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 PINE FALLS

Province Changes Abitibi-Price Licence

Changes made to the Abitibi-Price Inc. Forest Resource Management Plan licence and the establishment of a stakeholders advisory committee will help improve protection of the environment, Environment Minister Glen Cummings has announced. The changes include the deletion of one clause and amendments to 11 others, and were the result of 24 appeals from individuals and organizations. Under the amended licence, Abitibi will not be allowed to construct permanent bridges across the Manigotagan River and temporary or ice bridges will be strictly controlled. Concerns such as the loss of river bank vegetation, bank erosion and canoeist safety have been addressed. Other amendments deal with: clarification of the process to be followed for protection of heritage resources; additional measures to prevent environmental contamination by fuel, lubricating products and cooling liquids; the selection and use of tilling equipment; restrictions on herbicide use in Nopiming Provincial Park; and the addition of woodland caribou to the list of species which may require special measures to protect their habitat.

Final Task Force Report
 On Distance Education Released

Correction

In our story on the Powerview Seniors Complex last week we incorrectly stated that 75% of the project's fund-

Providing more Manitobans with better access to a wider variety of educational programming is the main thrust of recommendations in the final report of the Task Force on Distance Education and Technology. The report, released by Education and Training Minister Clayton Manness, sets out directions and strategies for the creation of a more responsive, community based system which would make better use of technology and distance education. The final report recommends: developing a community based administrative structure that is more responsive to the needs of specific regions; establishing a provincial council, with representation from the regions, institutions and the province, to deal with overall co-ordination of distance education and technology development and delivery; using technology to improve linkages between school, college, university and public libraries; developing province-wide videoconferencing capabilities and school divisions to fully integrate technology into their operations. The final report will be made available to partners in the education system, the Manitoba business community, municipal governments and the public for review and comment.

ing would be provided by the federal government.

The 75% federal funding applies only to the six subsidised units.

Bissett Mine gets Tax Break

Energy and Mines Minister Don Orchard announced Monday November 22, approval of an exploration project under the Manitoba Mineral Exploration Incentive Program for the San Antonio gold mine in Bissett. The mine was also awarded "New Mine Status"

The Manitoba Mineral Incentive Program provides for a contribution of 25% towards exploration costs from the provincial government. This is in addition to deductible expenses allowable under a "Flow Through Share Purchase Plan" Under this plan the exploration can be financed by the sale of "Flow Through

Shares" The purchaser of these shares can claim the cost of these shares as a deductible expense.

"New Mine Status" makes the mine eligible for a mining tax holiday until pay back of capital costs is complete.

The San Antonio property is 100% owned by Rea Gold Corporation of Vancouver. The company will be investing three million dollars in exploration beginning early next year in the anticipation of proving a million tons of mineable ore in addition to the existing proven reserves of 324,000 tons. It is expected that the gross value of gold in

the ore will be in the order of 250 million dollars. An independent firm of geologists, Burgoyne Geological Inc. has concluded that total deposit potential is for close to 500 million dollars worth of contained gold at current prices.

The company expects to be in production, at a rate of 500 tons per day in the fourth quarter of 1984, and to be operating with an expanded milling operation of 1000 tons per day by the end of 1985. Total capital cost of the project is estimated to be 27.4 million dollars. Annual operating cost will be in the order of 70 million dollars per year.



San Antonio Mine at Bissett

From the Beaches
 With Lorraine Neal
 Community Voice Beaches
 Correspondent

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 Monday & Tuesday 8 am to 6pm
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 Sunday 11 am - 6 pm
Grey Cup Special
 Pepsi/7up - \$1.59
 Old Dutch Potato Chips - \$1.29

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 3:00pm
 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
 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 Meats Regular
 Meetings - held on the first Thurs-
 day of each month - 7:00 pm at the
 Powerview Arena Meeting Room

Church Directory

Notre Dame du Laus
 Saturday Evenings
 (French Mass)
 7:00 pm - Powerview

Sunday (English Mass)
 10:00 am - Powerview
 12:00 noon - Stead

Pine Falls United Church
 Sunday service >11AM
 Sunday school
 Rev. Jerry Towne
 Office Hours: Tues - Fri,
 10:00 to Noon
 Tel: 367-2633

Holy Trinity Anglican
 Pine Falls
 Eucharist:
 Sunday 9:00 am

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

St. Georges
 Mass Sunday
 at 8:00 am and
 10:00 am

Why Not an Old Fashioned Christmas?

by Lorraine Neal

Christmas is such an exciting, emotional, spiritual, and beautiful time of year, why do we have to clutter it over with guilt? We are programmed by big time advertisers that we can't have a super holiday without all the newest toys, gadgets for the kitchen, fanciest of clothing, and oh, let us not forget those diamonds rubies, sapphires, and other jewels that our partners absolutely cannot live without.

So we take our weary, cash strapped bodies down to the local mall, and shop till we drop. We allow whatever guilt we are lugging around to talk us into mortgaging the next twelve months, (or more) use our plastic to the max, and think we're happy!

Are we happy? Perhaps not. Each year, we seem to buy more and bigger gifts....not a problem if your name is Rockefeller or Schwarzenegger. If you are just an ordinary family who is affected by this prolonged recession, or the effects of free trade, then perhaps it is time to rethink Christmas. You will most likely be happier as a result.

Several years ago, members of our own family decided it was time to get back to basics. Spending a fortune

at Christmas, and still paying off Visa or Mastercard for the rest of the year, just had to stop. We held a family meeting to determine our course of action. We agreed by consensus that each of us would make the gifts we gave. Sometimes it is difficult to think of things which can be made, but we always seem to succeed, and there's fun in the doing.

Gifts from the kitchen are always popular. Where else can one find home-made jam or jelly? How about shortbread or mincemeat tarts? Those who are living alone, or without mates will particularly appreciate gifts of food. It doesn't have to be sweets either, how about a pan of lasagne for that bachelor son or daughter? Other ideas to consider are cassette tapes taped with the receiver's favorite music or artists, hand crafted items for the household, wooden items, such as bowls or bird feeders, (if there's a carpenter in the house) or a complete cooked meal, assembled and delivered to someone who may be incapacitated. I O U's for next summer, cutting grass, or babysitting, shovelling snow, or whatever. Families are only restricted by their imaginations.

One thing is for sure, following these ideas takes the heat off the poor wage earner, and the shopper. It takes the guilt out of Christmas and puts the enjoyment back. The young may not be all that enthusiastic, but then they don't pay the bills do they? Perhaps a return to an old fashioned Christmas may help a return to old values. We have to start somewhere.

Odds and Bits

The busy holiday season is almost upon us, creating a time of busy-ness. We are all involved in the process of Christmas preparations. There are several Craft sales and such coming up.....just a few reminders. Walter Whyte School on Thursday, November 25th, 7:00 P M to 9:00 P M.

Pine Falls Legion Hall will be holding their Craft Sale,

in conjunction with Santa's visit. This starts at 10:00 A M through till 4:00 P M.

Monday, November 29th, the Pine Falls United Church is holding their Christmas Tea and Bazaar at 7:30 P M in the church hall. Everyone welcome. Tea, coffee and dainties will be served, and baked items and crafts will be sold.

Tuesday, November 30, a meeting will be held at the Senior Scene, 1 Ateah Road, Victoria Beach, with Constable Scott Sheppard of Powerview R C M P detachment. (Community Consulting Group) everyone welcome.

Winnipeg River Women's Institute News

by Lorraine Neal

The Winnipeg River Women's Institute held their regular meeting on Tuesday evening, 7:00 P M at Library Allard. During the meeting a short address was given by outgoing President Peggy McMullen, thanking everyone for their assistance in preparing food several times during the year, for Janet Boyer. It was decided a table would be used during the Pine Falls Craft sale, for the sale of the W I cookbooks. The Christmas outing this year will be a Christmas dinner at the Papertown with husbands. At the conclusion of the December regular meeting, the Annual meeting was held.

During the annual meeting a President address was given by Peggy, followed by reports by Cathy Thurston, and a Public Relations report made by Loreen Carlson. Loreen touched on everything which had been accomplished over the past year by this small group. This was considerable, for the group hosted Marilyn Zarecki, who gave a great program on changing habits, Bob Gill came from Winnipeg and gave a terrific report on Household Hazard-

ous Waste, Wendy Richardson did a wonderful program on how to help you child with self esteem, these were but a few.

Following all reports, an election was held, the new officers are: President, Edigh Bourgeois, Vice president, Loreen Carlson, Treasurer, Cathy Thurston, Secretary, Lorraine Neal

At the conclusion of the Annual meeting, the regular meeting of the new executive for December was held.

It was noted that the Women's Institute of Great Falls were hosting their Christmas pot luck dinner on December 8th. All WI members welcome, just bring a potluck dish.

The winner of the St. Georges Craft Sale food hamper on November 14th, was Rene Vincent.

It was noted that the Eastern Region Convention will be held in Niverville beginning March 16th, 1994.

The members of the Winnipeg River Women's Institute would like to wish all friends and neighbors, both in the Pine Falls, Powerview, St. George and beaches area, a very Merry Christmas, and a sincere wish for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Next meeting, Tuesday, January 18th, 7 P M at Library Allard, everyone welcome. For home and country.

Tree of Lights

Honour the memory of a deceased loved one this Christmas season on the Pine Falls Health Complex's special Tree of Lights.

This special tribute will enable interested persons to acknowledge their memories by purchasing a light (\$10.00 each) on this tree, while providing donation funds for Sunnywood Manor Personal Care Home. A tax deductible receipt will be issued to all donors.

Interested persons can call the reception desk at the Hospital or send their donations to the Pine Falls Health Complex, Box 2000, Pine Falls, MB., ROE 1M0.



Letters to the Editor
 The Community Voice
 Box 4000 Pine Falls ROE 1M0

Miss Mew needs a new home

My reason for writing is to try to rationalize with people who drop off cats out in the country, thinking their cat is going to be well fed and cared for by others. Please open your eyes and read on.

We have had three cats dropped off this summer. We are not an animal shelter. We do not want a cat for a pet. That is our choice.

These cats are left to fend for themselves and their fate is not always good. We found the remains of one cat which had been eaten by wolves or coyotes. Another cat has been around for some, and has developed a good warm coat for the winter. How he survived this long is beyond me, he must have developed good hunting skills.

Perhaps he should have taught Miss Mew these skills. Miss Mew has been starving and is pregnant. She has been abused by other cats and her nose is all scratched up. Her ears and paws have been frozen, and she has developed a bronchial infection and respiratory problems.

Mr. X does not want Miss Mew in the house. He does not want to feed her because

he will not be able to get rid of her. Now Mrs. X is feeling very sad, when her husband goes to work she cooks oatmeal, complete with sugar and milk for Miss Mew, who thinks she is dining royally. She will eat anything that is edible, any leftovers, even bacon fat, she laps up.

Although very appreciative of the care she has been given, Miss Mew has become wild and has no manners. She loves to jump on the table, stoves and counter top, hopping Mr X left some bacon fat in the fry pan from his lunch.

With love and care Miss Mew's manners might improve. As you can see she is now a guest in our home - but it is not a permanent stay - if any of you want to give her a home please phone 367 8291.

Not all cats are fortunate to find homes when they are abandoned by their owners.

Please think before dropping off animals. It is a most inhumane way of getting rid of them. Try finding a home or take them to the humane society. Your conscience will rest a lot better.

Mrs X

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRICT OF ALEXANDER CONSTRUCTION TENDER

THE L.G.D. OF ALEXANDER IS ACCEPTING TENDERS TO CONSTRUCT A CONCRETE RAFT SLAB 40 ft. x 52 ft. ON A SITE NEAR BIRD RIVER. AN INFORMATION PACKAGE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE L.G.D. OFFICE AT ST. GEORGES AFTER 1:00 P.M. FRIDAY NOVEMBER 26, 1993. A \$25 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED FOR EACH INFORMATION PACKAGE. TENDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE 4:00 P.M. DECEMBER 3, 1993. AT THE L.G.D. OFFICE.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THIS TENDER PLEASE CONTACT ROSE BEAUDRY (RESIDENT ADMINISTRATOR) AT 367 2235.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL AND RE-ISSUE THIS TENDER FOR ANY REASON AND SHALL NOT INCUR LIABILITY THEREBY NOR SHALL THE BIDDER HAVE ANY LEGAL RECOURSE.

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Sunday, Nov. 28th
Grey Cup Party
in the bar to bring in the New Champions
 *Chicken Buffet Dinner
 *Happy Hour bar prices
 *Contests - Prizes - Draws
 Phone now (756-2596) and reserve your advance tickets (limited seating)
 Bar *open 1 hour before game
 *close 1 hour after game
 Tickets \$10.00 ca. tax included

Saturday, Nov. 27th
 In the dining room will be PASTA PASTA NIGHT
 Try one of our special pasta dishes (plus our popular menu) and experience the cooking delights of MIKE the MAD IRISH COOK!
 Sorry, Dining Room Closed Friday evening Nov. 26th for a private Christmas Party

Remember
 Crib Tournament every
 Wednesday afternoon 2:00 p.m.
 \$2.00 Entry

POWERVIEW FABRICS
 1st BIRTHDAY SALE
 SATURDAY, NOV. 27TH
 COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS
 PRODUCT DEMONSTRATIONS
 1:30 p.m.
 by Darlene from H.A. Kidd
 Nov. 22 - 27 make a purchase & enter your receipt for a free door prize drawn
 Saturday 27th at 4:00 p.m.
 In appreciation to our valued customers Saturday 27th will be "NO TAX DAY"
 Hours: 10:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Ph. 367-8438 - 14 Ross
 December Open Sundays 1-5

ESDA Sports News

by Bob Rondeau

Gene Michalow Memorial Softball Scholarship

Time is running short to apply for the Gene Michalow Memorial Softball Scholarship. The deadline for application is November 30, 1993.

This scholarship honours one of Eastman's finest coaches and builders of sport. Gene was well known in Eastman

and throughout Manitoba.

This annual bursary is awarded to a deserving Eastman softball player (male or female) who is in attendance or will be attending a post-secondary school in Canada.

Evidence of success in softball, leadership, and volunteerism will be considered. A transcript of last year's grades and a reference letter

must be included with the application.

Call the ESDA office (268-2172 / 3841) for an application form.

NEIGHBOURS NORTH

"Neighbours North" is the theme of the 1994 Manitoba Winter Games to be held in Thompson, March 23 - 27, 1994. The city of Thompson has plans for a gala unsurpassed in Games history, including cultural events and ceremonies for the participants and fans alike. The Games' facilities are second to none and the people are anxious to welcome all.

But to participate in the Games you must be part of Team Eastman. That means you'll need to enter the Eastman Games in January and February, held at various sites throughout Eastman.

Here's a summary of the dates, sites and sports being contested:

Female Hockey 17 and under - Lac du Bonnet - January 8, 9. Curling (under 16) M & F - Beausejour - January 14, 15, 16. Male Hockey (13 and under) - St. Pierre-Jolys - January 14, 15, 16. Volleyball (18 and over co-ed) - Niverville - January 15. 5 - Pin Bowling M & F, 3 person team - under 20, Age 20 - 54, 55 and over - Steinbach - January 15, 16.

Basketball (18 and over M) - Steinbach - January 22. Figure Skating - Landmark - January 22 - 12 and under (female), 13, 14, 15 (female), Combined Mens 15 and under, Rec. Precision Team 17 and under (M, F, Co-ed). Ringette (13 and under) - Lorette - January 22, 23. Special O Floor Hockey (18 and over) M & F - Steinbach - January 22. Bantam Co-ed Curling 13 and under - Steinbach - January 28, 29, 30. Special Olympics Bowling - Steinbach - January 29. Badminton (male and female) Youth 15-18, Adults 19 and over, Open 15 and over - Pinawa - February 5. Gymnastics (male and female) 10-11 years old, 12-13 years old, 14 and over - Ste. Anne - February 5. Alpine Ski (male and female) 11 and 12, 13 and 14, 15 and 16, Masters A (25-39), Masters B (40 and over) - Falcon Lake - February 6. Cross Country Ski (M & F) 10 and 11 years old, 12-14 years old, 15-17 years old, 18-20 years old, 21-30 years old, 31-40 years old, 41-50 years old, 51 and over - Wanipigow - February 12.

You'll probably find a sport for you. For entry forms, contact the ESDA office (268-2172 / 3841) or your recreation director. Game Coordinator Tracey Groinus (268-

3841) can be contacted for further information.

ESDA Board

Eastman Sports Development Association is governed by a volunteer board with representative from North, Central, and South Eastman, as well as a representative from the Eastman Recreation Directors. Members - at large are also appointed.

Northern reps on the board are Rob Smith of Pinawa and Chrissy Johansson of Pine Falls. Central reps include Joan Litke, Glenn Lowery (Board Chairperson), Bob Rondeau of Beausejour and Don McDonald of Whitemouth. Southern reps are Nelson Fry, Kim Duncan (Recreation Rep.) of Steinbach and Louis Courcelles of St. Pierre-Jolys. Past-Chairperson Carin Lewis is also a board member.

The E.S.D.A. office is located in Beausejour (1-268-2172) and is home base for Administrative Assistant Louise Keefe and Marketing/Games Coordinator Tracey Groinus. Our satellite office in Pine Falls (367-2180) is home to Executive Director Marion Mitchell.

The E.S.D.A. Board and staff are ready to serve the amateur sporting community of Eastman. Feel free to call upon them.

Maskwa Snowmobile Club Inc.

Snowmobile season is almost upon us and Maskwa executives and directors are hard at work making plans for the new season.

On October 24 elections were held for executives and directors. They are as follows: President - Grant Cyr, Vice-President - Ian Cyr, Treasurer - Gunner Postnicks, Secretary - Joanne Martin, Public Relations - Michelle Dupont, Directors - Eric Carlson, Alan Pepin, Terry Rusk, Mike Dupont, Bob Vincent, Norman Vincent, Kelly Kemball, Rene Chevretils, Henry Dube, Glen Sinclair, Grant Henderson, and Richard Delaquis.

Our first meeting of business was held on November 7, 1993. Some of the projects that were discussed for the year are: New women's washrooms, new slide for the kids, wider trails and dates for Derbys that will be posted in December.

The Maskwa Club is trying something new this year. We have hired a private groomer to groom the trail from the Beach to the half way hut to Lac du Bonnet. We hope this brings more snowmobilers to the area to make this project worth while.

The Springhill Trail Blazers are planning a snowmobile trip to Gull Harbour Resort January 14 to 16, 1994. For more information on this trip you can call Michelle at 367-4573.

Maskwa memberships are available at Osis Building Supplies, Papineau Motors, St. Croix and from Henry Dube. Directors will be going door to door selling memberships in the weeks to come. The price is \$15.00. The money from the sale of the memberships goes towards Club House renovations and trail grooming. Please help support your club.



Santa Claus

Is Coming to Town

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 27TH
 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Courtesy of:
Northern
 and
South Interlake Credit Union
 at Pine Falls
 Royal Canadian Legion
 Hall Basement
Come out and See Santa!



ONE DAY ONLY!

Santa's Mailbox
 Bring letters to Santa when you come!



Free Treats for Children accompanied by an adult!

Santa Photos Available

5th Annual Christmas Craft & Bake Sale
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Royal Canadian Legion
Upstairs

15% off all merchandise all day Sat. November 27
For Children 16 yrs. and Under

Major Appliances & Electronics Excluded
 Retail Department only

3 DRAWS:

Toy Package - Value: \$50
 1 Pair Fashion Jeans - Value: \$50
 1 Pair Joggers - Value: \$50

All Draws 16 years of age and under
 May require proof of age

The Community Christmas Hamper Fund

is again appealing for support in our Community.

Boxes are being set up in stores and churches and any financial aid may be directed to Community Christmas Hamper Fund, care of Norm Pachkowsky, Box 458 Pine Falls, Ph. 367-2679. or Tom Allison, Box 42 Pine Falls, Ph. 367-8383.

Thankyou for your support.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP ALL ARE WELCOME

PREPARING FOR THE EFFECTS OF COMMUNITY CHANGE: THINKING GLOBALLY AND ACTING LOCALLY

How To Avoid Becoming a Victim of Change
 Date: Wednesday, December 8, 1993
 Time: 7:00 p.m.
 Place: Manitou Lodge, Pine Falls
 Facilitated by: Ms. Judith Hale, M. Ed. Psych. Employee assistance Counsellor and Training Consultant.

This workshop will provide a framework and information on how the current global changes and resulting community changes affect all members of the community on an emotional and psychological level. Participants will learn strategies to cope with the stress of these current changes and prepare themselves for the future changes. Sponsored by: Pine Falls Health Complex

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MELISSA KAJPUST

Author of a brand new Christmas story

A DOZEN SILK DIAPERS

Will be signing copies of her book at the Pine Falls Christmas Crafts and Bake Sale in The Legion Hall on November 27. The illustrated childrens book tells of a spider, and her 40 children who spun diapers as a gift for the baby Jesus. It is published by Hyperion Press, Manitoba agents for Disney Classic Books.

Gift Certificate

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Finding Work at Bissett

By Wilda Ward

It's hard enough to find work now, in today's tight economy, but imagine how much worse it must have been back in the 30s, in the depths of the Depression. There was no Unemployment Insurance back then to tide you over after a layoff, no Manpower to help you retrain. It was strictly every man for himself.

Gold mines, however, were prospering, at a time when other industries were shrinking. This was due to a world shortage of gold, which had long been the basis of currency. By 1931, international pressures forced the price of gold to rise 50%, to \$30 an ounce. By 1934 it rose even further, to \$35 an ounce. This development, known as going off the gold standard, meant that gold was at a premium, and any mine which was a potential producer was rushed into production.

It had been known for some time that there was gold in the Rice Lake area, and the first claim had been staked in 1911, but it wasn't until the early 30s that San Antonio Gold Mines became economically viable. Word spread quickly that there were jobs available underground at the new mill which was being built.

But it wasn't easy to get to Bissett, isolated as it was from Southern Manitoba by 125 miles of virtually trackless bush. Few men had the price of a ticket on the airplane or boat, and so had to get there under their own steam. For many this meant walking in over the powerline from Great Falls, a rough cut right of way of 75 miles. And when you got to Bissett it meant lining up each morning outside the mine office, hoping to be picked for whatever jobs were going that day. Many of these men were experienced miners, but some were green farm boys or city lads, desperate to try their hand at anything. Only a lucky few each day would get a favourable nod from D.J. Kennedy, the dictatorial mine manager. The rest had to build shacks nearby in the bush, and try another day.

Here is one man's ac-

count of how he got work at San Antonio, in 1932:

"There'd be a line up at the mine every morning when old Kennedy came up from underground, guys who were trying to get a job. We were staying over at Leif Mamen's. He had a camp there, like a boarding house. 'Course we couldn't stay there very damn long. It took money to stay there. So we were over in the line up. Kennedy says, 'any of you guys miners?' Holy Jeez, there were a whole lot of guys snapped at him. I'd worked underground before, at the Cryderman and El Dorado and Oro Grande (other mines in the area of Bissett). But I didn't know what stopes were. None of them ever got past sinking a shaft, or drifting. Then Kennedy says, 'Alladyce (the master mechanic in charge of building the mill) needs a couple of guys for something. Go and see Alladyce.' He didn't say who, eh, and away goes about three or four guys to the mill. I says, 'I know a guy working there, the blacksmith. Let's go over. Maybe we can see what the Hell's going on.'

So me and a pal went over to the mill, and the blacksmith took us to Alladyce, who said, 'You men, are you miners? Can you run a machine? (A drill) Apparently they had to drill some holes outside the mill to blast a ditch to drain the water out. We go out there, and there's only one machine and two of us, eh. And you need only one guy to run that kinda machine. But we both managed to work on it, and we drilled there all morning. And we went to the bunkhouse and caught them for dinner. We had never signed anything, as far as signing payroll was concerned. That afternoon, along comes Caswell (the mine superintendent) and Kennedy, standing up there looking down. We was working to beat Hell, and we never even looked up. We had work there for two or three days, and we stayed in the bunkhouse.

And that's the way I got a job there. Snuck in."

This man stayed on the payroll at San Antonio, eventually becoming a shift boss.

Pat Kropp Heads Great Falls W.I.

by Dorothy Flanagan

Great Falls Women's Institute Executive for 1993-94 are as follows: President - Pat Kropp, Past-President - Marilyn Anderson, 1st Vice President - Norma Wakefield, 2nd Vice President - Leona Pommer, Secretary - Rose Sanders, Treasurer - Isabel Sinnock, Program - Dorothy Crozier and Anne Bellin, Social Convenor and History Book - Gladys Jansson, Publicity and Recruitment - Dorothy Flanagan and Mickey Janson, Sick and Visiting - Sylvia McHugh, Phoning Committee - Carol Bracken, Norma Wakefield, Mickey Janson, and Dorothy Crozier.

The November Great Falls W.I. meeting was held at the home of Dorothy Flanagan. Following the annual meeting an excellent video on the Polynesian Cultural Centre in Hawaii was shown by Leona Pommer. The video on Africa originally scheduled for this meeting will be shown at a later date. Ann Morgan and Rose Slater were hostesses this month. Laurie Postnicks won the gift of the month.

Great Falls W.I. will be making our annual donations to both the Lac du Bonnet and Pine Falls Christmas Hamper Funds.

After funding the Foster Parents Plan for almost 30 years the Great Falls members voted to withdraw from supporting the Foster Parent Plan in order to use available funds for local projects.

The Great Falls W.I. Christmas Program will be held on Thursday, Dec. 9th, in Great Falls Hall. W.I. members, former W.I. members, prospective W.I. members, Winnipeg River W.I. members and sponsors are welcome. The Sunrise Singers will entertain following the Punch and Pot Luck Supper. If you plan to attend, please contact Pat Kropp at 367-2586, Norma Wakefield at 367-2159, Dorothy Flanagan at 367-8582, or Dorothy Crozier at 345-2267 by Tuesday, Dec. 7th.

Donations of unwrapped gifts for Mental Health Patients in Selkirk Mental Health Centre would be appreciated. Please bring these to the W.I. Christmas Program.

On Thursday, November 18 we had a social and talent sharing time. Helen Haverlock

taught us how to make perogy (perogy) the Ukrainian way. We ended up making 85 dozen perogies!

In December we plan to have a demonstration on carving fowl. Anyone wishing to practise personally should bring

a cooked chicken and a carving knife. The date is tentatively set for Thursday, Dec. 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the hall. Also, please bring 6 Christmas dainties for our coffee break!

We're looking forward to a successful year in Great Falls W.I.

Author Spins Tale About Spider

Wanda McConnell
Herald Writer

A chance remark about a spider has led to the realization of a local writer's dream.

Melissa Kajpust was about to kill a spider when her mother-in-law Anna stopped her. As she put the spider outside, she explained to her daughter-in-law that in her native Poland there is a saying that when Mary ran out of diapers for Jesus, a spider spun her some.

The remark is now the basis of a newly-published book - A Dozen Silk Diapers - by Melissa Kajpust.

The Bird's Hill author will be on hand for the launch of the hard-covered children's book Nov. 10 at Butternut Bear's Book Den, 34-1128 Henderson Hwy., at 7 p.m.

It is the first book to be published for the 28 year old writer and mother of three. It tells the story of a spider who enlists her brood of 40 children to spin a dozen silk diapers as a thank you to the madonna. When a little spider got too curious and fell into the manger with the baby Jesus, Mary gently retrieved him and let him go, rather than harming him.

Kajpust says she researched the origins of the saying, but could find no reference to it. She used her imagination to embellish the tale and it struck a chord with Winnipeg publisher Hyperion Press.

Hyperion assigned Montreal illustrator Veselina Tomova to do the artwork for the book and the result, says the distinguished Publishers Weekly, is a book of "undeniable charm."

The magazine also praises the deep-toned water colors and Kajpust, who

waited anxiously to see th illustrations, says she got lump in her throat when sh saw them.

Her interest in myths legends and folklore wa spurred in part from living i England for two years as teenager. "In England ther was history around every cor ner," she says.

A few years later, mar ried and busy with thre preschoolers, Kajpust decide to turn that interest into a di version from child-rearing. Sh had always loved telling sto ries - an art she inherited fro her journalist father - and ha even made two storybooks fo a friend when she was a kid Her mother, sculptor Hele Norman had predicted he daughter might be a write some day.

The book sits proudly i Kajpust's living room. Whe she launched a career as writer in 1990, she didn't ex pect results so quickly. Afte all, at a writer's conferenc that fall, she learned publish ers get 2,000 to 3,000 manu scripts a year. Only 10 ar published and only one is likel to be a new writer.

Kajpust says she was "i shock" when she learned sh was one of the lucky ones though she quickly adds sh had 12 rejections before he lucky 13th.

Encouraged by her suc cess, she now has a doze more of her stories, som based on myths and legends and some straight out of he imagination, circulatin among Canadian publishers.

She hopes the future wil bring more publishing success but in the meantime, she's jus content to see her first work i print, and read it to her youn children.



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"Summer of the Treaty"

by George T. Lalor

At Fort Alexander, the early summer of 1871 was hot and humid. And July brought no respite. In the willow shade, the dogs lay prone in attitudes of death, uncaring for the hordes of flies about their heads. Throughout the settlement, the people slowed their pace accordingly, doing only the important things: the tending of their fish nets and the gathering of grass and leaves to feed the smudges which, during the evenings, kept at bay the insects from the nearby swamps. It was, perhaps, this heavy pall of smoke that kept from view a sailing skiff approaching from lake Winnipeg.

The skiff "put in" below the company store and three men alighted, conversed for a minute, then parted. Two of them made their way eastward toward the sanctuary of a smoke cloud, the other climbed the pathway leading toward Factor Murray's residences. In his hand, the lone man held a long, cylindrical package wrapped in oilskin.

As the messenger passed their cabins, people smiled at him or waved lethargically. But, although they eyed the package that he carried no one asked him what it was. For well they knew: Three days before, the Indian Commissioner from Ottawa had reached Red River and today a special messenger had come. The package was their long-awaited summons to a treaty with the Government. On the following morning, before the company clerk had doused his sunburnt countenance in the rain barrel, a throng had gathered at the store, to smoke and wait for the arrival of their band chief, Ka-ke-ka-pensais.

Three miles away, in the Indian Village, Chief Ka-ke-ka-pensais had finished his breakfast and was enjoying, at his leisure, a cup of strong, black tea. He knew about the courier's arrival. He also knew that an entire community waited in the rising heat for his official presence. But the chief sipped slowly, savouring each bitter drop. To eat and drink rapidly was not only undignified but bad for one's stom-

ach. Haste in any form was bad, a characteristic of the young and inexperienced. And, though he could not bear a silly grudge for him... might give them pause to meditate upon their faithlessness. For, since the spring, their flagrant disrespect for him had made his chieftainship a difficult role.

There had been trouble concerning the issue of the promised treaty. In the previous autumn Lieutenant Governor Archibald had stated that, in exchange for land lost to White settlement, the Indians would receive a treaty and, to the Indians, a treaty meant payment. That such payment would be proportionate to their losses, no one thought to doubt. It was, therefore, agreed that treaties must be good. But seven months had passed and still the Indians waited. It was not the merits of a treaty that had caused dissent in the community but, rather, whether or not there would ever actually be one. And the Metis people who lived at Fort Alexander said that there would be no treaty.

Throughout the winter of 1970/71 the Metis of Red River had fared badly; their settlements harassed by soldiery; Canadian hostility toward them so intense that few would venture into the town. The fires of racial hatred blazed along the valley and reached out to singe the farflung outposts. At Fort Alexander, Metis families such as Fontaine, Guimond, Chatelaine and Mainville felt its sting and so became a part of it.

The Metis said that Rupertsland had not joined confederation; that it had been conquered, her people treated as defeated enemies. Canada had lied, first to the Metis, then to the Indians. If Archibald intended to keep his promise why, they asked, had he not already done so? The Metis people argued strongly while in opposition stood the English-speaking mixed-bloods... families such as Flett and Sinclair, Inklater and Arkinson.

These English-speaking people of mixed racial origin and mainly the descendants of Hudson's Bay Company of-

ficers formed the nucleus of the Church of England congregation. They believed in the British justice. For their pastor, Robert Phair believed and Phair had never lied to them. Whenever doubt assailed them, they recalled his words "The process of democracy is sometimes slow, requiring faith and patience." The Anglican mixed-bloods called the Metis traitors to the crown, urging all in the settlement to disassociate themselves from people who were so obviously out of favour with both God and the British Empire. In the centre of the turmoil bending one way or the other like a birch tree in a summer twister were the Indians.

Ka-ke-ka-pensais believed that there would be a treaty, not only because he respected the word of Robert Phair but because, to him, no man had achieved such rank among his people as had Lieutenant Governor Archibald could possibly be dishonest... No leader of his status could stand before a multitude of men and tell a lie. To think so was preposterous. But because of chieftain's view concurred with that of the English-mixed-bloods did not mean that he appreciated their support. Indeed, he wished that both quarrelling factions would stop meddling with an issue which he felt was none of their concern. And one day Ka-ke-ka-pensais had told them so:

On March 30th, there had been a feat at the home of Sam Baptiste. Although it was a poor time of year for hunting, Sam had killed a moose and, as was the custom, friends and neighbours had come to share his good luck. Several of the Metis had attended and it had been a happy occasion until the conversation turned to politics. Soon, in the light of the glowing fire pit, the two opposing parties faced each other angrily. When violence threatened, Ka-ke-ka-pensais intervened.

"Quarrelling at the social gathering is bad manners," said the chieftain.

To which one of the Metis replied, "If the Indian chiefs had shown fewer manners and more intelligence, the Whites would have more re-

spect for them."

"Get out of our village," said Ka-ke-ka-pensais. "You are nothing but trouble makers and, when the treaty comes I will see to it that only those who are truly Indians receive it."

Ka-ke-ka-pensais had trodden on some influential toes. The stage was set.

The Indians liked and respected the Metis; some had relatives among their number upon whom they depended in times of need. Although the position of chief was deemed necessary, it was regarded as a source of spiritual rather than of practical leadership. On the hunt, in the rice fields or when fishing on the open lake, it was the Metis who led... whose energy, resourcefulness and sense of organization often turned the tides of failure. The Indians did not want to lose the friendship of the Metis and soon with some encouragement were asking for a new and wiser chief. Offended, Ka-ke-ka-pensais resigned.

Two days later, through the good auspices of Robert Phair and his parishioners, the chief was reinstated and for eight weeks life at Fort Alexander had assumed an outward semblance of tranquility. Then, late in May, another crisis had arisen:

When the ice had gone from Traverse Bay a large boat loaded to the gunnels with equipment and supplies sailed in to dock below the Company store. There, six Whitemen disembarked, conferred with the factor, Mr. Murray, then continued upstream to Manitou Rapids where they made their camp. When enquiries revealed that the visitors were lumbermen who had come to look at the forest, concern and anger spread throughout the settlement. The forest here belonged to the people of Fort Alexander. Ka-ke-ka-pensais was urged to act upon the matter. "I will think," Ka-ke-ka-pensais replied.

The chief was as concerned as everyone else about the White intruders but would not be stamped into acting hastily. Despite all pressure, he would take what time was needed to consider his approach. But while the Chief

was pondering, three Metis armed with rifles, two young Mainvilles and a Chatelaine paddled to Manitou Rapids where they challenged the invaders. By the time the Chief-tain felt prepared for confrontation, the lumber men had departed. Once again Ka-ke-ka-pensais resigned and once again the missionary and his friends restored him to his chieftainship. But Ka-ke-ka-pensais had lost all credibility; he had become a chief without a band. Then, suddenly on June 22nd, the fickle wind of politics had blown his way:

John James and Jacob Kent came down from Rainy River with some very important news. They had met and talked to Mr. Wemys Simpson who had been appointed Indian Commissioner by the Government of Canada. Simpson had held a meeting with the Rainy River Indians and, although no treaty had been concluded at the time, Simpson had carefully explained the meaning of the term. Not only would the Indians be paid for those of their lands lost to White settlement but would be given tracts of territory called reserves to be their own forever, to do with as they pleased. The location and extent of the reserves would be of the Indians' own choosing. Ka-ke-ka-pensais rejoiced; he had been vindicated.

Now, he set aside his teacup. It was time to join the others at the Company store, to open up the package from the Government of Canada, study its contents then discuss the future with the people. In addressing the issue of a choice of reserves, Ka-ke-ka-pensais would remind all who listened that Lieutenant-Governor Archibald had been true to his word and, therefore should receive fair and honest treatment in return. The Indians must be reasonable in their demands, asking only that which they required in order to sustain their livelihood. Ka-ke-ka-pensais felt that a reserve extending along both banks of the Winnipeg River from Lake Winnipeg to Pointe du Bois would be sufficient.

In the end, the band had to settle for much less. How the final boundaries were arrived at is another story.

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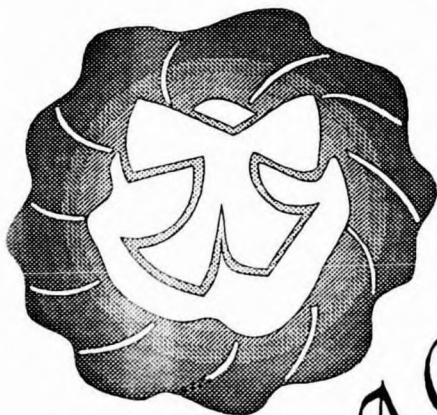
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