

# The 60¢ (incl Tax) COMMUNITY VOICE

From the Beaches to the Falls\*

## Watch Out For Forgeries

### \$2,000 reward offered

by Charles Norman

The Powerview RCMP detachment report that Counterfeit fifty and twenty dollar bills are being circulated in the area. Royal Bank manager John Mowbray, who's tellers have found both fifties and twenties, said he has told his tellers to advise customers who present these bills to take them to the RCMP. He said the bills are slightly smaller than real bills, the colour is a

little brighter, they have a "washed out" look, Spots are not present - the colour is blended into a solid colour, and they feel different from the genuine article.

These bills surfaced in Winnipeg a few weeks ago. Mowbray suspects that people passing them, drop into a new community, pass very quickly through it and are on their way to the next community before anyone gets suspi-

cious, leaving behind them a trail of phoney bills with local merchants.

The local RCMP detachment is asking anyone with information on the source of these bills, or knowledge of who is passing them to contact the RCMP or Crime Stoppers (toll free 1-800-782-8477). You will not have to give your name, or go to court, and you may be eligible for an award up to \$2,000.

## Rumour Mill

by Charles Norman

The Abitibi Price Pine Falls mill seems to be producing more rumours than newsprint lately.

The Pine Falls mill is shipping pulpwood from the mill yard to Boise Cascade in Kenora. This is not a rumour, it is a fact, but people talking about it follow up with the comment "It doesn't look good." The unspoken fear being that inventory is being disposed of prior to disposal of the mill.

The truth is that Boise Cascade is 2,000 cords short this year. Last year the Pine Falls mill was 10,000 cords

short and had to make up the difference by buying pulpwood from an Ontario logging contractor. Mill manager Fern Pitre said helping them out was the neighbourly thing to do. "Maybe we'll need their help in the future." He said.

Another rumour - that the mill will close on January the first, is untrue. A usually reliable source has informed the Community Voice that the rumour was started by a group of employees having coffee together at Clark's. They decided to start a rumour and see how long it took to get back to them.



The Sunrise Singers

## MRAC Does it Again!

The Manitou Rapids Arts Council sponsored a superb concert in the new Powerview School Gym last Sunday afternoon.

Our own Sunrise Singers, conducted by Jaco Vandervalt, and accompanied by Gwen Welsh on the piano, were joined by the Eastman Youth Choir, conducted by Rudy Schellenberg and accompanied by Lynelle Thiessen in a program which delighted the close to 150 people present.

With a selection calcu-  
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**PUBLIC HEARING BE HEARD**

## Remembrance Day - Charles R. Thomas and Descendants Serve Country for a Century

Charles R. Thomas & his descendants who served through wars and peace.



The Family Tree of a Century of the Thomas family's Service in the Canadian Armed Forces

by Lorraine Neal

It all began with Charles R. Thomas, who lived from 1802-1895. Charles Thomas worked for the Hudson Bay Company. Following Charles is Richard Charles, who fathered John George Thomas. Alfred Thomas served in the Great War of 1914-1918. *Continued next page*



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## Thomas Family (cont.)

Three more Thomases followed serving in various arms of the service. Howard Thomas in the Proval Corps during the years of 1939 - 1945. Arthur Thomas in the Royal Engineers from 1942 - 1945. Richard Thomas in the "Kangaroos" from 1943 - 1944.

Also serving in this war were grandsons Langford Thomas from 1942 - 1945 with the Fort Garry Horse. Harvey Thomas was a Paratrooper from 1942 - 1945.

There were also members of the Thomas family who served in peacetime. Carl was with the Queen's Own Rifles from 1957 - 1961, Eric Thomas served in the Air Force from 1968 - 1980, Marlo Thomas also served in the Air Force from 1968 - 1971. Gilbert Stephenson served in the Navy from 1961. Dave Thomas was in the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets, and Randy Thomas, son of Les Thomas, has been with the Field Engineers since 1983.

The Thomas family have certainly demonstrated love of country through all generations beginning with Charles Thomas almost two hundred

years ago. When we remember all those who have given their lives so we can live ours

in peace, perhaps we could also give a thought to families such as the Thomases and all

other families like theirs. Perhaps also we could say a prayer in the hope that the precarious

balance between peace and war will remain forever tilted toward peace.

## More on Coyotes

A week ago the PBS program "Nature" dealt with coyotes. At the opening of the program the coyote was referred to as "tricky". "The coyote will always win the toss, because it's both sides of the coin"

Perhaps this explains the difference in perception of Rita Vincent, whose family were menaced by a pack of coyotes in Powerview four weeks ago, and "Concerned Citizen", who wrote to the Community Voice, protesting our coverage of the event.

Certainly the Vincent family had reason to be worried. We heard the tape, as did CBC listeners across Canada. It was not the sound of the usually timid animals that take care to avoid man.

There seems to be a change taking place in the behaviour of this animal. The same PBS program

showed coyotes in suburban Los Angeles, where they have adapted to the city environment, even to the extent of avoiding the rush hour. After about seven pm they emerge from the shadows, occasionally making a meal of a neighbourhood pet. We know of no actual physical attack on anyone by coyotes, but it seems they are beginning to lose their fear of man.

And just as certainly "Concerned Citizen" had reason to be "concerned". No one wants to return to the days when there was a year round open season on coyotes. Our reader appeared to feel that fear of this animal might bring this about.

Coyotes could be attracted into the urban environment by food left out for pets. It might be advisable for pet owners to feed their pets indoors, especially at this time of year.



## Remembrance Day Message from Darren Praznik, MLA

Seventy-nine years ago this past August, the armies of Europe marched to the battlefields and began what would become one of the most bloody wars of history. Our young people answered the call of "King & Empire" and marched off to war as part of the British Empire under British command.

Three years later, in April of 1917, those same young men, now seasoned veterans of the trenches, fought together as a "Canadian" Army for the first time. In the mud of Vimy Ridge these "Canadians" not just won a battle which others before could not do, but they more importantly earned the respect of the world and the right for the young Dominion of Canada to be treated as a nation. Canada, like its young people, had come of age.

Twenty-two years later, in 1939, the young people of our Country, both men and women, were again called to military service to participate in another world conflict, but this time they went to war as Canadians and again they earned the respect of ally and foe alike.

As we, as a nation, today struggle with a variety of issues such as the economy, the provision of public services or the crisis in agriculture, let us not forget the commitments and efforts of those who have served Canada in two world wars and other conflicts around the globe. Let us not forget that the freedom we enjoy today, and from time to time take for granted, was paid for by the sacrifice of our veterans and those who did not return. On this November 11, 1993, as we struggle with our own difficulties, let us pause for a moment to remember and to say "thank you".

*Darren Praznik*

Darren Praznik, MLA  
Lac du Bonnet Constituency

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10:00 am - Powerview  
12:00 noon - Stead

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10:00 to Noon  
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**Holy Trinity Anglican**  
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Eucharist:  
Sunday 9:00 am

**St. Theresa's**  
Pine Falls  
Mass at 10:00 am

**St. Georges**  
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at 8:00 am and  
10:00 am

## Community Calendar

**Library Allard**  
Library Hours:  
TUESDAY: 10:30am to 5:00pm  
WEDNESDAY: 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
6:30pm to 8:00pm  
THURSDAY: 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
6:30pm to 8:00pm  
FRIDAY: 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
SATURDAY: 10:30am to 2:00pm

Three Bears Daycare Meetings first Thursday of every month  
Friday November 12: La Leche League Meeting in Lac du Bonnet at 1:30pm Topic: "Why Breastfeed Your Baby?" All women interested are invited to attend. Babies are Welcome. 753-8294 or 268-1972 for information

**Knights of Columbus**  
Meetings every second Tuesday of the month 7:30 at St. Theresa's Church  
General Meeting  
Silver Haven Club  
Cribbage - every 4th and 5th Monday of the Month at 1:30 p.m.  
Whist - every Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Winnipeg River W.I. meetings third Tuesday of every month, 7:00 p.m.  
Library Allard, St. Georges.  
Powerview Local Media Regular Meetings - held on the first Thursday of each month - 7:00 pm at the Powerview Arena Meeting Room



## The Poppy-Remembrance Campaign "Service is our way of Life"



November 11, 1993 is the 75th Anniversary of the Signing of the ARMISTICE - November 11, 1918. Ending World War I.

Every year for about two weeks prior to Remembrance Day - November 11th, the Royal Canadian Legion conducts the Poppy-Remembrance Campaign.

The Poppy has long since been associated with Remembrance of war dead. During the Napoleonic War a correspondent wrote of how thickly the poppies grew in Flanders area over the graves of the dead; however, a Canadian medical officer was chiefly responsible for the poppy's association with Remembrance.

In 1915 Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae came

out of the line, following the Battle of Ypres, with 13 lines scrawled on a scrap of paper. Those lines were the poem, "In Flanders Fields". It was first published in PUNCH magazine in December of that year.

The poem inspired the United States Legion to adopt the poppy as a symbol of Remembrance in 1920. Although the poppy was first officially sponsored in Canada as a Remembrance symbol in 1921 by Great War Veterans Association at the suggestion of a French woman, Madame Guerin, there is no doubt that McCrae deserves credit for its permanent association with Remembrance.

Poppy emblems were first made by Vetcraft Shops in 1992 under the sponsorship

of the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-establishment.

Poppy material is still made by disabled veterans and their dependants at Vetcraft Factories in Montreal and Toronto operated by Veterans Affairs Canada. The work provides a small source of income and allows them to take an active part in maintaining the tradition of Remembrance.

The Poppy-Remembrance Campaign is intended to remind Canadians of the debt they owe to the 114,000 men and women who died in the military service of Canada during two World Wars and the Korean War. Donations received during the campaign are placed in trust accounts and used throughout the year to assist needy veterans, ex-service members and their

families. Former members of the Commonwealth and allied military services may also be eligible to receive benefits from these funds.

For every donation received, a symbol of remembrance is provided, either for personal or public display. These symbols include the lapel poppy, worn by individuals, and the wreaths laid at cenotaphs and memorials across the country. Donations are not mandatory and in some case, as for example with school children, poppies are distributed by Legion members solely to perpetuate the tradition of Remembrance among Canadian young people.

During the 1990 campaign over 15 million poppies were distributed across Canada.

Activities supported by donations to Poppy Trust Funds include:

- Assistance to needy veterans, ex-service members and their families;
- Purchase of medical appliances;
- Funding of medical research and training;
- Provisions of bursaries children and grandchildren of veterans and ex-service members;
- Funding accommodation and care facilities for veterans, seniors and disabled persons;
- Operation of the Royal Canadian Legion's Service Bureau at Dominion Command in Ottawa. The Bureau acts on behalf of veterans, ex-service members and their dependants with pension submissions and appeals.

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lated to please everyone, and which included classical, religious, folk and humorous choral music, the two choirs provided local music lovers with a delightful afternoon, and were rewarded by a well deserved standing ovation at the conclusion of the concert.

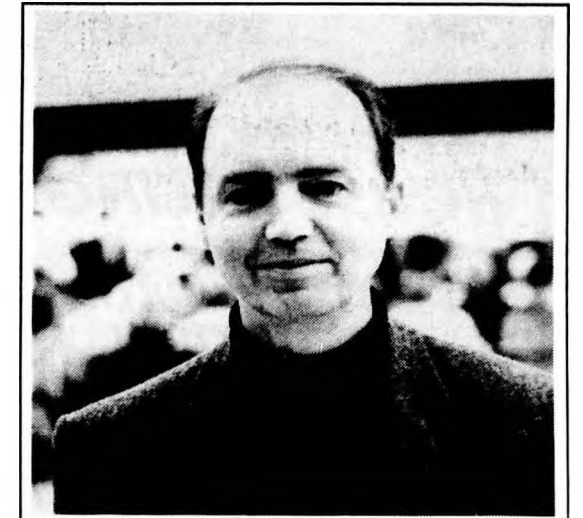
Unlike most high school gymnasiums, the acoustics of the new gym were not a distraction.

The visiting choir, made up of 42 high school students from throughout Eastern Manitoba, rehearse for two weekends, in September and October, at Camp Arness on

Lake Winnipeg. A third weekend, giving concerts in the Eastman Region makes up the entire season for the choir. In spite of the limited rehearsal time they sang beautifully.

The Eastman Youth Choir was established in 1989 by the Eastman Choral Association, an affiliate of the Manitoba Choral Association with the objective of providing young people with a choral experience.

Craig Cassels, chairman of the Eastman Choral Association, and composer of two of the afternoons selections, told the Community Voice he is hoping to interest local youngsters in the Choir.



Craig Cassels, Chairman of the Eastman Choral Association. - He is looking for high school students for the Eastman Youth Choir.

## Sagkeeng Erects War Memorial



Sagkeeng honours their war-dead from two world wars and the Korean Conflict with a War Memorial erected two months ago.



Eastman Youth Choir

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AT  
2:00 P.M.

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**GOLD!!**

by Wilda Ward

Last summer, on one of my annual pilgrimages to my home town of Bissett, I heard that Rea Gold Corporation, the current owners of the mine, were pulling up the hoist cables, letting the lower levels of the mine flood, and putting up mine equipment for sale. Only one employee, a watchman, was said to remain on the payroll. It was a sad moment for Bissett, the end of an era. Things were pretty well finished for San Antonio Gold Mines, or so it seemed.

Now, less than six months later, rumours about the re-opening of the mine are buzzing around the district faster and thicker even than last summer's mosquitoes. According to local reports, Rea is going to do 1500 feet of diamond drilling underground, and has already hired four men to work replacing galvanized iron on the head frame and repairing timber underground. More jobs and more money are supposed to be in the offering.

This last minute reprieve for San Antonio reminds me of an incident I heard of from Leif Mamen, and old Norwegian miner who worked in Bissett more than 65 years ago.

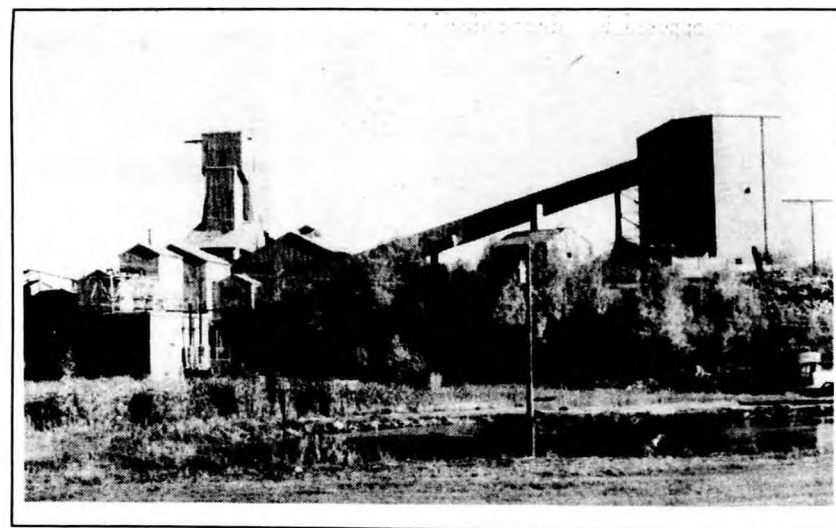
It happened in the early spring of 1928. The famous consulting geologist John "Turn-Down" Reid (so-called because he never OK'd a claim unless he was convinced of its worth) had just recommended hiring D. J. Kennedy as mine manager. Reid thought the geology of the San Antonio claim was right for a major gold discovery. But times were tough for the struggling company, and only a handful of workers remained at the mine. In Leif's own words:

"Well, they got to a stage, no money. No hope of getting money. We'd taken most of the pipes and tracks out of the mine, ready for winding down the property. Then we were called back, on contract we never got paid for. San Antonio was so desperate for money we had to take wages in mining stock, just a gamble on something

worthless you might say.

Reid had got it into his head that if they continued to drift from 708 crosscut, they had the potential of striking a producing vein. We had to use wheelbarrows, and re-lay some of the pipelines. Then we started to drill. Reid said: "About 40 feet, if it's not in there, that's the end of it." Well, we drilled on the night shift, and I was hoisting.

At about 3:00 in the morning we were ready to blast. I noticed the back holes when I was down before, with lots of quartz in them. So when they blasted, I couldn't get down fast enough. And there was a thin slab that come off the back. First thing you look at it, beautiful, beautiful gold. So we all went up on surface. I got instructions from Kennedy to come right over after the blast if we found anything, and that slab was loaded with gold. So I knocked on the door to wake them up. Reid was sleeping with a nightie and little toque on his head. He put a parka on, over his nightie. I can't remember what Kennedy had on, prob-



The San Antonio Mine as it is today.

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ably pyjamas. But that's the way they come underground. And so, because of that last 40 feet of drilling, that desperate gamble, San Antonio Gold Mines was eventually able to come into production. The vein that Reid predicted and Leif discovered early in the morning of April 9, 1928, was the 616 vein. It proved to be the first real money-maker for the mine. Is history going to repeat itself?

**Landsdown Mission**

By George T. Lalor

The first Christian missionary to visit the Mouth of the Winnipeg River was Father Claude Cocquart who accompanied Captain Joseph de Noyelles to the North West in 1743. No other clergyman would reach this point until July 12th, 1818 marked the arrival here of Father Norbert Provencher. In 1822, Reverend John West of the Church of England performed a marriage at Fort Alexander while his successors made the post a part of their itinerary. But no serious attempt to establish permanent missions in this region would be made until 1840.

During the first few years of their presence in the North West, both the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches confined their efforts mainly to the Red River colony. But, once schools, both French and English were flourishing in the settlement, it was felt that it was now time for expansion into the wilderness.

Sir George Simpson, Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company was opposed to such expansion by the churches but knew that he could not stop such an advance for long...that soon, with or without his approval, the missionaries would invade the wilderness. But when such happened, he did not want the teachers to be people who were ill-disposed to him and the company, which eliminated most of the clergymen already in the territory. Those who would build the schools and

churches must be men over whom he could hope to exercise some influence. He, therefore, sent for the Wesleyans, offering them the Freedom of the Land. In 1840, a young Wesleyan clergyman named William Mason built a mission at Rainy Lake.

That Mason's mission failed is no discredit to the man. Unlike the easy-going Cree among whom Mason's associate, James Evans was making such inroads, that melange of Algonkian speaking nations known as Saulteaux proved to be an unyielding force.

The fur trade brought many changes to the Algonkian nations. It had destroyed their ancient way of life, their culture and religion, and their tribal laws. Liquor had harmed them terribly and disease was rampant among them. The Ottawa, Ojibway and Potawatomi had believed the whiteman's promises and the whiteman had betrayed them then leaving them to die in misery. If the People at Red River and the Cree of the North wanted to accept the European medicine they could do so. But the Indian people of the Winnipeg River region wanted no further interference with their affairs.

By 1840, the war chiefs who had led the people from the east and south were dead and in their places were a host of medicine men or sorcerers who made an easy living on the homage paid to them: were afraid of anyone who threat-

ened their security. William Mason made few converts and, after three years of trying, departed Rainy Lake, leaving his mission to Reverend Peter Jacobs. Although he was an Indian himself, Jacobs fared no better and, in 1858, the mission was abandoned.

In the meantime, the struggle between church and governor continued with the governor gradually losing ground. In 1849, the Anglican Bishopric of Rupertsland was founded with Bishop Anderson at its head. And the new bishop wasted little time in putting his plans for expansion into action. In the spring of 1851, Robert James established a mission at the confluence of the Winnipeg and English rivers which he named Islington. Four years later, the Church of England began its work at the mouth of the Winnipeg.

Fort Alexander mission was opened by Henry George who taught in the region until 1856. Whom his pupils were remains a mystery but they were probably the children of the resident factor and his clerk. George was succeeded by Henry Cochrane, a native Indian who, like others of his race had been educated to the clergy. A strong courageous man who spoke Algonkian, it was Cochrane's task to bridge the way for the white missionaries who would follow. But, in his special task, Cochrane was not entirely successful. When the first white clergyman arrived here, his reception was far from friendly.

Of those early Churchmen who, during the early years, gave their lives to the

people at the mouth of the Winnipeg River, volumes could be written: Bishops Anderson and Machray, Archdeacon Cowley, Reverends Gardiner, Settee, Spence, Cook, Thomas and the great and unforgettable Charles Fryer. But no story so typifies their faith as does that of Robert Phair.

Phair, a young Englishman received his training at Islington, was ordained in the spring of 1864 and soon thereafter was on his way to Fort

Alexander to found a mission to be named Lansdowne.

In 1864, there were two distinct communities at the mouth of the Winnipeg. Near Traverse Bay, in the vicinity of the Hudson's Bay Company store lived several Metis families, among them Chatelains and Maivilles, Fontaines, Courchenes, Guimonds and Bryeres, French speaking descendants of the Nor'westers, some of their number retirees from the

**Registration**

**For the Jackrabbit Ski Program  
Will be Saturday November 20  
at the Pine Falls United Church  
Between 10:00 AM and 12 noon.**

**This program is open to kids  
aged 8-13  
Younger kids welcome if  
they bring an adult.**

**A ski equipment swap sale will also  
take place. If you have equipment to  
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price labelled on the equipment.**

**For more information call:  
Doug Hanson @ 367-8821**

**COMMUNITY EVENT  
OPEN INVITATION**

ACL - Beausejour Branch Inc. will be hosting it's Annual Tea, Bazaar and Bake Sale on November 26/93 commencing at 12:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to share in this event at ARC Industries, 917 Park Avenue in Beausejour, Mb

**COMMUNITY EVENT  
OPEN INVITATION**

ACL - Beausejour Branch Inc. will be hosting a "Grand Opening" of the "North Eastern Regional Recycling Facility" on November 26/93 commencing at 11:30 am. Everyone is welcome to share in the events of this day and meet the partners of this initiative. The Recycling Facility is located at 917 Park Avenue in Beausejour, Mb.

See you there.



The 140 year old Fort Alexander log-built Anglican Church

## From the Beaches

With Lorraine Neal  
Community Voice Beaches  
Correspondent

### Un Thoughts

Given any thought to Christmas this year? Do you know it's only seven weeks away? Just a random check of the calendar brought this snappily to my attention. We just get over the second of the two worst summers in living memory, now find ourselves getting used to the idea of winter, and smack!.....Christmas is just around the proverbial corner. Time to tune up those jingle bells...

Speaking of tune ups, have you given your car it's winter preparatory tune up, oil change and thermostat?

Don't leave it till too late... should have been done five or six weeks ago, but just a gentle reminder.

Everyone recovered from Halloween alright? Not

too many ghosts and goblins tearing up the turf over here. Halloween should be a real fun evening for our children. Too bad a few bad "apples" have to spoil it for the rest. Bless those who still try to make it a really festive occasion.

In the mood for a really good read? Try "Not one of the Boys," written by former provincial Liberal leader, Sharon Carstairs. Put your politics aside, it is a good book, and the subject of her personal experience with sexual abuse as a child, is dealt with sensitively. There is no reason to believe this will be anything other than successful, for it is in second printing already.

So who's got major complaints about our new Liberal government? Don't like the helicopter cancellation? Or

Free Trade, or worse yet the North America Free Trade Agreement? Or anything else?

### Craft Sales and Bazars

With the approach of the happy, happy, Christmas season, it seems everyone is having craft sales or bazars. Just a quick reminder of what's to come in the next couple of weeks.

St. George's Annual Craft Sale will be held at St. George Roman Catholic Church hall on Saturday, November 13th, and Sunday, November 14th, from eleven in the morning to four o'clock in the afternoon.

Walter Whyte Parent Teacher Association is having a Baking and Craft Sale on Thursday, November 25th, from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. Grand Marais Seniors are hosting a Craft Sale at the Seniors Hall on Sunday, November 21st at 2 P.M. Everyone welcome.

A Craft Sale is being held in Pine Falls Legion Hall on Saturday, November 27th, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. There will be plenty of displays of crafts, and a dutch auction.

Monday, November 29th, is the date set for the United Church Women's Christmas Tea and Bazaar, 7 P.M. Everyone welcome. There will be tea, coffee and dainties served. Craft items and baked goods will also be offered for sale.

Saturday, December 4th, is the date for the annual Christmas Bazaar held by the members of Victoria Beach Senior Scene. The hours are from 11 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. If you have some crafts for sale, to help out the club, they will be most welcome. Come one, come all to the annual Christmas Craft sales. You just might find that different, exotic, or exquisite gift item for which you've been searching.

The folks at Victor Beach are selling raffle tickets for items to be drawn on the day of the bazaar. First prize will be a handmade quilt. Second prize, a ceramic Christmas tree, and third prize a set of towels.

Try your luck, you never know till you try.

### RCMP and You

Another reminder of the Community Consulting Group Meeting .....in last week's edition, you were informed that the meeting scheduled was arranged for Monday, November 29th. I was misinformed, for in fact the meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 30th, at the Senior Scene, 1 Ateah Road. This is the meeting with Constable Scott Sheppard of Powerview detachment of the R.C.M.P. Community involvement is very important, so try to make every effort to attend.

### Victoria Beach Coming Attractions

An afternoon of Fun and Fashion presented by the Victoria Beach Senior Scene on

Wednesday, November 24th, at 2 P.M. There will be fashions by Marcella, and cosmetics by Aloette. Everyone welcome. Come on Pine Falls and Powerview seniors, make the trip to Victoria Beach, and see what this club has to offer.

Also in the planning is a program of "Meditative Explorations." This is a group program, lasting two hours, which will be introduced by Christel Kraft. Ms. Kraft is and Educational Therapist, who will facilitate a process using meditative visualization, dream symbols, and focusing, while searching for a deeper understand of our individual uniqueness. If you are interested please call Christel at 756-8578, or Jean Antaya at 765-2438. Non seniors are also welcome to this program.

### Teen Violence

In the past few months, several young teens have lost their lives needlessly, through the irresponsible use of weapons. Last week, an area teen became another statistic. Who knows what path young Corey Laforte may have followed? He may have become another Phil Fontaine, or Ovide Mercredi, or even a future Elijah Harper. Who knows? Now who will ever know? Such a waste of a young life!

Whenever violence takes the life of a member of a family, it is not just the slain person whose life is lost, but the entire family. The whole fabric of the affected family is destroyed. They will never be the same again.

We are fast becoming like our neighbors to the south...have gun - will travel, and will shoot. Have differences with others, and pow, you are history.

There are many factors at play here, but one thing stands out very clearly, where are our young people getting guns, and why do they think they need them?

We must do something to stop this senseless carnage of our young.....or are we going to be content to subsist in an earthly state of anarchic purgatory?

### Winnipeg River W.I. News

Tuesday November 16th 1993 will mark the beginning of W.R.R.I.'s tenth year. Our meeting is held at Library Allard 7:00 p.m. sharp. All women welcome.

Manitoba Women's Institute is an organization that focuses on personal development, the family and community action - locally and globally.

What has W.R.W.I. done "For Home and Country"? We've had programs on health, i.e., breast cancer, aids, family violence, self esteem, etc. Speakers: Judge Kimmelman: Young Offenders Act, Darren Praznik - G.S.T., Marlene Sobering - Funeral planning, cremation and etc. Workshops Seminars and Fundraisers and while we do all this we remember to have fun.

Our February Tea with fashion shows, amateur contests and bridal fashions through the years were crowd pleasers. The best was our February (Coffee House) fund raiser for Janet Boyer. The businesses, entertainers and local people gave their time, talent and donations. One person gave us the hall rental for that night.

Our grocery raffles are well supported. People have donated yarn, oddments and have helped knitting our little "Knit Wit" dolls for the hospital.

Local grocery stores such as Midway and Riverview Self-Serve donated meat for us to make casseroles and etc... for the Boyer family.

October Family Week - we've sponsored poster contests. This year we collected food for the Selkirk food bank. Again the community was generous.

What do we plan for 1993-94? Look for us at the St. Georges Arts and Crafts Show and Sale November 13-14. Pick up information there and order our 10th Anniversary Cook Book. We'll be raffling a "Party Pack" of foods.

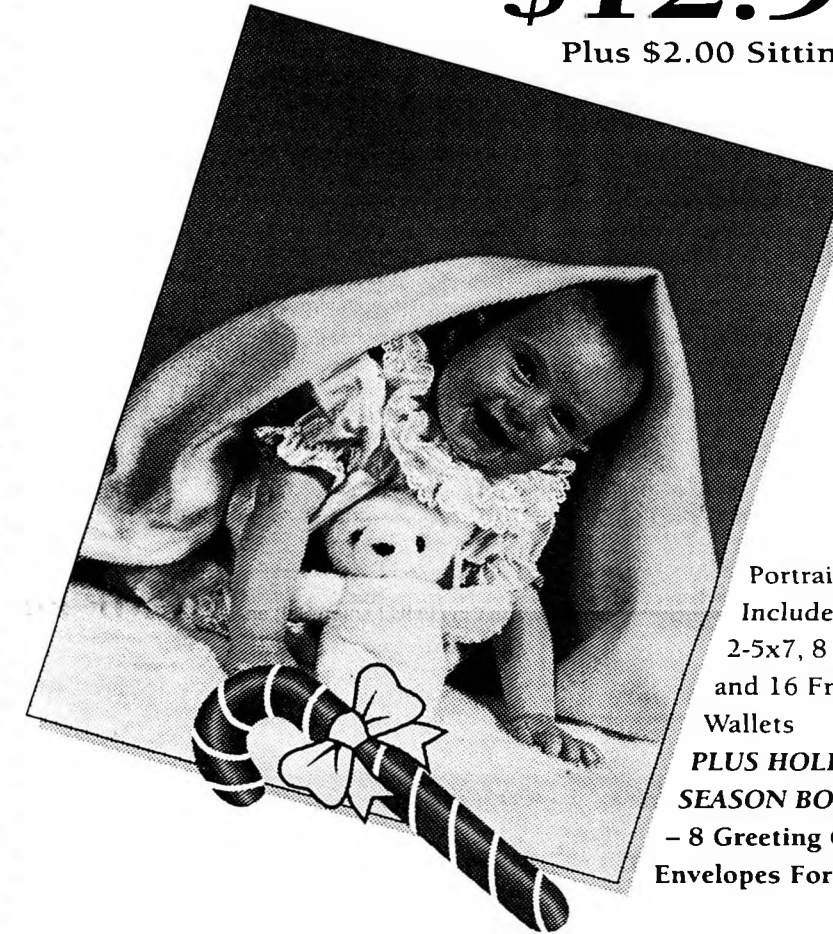
W.R.W.I. are grateful to the community for all their support they have given us over the years. We couldn't have done it without you.

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**Landsdown Mission (cont.)**

service of the Hudson's Bay Company. Phair recognized this group as being Roman Catholic and so turned his attention to the band of Algonkian-speaking people, Ojibway, Ottawa and Potawatomi, whose village stood to the east along a deep ravine near Otter Point. Here he took up residence in an abandoned cabin on the river bank. Soon, his first guests had arrived: a large party of warriors, their naked bodies smeared with grease and charcoal, their faces painted with vermilion.

Leading the reception party was a sorcerer in war paint and feathers: "What are you doing on our hunting

ground?" the leader asked. It was Phair's belief that among the Algonkian people there were many who were weary of their aimless existence; that behind their obdurate attitude there was a longing for some real sense of purpose. He was convinced that if he could reach the people and talk to them, they would be quick to accept the changes he offered. But to reach them he would have to pass the sorcerers, discredit them, destroy their influence. It was a dangerous undertaking but one for which he was willing to risk his life.

"I have come," said Phair, "to offer you a better way of life. Many of your

brethren at Red River have accepted the change. All you have to do is to meet and talk with them to realize how much happier they are."

The sorcerer responded angrily. "You are a liar like all White men. You have come to give us more disease and more misery. Go away or we will kill you."

Phair stood his ground. "I am not afraid. My God will protect me." That night the warriors surrounded his cabin, beating war drums and firing shots through his roof and windows. In the morning, they killed his dog, declaring that he would be the next to die. In his journal, Phair described his ordeal as "Satan's Seat."

The siege lasted three weeks during which the missionary went about his chores as casually as possible, ignoring his tormentors, praying when he felt afraid. Then, suddenly, one day, the drumming stopped and several warriors stood in Phair's doorway with their hands extended in friendship. "We have come," they said, "to find out what makes you so brave. Surely anyone who can endure such torment must have strong medicine."

The missionary pointed to the sky. "I have a powerful

spirit companion who is always with me."

In 1985, Phair's bride came out from England and they were married at Red River after which they worked together at Lansdowne mission until 1874 when they moved to Fort Francis.

In 1888, Robert Phair became the Archdeacon of Islington and, during his career saw most of the people at the mouth of the Winnipeg adopt the Christian faith; the sorcerer who tried to drive him

away helped to build the mission church.

The little church still stands, on the south shore of the Winnipeg three miles up from the river's mouth. Though small by modern standards, its steeple almost hidden by a spruce, it commemorates a saga of achievement seldom equalled. It brought the first education, the first European medicine and, through its teaching helped to bring a better way of life into this region.

**Pine Falls 5 - Pin Bowling News**

by Terri Papineau  
Week # 1

Ladies highest single games this week were: Doris Kahle 306, 256, Margo Gunter 219, Priscille Poiriar 216, 205, Sharon Mignon 216, Evelyn Dodds 213, 205, Claire Sokoloski 202.

Men's highest single games were: George Dodds 239, 236, Jerry Gauthier 239, 214, 209, Don Powell 229, Paul Kroeker 225, Lyle Velie 220, Marcel Vincent 210.

High triples were: Doris Kahle 742, Jerry Gauthier 662, George Dodds 649, Don Powell 642, Margo Gunter 623.

Female Bowler of the week was Doris Kahle for her game of 306.

Male Bowler of the week was Jerry Gauthier for his games totaling 662. Legion Special was won by Richardson for the team total of 2834.

Welcome to all the new bowlers this year. If you have any problems, please contact one of the executive.

**Week # 2**  
Ladies high single games this week were: Margo Gunter 275, 234, Sharon Tremain 263, 210, Doreen Enright 247, Jeannette Doyle 231, Sharon Mignon 226, Carol Griffin 225, Terri Papineau 217, 205, Priscille Poiriar 212, Wilma Houston 211, Claire Sokoloski 204.

Men's high single games this week were: Albert Lamoureux 316, Don Powell 285, Pete Richardson 242, 228, Jerry Gauthier 241, 238, Lyle Velie 235, Neil Boulette 228, 202, Pat Papineau 220, 205, Paul Kroeker 219, 203, Clayton Poiriar 214, 200, Brad Robertson 212.

High triples this week were: Jerry Gauthier 684, Pete Richardson 662, Margo Gunter 661, Sharon Tremain 642, Pat Papineau 630, Terri Papineau 626.

Female Bowler of the week is Albert Lamoureux for his game of 316. Legion Special was won this week by the Oddballs for a triple of 3637.

**Week # 3**  
Ladies high games were: Doris Kahle 325, 265, 242, Margo Gunter 263, Carol Griffin 254, Evelyn Dodds 243, Terri Papineau 241, 219, Doreen Enright 216, Sharon Tremain 216, Eileen Robertson 210, Claire Sokoloski 210, Donna Davis 207, Carol Smith 203.

The men's high games were: Don Powell 304, 250, 223, Pat Papineau 303, Paul Kroeker 258, 257, Jerry Gauthier 240, Roger Pepin 227, George Sabot 226, Rheel Morrisette 218, Pete Richardson 214, Brad Robertson 213, Albert Lamoureux 205, Carl Otto 203.

The female bowler of the week was: Sylvia Thomas for her game of 156 which was 79 pins over average. Honourable mention to Doris Kahle for her game of 325.

The male bowler of the week was: Roger Pepin for his game of 227 which was 100 pins over average. Honourable mention to Don 304, Pat 303.

The Legion Special was won by the Powell team for the total of 3459.

Other Comments: High triple games this week were: Doris Kahle 832, Don Powell 777, Paul Kroeker 705, Pat Papineau 662, Terri Papineau 660.

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