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PINE FALLS



It's a Deal!



Sign on Stead Road Welcoming home negotiating team last Saturday

Tough negotiations with Abitibi

Skilled negotiators butted heads in Toronto last Friday, hammering out a deal for the purchase of the Pine Falls mill by local management and employees.

In a marathon session lasting eleven hours without a break, a union and management team from Pine Falls met at the Toronto head office of Abitibi-Price with, perhaps, the toughest negotiators Abitibi had to offer.

On the table were Abitibi

demands for "cash up front" as part of a purchase price of 43 million dollars - the balance being in the form of preferred shares, and the suspension of an already negotiated profit sharing plan until the preferred shares had been redeemed.

The Pine Falls team returned home with the profit sharing plan intact, (some will be deferred as part of other financing requirements, but will be owed to employees and paid when cash flow permits). The price for the mill was established at 40 million dollars - all of it in the form of preferred shares with no "up front cash."

A major success was the removal of a provision for the conversion of the preferred shares to common shares. Common shares carry with them ownership of the company, preferred do not. Thus a possibility of Abitibi converting their shares at some time in the future, and possibly regaining ownership of the company was eliminated.

In addition, the Pine Falls team secured a profit sharing plan from Abitibi to run between now and the formal change of ownership, expected on June 1st. Under this agreement employees will get

fifty percent of any profit generated over the mill's budgeted amount up to a maximum of \$500,000. Mill Manager Fern Pitre believes this is an attainable goal. This money is to be used for the employee share purchase. How it is to be distributed among employees is subject to approval by Abitibi.

Pitre began negotiations with Abitibi on the purchase of the mill more than three years ago, in December 1990. Employees were informed of the negotiations in May 1991, and were presented with a proposal from Abitibi which provided for a purchase price of \$43,000,000, (\$20,000,000 in cash). Employees were to get a profit sharing plan and 15% ownership of the new company in exchange for a wage reduction of 10%. The proposal called for investment by an as yet unnamed private investor with "deep pockets", and still to arranged bank financing.

A buy-out group consisting of six senior managers led by Fern Pitre began a long search for the private investor as a prerequisite to arranging any bank financing. They were able to interest Ashok Narang, with extensive experience in



The Negotiators (not in order) Tom Allison, Laird Crawford, Stephen Kepfer (manitoba govt.) Gene Nelson, Fern Pitre, Kelly Sharpe, Lionel Vincent, Al Wingate, Armand Boulet.

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From the Beaches
 With Lorraine Neal
 Community Voice Beaches
 Correspondent

GREAT FALLS FOODS

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Fall hours:

Monday & Tuesday 8 am to 6pm
 Wednesday to Saturday 8 am to 8 pm
 Sunday 11 am - 6 pm

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 Call us for your next Social; Permits, Meat
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**Community
 Calendar**

Library Allard
 Library Hours:
 TUESDAY: 10:30am to 5:00pm
 WEDNESDAY: 1:00pm to 5:00pm
 THURSDAY: 1:00pm to 5:00pm
 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 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 Metis Regular
 Meetings - held on the first Thurs-
 day of each month - 7:00 pm at the
 Powerview Arena Meeting Room

Friday February 11: La Leche
 League meeting in Lac du
 Bonnet at 1:30 p.m.
 Topic: "The Family and The
 Breast-fed Baby." All women
 interested in breast-feeding are
 invited to attend. Babies are
 welcome. 753-8294 or 268-1972
 for information.

**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 >11 AM
 Sunday school

Rev. Jerry Towne
 Office Hours: Tues - Fri.
 10:00 to Noon
 Tel: 367-2633

Pine Falls Anglican
 Church of Advent
 2 Holly St.
 Ph. 367-8347
 Service Sunday 9:00 am.
 Sunday School provided
 Rec. The Rev. Joan Mitchell
 Ass't. Curate Rev.
 Stephen Mitchell
 Everyone Welcome

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

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

**Grand Marais RCMP
 Detachment Subject of Ugly
 Rumours**

by Lorraine Neal

The R C M P detach-
 ment of Grand Marais has been
 the subject of very ugly rumors
 in the past few months. The
 rumor mill stated the beach
 detachment was slated for clo-
 sure, and the beaches areas
 would be policed from
 Powerview. Needless to say,
 this was cause for grave con-
 cern among the business com-
 munity, permanent residents
 and cottagers.

Assurances have been
 given by Staff Sergeant
 Klassen of the Beausejour
 detachment, that this will NOT
 occur. The Grand Marais
 detachment will remain in op-
 eration for at least two more
 years.

Major streamlining is
 taking place within the force.
 R C M P Headquarters in Ot-
 tawa is conducting a feasi-
 bility study of the force in it's
 entirety. The purpose of this
 study is to determine if there is
 another way giving service to
 the public in a more effective
 and cost efficient manner. It is
 felt that by streamlining the

force, service will be the same,
 or better.

Fiscal restraints are af-
 fecting the force, just as the
 bad economy is affecting other
 segments of our population.
 Members are experiencing a
 two year wage freeze. In
 Manitoba there are currently
 seven divisional offices. It is
 expected that at the conclu-
 sion of the feasibility study,
 these divisions may be reduced
 to three or four. It is also
 expected that there will possi-
 bly also be some amalgama-
 tion of detachments. What-
 ever changes are dictated by
 Ottawa, for the present, the
 status quo will be maintained.

Note: Interested resi-
 dents are encouraged to be-
 come active members of their
 community advisory commit-
 tees, assist in the creation and
 implementation of Citizens on
 Patrol groups. Other areas of
 the province have very active
 citizen involvement. This is
 our country, our properties,
 we ought to be taking a more
 active part in the preservation

of the 'peace' in our own com-
 munities.

**Beaches
 Recycling
 Program**

Wayne (Mac)
 MacDonald, well known
 Beaconia resident, has, along
 with wife Jeannie, planned an
 enterprising recycling pro-
 gram in the beaches area. Plans
 are to obtain permission from
 businesses and associations to
 place recycling bins in appro-
 priate spots. The proposed
 date of operation is May 1,
 1994, but before this can hap-
 pen, some assistance and sup-
 port from the communities are
 requested.

Once the program is
 underway, the MacDonalds
 have determined that a dona-
 tion will be made to the 4H
 program. They also would
 like to start a 4H Scholarship
 fund.

If you are part of a cot-

CONGRATULATIONS

**To Fern Pitre, the management and
 unions of the Pine Falls mill
 on the successful completion of
 negotiations for the
 purchase of the mill**

**-- and securing the future of the
 community for generations to come.**

Darren Praznik M.L.A.

tage association and have not
 received a letter of introduc-
 tion, please call the number
 listed at the conclusion of this
 information, and "get the
 goods" on recycling. If you
 are a resident or cottager who
 is not part of any association,
 please call Mac, or better still,
 write a letter supporting this
 worthwhile program. Recy-
 cling is the way of the future if
 we want to keep our planet, so
 we may as well get used to
 it.....start today! The ad-
 dress is: Mac and Jean
 MacDonald, Val Mac Enter-
 prises, Road 101 North,
 Beaconia, Manitoba R0E
 0B0.....or call 754-3350
 Remember, if you aren't part
 of the solution, you are part of
 the problem.

**News From
 Walter Whyte
 School**

Just a few lines about
 Walter Whyte School.....the
 Easter chocolate fund-raiser
 is now fact. If a child comes to
 your door, please support your
 neighborhood school.....if
 you don't like chocolate (what?
 what?) then just donate
 some money. It is for a very
 good cause - to library books,
 and new software titles for the
 school computers. Remem-
 ber the days when you were a
 kid selling candy and stuff for
 your own school?

Do you have any curl-
 ing brooms and sliders not
 now in use? Want to find new
 homes for them? The school

will give them a good home,
 and they will be put to terrific
 use too. The Grades 5 - 9
 have been curling on Monday
 evenings, and are short of
 brooms and sliders. If you can
 help out please don't hesitate
 to drop either off at the school
 during school hours. Your
 generosity will be appreciated.

The kids had a tremen-
 dous field trip on February
 23rd. They went skating and
 skiing at Harbourview and had
 a ball.

Do you have any exper-
 tise in these fields? Cake
 decorating, ladies fitness,
 quilting, home accounting or
 any other marketable skills....?
 Community evening courses
 are being planned at Walter
 Whyte for September 1994,
 and instructors will be re-
 quired. Give the school a call
 for more info, or write up a
 short resume, be sure to list
 your experience, send it to
 Mr. W. Gamble, Coordinator
 of Continuing Education,
 Lord Selkirk School Division,
 221 Mercy Street, Selkirk,
 Manitoba R1A 2C8.

Children are now being
 registered for kindergarten
 classes in September. Remem-
 ber.....your child must have his/
 her fifth birthday by December
 31, 1994 to be eligible.

**Mill Buy Out
 Finally Final**

Congratulations to em-
 ployees of Abitibi Price, Pine
 Falls, who are now owners of
 their own mill. It's been a long
 time coming. We are sure
 during the lo-oo-ng three year

buy out process, it seemed the
 deal would never come to frui-
 tion. Everything, it seems was
 on hold.....people were afraid
 to make long term plans, be-
 cause their futures were so
 uncertain. Even for people
 like us, over here at the lake, it
 was often scary, for if the mill
 buy out fell through, and
 closed.....what happens to the
 town and all it's attributes?
 Stores, businesses, health care
 facility, restaurants, schools
 and people. People must
 work, and without a place of
 employment the townsfolk
 must move to where the jobs
 are. Those remaining are the
 retired, or those with assured
 incomes. What of the rest of
 the community? That global
 community is more than just
 Pine Falls...for there are many
 who work, shop, visit doctors,
 dentist etc. in Pine Falls from
 outlying communities.

Once again, to the new
 owners of the Pine Falls Paper
 Mill.....our hearty congratu-
 lations!

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RUSSELL FUNERAL HOMES

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 Ft. Alexander
 268-2263 or 345-6051 (24 hrs.)



Harvey Giesbrecht, Director
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THANKYOU

To All The People
 Who Visited
**Pine Florist &
 Country Closet**

Shirley - Pine Florist
 Lucille - Country Closet

**REA GOLD CORPORATION
 Public Meetings
 Bissett Gold Project**

Rea Gold Corporation is currently conducting a \$3 million rehabilitation and
 underground exploration program at its Bissett Gold Project. This work is part of
 Rea Gold's strategic planning to reopen and expand the mine by late 1995.

As part of the current program, Rea Gold, Selkirk Canada Employment Centre, and
 Selkirk Outreach are conducting a skills assessment survey to evaluate the potential
 work force in the area of the project and possible training requirements for potential
 future employees.

Representatives of Rea Gold, Canada Employment Centre Selkirk, and Selkirk
 Outreach will be holding a general information meeting at the following locations to
 review the current status of the project, potential employment levels and the skills
 inventory assessment survey.

Date	Time	Location
March 8, 1994	7:30 p.m.	Community Hall, Bissett
March 9, 1994	1:00 p.m.	Multicomplex Hall, Hollow Water
March 10, 1994	6:00 p.m.	Powerview School, Powerview

Skills Inventory Assessment Forms will be available at the meetings.



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More From the Beaches ... lations!

This, That, These & Those

Well, guess what.....this has been the most protracted spring in my ten minute memory. My spring has lasted since January, never mind the weather outdoors. I just don't feel like doing anything more than staring out the window watching branches sway, and snow melt. My better (?) half is suffering from incurable procrastination disease, so we make a great pair. Somehow though things are done with amazing regularity. My muscles are being built up at a great rate.... this must be from bringing in wood for the pioneer wood stove.

Ah, the marvels of country living....wood stoves,dust and soot on all the walls, windows, draperies and furniture. The statement of bringing in wood has just caused a minor ruffling of the male feathers in this household.....but we all know who's right.

One wonders if it is Mount Pinatubo causing this major disruption in our glorious frosty winter.. and is this a preview of our summer too? Perhaps Mount Pinatubo will send his/her mysterious goobers somewhere else at least for the expected summer months of 1994. We surely deserve a summer replete with sunshine, fluffy marshmallow clouds (only on sunny days though) warm temperatures, and weather good enough for skinny dipping. Hold the mosquitoes!

Pitre Owed a "Debt of Gratitude" - Praznik



Praznik with thumbs up - "Its Done!"

Continued from pg. 1. The pulp and paper industry at an international level as a Senior Vice President with Consolidated Bathurst. Narang brought with him the confidence of major financial institutions.

The search for financing in the depths of the worst recession in the pulp and paper industry in 60 years proved more difficult than anticipated at the outset. The long, demoralizing process, with occasional spurts of activity and union-management negotiations took their toll on the people involved. Lac du Bon-

net MLA Darren Praznik, speaking at a press conference announcing the successful conclusion of a deal with Abitibi, said of Pitre. "He was the glue that held things together over the last three years. The individual who made this deal work. We owe him a debt of gratitude."

Eventually a tentative arrangement for \$20 million bank financing was arranged, and, on January 27, the Province of Manitoba, after lengthy negotiations made the buy-out group an offer of a \$30 million loan to help meet the

costs of an effluent treatment plant required to meet new federal government standards, and a de-inking plant to meet the requirements of the news-paper industry for more recycled content.

The term financing carried with it requirements for more employee concessions, resulting in more negotiations with the "Tri-Union" committee formed of the executives of the three mill unions (the UPIU, OPEIU, and LSWU). These negotiations were concluded February 18, Continued Opposite

Company to be Called "Pine Falls Paper Co."

with a considerably revised share structure.

One of the results of the lengthy and often intensive negotiation process was a solidarity of purpose between the groups involved in the process of bringing the deal to a conclusion. In the words of Laird Crawford, Chairman of the Tri-Union Committee, "The united front we were able to present to Abitibi was an essential element in our ability to bring about a successful conclusion to the deal. The knowledge that the vast majority of employees were 100% behind us, and Ashok Narang, the Management group and employees were all on the same side, gave all of us a conviction and determination that were a vital asset in our meeting with Abitibi executives." He said.

The final result is an extremely complex set of agreements between the management group, the union and non-union employees, the Government of Manitoba, and Abitibi-Price. Yet to be concluded are the terms of bank financing. The new company has 90 days (from March 4) to

finalize, in legal terms, the documentation of these agreements and take over formal possession of the mill.

For employees the essential results of the various agreements are a 10% reduction in wages and a five year wage freeze. There is, under the terms of the financing agreement a possible further reduction of up to an additional 10% if certain projections are not met. With the market for newsprint improving, prices increasing, and a 10 year sales and marketing agreement with Abitibi, with a probability of close to 100% operating rate, management feels that this concession is unlikely to come into effect except in the event of a serious downturn in the market or price for newsprint which would threaten the viability of the mill. In return for these concessions employees will get:

- A profit sharing plan which provides for 10% of any pretax profit between 10 and 15 million dollars, 15% between 15 and 20 million dollars, and 20% of any pretax profit over 20 million dollars. This is calculated before any

repayment of principal on loans or reinvestment of profit in new equipment. Thus it will be payable regardless of any decision by the new company to invest every available dollar in modernizing the mill. Under the terms of financing some of the profit earned under this scheme may be withheld to a later date.

- Up to 313,500 shares representing 25.6% of the ownership of the company.

- An option to purchase a further 150,000 shares, at \$5.00 each, representing an additional 12.3% of ownership.

Certain senior management personnel will have an option to purchase 50,000 shares at \$5.00, equal to 4.1% of the new company.

Sagekeeng First Nation will have an option, for six months after the change of ownership, to purchase 30,000 shares.

After all options are exercised, Ashok Narang's group will own 330,000 shares (27%), and Capital Canada, a financial consulting company with extensive experience in the pulp and paper industry will own 20,000 shares (1.6%). The management group led by Fern Pitre will own 330,000 shares (27%). Total local ownership will be close to 70%.

These shares will not be

able to be sold on the open market unless the new company becomes a public company. They will be redeemed by the company at their book value if an employee leaves the company or retires. According to company officials it is conservatively estimated that the book value of shares will be worth at least \$25.00 in five years.

The new company will be called the Pine Falls Paper Company. The name has been chosen because Pine Falls is recognized by the mill's customers as a producer of a high quality supplier of newsprint.

The deal is not quite complete. The terms of bank financing still have to be determined. These terms may have some effect on the details of the profit sharing plan. A complete package has to be ratified by the employees prior to final closing of the deal.

Letter to the Editor

Open letter to Local MMF Members, some of you are aware, we are planning to have a Metis Rendezvous welcome to summer weekend, everyone welcome, but we need volunteers to come out on May long weekend to help. There is a membership of almost four hundred, yet only a few show up for meetings. The meetings are the first Thursday of the month at the Powerview Arena at 7:00. We have to show the people of the area that we still have what it takes to be successful in light of what is happening at the executive level. If you wish to help out please show up for these meetings, or this weekend won't be a success.

A Concerned Member

Congrats!
Management and Employees of the new Pine Falls Paper Co.

Best Wishes For a Prosperous and Successful Future!

Congratulations to The Negotiating Team A Job Well Done

Thanks to you the Future of our community into the 21st Century is Secure

OSIS BUILDING SUPPLIES

Congratulations to the Mill Buy Out Team

Congratulations to the Mill Employees

Good Luck and Best Wishes for a long and successful future

La Caisse populaire de Saint Georges

St. Georges Winter Carnival

Country Closet
&
Pine Florists

Would Like to
Congratulate All Those
Involved in the
Purchase of the Mill

It's a Great
Relief!



St. Georges youngsters struggle to master the 2x4 race.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE BEACHES

Best wishes for a successful and
prosperous future to the
management and employees of the
Pine Falls newsprint mill



BIRCHWOOD MOTOR HOTEL

TRAVERSE BAY CORNER

BELAIR GENERAL STORE

HERB'S ALBERT BEACH

Competition Results Winners

Cross Cut Saw:

Men: Alcide Chevrefils and
Marc Guimond (6.87 sec.)

Women: Lucille Bruneau and
Paulette Dupont (9.01 sec.)

Mixed: David and Collette
Vincent (6.79 sec.)

Group Games:

7 & Under: Stephane Fisette,
Chantal Vincent, Blayne
Dube, Stephanie Godard,
Amanda Boulet, Jeffrey
Dupont.

8 - 11: Thomas Coutt,
Christopher McMullen,
Nicole Vincent,

12 - 15: Martin Vincent,
Raymond Avanthay, Kelly
Dupont.

Adults: Alex Kalnchuk, Lindy
Kaminawash, Tammy Ross.

Sand Bags:

Adult: Brent Osis, Youth:
Raymond Avanthay

Jacket Raffle:

Brent Osis

Sign Raffle:

Diane Dube

The
Folks
at



Pine Falls
Service Centre

Would Like to

Tip Our Hats

To the Employees and Management
at the Pine Falls Paper Mill
on the New Agreement

A Job Well Done!



The Proprietors and Staff at

Pedden's Corner

Would Like To Extend Their Congratulations to the Mill Employees and Management for the New Deal.

We Wish You All Success and Prosperity in the New Venture.

Pedden's Gas Bar

Pedden's Convenience Store

Pedden's Restaurant

Pedden's Laundromat

CIGARETTE SMUGGLING COMES WITH A HEAVY PRICE TAG

THE COST TO MANITOBBANS

- Cheap cigarettes will lure our children and jeopardize their health and lives.
- Cheap cigarettes will kill even more Manitobans than the 1,000 who already die annually from smoking related diseases.
- Cheap cigarettes will reverse the trend that has successfully encouraged Manitobans to stay away from tobacco.
- Cheap cigarettes could hurt our hospitals and schools because of an \$80 million loss in tax revenue.

THE COST TO SMUGGLERS

Any Manitoban found in possession of more than 200 cigarettes (one carton) of "marked product" or selling "marked product" without a license will be subject to:

- Fines of up to \$2,000 or 3 months in jail or both for first offence plus triple the amount of tax payable.
- Fines of up to \$10,000 or 12 months in jail or both for second or subsequent offences plus triple the amount of tax payable.
- Seizure of vehicles may occur.

Cigarette smuggling... none of us can afford the price.

Manitoba Finance Eric Stefanson Minister



Eastman Sport Update

Winter Games Wrap

The Eastman Winter Games 1994 are a part of history. The Games officially ended February 27 in Wanipigow, 7 weeks after they began in early January in Lac du Bonnet.

In all 804 athletes participated in 16 sports held in 11 communities across Eastman. Steinbach hosted 4 sports, the largest concentration in one community. However, many small communities such as Landmark and St. Pierre-Jolys put on very large competitions.

Wanipigow, a remote community in Northern Eastman, hosted two events, making it the first aboriginal and

remote community to host Eastman Games' sports.

All in all, the Games were very successful, due in no small part to the many volunteers who host, offer technical advice, or help to work at the events.



As well, many fine athletes and coaches will represent Eastman at the Manitoba Games, March 23-27 in Thompson.

To all who made the Games what they are, Thank you!

Regional Roundup

At the Manitoba Open Free Skate Championships in Carman, Stacey Dowbyhiz of Steinbach took second in Juvenile Singles and the Iridescent Icicles of Beausejour won Juvenile Team.

○ Votre caisse populaire du Manitoba ○

PRÊT-AUTO

GRATUITE* de l'assurance-vie et de l'assurance-invalidité pour 6 mois sur tout nouveau prêt-auto consenti entre les 1er mars et 30 juin 1994

CAR LOANS


FREE* life insurance and disability insurance for 6 months on all new or used car loans negotiated and confirmed between March 1st and June 30, 1994

PRÊT HYPOTHÉCAIRE

GRATUITE* de l'assurance-vie et de l'assurance-invalidité pour 12 mois sur tout nouveau prêt hypothécaire consenti entre les 1er mars et 30 juin 1994

MORTGAGE LOANS

FREE* life insurance and disability insurance for 12 months on all qualified home mortgage loans confirmed and signed between March 1st and June 30, 1994

 **Les caisses populaires du Manitoba**

○ Your Manitoba Caisse populaire ○

In the Manitoba Keystone Pro-Am Racquetball tournament, Kurtis Funk of Niverville won the Junior Boys section.

Ste. Anne School will host the AA Boys Basketball and Niverville School will host the AA Girls Basketball High School Provincial Championships, March 17-19.

A Level I N.C.C.P. Theory of Coaching Course is scheduled for March 25-26 at La Broquerie. Contact Roy (422-8807) for details.

Scott Koskie of the University of Manitoba was named GPAC volleyball Most Valuable Player.

At the Manitoba Precision Figure Skating Championships in Brandon, Springfield took first in Novice (Competitive); Oakbank took third in Adult B (Recreation); and Lac du Bonnet took first in Flight 1 of Novice B (Recreational).

Provincial Sport Opportunities

Manitoba Badminton Association has Doubles and Mixed Doubles Recreational Badminton Camps set for March 19 and 20 at College Louis Riel in Winnipeg. Contact Manitoba Badminton at 985-4041.

Canada Games Training

is May 1, 1994.

For your nomination to be considered, you must request the nomination guidelines. Please contact:

Coaching Association of Canada
1600 James Naismith Drive
Gloucester, Ontario K1B 5N4
Telephone: (613) 748-5624


Milk Super Seminar for Coaches

The Milk Super Seminar for Coaches will be hosted at the Winnipeg Convention Centre on Friday evening, April 22, and Saturday, April 23. The tenth anniversary Super Seminar will be bringing back the best of the best over the past ten years. Scheduled speakers are Mark Tweekbury (Olympic Gold Medal Swimmer), Jack Donahue (National Men's Basketball Coach 1972-1988), Debbie Muir (Olympics Gold Medal Synchronized Swimmer), Keith Nord (Former Minnesota Viking), and Frank Smoll (Professor of Psychology, University of Washington). It will be a fantastic show. For more information or registration forms, contact the Coaches Association of Manitoba at 1-985-4029.

Recipients receive a \$1500 bursary to encourage their continued coach education, a distinctive athletic suit, a trophy, and a sports bag containing 3M products.

Award winners will be guests of 3M at the Coaching Awards Dinner in Victoria, British Columbia on August 31, 1994.


Deadline for nominations



Papertown
Motor Inn

Presents
Top '40'
Country Rock.

Just returned from a big tour in the U.S. and Mexico.




TRACY YOUNG *and Dreamcatcher*

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FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR FOR MANITOBA!

March 17, 18 & 19 - Thursday, Friday, & Saturday
NO COVER



Parting Thought rebound from hard work -
Happiness is generally a 1989 - The Avery Profile, Winter

PREMIER VOCATIONAL TRAINING

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30 hour evening class in

SMALL MOTOR REPAIR

START: Monday, March 14, 1994
TIME: 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
PLACE: Whiteshell Regional Campus (AECL)
COST: \$110 for 10 weeks

To Register Call or come in to:
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 11, 1994



Compliments the Management & Employees on the purchase of the Mill.

Good Luck and Best Wishes for a long and Successful Future

Pine Falls Five Pin Bowling League News

by Terri Papineau
Week # 12

The Ladies High Games: Margo Gunter 305, Mandy Dankowski 271, 226, Doris Kahle 271, Doreen Enright 265, 205, Evelyn Dodds 258, 222, Sharon Mignon 245, Terri Papineau 239, Priscille Poiriar 216, Jeanette Lavoie 213, 212, Madeleine Guimond 200, Chantelle Lafreniere 200.

The Men's High Games: Pat Papineau 272, 228, 223, Art St. Croix 242, 234, Paul Doyle 219, 215, Jerry Gauthier 219, 215, Roger Pepin 209.

The Female Bowler of the Week: Margo Gunter for her game of 305 which was 112 pins over average.

The Male Bowler of the Week: Pat Papineau for his game of 272 which was 72 pins over his average.

The Legion Special was won by the - Strikers for a triple of 3332.

Other Comments: Honorable mention to Lisa Pittet for a game of 197, which is 85 pins over her average. High triples this week were: Margo Gunter 704, Pat Papineau 969, Mandy Dankowski 690, Evelyn

Dodds 667, Doris Kahle 660, Doreen Enright 657, Art St. Croix 656.

The Ladies High Games: Sharon Tremain 274, 223, Evelyn Dodds 268, 242, Wilma Houston 238, Jeanette Doyle 227, Carol Griffin 220, Terri Papineau 220, Margo Gunter 218, Marge Dankowski 210.

The Men's High Games: Neil Pakoo 303, Clayton Poiriar 269, 209, Roger Pepin 256, Gerry Gauthier 245, Lyle Velie 238, Brad Robertson 229, Paul Doyle 223, 211, Marcel Vincent 221.

The Female Bowler of the Week: Sharon Tremain for her game of 274 which was 95 pins over her average.

The Male Bowler of the Week: Neil Pakoo for his game of 303 which was 155 pins over his average.

The Legion Special was won by the Five Pins for a triple of 3289.

Other Comments: High Triples this week were: Sharon Tremain 667, Clayton Poiriar 666, Evelyn Dodds 648, Neil Pakoo 632, Gerry Gauthier 613.

283, Claire Sokoloski 253, 203, Carol Griffin 251, 208, Jeanette Lavoie 241, Mandy Dankowski 215, Chantelle Lafreniere 207, 205.

The Men's High Games: Lyle Velie 273, 237, Don Powell 270, 263, 226, Ken Dankowski 266, 227, Pat Papineau 264, 219, Paul Doyle 255, 227, 224, Pete Richardson 245, 218, Noel Catellier 220, 210, Rheel Morissette 213, Neil Boulette 209.

The Female Bowler of the Week: Madeleine Guimond for her game of 283 which was 128 pins over her average.

The Male Bowler of the Week: Noel Catellier for his game of 220 which was 96 pins over his average.

The Legion Special was won by the Neon Knights for the triple of 3668. This is now the league team high triple. Team high single has also been taken over by this team with a 1365.

Other Comments: High triple this week were: Don Powell 759, Paul Doyle 706, Lyle Velie 681, Ken Dankowski 652, Pat Papineau 643.

The Ladies High Games: Doris Kahle 270, Micheline Hebert 252, Terri

Papineau 247, 245, Jeanette Lavoie 225, Jeanette Doyle 213, Eileen Nelson 208, Laura Hlatky 207.

The Men's High Games: Pat Papineau 281, Trevor Sokoloski 269, 218, Art St. Croix 239, 220, Ken Dankowski 229, Gerry Gauthier 219, Pete Richardson 217, Neil Boulette 204.

Female Bowler of the Week: Micheline Hebert for her game of 252 which was 132 pins over her average.

The Male Bowler of the Week: Pat Papineau for his game of 281 which was 78 pins over his average.

The Legion Special was won by the Eagle Busters with a 3181.

Other Comments: High triple this week were: Terri Papineau 674, Trevor Sokoloski 670, Pat Papineau 656, Art St. Croix 616.

The Ladies High Games: Doris Kahle 267, 266, 238, Carol Griffin 266, 206, Yvonne Powell 251, Sharon Tremain 246, 215, Jeanette Doyle 240, 207, Fran Powell 219, Janelle Carlson 214, Madeleine Guimond 211, Margo Gunter 208, 206.

The Men's High Games: Pat Papineau 298, 278, 250, Don Powell 286, Rheel Morissette 269, 224, Roger Demarais 256, 216, Ken Dankowski 253, Gerry Gauthier 221, 205, Albert Lamoureux 214, 209, Neil Boulette 210, 200.

The Female Bowler of the Week: Janelle Carlson for her game of 214, which was 98 pins over average. Honorable mention to Yvonne Powell for her 251, which was

92 pins over average.

The Male Bowler of the Week: Roger Demarais for his game of 256, which was 106 pins over average.

The Legion Special was won by the Lane Jumpers for 3394.

Other Comments: The North Eastern is coming up in March in Great Falls. Start thinking about who you want to bowl with. A sign up sheet will be up next week. High triple this week were: Doris Kahle 771, Pat Papineau 751, Don Powell 690, Rheel Morissette 680, Sharon Tremain 651, Carol Griffin 644.

The Ladies High Games: Margo Gunter 239, 226, Mandy Dankowski 231, Terri Papineau 220, Chantelle Lafreniere 217, 209, 201, Jeanette Doyle 216, Doris Kahle 215.

The Men's High Games: Gerry Gauthier 281, Paul Doyle 268, 213, Pete Richardson 236, 221, Trevor Sokoloski 231, 212, Ken Dankowski 222, George Dodds 218, 204, Pat Papineau 218, Marcel Vincent 216, 205.

The Female Bowler of the Week: Chantelle Lafreniere for her game of 217 which was 73 pins over her average.

The Male Bowler of the Week: Gerry Gauthier for his game of 281 which was 87 pins over his average.

The Legion Special was won by the Richardson team with a 3300.

Other Comments: High triple this week were: Gerry Gauthier 702, Paul Doyle 678, Pete Richardson 659, Chantelle Lafreniere 627. Chantelle's triple was 195 pins over her average total.

The Baha'i Corner

The Dawn Of A New Age
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Do You Know That You Are Living?

There is a group of people in the work today who have wonderful news to give. They say that God has sent His Messenger to mankind. They are called Baha'is, and they live throughout the five continents of the world in more than two hundred and fifty countries. They are ordinary men and women coming from all the living religions of the world and its races, and they love to speak about their Faith. The Baha'i Faith has no clergy, yet it is spreading, winning converts every day, removing their prejudices, changing their lives and uniting them. Baha'i books and pamphlets have now been translated into more than 800 languages. Shouldn't you know more about this Faith?

God has created us so that we may know Him, love Him, and serve Him. God is far above our understanding. Knowledge of Him is possible only through His Messengers of Prophets. If it could be true that God has sent His Messenger to mankind in this world today, wouldn't that be the most important and wonderful news of our times?

The word "Baha'i" comes from the name of the Founder of the Faith, Baha'u'llah, which means "Glory of God. A Baha'i is a follower of Baha'u'llah.

The Baha'i Faith started in 1844 in Persia. In that year a young man of twenty-five, named the Bab (which means Gate), announced Himself to be a Messenger of God. He proclaimed that the time had come for the appearance of One greater than Himself. This Promised One would unify all the world and establish God's Kingdom on earth. The Bab was preparing the people for the coming of Baha'u'llah. Like all God's Messengers before Him, He was opposed by the leaders of religion in His day. He was then imprisoned, dragged from one place to another and after six years of ill-treatment was finally shot publicly.

Next came Baha'u'llah Himself. He also was from Persia. His family was one of the wealthiest and noblest. Baha'u'llah announced Himself to be the One foretold by the Bab and all the previous prophets. His knowledge came from

God, and He didn't need to go to school. His words and writings were beautiful and powerful. Those who accepted His message found in Him the fulfillment of prophecies regarding the "Last Day." He, too, was bitterly opposed, persecuted, stripped of His wealth, exiled and imprisoned. His followers, who had felt the warmth of His love and the divine power of His Word, were also persecuted. But they stood firm and no less than twenty thousand of them gave their lives for their Faith. Baha'u'llah announced His message to the world and its chief kings, rulers and leaders of religions. Because their hearts were cold, they did not respond. His prophecies came true. After forty years of imprisonment, Baha'u'llah at the age of seventy-five passed away in 1892, as an exile in the Holy Land—the Land where God's call was to be raised on the "Last Day" as recorded of old.

The teaching of Baha'u'llah are based on the oneness of mankind. He taught that man should seek truth individually, independent of family and tradition and custom. He said that all the Messengers of God are One in Their Reality and the foundation of Their teachings is one. The following are some of His important teachings. Religion must agree with

reason and science. Racial and religious prejudices must be forgotten. Men and women must have equal rights. All children must receive a basic education. Mankind must adopt a universal language and become united as one family.

Now, let us think! Where did Baha'u'llah get His supreme knowledge if not from God? How could He foretell the future if not by the power of God? Why did He accept poverty, forty years imprisonment and exile if not for the love of God? How could He, in the face of cruel persecution, proclaim, with such power to the world and its rulers, that He was God's Messenger? Why have His teachings proved to be the true remedy for the ills of mankind today? Why should the events of His life fulfil the prophecies of old?

Let us ask ourselves: What was the influence of His Life and teachings on the masses of believers of past and present, including the 20,000 martyrs? How could Baha'u'llah spread His Cause from prison? How could He change the lives and hearts of men? His Cause was unaided by any government, was non-political in its teachings, had no outside financial support other than from its own persecuted believers. It therefore could have no material attrac-

tion. Yet it spread, quietly and miraculously, throughout the entire world. Surely the only answer is, His Message is from God!

Religion has always been the greatest power in the world. The Faith of Baha'u'llah is God's eternal religion renewed and adapted to the needs of our time. Its one purpose is to unite the races, religions, classes and nations of the world into one family. This was not possible in past ages because some continents were not even discovered, but this is possible now. God has promised us: "Before ye call, I will answer." So now he has sent us, over 100 years ago, this precious Message. May our eyes and ears be opened to hear and accept the Call of God in this Day!

"Verily I say, this is the Day in which mankind can behold the Face, and hear the Voice, of the promised One. The call of God hath been raised, and the light of His countenance hath been lifted up upon men. It behoveth every man... to gaze, with an open and unbiased mind, on the signs of His Revelation, the proofs of His mission, and the tokens of His Glory."

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**The Pineview Saintes
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The Pineview Saintes Petite A Team began the 1993/94 season with three goals in mind. The first goal was to have a fun season, the second was to place fourth or fifth in the Winnipeg Ringette League and the third goal was to win a medal at the provincial championships.

The Pineview Petite A League games have just been

completed and Pineview attained first place in The Winnipeg Ringette League. This season, Pineview also hosted a tournament in which they remained undefeated and succeeded in winning the gold medal. The Festival du Voyageur was their last tournament and the girls came home with a bronze medal. The Pineview Saintes were

the only Petite A team in Manitoba to attain a medal at this tournament.

The Saintes have only one goal left to achieve this season and that is to play well

at the Petite "A" Provincials to be held in Selkirk on March 19th and 20th.



Pineview Saintes Petite A Ringette Team

**Sand Bag
News**

Game # 16 by Rita Fontaine

Highest Men's Games: Jos Vincent 7790, Robert Chevrefils 7200, Victor Vincent 6390.

Highest Women's Games: Eliane Boulet 6070, Maria Dupont 5970, Hermine Dupont 5920.

Men's Highest Square: Robert Chevrefils 1340, Jos Vincent 1240, 1110, Robert Chevrefils 1100.

Women's Highest Square: Maria Dupont 1040, Eliane Boulet 1000, Rita Fontaine 930.

300's - This week were: Edgar Vincent who collected another 4, 300's - Ginette Vincent had 1. Total 300's to date are: Edgar Vincent 25, Colette Vincent 19, Juliette Desautels 13, Valier Beaulieu 9, Florence Vincent 5, Alex Kalynchuk 3, Ginette Vincent, Sam Kush, Mickey Jensen, Rejean Belanger, Maria Dupont, Robert Chevrefils, Ted Dupont, Lorraine Courcelle, Hermine Dupont, Margerite Boyer, Leo Fillion, Phillip Bouthillier, Gordon Bjork all with 1, 300.

Team Points: Jos Vincent 59, Alice Pearson 58, Henri Desautels, Ubald Duclos 47, Ted Dupont 43, Ginette Vincnet 29, Rita Fontaine 23, Colette Vincent 14.

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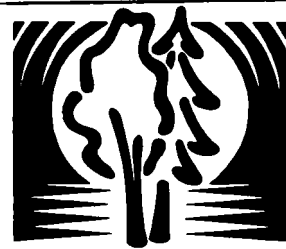
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For all our relations... the two-legged, the four-legged, the winged ones, the crawling ones, the fishes, the plants and the trees. This is the Manitoba Model Forest. Sustaining a balance in forest management.

WELCOME TO THE MANITOBA MODEL FOREST

The Manitoba Model Forest is essentially, a group of people who are working together to find new and better ways of managing our forest resources. Through research and development of new means of living with our forests, and not just in them, the Manitoba Model Forest is a guiding force to sustainable development.

There are ten model forests across Canada and several more established and being established in countries around the world. The Model Forest Network represents every kind of forest we have in Canada and the set up of each model forest is different enough from the others in the network to ensure that project research is not duplicated.

The Manitoba Model Forest has been working on projects for almost a year, looking at things such as how do we, with such a diverse group of stakeholders, manage our forests effectively and take into account everyone's concerns and values: what might be better ways of harvesting our forests; what happens to wildlife when there is harvesting going on near their habitats; and, how do we educate ourselves on living with and understanding our forests. To answer these very different questions, the structure of the Manitoba Model Forest has been organized into five working groups

and three advisory groups, each of which works with the General Manager and the Board of Directors.

The Integrated Resource Management group deals mainly with ongoing research into managing the forest resources through many different perspectives. From the pulp and paper industry to Aboriginal groups, environmentalists, woodlot owners, universities, businesses and business organizations, each of these groups have their special concerns and sets of values on how the resources should be managed. By researching these concerns and developing ways of meeting them, the model forest hopes to develop a management system that lasts long after the Model Forest Program has run its course.

Advanced Forestry Practices looks at finding innovative ways of harvesting and regenerating our forests. This is especially important considering that the model forest area has over a century of timber harvesting history and relies heavily on the economics of the pulp and paper industry.

Technology Transfer is the program area in which the findings of the research of the previous two groups are shared with forestry workers, governments, local contractors, forest managers and analysts. Their focus is on training these people

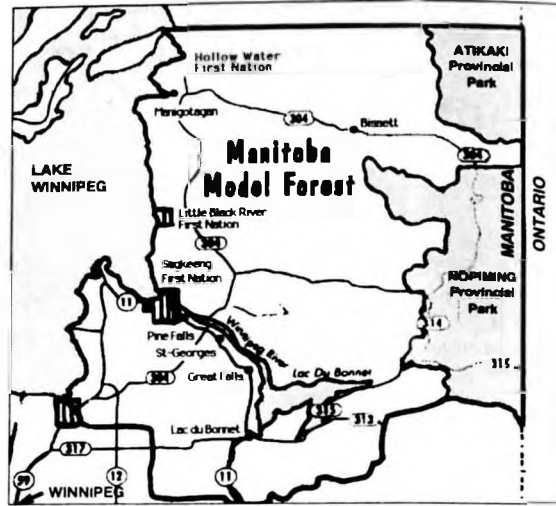
on the many new developments taking place.

The Economic Development and Diversification group is currently focused on the Heritage Region Development Corporation which, it is hoped, will bring increased business opportunities to the model forest area through tourism, recreation, and other features of the area. This would lessen our dependence on the paper industry and diversify our economic base.

The fifth working group is the Education, Culture and Public Awareness group which sets its sights on increasing understanding between the various stakeholders within the model forest, about each other and about the Model Forest Program in general. They also work with the other model forests in the network, increasing communications between the working groups and their counterparts in other model forest.

Throughout all of the program's working groups is the need for Aboriginal participation. The Aboriginal Specific Process Advisory Group was established to help the need for Aboriginal involvement in all program areas, as well as to help convey information about the model forest to the Native communities. One of their up-coming projects is a cross-cultural workshop on March 19. This will provide the Board and working group members an opportunity to learn about the many unique values of the Anicinabe of the area.

The Manitoba Model Forest is supported by the Canadian Forest Service under the Government of Canada's Green Plan. Working in



partnership with many interested stakeholders, including the Department of Natural Resources, the pulp and paper industry, woodlot associations, economic development groups, environmentalists, universities, Aboriginal groups, and interested individuals from the general public, we are striving to lead the way in sustainable development, not only for ourselves, but for all our relations — the two-legged, the four-

legged, the winged ones, the crawling ones, the fishes, the plants and the trees.

Any person can become involved with any of the working groups. The only requirement is that you have an interest in our forests being here for centuries to come. Please call our Pine Falls office at (204) 367-8895 and find out when the working group you're interested in is meeting next.

In future issues of "DOWN TO EARTH", we will be looking at specific projects, upcoming events and highlights of Model Forest activities in the community.

May / June issue will be available in your community newspaper in early May.

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RUSSIAN MODEL FOREST WORKSHOP

Two representatives of the Manitoba Model Forest attended a week-long workshop in Russia to discuss and develop plans to finalize a proposal for a model forest in Khabarovsk, Russia. Vince Keenan, who is an alternate Board Member of the Manitoba Model Forest and group leader of Advanced Forestry Practices, and Peter Ashton, President of Synthen Resources, represented the Manitoba Model Forest at the workshop February 12-20.

It was announced in December, during the Russian delegation tour of Canada's Model Forests, that Russia would join the International Model Forests Program. The Russian site is located on the eastern seaboard of Siberia, making it far closer to Japan than it is to Moscow. Among the workshop objectives were ensuring all partner groups in the Russian Model Forest are fully aware of and understand the Model Forest concept and examples of its implementation

in Canada, and establishing personal contacts between partners in the Khabarovsk Model Forest and three Canadian Model Forests in the Model Forest Network.

Peter Ashton, who is the founding president of the Manitoba Model Forest, was very instrumental in developing the Manitoba Model Forest Proposal and provided invaluable experience in helping to develop the Russian proposal. Vince Keenan, Divisional Forester with Abitibi-Price, carried his vast knowledge of forestry management to the meetings.

This was the third visit between the countries. In April of 1993, delegates from Canadian model forests, including Clarence Kennedy from Manigotagan, Manitoba, made an initial visit to Russia to introduce the international model forest program. The visit was returned when a delegation from Russia visited several Model Forests in Canada, beginning

their tour with Manitoba on December 16, 1993. During that visit, the decision was announced that Russia would become a partner in the International Program.

Russia will be the third country to officially join the International Model Forest Program, after Canada and Mexico. A fourth country, Malaysia, is currently in the process of deciding to join the International Program.

Total funding of \$10 million, or approximately \$3.3 million for each of the three international partners is provided by the Green Plan International Partnerships Fund administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. The Manitoba Model Forest is proudly supported by the Canadian Forestry Service through funding provided by the Government of Canada's Green Plan.



Clarence Kennedy (right) and his Russian host show their love of the forest by embracing a tree in Khabarovsk, Russia.

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You Can Get Involved In Family Year - 94

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Everyone is encouraged to take time during the year to make their own special plans for Family Year - 94.

The objectives for the year, as outlined by the United Nations, encourage each of us to renew and reflect upon our commitment to family. It is a time to celebrate the support and strength that our family provides and to recognize the efforts we all make to building our families and our community.

With the diversity for family shapes and sizes, there remains an important common thread. Family, according to the description of the International

Year of the Family Logo, is a place where one finds warmth, caring, security, togetherness, tolerance and acceptance, with a hint of uncertainty. Family is the building block of society.

For Manitobans and their families, involvement in Family Year - 94 can take an unlimited variety of forms:

- * Choose an evening to put together a family scrapbook.
- * Organize a family reunion.
- * Thank family members for being there when you need a hand.
- * Learn more about family members, their interests and opinions.
- * Rekindle a contact with a family member, near or far.
- * Ask your family to make a group volunteer contribution.
- * Bring a new friend into your

family circle.

Family Year - 94 is a time to talk about topics of interest to families and our ideas for meeting the challenges we face as families.

Manitoba's communities

and organizations are holding many events and activities that will feature their commitment to family. During Family Year - 94, many customary events, activities, festivals and forums, will focus on family themes, high-

lighting the contribution that families make to the strength of our province. Every community gathering can include thoughtful and innovative components such as family activities, recognition of volunteer service to families, and family-themed displays.

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Now for some new books...

For those who like a mystery check out one of the following, WELL-SCHOOLED IN MURDER by Elizabeth George, THE WAY THROUGH THE WOODS by Colin Dexter, DEAD LETTER by John R. Riggs, HIDE AND SEEK by Sheryl Woods and THE WANDERING SOULMURDERS by Gail Bowden. If psychological thrillers are

more your style, here are a couple that are guaranteed to keep you mesmerized. THE VANISHED CHILD by Sarah Smith, tells a grim tale of murder and duplicity. A millionaire is brutally murdered and the only witness, his grandchild, is shocked into silence, then disappears three days later without a trace...Did you read SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY, or see the movie? Author Nancy Price returns with another terrific suspense called NIGHT WOMAN, the plot is every woman's nightmare, Don't even wait for the movie.

Some Biographies recently acquired include, Garth Brooks, Oprah Winfrey, Marilyn Monroe, Guy Lafleur and the Habs - and oral history of the Montreal Canadians. Also on the new book display table you'll find Herman Wou's THE HOPE and by John Jakes, HOMELAND. Come in and browse around,

and if you're in on a Friday the coffee will be on. Winner of our Jelly Bean Contest during

Manitoba Library Week was Tess Houston. We hope she enjoys all those jelly beans.

Keep a watch out for future contests. The next one will be in time for St. Patricks Day.

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Memories of Bissett

The Continuing Historical Saga of the Bissett Area
By Wilda Ward

Bissett: The Pine Falls Connection

The recent threatened closure of the mill at Pine Falls is not the first time such a thing happened. In early March of 1932 the mill shut down completely, and it didn't reopen for 4 years. What does this unfortunate turn of events have to

do with Bissett? You might well ask. Well, as things turned out, Pine Falls' bad luck worked out indirectly to Bissett's benefit.

Here were 2 company towns, both based on primary resource industries, and both situated in the same remote

area of the province. They even started production at approximately the same time (1926 for Pine Falls and 1928 for Bissett). The difference between them was that the pulp and paper industry was severely affected by the Depression, as markets for these products dried up. So the mill at Pine Falls was closed. Bissett, on the other hand, was on a roll. Gold mines were just about the only growth industry during the Depression, and the mine at Bissett was gearing up to go into full production at the same time that the mill at Pine Falls was closing. The first gold brick at the mine at Bissett was poured in early June of 1932, about 4 months after the mill at Pine Falls shut down.

The net results of these 2

parallel events was that some families from Pine Falls moved up to Bissett to look for work, in many cases staying on at the mine until it finally ceased production 40 years later. They became part of the solid bedrock of the community. I will now discuss 2 of these families in some detail.

The information in the first family, that of George and Sadie Dack, I have gleaned from Sadie's article in Johnny Minton's book "Golden Memories of Bissett", since neither George or Sadie is still alive.

Sadie's family, the McDonalds, had settled in Pine Falls in 1926. By 1930-31, word had reached Pine Falls of the mines opening up in the Bissett area. Since it looked like he was going to be out of

a job if rumors of the mill closing proved correct, Sadie's father, Dunc McDonald, decided to accept the job of courier with a dog team for the mines. He started work in late 1932, as soon as the trails froze solid, ferrying construction material for the mill and townsite in Bissett, and carrying out the odd injured worker to the hospital at Pine Falls.

After the Pine Falls mill closed in March 1932, Dunc told his son Bill and son-in-law George Dack that tradesmen could get work at the mine. So they drove in by car to Bissett, over the winter road. Bill McDonald started work on March 22, with the electricians, and George started work with the mechanical crew splicing cables for the hoist. Sadie arrived on May 31, by bush plane piloted by Roy Brown. She wanted to have a look around, to see if she could stand living in a rough mining camp. The day she arrived was not an auspicious one - the first resident doctor drowned in a boating accident on Rice Lake, and the Assay Office burnt down. The area was still heavy bush, and her first home was a tent. George had just begun working 12-hour shifts as a hoist-man, and she was all alone except for her dog, Trixie. There were only 8 other employees wives in Bissett at the time. She soon however made friends with her nearest neighbour, Maggie Anderson, and decided that she wanted to stay after all.

The Dacks remained at the mine until it closed, with a hiatus during the war when George served in the Navy. George eventually was put in charge of the Machine Shop and Underground shop work, and on his resignation on August 31, 1966, he had the record of the longest employment of any employee with San Antonio Gold Mines. Though his employment record was interrupted by war, J. D. Perrin, the President of San Antonio Gold Mines, had decreed that any employees enlisting for military service would not lose any seniority as a result. During much of this time, Dacks were our near neighbours up the hill, and I went to school with their older son, Howard.

The other family I will now discuss is the Rousseaus. The information about them I learned from Lill Rousseau, now widowed and living in Winnipeg.

Lill Rousseau first came to Pine Falls as a girl with her family, the Browns, in 1927. Her father had moved his wife and 10 children from the Swan River Valley to Pine Falls, where he had taken the job of running the company steam engine at the mill Bill Rousseau, who had walked across the ice of Lake Winnipeg in 1927 to find work at Pine Falls, met Lill there, and they were married in 1932. Since prospects were so poor at Pine Falls for work, Bill also decided to take his chances at Bissett. So in January 1933, he set out with Bill McDonald by dog team. He lined up at the mine head looking for work, as so many other did, but without success at first. So he took a series of other jobs, first cutting timber for Underground with Johnny Boulette of Manigotagan, then working with a diamond drill crew, Smith and Travers, on Rice Lake. Finally, in January 1934, he was hired by the mine, first to run a machine (diamond drill) and then to work as a sampler Underground.

Lill followed her husband up to Bissett in February, 1933. She went up by one of the early bombardiers, with its large enclosed cab, over the winter road. When she arrived at Bissett there was no place for them to live, so the young couple stayed with the Johnny Boulettes for a month, until Bill could build them a one-roomed cabin. By this time the town was started to expand, with a lot more clearing and many more families coming there to live, such as the Charlie Andersons, the Henricksons, Selleys, Newshams, and Gus Andersons. Social life was also blossoming. The first night the newly wed Rousseaus spent in their cabin, they were welcome by a chivaree put on by their neighbours, featuring the fiddling of Jimmy Simpson.

Lill and Bill Rousseau stayed on at Bissett for several years after the mine closed. Bill worked all his years at the mine as sampler Underground, eventually becoming Head Sampler. Lill became the town Postmistress. Their 4 children were born and raised at Bissett, and the 2 girls, Gwen and Joan, have been life-long friends of mine.

Lill's younger sister, Madge Brown, also followed the family to Bissett. She married Frank Duval, who worked for Currie's Transportation for

many years. The Duvals played an active part in community life and church work, and raised 3 children there.

The town of Pine Falls has been Bissett's oldest and nearest neighbour, with many connections over the years. During the early 50's for instance, school exchanges between the high school students of the 2 communities were arranged, and these were very interesting to those of us who took part in them. Pine Falls was also our "rail head" for many years. I can remember catching the train there to return to University in Winnipeg at Christmas holidays, along with several other Bissett students (the lap from Bissett closed in the 60's there was a reversal of the flow of employees seeking work. Paul Doyle is an example of this. Paul was born and raised at Bissett where his father, Louis, worked as a mechanic Underground and he now works as a Steam Engineer in the mill at Pine Falls. Several other men from Manigotagan, such as Clem Courchene, who had formerly worked at Bissett, now cut pulp for the mill at Pine Falls.

It is ties like these that have helped keep the connections strong between the two communities of Bissett and Pine Falls.

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Marriage of components key to Pinawa Players longevity

by Maureen Winnicki
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The Pinawa Players theatrical group is celebrating their 30th anniversary this spring. And like a long-lasting marriage, its success can be attributed to teamwork, enjoyment, and a sense of need.

Chris Crosthwaite, who's been involved with the Pinawa Players since coming to the town with her husband Les in the late 1960s, said the longevity of the group is unique.

"It's quite an achievement. We're the only theatre group to run non-stop for 30 seasons," she said.

The Pinawa Players' first production, *Variety - The Spice of Life*, was held in April of 1964. Then and now, the group consists mostly of employees and their associates from AECL, Whiteshell Laboratories. The Pinawa Players is one of the oldest non-profit, community-based theatres in the province.

"And it is fun," Crosthwaite said. "We have a really good time."

Dorothy Walker, who joined the Pinawa Players in 1965, said their secret to success is teamwork.

"It's a team. There are no stars; we all do everything."

Crosthwaite agrees. She is directing their next play. But in the next one, she laughs, she may be the stage-washer. "Everyone does everything."

Roger Dutton, also with the group since the late 60s, said he finds the group refreshing because the Pinawa Players has no "prima-donna, intellectual types."

"The thing that strikes me about the Pinawa Players is that we're totally free of the snobby, toffee-nosed types that so often get tied up in the arts-especially in drama," he said.

And this kind of all-in-it-

together mindset makes it possible to put "all the little bits and pieces" together the way a production needs.

But another important aspect to the theatrical group's 30-year legacy is the fact that everyone involved has a good time doing it and that good feeling projects to the audience.

"Everyone who joins, is going there to have a good time. And it's important they do have fun, because each production requires about eight weeks of preparation," Walker said, adding most Pinawa Players have day jobs. "They've worked all day; they're tired. It has to be worthwhile...and it has to give the audience something when they see it."

Crosthwaite illustrates the resulting devotion best with an anecdote.

"One year we had a total blizzard on the Saturday of a run. The actors got there on snowmobiles. We had to dig out the doors. We expected one or two people to show up. Sixty came. It was an adventure - going to a play in a blizzard."

But for some, like Dutton, being a part of the group stems more out of a feeling of need. Dutton is a research scientist at AECL.

"It fulfills a need I find within myself. It's a hobby, but it's almost a necessity."

"My job is immersed in the sciences. This activity allows me to parallel scientific things with the arts. It allows me to satisfy my curiosity and intrigue about the artistic world," Dutton said.

Dutton has acted and directed many plays with the theatrical group. He plays his forte are the dramatic productions. Crosthwaite leans towards comedies. And Walker says she's just "crazy about the arts and acting."

The Pinawa Players will be performing at Pine Falls School on Friday March 25th.

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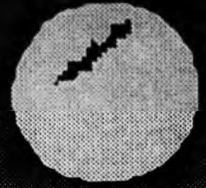
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