of hockey, but they sure to start quickly and they do happen (and I really wonder why some of them start when they seemed to come out of the blue). There were lots of things that didn't lead to fights, an example when two players fell over each other and one picked up his opponent and helped him back on his feet. When the Raiders' player was injured, the fans (which filled the arena by the way) cheered when he got off on his own steam.

I don't know why all the bickering went on at the end, and some of the language was to say the least a little colourful. Maybe people were a little ripped off because the game didn't go the usual four periods. But, with everything that had happened, I was surprised that it lasted as long as it did. When you have four players of the same team in the penalty box (and they didn't finish well, either) at the same time doesn't leave very much on the ice nor free to replace tired players. As for our standing in the league, well we didn't do too badly the first season. And I am sure we will do better next year. Well, all, don't we have the "Cowboys" Team in Rocky Hockey?"

TR THIS WEEK

Saturday, Guide Coupon Book arrives, 50 discount coupons for local businesses and services, please support the Guides trip to Quebec by purchasing a coupon book.

Monday and Wednesday, Children and the Internet Northern Lights College.

Monday, TRSS PAC (Parent Advisory Council) meeting changed from March 10, at 7:30 PM in the school Library.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Early dismissal for students for Parent-Teacher conferences.

Tuesday, Internet Session at the Library, Investments, 7 PM everyone welcome.

Tuesday, Regular Council meeting of Tumbler Ridge District Council, 7 PM in Town Hall.

Thursday, Genealogy Meeting at the Library at 7:30 PM, anyone interested in forming a Genealogy Group please attend or contact Alex at 242-3350 or Gwen at 242-4068.

Friday, BINGO by TRMYFA at the Community Centre.

Friday, Steak Night at the Legion.

Friday, Mother Earth, Me and the Medicine Wheel Northern Lights College.

Saturday, International Women's Day workshops, starting at 8AM and runs throughout the day with a wide variety of interesting workshops planned by the Women's Resource Group, all women welcome 16 and over.

Saturday and Sunday, Closing Mixed Bonspiel.

Sunday, TR Gymnastics Association Annual Year End Show at TRSS 1 PM. Door Prizes and Refreshments. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Bantam Hockey news

February has been a very busy month. After a lot of preparation the team was off to Terrace for the Northern B.C. games, February 6, 7, 8, and 9. The team played 4 games to place 1st in their division, with the 5th game decided a 4th place finish. Thank you to all the billet's in Terrace for looking after our T.R. team.

Then the Bantams were off to MacKenzie on February 15th and 16th for a tournament. Teams from, Prince George, Quesnel, Fort St. John, came to play. T.R. came home with a 3rd place finish. MVP's were, #66 D. Robertson, #94 R. Goodman, #17 B. Head, and #27 S. Ross.

Dawson Creek was the next tournament stop, on February 21, 22 and 23. Six teams competed, Tumbler Ridge played excellent all weekend, and took 1st place. MVP's for T.R. were #93 A. MacEachern, #66 D. Robertson, #31 S. Chapman, and #27 S. Ross.

T.R.'s home tournament will be on March 7, 8, and 9. Please come out and join us for some great full contact hockey. First game is 8:00 a.m. Saturday, March 8.

Legion Thanks

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #286, would like to Thank the USWA for their generous donation of a fax machine. And for all their past help and donations.

Men's and ladies Open Bonspiel

Last weekend a Men's and Ladies Open Bonspiel was held in Tumbler Ridge. The Men's 1st A was Fleming Rink from TR, 2nd A was the Noskiye Rink from Chetwynd, 3rd A was the Lehman Rink of TR and 4th A was Framst Rink from Fort St. John.

The 1st B Mens was Merwin Rink from Fort St. John, 2nd B was Hall Rink from TR, 3rd B was Guske Rink from TR and 4th B was De Mos Rink from Chetwynd.

The 1st C rink was Rapid Wireline Rink from Fort St. John, 2nd C was Folden Rink from TR, 3rd C was Runzer Rink from TR and 4th C was Patriquin Rink from TR.

Ladies 1st A was MacLean Rink from Dawson Creek, 2nd A Weisgerber Rink from Chetwynd, 3rd A was McGinnis Rink from Fort St. John and 4th A was Hum Rink from TR. 1st B was Howard Rink from Dawson Creek, 2nd B was Mayoh Rink from Dawson Creek, 3rd B was Guske Rink from TR and 4th B was Merwin Rink from Fort St. John. 1st C Ladies was Treit Rink from TR, 2nd C was Rapid Wireline Rink from Fort St. John, 3rd C was Campbell Rink from Chetwynd, and 4th C was Taylor Rink from TR.

In all there were 32 rinks playing in the Open Bonspiel from all over the Peace.



DRIVE SAFELY

Thinking Day activities for Girl Guides

Last Saturday room 4 of the Community Centre took on a different look. The Girl Guides had set up booths for five different activities. There was one for each of the four World Guide Centres and another for a history lesson.

At Our Chalet, in Switzerland, you could find hikers cheese, make paper dolls, play the game "And the Letters", and learn some interesting things about Switzerland and Guiding there.

At Our Cabana, "Neustra Cabana", in Mexico, you could try Mexican cookies, try to break a pinata, make maracas, and learn about Mexico.

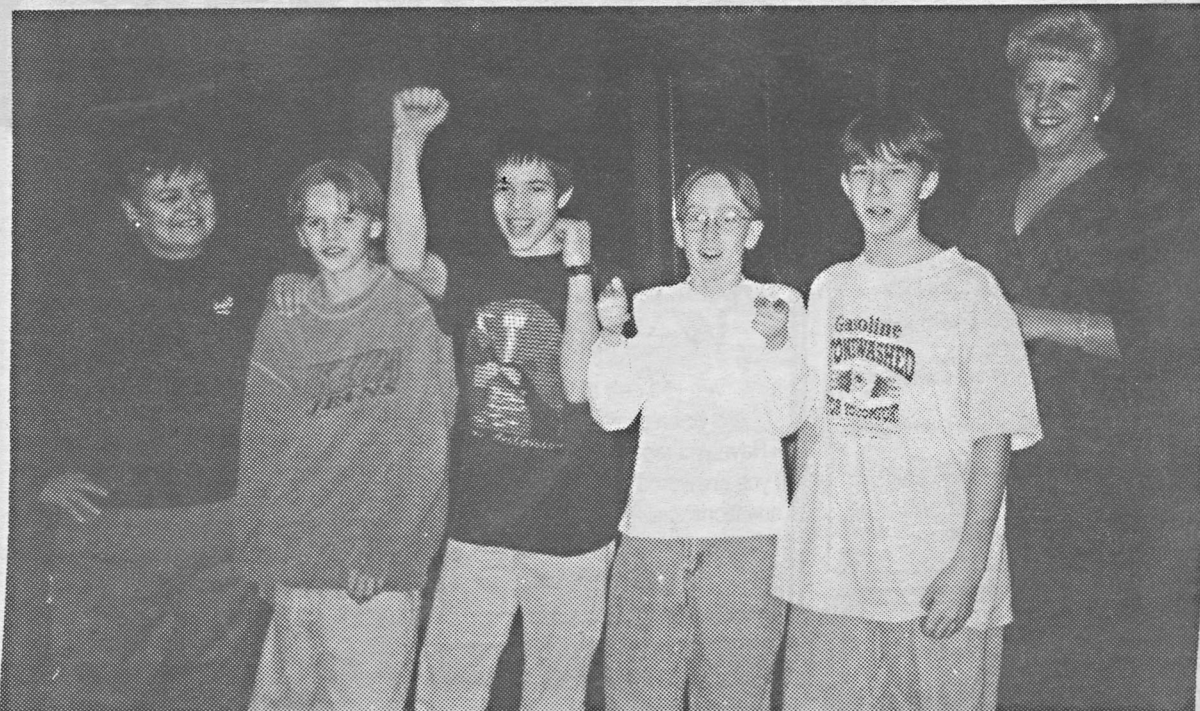
A visit to Pax Lodge in London, England, would give you apple cider, Peak Fren Cookies (by ap-

pointment to Her Majesty), make a tower out of a bag of odds and ends, and make pressed flower cards.

A visit to India's Sangam would have you making a floating cradle, playing fan the fish, eating banana chapatis and learning about customs and guiding in India.

The history lesson involved an interactive story about Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. Did you know that there are more than 6.5 million guides around the world in over 100 different countries?

The twenty-five Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders, along with nine of their leaders also enjoyed cake and had lots of fun on this their Thinking Day. A day to celebrate the birthday of their leaders Lord and Lady Baden-Powell.



Ms. Little, (not in order) Frank Gunther, Steven Goosen, Troy Barker, Derek Fortier and Ms.

Lambie. The four 'Vultures' won the Claude Galibois Trivia Challenge.

Girl Guide and Scout Week

Many young people are involved in the Girl Guide and Boy Scout organizations. These organizations promote and foster the development of important human relations skills. The Girl Guides and Boy Scouts have been a positive influence in the lives of the young people, and assisted in the development of community leaders. The Guide and Scout organizations promote understanding and cooperation among the various regions of Canada and the world. Many volunteers give a

great deal of their time through the Girl Guide and Scouting organizations to assist young people in meeting the challenges of life.

It is important for the people of Tumbler Ridge to recognize the value and contribution of such organizations.

Therefore the District of Tumbler Ridge and Mayor Paul Kealy has declared the week of February 21-28 as Girl Guide and Boy Scout Week.

Claude Galibois Trivia Challenge

Over the past six weeks intermediate students from Claude Galibois were offered the chance to take part in a Trivia Challenge at the school's Library. Questions were put to the students by School Librarian Ms. Little ranging from math, science, sports, games, spelling, astronomy, board games, fill in the blanks, etc.

The students played 20 games in

a Round Robin tournament that brought the final two teams to a Challenge in the school's Gym with Ms. Lambie acting as Quiz Master, and Ms. Little acting as score keeper/ timer.

After a rigorous challenge the final score was 30-28, with the boy's team The Vulture beating out the girls M&Ms.

The winners received a \$10 gift certificate from Koals and the runners up received a \$5 gift certificate from Koals.

The Vultures: Frank Gunther, Steven Goosen, Troy Barker and Derek Fortier. The M&Ms: Jennifer Baron, Courtenay Gillingham, Shelley Lewis and Erika Olah.

Employee of the Month

The February 1997 Employee of the Month is Brian Link.

Brian Link was nominated by TR President Wade Wilson in December after a significant snow fall left cul-de-sacs impassable and Brian was identified clearing snow with the snow loader.

Brian Link was employed as a public works labourer for the District of Tumbler Ridge in April 1987 and presently works as a heavy equipment operator in our Public Works Department. Brian's

job responsibilities include operating the District's heavy equipment. Brian was instrumental in working out the kinks in the big street snow blower.

Brian is a valued member of the District staff team. His commitment and dedication to the District is invaluable.

Brian received his gift certificate and plaque on Friday, February 21 from Acting Mayor Tom Dall, which was also his birthday.

Out-of-Province Vehicle Inspections increased

Anyone attempting to circumvent inspection requirements for use motor vehicles brought into B.C. for first time registration faces stiff new penalties. Falsifying or altering an inspection document to make it appear a vehicle has passed an inspection when it has not can result in a fine of up to \$2,000 and/ or six months in jail.

In B.C. salvaged vehicles sold by ICBC and subsequently rebuilt must undergo a structural integrity assessment and a mechanical safety

inspection before they can be re-licensed and reinsured for the road.

As of Sept. 1, 1995, amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act regulations require out-of-province motor vehicles to also pass a safety inspection prior to registration in B.C. The program includes verification of vehicle identification numbers and is intended to combat auto fraud and theft, protect consumers and ensure the road worthiness of used out-of-province vehicles.

Puppet Play at Library

On March 12 the Library players will be performing a Puppet Play, entitled "Midas and the Golden Touch" for your enjoyment. The play, in three acts, will tell the story of King Midas and how he decided he wanted to be richer than he already was and was granted the request to turn things to gold at his touch, and how this affected his life.

The play will start at 3 PM and is open to everyone to enjoy, but for those wanting to participate in the puppet making workshop afterward, please pre-register.

Kids Fun

What do frogs like to sit on? adstools.

How do you get nuts from a squirrel? Walk up to the squirrel and say, "This is a stick-up!"

Teacher: Do sailors go on safaris? All: Not safaris (so far as) I know. Who invented fractions? Henry Eighth (1/8).

Jokes from: 696 Silly School Jokes & Riddles by Joseph Penbloom

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TUMBLER RIDGE OBSERVER

8 Personals

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meets the following evenings in Tumbler Ridge
 Sunday 8:30 p.m. at the Community Centre.
 Thursday 8:30 p.m. at the Community Centre.

For more information call
 Alcoholics Anonymous
242-3961

TFN

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meets the following
 afternoon in Tumbler
 Ridge at 1:30 p.m.,
 Wednesdays in the
 TR Counselling Office
 Board Room.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (N.A.)

Meets every Thursday at
 4 p.m. in TR Counselling
 Board Room.

11 Announcements

The TR Ladies Auxiliary to the Health Centre is

desperately seeking Susan..Mary Jane.. John..Elenor..for fun and friendship..must have a sense of humor, some free time, imagination and initiative - looks unimportant. We need your help, and **you** can make a difference in your community.

If you would like to know more about us please call Vicki at 242-3107, Kim at 242-2370 or Loraine at 242-5543

The Salvation Army

meets Sunday
 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 #107 Commercial Park
 Tumbler Ridge, BC

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15 Services

H.I.V. (AIDS)

Testing and counselling available at the Peace River Health Unit in Tumbler Ridge. Testing is free and confidential. Call 242-4262 for more information or for an appointment.

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15 Services

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36 Miscellaneous

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We Help Injured Birds

If you have any injured birds please call Mark or Nathan at 242-5766 for help.

WE WELCOME ANY INFORMATION ON LOCAL BIRDS

If you have recorded a rare or unusual bird sighting or know of nest sites, please let us know; call Charles at 242-3984.

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 TUMBLER RIDGE

Proposals are invited for the interval April 1, 1997 to March 31, 1998.

The campus consists of approximately 342 square meters. Cleaning is generally done Monday to Friday with some work required on the weekends. Cleaning must be done when the rooms are not in use. The college will provide only the cleaning supplies.

A copy of the custodial services requirements can be picked up at our office during working hours. All bids must be submitted to Cindy Goossens, Campus Secretary by 4:30 p.m., March 14, 1997.

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NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that eligible and qualified persons, corporations and Indian Bands are invited to submit proposals to the District Manager for one or more Woodlot Licence(s) in the Daw Creek Forest District.

Proposals must be received on or before March 31, 1997 by District manager, Ministry of Forests, 9000 17th Street, Daw Creek, BC V1G 4A4.

Proposals are to include an informal description of up to hectares of Crown forest land and accompanied by a map of general location. Proposals are not to include a deposit or offer.

Upon review of the proposals, the District Manager determine which areas of the greatest interest and those areas may be advertised for competition firstly.

Education Week

Next week, March 3-7, is Education Week in Canada. The PACs are putting together a Staff Appreciation Week for our Teachers and Staff.

I wrote a short poem to go with this event.

Thank You for Caring
Even when they would rather be sleeping we make them go to school.

Even when they would rather be home watching television you have to get their attention.

You teach them even when they would rather be outside playing.

You have our children from 9 am to 12 and again for two hours in the afternoon.

You teach them their math, language arts, social studies, how to read and write.

You, the teacher, of our little ones, have the care, nurturing, and educating of those children.

The times that you have had to fight the Late, Late Show to keep them awake.

The child that isn't quite feeling well, for whatever the reason, that you still have to teach.

We appreciate all the caring that you give them. The times that you have had to listen to their grumblings. The hugs and soothings for the fights that they got into with their friends. We appreciate all those hours of work that you put in to plan lessons to teach them and keep their attention while you do. We appreciate all the meetings that you have had to attend to understand our precious little ones. We appreciate all the classes that you take to keep up with the current information.

For all that you do, our children's teachers, we salute you and appreciate your caring.



Teachers and Support Staff for Tumbler Ridge Elementary School. Back row: Mr. McKee, Mrs. Carlson, Ms. Fraser, Mrs. Dinell, Mr. Moulton. Second Row: Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Vannan, Mrs. Ferguson, Ms. Lambie (sort of), Mrs. Brennan, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Piercey, Mrs. Mitchell. Front row: Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McKinney, Ms.

Lorway, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Chmelyk, Mrs. Woodruff and Miss Hood.

Absent: Mardelle Sauerborn, Sue Fox, Marsha Dufresne, Danielle Danis, Colette Imbeault, Mark Thiesen, Dawn Wagner, Keith McKeeman, Betty-Anne Brandsgard, Susan Dieno, Audrey Lenart, Marlene Lang and Corky Dutka-Stainbrook.

T.R. Counselling Office

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), worldwide fellowship of men and women who meet together to attain and maintain sobriety. It originated in 1935 when Bill W., a New York stockbroker and Dr. Bob S., a surgeon, met in Akron, Ohio, and started to help each other stay sober. From that modest beginning, AA has grown to an estimated 87,000 groups in more than 130 countries, with a total membership of more than 2 million.

All men and women who feel they have a drinking problem are welcome to attend any AA meeting. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. Members are anonymous at the pub-

lic level, and no dues or fees are required; contributions are entirely voluntary. The AA program is one of total abstinence, in which members are encouraged to stay away from one drink, one day at a time. Pictures

Their sobriety is maintained by sharing their experience, strength, and hope at group meetings, and following the suggested Twelve Steps to recovery. Even isolated alcoholics in remote regions, without access to AA groups, can seek help from the Loners program through the General Service Office in New York City. Inter group offices in most urban areas provide information on times and places of nearby

meetings.

A board of trustees, of whom 7 are non-alcoholics and 14 are AA members, administers the organization's activities in the United States and Canada. Regional delegates vote on matters of general significance at annual conferences; an international convention is held every five years. Alcoholics Anonymous, by Bill W. and others, explains how the AA program works and contains the Twelve Steps recovery program.

Tumbler Ridge Police-Based Victim Assistance Program

We all know about crime, but we don't think it will involve us. It is something that happens to other people. What if crime touches your life? Where do you go, what can you expect, what do you do?

If you have been the victim of an assault, a property offence, or any other crime, the first step is to call the RCMP. They can refer you for assistance, but they first must know about the crime. If you are not sure whether you are a victim of crime, contact the Victim Information Service, 1-800-563-0808 and tell them about your situation. You may also self-refer to the Tumbler Ridge program by contacting the coordinator at 242-3313.

If you are a victim of a crime, and access the Tumbler Ridge Victim Assistance program, services can be provided to you in the following areas:

- * Practical assistance, such as accompanying you to the police station, or filing out forms such as the Victim Impact Statement;
- * Information on your rights under the Victims of Crime Act;
- * Emotional support by a victim assistance worker;
- * Information on the progress of the police investigation and the court case;
- * Explanations on how the criminal justice system works;
- * Preparation if you have to testify in court;
- * Accompanying you to court;
- * Help in applying for criminal injury compensation if you have been physically or emotionally affected by the crime;
- * Referral to other agencies for legal or financial information and for long-term counseling.

The Tumbler Ridge Police-based

Victims' Assistance is open Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, 242-3313. If the coordinator is not available, you can leave a message on the answering machine and your call will be returned as soon as possible. The program is funded through the Ministry of Attorney General.



TR District of Tumbler Ridge

Public Notice

IN TOWN LOGGING OF FIRE WOOD

The cutting down of live or standing dead trees for firewood purposes, from Crown Lands, within the town site of Tumbler Ridge is not permitted without the written consent of the District of Tumbler Ridge and or the B.C. Ministry of Forests.

The Town site of Tumbler Ridge includes all lands west of the Heritage Highway north of Highway 28 and east of the TR Point Ridge extending from Highway 28 north to the Murry River.

Anyone caught without pre-approved authorization may be charged under the Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act.

Please contact the District of Tumbler Ridge Public Works Department to request authorization of any proposed select tree cutting. Help us to keep our community green today and tomorrow.

