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The VOICE

"THEY WANT OUR

JOBS!"

Northern Workers Locked out over Job security issue

by Don Norman

ON TUESDAY November 19, 1996, after rejecting a counter offer from the employees union (Retail Wholesale Canada, a division of the United Steelworkers of America), management at the Pine Falls Northern Store closed their doors locking out workers. The employees contract has been in negotiations since May of this year when their last contract, which incidentally had to be settled after a lengthy labor dispute, ended.

The issue arises over one point in the contract which deals with management working the jobs of employees:

"Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, managers and other employees excluded from the bargaining unit, pursuant to Article 1 Section 1 shall be permitted to perform work normally and regularly done by employees in the bargaining unit provided that no excluded individual perform such work for more than four consecutive hours except in the case of an emergency or where a member of the bargaining unit is not available."

The biggest concern of the union was the wording 'consecu-

tive hours' in the contract. As one picketer pointed out "that could mean they work four hours, take a break and come back and work another three," she said. "All our jobs are threatened."

Picketers also felt that it is no coincidence that management waited until the weather got cold before they locked the employees out. "They think we're a bunch of fragile women who can't stand the cold." Said one. They seemed to be proving otherwise on TUESday. Dressed from head to toe in heavy parkas or snow suits, toques, warm gloves, and boots, along with a liberal supply of hot coffee, they appeared ready for anything mother nature could dish out. One, in fact, complained of being too warm!

The picketers were handing out photocopied letters apologizing to residents of Pine Falls and the surrounding areas for any inconvenience caused by the strike, and to ask for a show of support by not shopping at Northern Store. Community support seemed to be in no short supply. Honks of approval could be heard from the *Voice* office all day.



Dressed for the cold, these picketers seem to be taking things in stride. There was a strong feeling of solidarity on the picket line Monday.



Winter's Here!

This scene was a common sight after last weekend's snow storm. Heavy snows in the area caused power outages, caused most businesses to remain closed on Sunday, and made travel impossible.

News

Roadside Check Program

Nets Wildlife/Fisheries Charges

Manitoba's Natural Resource officers (NROs) have laid 36 charges and issued 23 warnings for illegal hunting and fishing activities as a result of a recent roadside check stop program.

Natural Resources Minister Albert Driedger said, between August and October, the officers conducted four roadside checks, stopping 260 vehicles for fish and wildlife regulation compliance.

"Two of the individuals

charged have since been convicted and fined \$1,245 each of the possession and purchase of 249 pickerel," said Driedger. "In another case, two individuals have been convicted and fined \$382 each for possession of too many pickerel (56) and transportation of fish in an uncountable form."

The minister said other charges laid during the checks included exceeding the sport fishing possession quotas; failure to carry a sport

fishing licence; possession of part of a big game animal without a permit; an illegal possession of a migratory bird.

"Our NROs continue to perform an excellent job in curbing illegal hunting and fishing activities," said Driedger. "Not only were the officers very satisfied with the result of the check stops, but there have also been many positive comments from motorists indicating a high level of public support for both the department's enforcement program and the NROs public education efforts."

Three of the road checks took place on Highway 6 north of Winnipeg and one took place on Highway 10 north of Mafeking. The department's new canine team assisted officer in the program.

POLICE REPORT

On November 7th Powerview Detachment assisted Winnipeg Police Service in recovering a stolen snowblower from the detachment area.

On November 8th Osis Building Supply reports a break and enter into their warehouse. Suggestions were given to further secure the warehouse and surrounding area.

A \$150.00 Adidas jacket was stolen from an unlocked locker in a classroom in the Powerview School.

On November 12th a "BOLOF" bomber style jacket was stolen from a locker in the Powerview School. The jacket is described as being nylon and cloth, dark green and white with a green hood. "UMBRO" is on the sleeve back.

On November 13th a grey 1986 Olds Calais, 2 door, was stolen from the Manitou Lodge parking lot.

The rear passenger window of a vehicle parked in a local hotel parking lot was broken into and the steering column was broken and a wallet was stolen.

MOTORISTS ON VINCENT AVENUE IN POWERVIEW

Please be advised the RCMP have received numerous complaints of vehicles being parked on this street especially when picking up and dropping off children, causing danger to children and other motorists. RCMP will be placing greater emphasis on parking violators in the future.

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Thursday: 1:00pm to 5:00pm 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Friday: 1:00pm to 5:00pm Saturday: 10:30am to 2:00pm

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. - Whut - every Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

WINNIPEG RIVER W.L.: meetings third Tuesday of every month, 7:00 p.m. Library Allard, St. Georges

POWerview LOCAL MMF: Regular Meetings held on the first Thursday of each month - 7:00 pm at the Powerview Arena Meeting Room

PINE FALLS HEALTH AUXILIARY: Meetings on the first Tuesday of Every month at 1:30 pm

COTTAGE COUNTRY BUSINESS ASSOC.: Meeting - Every first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Ph. 756-2596

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: - Sun Rise Group - Meetings every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Located at Powerview Arena (small centre entrance in front). Last Friday of the month open to the public

PINE FALLS LEGION: Meetings held 2nd Thursday of the month 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall. Meat raffles held at Legion House on Fridays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

PINE FALLS MASONIC LODGE # 154: meets on second Friday of every month in the Pine Falls United Church. (except June, July, & Aug.)

BADMINTON: Pine Falls School Gym, Sunday & Wednesday nights, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

POWerview GARBAGE PICKUP: every Wed. Recyclable pickup every 1st & 3rd Thurs. of each month.

P.A.A. MEETING: every 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

VILLAGE OF POWerview MEETINGS: every second Tuesday of each month.

WINNIPEG RIVER SENIOR SERVICE INC.: Coordinator: Thelma Hanson, Office: Pine Falls Health Complex, Telephone: 367-9128, Hours: 9:00-1:00 Monday - Friday. Services: Transportation, Home Maintenance, Foot Care, Volunteer Help, Information.

ALANON: - The Beaches family group, Tues. 7:30 pm. Ateah Rd. @ Hwy. 59.

PINE FALLS LIBRARY: Library hrs. will be from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

CRAFT & BAKE SALE: - At Manitogagan Com. Hall Nov. 30th, from 10:00-4:00. Table rentals \$15.00, call Marie at 363-7475.

Church Services

NOTRE DAME DU LAUS: Powerview Sunday Mass (English) 10:00 am. Saturday eve (French) 7:30 p.m. & in St. Paul Sunday 12:00 noon

PINE FALLS UNITED CHURCH: Sunday service Sunday school 11:30 AM Rev. Cindy Terry. Office Hours Tues - Fri. 10:00 to Noon Tel. 367-2633. Services held in Anglican Church of The Advent

PINE FALLS ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE 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

ST. JUDE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, Grand Marais, Holy Eucharist - 2nd and 4th Sundays, 11 a.m. Morning prayer 11 a.m. - 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, Theberg, 1 mi. east and 1 mi. South of junction 12 and 304. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greenwood on Hwy. 12, 1/2 mi. north of junction with 317. Sunday church school 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m. (alternate locations). For info call 635-2623 or 734-8682.

CHRISTIAN FAITH FELLOWSHIP: - Financial Freedom Seminar - Friday nights at 7:00 p.m. Church Service at 10:00 a.m.

HOUSE OF PRAYER FULL GOSPEL: - 2:30 every Sunday, Somerby Mt., on Hwy. 59

ST. THERESA R.C. MISSION, 88 Glandale Ave. Grand Marais 10:00 am Sunday. Additional Mass mid June thru Labour Day 9:00 am Sunday

ST. MARGUERITE R.C. MISSION PIR Rd. - Travers Bay, 11:30 a.m. Sunday Additional Mass mid June thru Labour Day 7:30 p.m. Saturday

ST. ALEXANDER R.C. CHURCH, located at Sagkeeng 1st Nations. Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

ST. THERESA R.C. MISSION, 88 Glandale Ave. Grand Marais. Mass or Community Service 7:30 p.m. Saturday. 1st Sat. of November to last Saturday of April

CHRISTIAN FAITH CHURCH - Nov. 24th 10:30 a.m. The Teen Challenge Outreach Team. Everyone Welcome!

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Christmas Contest

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Coloring Contest
For children pre-school to age 9.

There will be 2 categories
Pre-school and ages 6-9

1st and 2nd prizes in each category.

Entries must have name, address, age and phone number.

Deadline for all entries is Friday, Dec. 6th.

Christmas Art Contest
For ages 10-16

Christmas Drawings have to be drawn on letter size paper (8 1/2 x 10).

There will be 2 categories ages 10-12 and 13-16

1st and 2nd prize in each category

Entries must have name, address, age, and phone number.

Deadline for all entries is Friday, Dec. 6th

News

Manitoba Youth Choir Preforms

The Manitoba Youth Choir gave a stellar performance at Powerview Church on November 14th, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Entering a rhythmic South African number (Singabahambayo), the singers showed a wide array of vocal skills with selections ranging from Latin classics such as "Exultate Justi In Domino" to newer Canadian folk tunes such as "Alouette". Their repertoire was seasoned with international favorites and traditional gospel songs. The flavorful selections and variety of tempo kept the program lively, and the audience wanting more. The choir conductor, Diane Loomer, demonstrated that innovation and range must be key roles in offering a professional performance. Likewise, the exceptionally talented pianist,

Stewart Thomson, knew how to enhance the melody and dimension brought forth by the voices. Although the local turnout for the event was minimal, those who did attend were not disappointed. To be sure, it was a treat to hear some warm, lively music on such a cold winter night. This event was sponsored by the Sunrise Singers, who also provided a meal at the church for the MYC participants. A thank you goes out to Bev Dube, and the Manitou Rapids Arts Council who helped make this event possible. The Manitoba Youth Choir certainly represented some excellent talent from across our Province. If you love a good musical performance, be sure to catch the Manitoba Youth Choir the next time they come to town!

Notre Dame du Laus Church News

Take note that because of the snow storm, the Special Enrollment ceremony which was to take place last Sunday, has been moved to this Sunday, November 24th. The ceremony will take place during the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All Confirmation candidates and their parents, sponsors, and prayer parents, are asked to be at the church early (9:30 a.m.), so that they know what will take place during the ceremony and

what they have to do. The Mass time in Stead has been pushed back to 12:30 p.m. (instead of 12:00 NOON) for this occasion. To all the youth out there, keep in mind the retreat which will take place November 29, 30 and December 1. REGISTER NOW. For registration forms or more information please call Chad Vincent (367-2904) or Father Rene Chartier (367-2700).

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Government holds pre-budget consultations

Finance Minister Eric Stefanson announced that he will again be holding a series of pre-budget consultation meetings throughout the province.

The Eastman meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Kelsey House in Pinawa. These consultations have been very useful in providing me with grassroots level feedback and constructive suggestions on how we can best deal with the ongoing fiscal realities," Stefanson said. "The challenge for us is to make the best use of tax-

payer dollars to maintain social programs while continuing to promote economic growth and balance the budget." As part of these consultations, the minister will outline the framework for the 1997 budget, noting the key challenges of federal funding cuts to vital social services, upcoming public sector wage negotiations and the continued drain of debt servicing costs. The pre-budget presentation will also highlight five key elements of fiscal reform that support the government's

plan for sustainable economic growth. They are: Creating a Competitive Tax Environment, Protecting Social Programs, Internal Reform, Moderation of Public Sector Wages, Balanced Budget.

Conclusions from these consultations will be considered as the government formulates its 1997 budget. "I look forward to meeting with people as they bring forward their ideas on how we can manage our finances while meeting the needs of all Manitobans."

Winter Driving Course

Anyone interested in sharpening their winter driving skills will find this 3 1/2 hour in class course helpful in conditioning us for winter driving. Students will receive a basic review of essential prin-

ciples related to the recognition and avoidance of hazards that are unique to winter driving. Winter survival techniques and principles along with new vehicle technology are also discussed. This course will be de-

livered by an experienced instructor from the Manitoba Safety Council. The course is designed for all drivers, or soon to be drivers, of all ages and experience. Class will be limited to 30 students, so enrol early.

Enrolment will be at the Powerview RCMP or the Powerview School office. Please bring cash or money order payable to the Manitoba Safety Council.

Date: December 7/96 from 9 AM til 12:30 PM. Place: Powerview School Room. Cost: \$18.00, includes coffee and donuts. Storm Date: December 12/96 from 6-9:30 PM Closing Date: December 6/96.

Art and Ceora Witt will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on December 5, 1996. The family will be holding a drop in reception in honour of our parents on Saturday, November 30, 1996 at the Golden Leisure Club from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to join us in this celebration are more than welcome to do so. (Gifts gratefully declined)

SUBSTITUTE SECRETARIES Agassiz School Division #13 Powerview School Powerview, MB. Substitute secretaries are required for Powerview School. Bilingualism (French and English) is an asset. For further information, please contact Mr. P. Magnan, Principal at Powerview School at 1-204-367-2296. Applications stating qualifications, experience and references for the above should be submitted to: Mr. P. Magnan Principal Powerview School Box 157, Powerview, MB. R0E 1P0 Fax: 1-204-367-2773 Closing date for receipt of applications: Wednesday, November 27, 1996.

For further information contact Constable Andrew Joyce - RCMP at 367-2222 or Mac MacDonald at 754-3350.

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Community

BEACHES BUZZES

Senior Scene Come, come, everyone, Come Spend Christmas With the Seniors...what a wonderful idea! This is the theme of the Christmas Tea this year. It'll all become reality on Saturday, December 7th from 1:00 P.M. till 3:00 P.M. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to find just that perfect bit of fancy Christmas baking. Someone else's baking always seems better than our own. There will also be a very small craft table, in case you haven't found the perfect gift for that extra special friend or family member..

Eisler at 754-3103 or Cliff at 756-3617. It's a great game for every and anyone. If neither carpet bowling nor curling is your interest how about trying painting on canvas? Bill and Willa are still conducting their groups on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Trying to quit Smoking??? You are not alone, but why wait till your state of health forces you to quit? Most smokers, or former smokers have faced this question at some time in their pasts, including this writer. For some it has been an ongoing problem, for others only a one time thing. Some folks have quit many times and always started again. It has to be one of the hardest things in life to do...well, take heart, the whole continent will be trying on Thursday, November 21st. This will be the beginning of the Great North American Smoke Out. Commit to Quit!

For me it's five years since that last puff, we don't miss it anymore, but sure understand the suffering of those who do try to quit. My hat's off to those who succeed. Believe me, your own health is at stake, as well as that of your loved ones from the 'second hand smoke.' Give it a

Carpet Bowling.. Looking for something different? Perhaps you are unable to do strenuous activities, well this may be just the thing for you. Carpet bowling has become a reality at the Senior Scene. It's on a casual basis and will be tried out on two successive Friday afternoons, November 22nd and 29th from 1:30 p.m. till 3:30 p.m. Come on and give it a try...you might like it.

Curling If carpet bowling is too sedentary for you perhaps you'd like to come out and try a great game. Curling! Contact Bill

try...what have you got to lose???? Methinks a better question to be posed is what have you got to gain???? (Good health, no more smokers cough, breath, or smell....and remember those white cancer sticks cost a lot of money.)

Restorative Justice Week Some information came across my desk this week that piques enough interest in passing it along to you the reader. From November 17 - 23, Restorative Justice Week explores a new grassroots paradigm for justice which includes the community, victims and prisoners. This is a topic which should be of deep concern for all of us. Society must continue to search for ways to include all three within the context of "justice." If you have an interest in this topic and would like to pursue information, it is available from several sources. Resource materials are available from: Chapplaincy, Correctional Services Canada, 340 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0P9, or telephone 1-613-996-9580, or fax 1-613-952-8464, or e-mail chaplain@magi.com..

On Friday evening, November 22, you can hear Barbara Shoomski, at St. Helen's Anglican Church in Winnipeg. Barbara is the chaplain at the Manitoba Youth Centre in Winnipeg. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Margot Lavoie at 1-204-783-7215.

Manitoba addictions awareness week committee

To be week of November 17 - 23, 1996

Right Choice Curbs Addictions, Promotes Healthy Families...Making the right choice in life to prevent addiction to alcohol, other drugs and gambling promotes "healthy families, healthy children." This month and during Addictions Awareness Week, November 17 to 23, people are being urged to act - to reduce the problems that come from addiction.

Did you know that: * The majority of high school students use alcohol or other drugs, starting between the ages of 13 to 15.

* Alcohol is a major factor in traffic accidents.

* Problem gamblers in treatment spend more than 40% of their income on gambling. The majority choose VLT's; some spend up to \$1,000 dollars a day.

* Smoking kills and heavy use can cause stroke, heart disease or lung cancer. The kick off for Addictions Awareness Week will be on November 18 to launch activities throughout the province. Several awards will be presented to individuals and groups for their contributions to addictions awareness. Seed money is provided by the Manitoba Addictions Awareness Week Committee

to assist in planning and supporting local awareness initiatives. Resource kits have been sent to over 1400 schools and communities throughout the province. The kits include ideas and resources such as presentations, plays projects, videos and posters.

The Addictions Awareness Week Committee represents 14 organizations in Manitoba with a special interest in preventing substance abuse and curbing addictions. For more information please contact the Manitoba Addictions Awareness Week Committee at Room 313 - 1031 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, R3G 0R8 or phone 1-204-944-6281, fax 1-204-786-7768 or e-mail at etycholis@afm.mb.ca

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Health

THE PINE FALLS DISTRICT HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION

WHAT IS IT? WHO BENEFITS? WHO CAN APPLY FOR GRANTS?

The mission of the Pine Falls District Health Care Foundation is to benefit the people of the area by supporting the Pine Falls Health Complex, Sunnywood Manor Personal Care Home, the Pine Falls District Ambulance Service, non profit charitable, educational, and cultural organizations in the promotion of good health.

The Pine Falls District Health Care Foundation fulfills its mission by:

1. Attracting contributions;
2. maintaining the purchase power of the funds entrusted to the Foundation while achieving maximum returns consistent with prudent investment;

3. making wise and effective distributions to meet community health needs while respecting specific directions of donors; and
4. providing leadership to the community in identifying health related problems, opportunities and appropriate responses.

In order to be eligible to apply for a grant, the following criteria must apply:

- Organizations must demonstrate a strong and committee board or elected officers, fiscal responsibility, and effective management.
- Projects must primarily benefit the people of the catchment area.
- Applicants must estab-

lish that there is a need for the project or equipment and that government funding is unavailable or inadequate.

• Grants are awarded for definite purposes and for projects covering a specific period of time. Multi year grants are subject to periodic performance reviews.

• Capital requests must include a maintenance program.

• Pilot or demonstration projects must include provision for evaluation and a realistic plan for financial viability beyond the pilot stage.

• Preference is given to projects which:

- benefit the whole community
- encourage more efficient use of community resources

• demonstrate new approaches and techniques in the solution of community health care problems

• address the underlying causes of health problems in our society

• promote healthy life styles

• promote cooperation and sharing among organizations, eliminating duplication of services

• promote volunteer participation

• strengthen agencies' management capabilities

Grants are not made to, or for

- individuals
- annual fund drives
- establish or add to endowment funds

- pay down mortgages or reduce deficits
- governments
- projects already completed
- political activities
- direct religious activities
- general conference support

These are the criteria for obtaining or being denied a grant application. If you feel your organization could qualify for a grant under the guidelines shown above, there's nothing to lose but time. Applications may be obtained by contacting Susan Derk, Executive Director, Director of Care Services at the Pine Falls Health Complex.

Family Caregiver Support Group

The Winnipeg River Senior Service is interested in starting a support group for families that are in a caregiving situation. The purpose is to provide an environment that allows for sharing the common experiences that we may find ourselves in when we have caregiving responsibilities. Caregiving is defined as giving physical, emotional and spiritual support to a family member. Your parent, spouse, child or sibling may be suffering from an acute or chronic illness either at home or in a facility. The group will be a source of information and support, and it is also very important to note that in order to promote a trusting atmosphere, all conversation will be held in confidence.

The first support group meeting is set for November 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Georges Catholic Church. If you require more information, transportation or respite care please call Thelma Hanson at 367-9128.

GF Women's Institute host potluck supper

The Great Falls Women's Institute held their annual meeting Oct. 30th beginning with a pot luck supper in the community hall. They were joined by the Winnipeg River group from Pine Falls, Powerview, St. Georges, and Broadlands. Guest Speaker for the evening was Murielle Bugero from St. Pierre, who took us through the years of Women's Institutes from its beginnings to the present day.

Giving an account of its accomplishments and the improvement in homes community and country. This has been done through educational courses in home economics and health, agriculture & Canadian Industries as well as a wide variety of cultural activities. They have also supported many International projects such as "Save the Sight", "Wells for Water" and Home Economics and health projects through UNESCO.

Reports from local committees show a very busy year with a variety of programs from "Lifestyles & Health" to "Wills & Estate Running". Members have attended various work shops as well as some social events. A trip on the Prairie Dog Special gave all a feeling of nostalgia as the bells rang, wheels clanged, whistle blew as they pulled into Grosse Isle to stop and shop for an hour at their outdoor market. It brought back the days when many of us relied on the train to and from Winnipeg each day.

The group raised most of their funds through catering. The money is used to support various community projects as well as annual awards to Gr. 12 students at both Lac du

Bonnet and Powerview. They also support the Christmas Hamper fund in both towns, and always remember those in Mental Hospitals with gifts at Christmas.

Highlight of the year was the sponsoring of a "Women's Health Day" which was put on by staff from the Lac du Bonnet Health Centre, the R.C.M.P. on consumer fraud and a home economics program with Marilyn Zarecki. This was open to everyone in the whole region, and a good number attended. Participants could select the workshops they chose from a number of topics offered. This was such a successful event, it will probably be repeated again.

All officers were re-elected for another year President - Renata Johnson, Vice Pres. - Leone Pommer, 2nd Vice - Laurie Postnicks, Secretary - Darlene Slater, Treasurer - Isobel Sinnock. Convenors are program Anne Bellin, Social - Gladys Jansson. Next year will mark the 40th Anniversary of the Great Falls Women's Institute and plans are in the making for celebrating the occasion. Will keep you updated on its progress.

Pearl Warren

Features

SNAP SHOTS

By Carole G.



Muriel Lawria was born on December 19, 1906 in the town of Alvington, Ontario. In 1914, her family moved to Dugald, MB when her father purchased a farm. She first met her husband, Frank Hills, when they both attended the first high school in the Dugald area. After school, Frank moved to Pine Falls to work at the paper mill. Over the next two years, they continued dating until they married on June 27, 1928. A new bride, at the age of 21, Muriel Hills moved into their first home on Store Street in Pine Falls. She learned one kitchen lesson in her first year as a young wife: the art of using electric heat. She had never used an electric stove before, so she burned quite a few bottoms out of tin kettles just boiling water for tea until she got used to her new appliance. Her husband Frank worked as a grinderman at the mill for many years. They had one

son, Donald. Now Muriel has three grand-daughters and one great-grand-daughter. In those earlier days, Muriel remembers how low the cost of items were at the old Mercantile Store. Bread was .10 cents a loaf, hamburger was .4 cents a pound, and she purchased a porcelain top table for a mere \$8.00. Mr. Frayne, the purchaser for the Mercantile store used to buy excellent china. Muriel still has some good china that she bought when she was first married. She was innovative back then. Instead of buying candy, she would make fudge. She also knit most of her winter wear. Her first hairdryer was her vacuum cleaner turned to the blow cycle. Wheeling the baby carriage around town was not as easy as it is now. The wheels would often get stuck in cracks between the wood slats which made up the sidewalks on the mud

roads. On her first Christmas in town, Muriel and Frank bought an ice-cream cone from their milk man the day before Christmas. It was so warm at that time, their cone started to melt and little of it lasted until Christmas day.

Muriel has been a life long member of the Anglican Church. Their very first church in town met at the Pine Falls School gym on Sunday nights. The minister then was Mr. Fryer, who was the Anglican minister at Fort Alexander. He conducted the Sunday night services until the church on Holly Street was built and Kennen Walter, the next full time minister arrived.

Frank regretfully passed away in 1957. Muriel kept herself busy doing many things, but mostly baby-sitting for a few families in town, as well as in Winnipeg. Sixteen years ago, this January, Muriel moved into the Pineview Lodge. She visits her neighbours and still enjoys her knitting and reading. Muriel is part of Pine Falls' history, after 68 years of being a resident here, who wouldn't be? If you see Muriel sometime in December, don't forget to wish her all the best for her 90th birthday.

To All Our Readers

If you would like to suggest an individual to be interviewed for our Snapshots article, please contact the Voice at 367-4466.

We are also wishing to collect some interesting past Christmas stories to feature in the month of December. If you have had a memorable or funny Christmas occasion to share with us, or know of anyone who does, please contact us as soon as possible at 367-4466 or 367-9656. Or fax us at 367-4078.

8th Annual Christmas Craft Sale

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Gift from your kitchen

By Marilyn Zarecki

Christmas is only one month away, so its time to start thinking about gifts. Christmas giving means thoughtfulness, friendship and neighbourliness. A gift from your kitchen made by you says all of those things with a very personal touch. Package your treasures into glass mugs, decorative jars, small crockpots and you give a double present that can be enjoyed once the food is eaten. Include your recipe for an additional sharing tied on with a colorful ribbon. You might also attach an inexpensive kitchen gadget that is important for the preparation in the recipe—a wooden spoon, garlic press, or a small grater for example.

The following recipe is sure to please. It's easy and inexpensive.

Liver Pate

2 tbsp margarine or butter
1 medium chopped onion
2 pounds chicken livers
1/2 tsp tarragon salt and pepper to taste
1 tbsp sweet sherry

Saute chopped onion in margarine until tender, but not brown. Add chicken livers and saute until cooked through, turning frequently. Combine onions and livers in blender, add tarragon, salt, pepper and sherry and blend until smooth.

Recipe may be made ahead and frozen for approximately two months or kept in refrigerator, tightly covered, for one week.

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Christmas Elves Delight - Florence Davis

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- 1 lb butter, creamed
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup rolled brown sugar
- 3/4 cup cornstarch
- 1/2 cup cashews
- 1/2 cup walnuts
- 3-4 cups flour

Combine butter, vanilla, salt & cornstarch. Combine dry ingredients. Mix with creamed mix until right consistency for baking. Bake on cookie sheet at 345° until golden brown



Automobiles

BUYING A CAR IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

Trade In....

If you or someone you know is contemplating the purchase of a vehicle in the near future, this information may be invaluable to you.

Trade ins are figured out on the basis of either wholesale or retail value. Car dealers and credit grantors always refer to special books printed for this purpose. Two examples are "The Canadian Red Book" and the "Gold Book of Used Car Prices." Public libraries usually have these books for reference.

Ask about the basis being used to evaluate your trade in. It can affect an offer to purchase. The same basis should be used throughout the bargaining. It should not be wholesale for the trade in and retail for the car being bought. In all fairness, it should be retail to retail or wholesale to wholesale. Wholesale value is cheaper than retail value. A lack of cooperation by a selling dealer to reveal this type of information should be regarded as a warning signal.

Be concerned only about the difference to be paid. What appears to be a generous allowance for the trade in could be more than offset by the inflated price of the car being bought. The dollar difference between the trade in value and the sale price of the dealer's car is what counts.

While finding out the going rate for the vehicle you are interested in buying, check the classified section of your local newspaper. Negotiate price on the basis of your evaluation of the car and on the cost involved in repairing defects.

Once a vehicle is selected, and the shopping around is finished, it will be necessary to sign an offer to purchase. The documents should provide a complete description of the vehicle,

(make, model, year, body type, serial number, mileage, options etc.) the price and the amount of any deposit paid. If a trade in is involved, the offer should contain a complete description of the trade in and the amount of money allowed.

Be sure to include repairs or adjustments a dealer agrees to make in the offer to purchase. Any statements made regarding car which influence the sale, should also be written into the contract.

Check the warranty details. If no manufacturer's warranty remains on the car, find out if the dealer offers one. Used car warranties vary among dealers and according to the age of the car. Some dealers give 100% warranty for 30 days, some 50-50 for 30 days, some might allow a 15% discount on parts and labour. Whatever the terms, understand these fully and be sure they are written on the offer to purchase.

If problems arise with a used car, you should go back to the selling dealer for the warranty work. If a used car is repaired at another dealership, the seller will probably refuse to pay for the services unless special arrangements have been made. This is particularly important if you plan to take a trip immediately after the purchase and the car requires repairs or service while travelling.

Deposits..

Do not make a deposit or sign on the dotted line until completely satisfied with the deal. The time to Bargain is BEFORE signing. Once you sign, give a deposit, agree on a trade in, and management accepts your offer, you are bound to the contract. The car dealership however, is not bound until management signs the offer. If management rejects or changes your offer, two options are open to you. One, you can withdraw

the offer, get the deposit or trade in back and forget the deal. Two, you can renegotiate a new agreement until both parties agree.

Whenever changes are made to an offer to purchase, all parties should initial the changes as the deal progresses. Once management accepts the offer, the deal is binding. There is NO turning back. Get a copy of the purchase agreement at the time the transaction is completed. The copy should show the signatures of all parties involved, including management's and should be retained for reference in the event of any future dispute.

Financing..

If a vehicle is being financed, another contract is necessary. This may be done through the dealer or directly with a lender such as your bank, credit union or other financial institution. By law, the credit contract must show: the total amount of the loan, the total credit costs in dollars and cents, the annual interest rate as a percentage figure, the number of payments to be made, and the amount of each payment.

A financing contract arranged by a dealer may be assigned to a financial organization called the "assignee" When this occurs, you are advised by the assignee to make

all future payments to them and not to the dealer. If a dispute arises with the selling dealer after the contract is assigned you should notify the financial organization and if necessary the Manitoba Consumers' Bureau.

Leasing...

Leasing, and alternative to financing, is becoming more and more popular. In a lease agreement, you may have the option of giving up the car at the end of a lease period or buying it, for an agreed upon amount. Be sure to read all the terms and conditions of the lease before signing it to determine if leasing is advantageous to you. Be aware that, as in the case of a purchase, a lease may lock you into an agreement which cannot be cancelled under any circumstances, not even if you return the vehicle.

Sales Tax Rebate...

You can apply for a refund if you sold a car privately and then bought another car within 6 months. The refund is based on the sales tax rate applied to the less costly vehicle. The items of proof you require include the bills of sale for the car bought and sold and the sales tax receipt on your registration form. The rebate application form is available from Retain Sales Tax, Manitoba

Department of Finance.

"As is vehicles"...

Be especially cautious when you buy a vehicle "as is". There is no Warranty or guarantee with an "as is" sale. The appraisal and evaluation of the vehicle is entirely your responsibility.

Do not accept a verbal warranty.

Become familiar with the car's recommended schedule of maintenance. Under the Manitoba Consumer Protection Act. The seller is responsible for warranty. Unless maintenance performance can be documented, warranty may be denied. Keep copies of all maintenance or warranty work orders. By law, service agencies performing warranty work must provide a written record of all items and services used to correct the defects or failure at the time the correction is made. This also applies to Warranty service when no costs are involved.

Buying from a private party and not from a dealer can be the simplest way to purchase a used car, but can also be the most risky. The seller is not licensed as a dealer and the buyer is left with little chance of recourse should the car prove faulty.

Buyer Beware.

News

\$50,000 Grant Awarded

CDA Researcher Grant awarded to Researcher Dr. W. Wayne Lutt of the University of Manitoba for the "Study of hepatic sympathetic nerves and insulin resistance."

Could there possibly be a new management tool for Type 2 diabetes that may also bring relief to patients with high blood pressure, obesity and chronic liver disease? Dr. W. Wayne Lutt, a basic research scientist with the University of Manitoba, is cautiously optimistic that his preliminary study results may be pointing in that direction.

Dr. Lutt is a recent recipient of a Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA) research grant. He is studying the relationship between the parasympathetic nerves supplying the liver, and insulin resistance. During the 1970's and early 80's, Dr. Lutt and his research team developed a methodology to study these nerves and discovered that electrical stimulation of the nerves produced an effect on the liver that was similar to the effect of insulin, only faster and more dramatic.

In 1990, the team conducted a series of studies that led them to attempt to reproduce the effect of the parasympathetic nerves by disrupting the nerve function and administering the same drug (acetylcholine), that is normally released from these nerve ends. When they administered the drug directly into the liver, they found that they could completely reverse the insulin resistance. What this suggested to Dr. Lutt gives great hope to people with Type 2 diabetes.

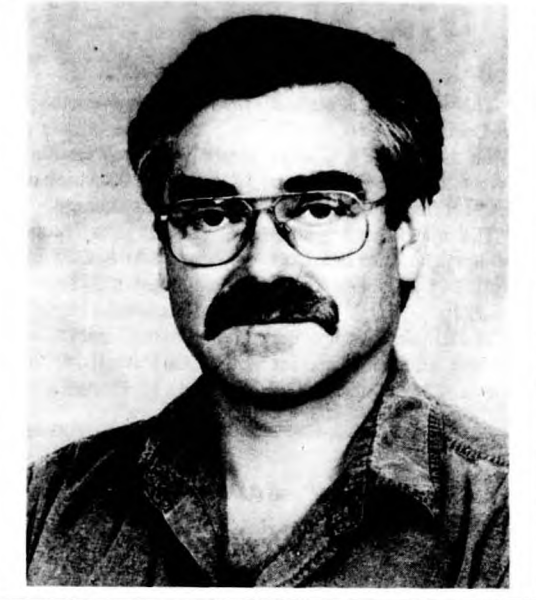
Dr. Lutt's challenge now

is twofold: Try to completely understand how the parasympathetic nerves supplying the liver function, and try to develop a drug that can be used therapeutically. He's after a pill that a patient with insulin resistance can take thirty minutes before a meal that will allow the liver to respond properly and restore insulin sensitivity.

"This would be useful to patients with high blood pressure to prevent them from going into the insulin-resistant state that they almost always go into," Dr. Lutt said. "It would be useful for patients who have obesity that's

not due simply to over-eating and lack of exercise, and it would also be useful for patients with chronic liver disease who have tremendous metabolic disturbances, as well as for the (person with) maturity-onset (diabetes)."

CDA grants are made from the Charles H. Best Fund for Research, Education and Discovery. This year marks the 21st anniversary of the fund, which honour the co-discoverer of insulin. As well as funding specific research initiatives, the Charles H. Best Fund supports the training of future researchers through fellowships and scholarships.



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Sports

5 Pin News



The ladies high games were: Doris Kahle 256, Janelle Carlson 242 & 221, Cheryl Boisvert 229, Jan Bonekamp 228, Carol Griffin 226. The men's high games were: Jerry Gauthier 293, Don Powell 248 & 247, Roger Tardiff 229. The female bowler of the week was Janelle Carlson for her game of 242 which was 85 pins over her average. The male bowler of the week was Jerry Gauthier for his game of 293 which was 83 pins over his average. The Legion Special was won by the Alley Cats for their 3 game total of 3429. This weeks High Triple Games were; Jerry Gauthier 664, Don Powell 663, Janelle Carlson 630, Doris Kahle 614.

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Wednesday November 13 Selkirk 8 - Sagkeeng 1
Thursday, November 14, Brandon 5 - St. Claude 4.
Friday, November 15- St. Malo 9 - Peguis 5.
Saturday, November 16 - Peguis 6 - Gimli 7, St. Claude 8 - N. Wpg. 3, Sagkeeng at Brandon
Sunday, November 17 - Gimli at Sagkeeng (postponed) St Claude at Brandon (postponed) Selkirk at St. Malo (postponed)

STANDINGS AS OF OCTOBER 27/96

	GP	W	L	T	*OTL	GF	GA	PTS
BRANDON	9	8	1			68	42	16
ST. MALO	8	7	1			82	33	14
ST. CLAUDE	8	5	3			54	42	10
SELKIRK	8	4	3	1		45	36	9
GIMLI	10	4	6			45	77	8
PEGUIS	9	3	5	1		74	61	7
N. WINNIPEG	10	3	7			55	69	6
SAGKEENG	8		8			21	84	0

TOP SCORERS

NAME	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Spence, Mike	Peguis	9	18	11	29	13
Gosselin, Moe	St. Malo	8	9	17	26	21
Convery, Kevin	N. Wpg.	8	8	17	25	4
Nisbet, Barry	Gimli	10	8	16	24	50
Rioux, Mike	St. Malo	8	13	10	23	14
Filipchuk, Mike	Brandon	9	10	13	23	18
Birch, Brent	N. Wpg.	9	7	16	23	10
Glutek, Jason	Brandon	9	11	11	22	16
Gessell, Grant	N. Wpg.	8	5	15	20	46

Ringette News

by Roger Lavallee



This week I will focus on the youngest and future "star" of Pineview Ringette. They are the Bunnies. This year we have a group of 13 players between the ages of 4 and 7 years old. We welcome our first year players, Amber Papineau, Azariah Boijoli, Paige Roy, Tara Ursez, Michael Ursez, Kayla Vincent, Elizabeth Vincent, and Elizabeth Frasier. Paul Gauthier, Pete Raymond and helps Erin Nolin and Meagan Wilcott will help develop these players. I wonder which one of them helped Paige Roy develop her on ice snow angel making technique she was displaying during their first game. There's always lots of entertainment during these bunnies games so try to get out and watch them in action. Their next game is November 23rd at the Powerview Arena check the arena schedule for the exact time.

I had the opportunity to see 2 Petites games and a Belle's game and 1st time player Tricia Head scored her first goal of the season, for the Petites. Theresa Wilcott looked great in the Belle's game which was won on a goal in the last minute of the game.

PINE FALLS CURLING SCHEDULE

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Tuesday - Men's Curling
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Friday - Mixed Curling



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There are ringette games happening this weekend just check out the Powerview and Pine Falls arena schedule for game times. Congrats to the Eastman Tweens and Juniors. They both brought home medals from the APFG Sixers tournament in Winnipeg two weeks ago. Juniors took the gold and Tweens won the silver medal. Both teams boast several Pineview Players.
Have a Great Week!

Sports

Duck Lake Ski Club

SNOW! It's hard to believe it's this time of the year again. It seems to me that we just got over the golf season.

The ski club executive would like to inform our members and the public on the club's news and ambitions for the coming ski year. By the time you read this information you may have already enjoyed our trails.

Dave Loucks is our president again this year, with Marcel Pitre continuing as vice-president. Keith Kruger is the treasurer, and both Paul Doyle and Marcel Pitre continue to take pride and pleasure in the grooming of our ski trails.

We hope to conduct our season basically the same as last year. The main aim of our club is to provide safe, recreational skiing. Due to lack of interest in the jack rabbit program, it will no longer be offered this year unless there is some more interest shown. This program was initiated to teach our young members the fundamentals of skiing. If anyone is interested in the continuation of this program, please contact Dave Loucks at 367-2392 or Paul Doyle at 367-2204.

The membership drive Your Club Executive

is now under way, with dues being the same as last year. \$15.00 single adult, \$25.00 a couple and all school children free. Those who are missed in the drive can buy their memberships at the Pine Florist. Many thanks to the new owner for continuing to offer this service to us. It might again be noted that our club's only source of income is from these dues. These fees are used to maintain or purchase needed equipment as required. They also pay for affiliation fees, rents and leases.

We hope that the coming of the season is a great one and that you and your family enjoy the beauty and peacefulness of our ski trails. Once again, I remind you that we need your support. If we miss you, don't miss us. (Please pay at Pine Florist). Our motto for this year is Pay Today - Ski Today. Have a great season and we're all looking forward to seeing you on the trails. By the way, have you ever noticed how much we all look alike when we are on the trails? I always say "hello" to everyone, but with all the winter gear on it usually takes me all winter to figure out who's who!

Thin Ice

the true story behind the death of the Winnipeg Jets

Thin Ice: Money, Politics and the Demise of an NHL Franchise is a book that will make your blood boil. If enough Winnipeg voters read Jim Silver's new book, the mayor could be looking for work after the next civic election. Winnipeg's business community will be revealed as inept and greedy. And Manitoba's Premier Filmon, dubbed by some the "Teflon Premier," will have to account for election promised he knew he couldn't keep.

In 180 carefully researched pages, Silver describes how a city and a province were nearly blackmailed into assuming more than \$200 million of public debt to keep the Winnipeg Jets hockey club in Winnipeg for a few more years.

Silver explains how the new economics of professional sport have made it impossible for NHL franchises to survive in medium sized cities such as Winnipeg and Quebec.

He documents the uphill battle waged by a small group of community activists to make sure Winnipeggers had all the facts before them.

And he introduces readers to the legal, if unethical "Quebec Shuffle" - in which Jets owner Barry Shenkarow transferred team ownership shares to newly created Quebec companies to avoid paying Manitoba capital gains taxes on the sale of the Jets.

The book takes its name from a small community group call "Thin Ice" for which Silver

was a spokesperson. Thin Ice was formed to oppose increasing public financial support for the Jets at a time when health and social service cuts and high unemployment had made Winnipeg the child poverty capital of Canada.

Thin Ice, the community group, uncovered a side of professional hockey that Manitoba's business and political elites would prefer you didn't see.

Thin Ice, the book, is a gripping take, a sage of deceit and betrayal, impossible to put down once you've begun to read it. Political opportunists do deal with businessmen who pose as community saviours while lining their own pockets and shifting the risk onto taxpayers. The news media drop all pretence of journalistic objectivity and stifle voices of dissent. Ordinary citizens collectively donate \$13 million of their own money to keep the Jets in Winnipeg, while the Jets owners shake down three levels of government for over \$40 million dollars.

Professional hockey has always been an uncertain proposition in Winnipeg. The Winnipeg Warriors lost money in all but their first year (1955-56) and folded in 1961 after accumulating losses of \$200,000. Eleven years later, the Winnipeg Jets skated into the Winnipeg Arena as part of the newly formed World Hockey Association and immediately begun to lose money.

By 1974, in what can now be seen as a sign of things to come, the first "Save the Jets" campaign was on, with CJOB's open line radio host Peter Warren leading the charge. The campaign raised \$600,000 and the Jets were saved - for a while, but soon began to demand that government fund a multi million dollar arena expansion. By 1978 they got their arena expansion, but before you could say "He shoots, he scores!" the team's owners were embroiled in a dispute with Winnipeg Enterprises for a greater share of the arena's revenues. Controversy, demands for public assistance and threats of imminent financial disaster had become as essential to the Jets as their power play. With public money to guarantee private profits, the Jets were destined to leave Winnipeg, which they ultimately did, in the midst of a political firestorm, in 1985.

Jim Silver is a hockey fan who teaches political science at the University of Winnipeg. Thin Ice: Money, Politics and the Demise of an NHL Franchise is published by Fernwood Publishing. Thin Ice is available throughout Manitoba, anywhere books are sold.

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