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Logging road bridge over the Manigotagan River inside Nopoming Park

Logging road bridges out of compliance

Pine Falls Paper Company not licenced under the Navigable Waters Protection Act

By Charles Norman

Eleven bridges built by the Pine Falls Paper Company have been built without a licence from the Coast Guard under the Navigable Waters Protection Act. Bob Sopuck, PFPC Environment Director said the company was careful to comply with the Manitoba Department of Natural Resources, especially with respect to interference with fish habitat, but the issue of a licence under the act never came up.

The Navigable Waters Protection Act is one of the oldest still on the books. It was passed in 1872. In 1988 the Supreme Court found that the act applied to recreational boating, and in 1992, in a dispute with First Nations and environmental

groups over the Old Man Dam in Alberta, also found that provincial governments were bound by the act. In that instance the dam had already been built, and expensive remedial measures were required to gain approval under the act.

Dave Nickart, of the environmental organisation, Earth First, said their Citizens Watch Committee came across one of the bridges in question last year. The bridge spans the Manigotagan River inside the boundaries of Nopoming Park. An environmentalist from Pinawa, Alice Chambers, checked with the Coast guard and found that it had not been licenced.

Nickart said he was told that the Coast Guard does not act

with a complaint so he wrote an article for the Eco Journal asking readers to file a complaint with the Coast Guard. The basis of the complaints were that, at high water there is only a foot of freeboard under the bridge, thus making it impossible for canoeists to shoot the rapids occurring at that location in the spring.

As a result the Pine Falls Company was made aware of the lack of proper authorisation last fall.

The act provides for retro-active licencing. Nickart said Canada Coast Guard Official, Craig Coughlin, who administers the act for all of Manitoba and part of Ontario, told him the coast guard would recommend the licencing of the bridge as is,

Auditor General proposed for First Nations

by Charles Norman

Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, announced Tuesday that the Assembly is considering appointing an Auditor General to oversee the financial management of First Nations. The Assembly is currently meeting in Edmonton and the announcement came as a response to reporters questioning in relation to a controversy in Alberta.

John LaRose a public relation official for the Assembly said Tuesday that Chief Fontaine was referring to a suggestion that had been brought forward at the Assembly to deal with contentious issues and criticism being levelled at some hand lead-

ers. He said the proposal is in the early stages of consideration and is only one of the suggestions being dealt with. La Rose said the Assembly is looking at various avenues and hopes to make an announcement in the next three or four weeks.

The appointing of an auditor General is not universally popular. Some Chiefs are reported to have said they are getting enough interference already.

Warren Abraham, of the Sagkeeng Concerned Citizen Committee, said it would be good if it was done properly. "It would help if they went back twenty or thirty years to when Dave Courchene was Chief, and all the problems began.

but with the provision that a portage around the bridge be maintained. Nickart said this is totally unacceptable to his group. They want the bridge removed and logging discontinued within the park

Three miles upstream of the bridge the Manigotagan River runs through a culvert under highway 314. At press time The Voice had not been able to determine if this culvert had been licenced under the act.

An engineer for the city of Winnipeg said all their bridges over rivers within city limits are licenced under the act, although they were surprised to find that the Seine River is considered a navigable waterway. He said rivers come under federal jurisdiction, but creeks under provincial jurisdiction. Thus the Portage Avenue bridge over Sturgeon Creek, which is navigable by canoe, does not

have to be licenced. Since, in spring flows the creek completely fills the space under the bridge, the bridge would have to be raised if it had to conform to the act.

Bob Sopuck said the Pine Falls Paper Company "will comply with whatever the appropriate agency requires". He said the bridges are part of a logging road network which is absolutely crucial for the operation of the company and for the employment of people in Northern communities like Berens River who are involved in harvesting.



Bob Sopuck, PFPC Environment Director



Opinion

Alan Rock is a dangerous man

Federal Minister of Health Alan Rock has asked the people of Canada to help him get more money for medicare. On the surface it seems very reasonable for him to do so. Cut backs in medical services, in spite of increased provincial funding all across the country, are largely the result of lower contributions from the federal government. The medicare system is dear to the hearts of Canadians and they are absolutely adamant that it be protected.

Perhaps, with the possible retirement of Jean Chretien and a subsequent leadership convention, Rock does not want to be seen as the fall guy. Rock certainly has leadership ambitions, and getting in a few sideways knocks at the finance minister, Paul Martin would certainly help those ambitions. Martin is by far the front runner to succeed Chretien, and making him out to be the bad guy over medicare wouldn't do any harm Rock's aspirations.

Whatever his reasons, going over the head of his cabinet colleagues, direct to the public, flies in the face of democratic cabinet government. If a cabinet member wants to criticize the government the proper procedure is to resign from cabinet, and criticize from the back benches. As long as he remains a member of cabinet he is obliged to support the



From the
Publisher's Desk
**Charles
Norman**

decisions of the government, whatever his personal convictions, and regardless of however hard he fought for those convictions in cabinet.

Government is impossible if it is to be made up of warring factions. This is what destroyed the Roman Empire, and dealing with this problem has also led to the creation of many petty dictatorships. If the whole cabinet behaved like Rock Canada would have no effective government. It would be far, far more damaging to Canada than Quebec separating. If Quebec separates, Canada would consist of nine provincial governments and one federal government. If Rock is allowed to get away with his behaviour, others will inevitably follow. Canada would consist of nine or ten provincial governments and no effective federal government.

Alan Rock should shut up or resign. Failing that, Chretien should fire him. His actions cannot be ignored.

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YOUR VIEW:
Letters to the Editor

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Apology - The Letter from G.H. Courchene in last week's issue of the Voice, was not sent by Gary Walter Courchene. We do not know who G.H. Courchene is. In future all letters to the Voice should be signed with the full name of the sender. Our apologies to Gary Courchene for any embarrassment this may have caused him.

Martin James on 'Outsiders'

Dear Editor:
In response to Amanda Sinclair's outsider review.

She states that I am a non native. Surely this woman knows that you can not help yourself to a treaty number. Birth right, now if she had properly done her research on your's truly, she might have known that my natural mother, Pauline James (nee Bouvard), was 100% full blooded Anticimabe. One more thing I'd like to bring to her attention is that the elders themselves say that my grandfather was the third Chief of Sagkeeng. Another issue is that I have been divorced for a number of years, so you need not to attack my ex-wife or my family, but only myself.

Lastly, maybe Amanda is right about non-natives living in Sagkeeng. Then we will need to

look at who is native and non-native in Sagkeeng.
Martin James

Are they trying to hide something? - Henderson

Dear Editor:
In reply to G.H. Courchene's letter to the Voice last week.

Why are there so many concerns on a few questions about our financial situation. All we wanted to know is, "Why are we in such deficit?". It seems the more questions we ask, the more people we offend.

It seems the people working in the band office are the first ones to retaliate. Are they trying

to hide something. A lot of times we read in the papers when our elected leaders don't get their way with the government, they cry discrimination right away. So too, can we do that. And as to Amanda Sinclair's comment. No one mentioned anything about racism. To us a racist is usually the first one to bring that out.

Sincerely,
Mr. Henderson

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Dietary worker thanks St. Georges resident

Dear Editor,
I recently visited St. Georges to talk to people about the frozen food plan the Tory government is imposing on Winnipeg Hospitals and is, according to the CEO of the USSC (New York Joe Shields), also going to expand to the care homes in Winnipeg and care homes and hospitals in rural Manitoba.

I thank one woman in particular for her support. Not only did she promise to let Mr. Praznik

know of her displeasure, she also presented me with a gift of two hand made towels for taking the time to visit and let her know about the bad health care plan. "What is in it for me?" she asked. "My job". I told her, "but also the future of health care for my kids and grandkids, for me in later years, for patients using the system now, for tax payers who will be paying more for health care because tax dollars will be going to for profit food preparers and an

Ontario finance company (whose profits increased by 86% to 119.1 million dollars; because I care! I don't want the U.S. health care system; I don't want to go back to the 1900's; because food is essential to a patient's recovery; because the plan makes no sense." She accepted a "Frozen Food equals Frozen Economy" button.

Yours sincerely,
Carol Cote
Dietary Worker at
St. Boniface Hospital

Play it safe this Spring Break

Before heading off to the slopes or to a warm vacation spot this Spring Break, ensure that your family health is well protected. Whether it's something as minor as a sunburn or as serious as flare up of an existing medical condition, make sure your family is prepared for the unexpected.

Planning a holiday is exciting for the entire family. When you're making travel arrangements and deciding on an itinerary, include your family's health as a top priority. You've probably arranged for travel insurance and purchased a bottle of sunblock with an SPF of at least 15. However, there are other simple precautions you can take to ensure that everyone in your family has a healthy and trouble free vacation.

Before departure day, pack an extra week of prescription medication and keep it in its original packaging. Be sure to

carry the names and phone numbers of your health and/or travel insurance company and thoroughly document your family's medical care. It's also a good idea to carry an extra pair of glasses or contact lenses or a copy of the prescription for each family member who requires prescription eyewear.

Don't let minor interruptions in your health become major inconveniences. Assemble a portable health kit that includes headache relief medication, anti diarrhea medicine, stomach soothing medicine in tablet form, first aid adhesive bandages, mild laxatives and antiseptic solution.

Also, if you or a family member has a medical condition, drug or food allergy, medication or special need that must be known in an emergency, consider becoming a member of Medic Alert. Medic Alert's bracelet or necklet, 24 hour emergency hot-line and wallet card

can protect you and your loved ones. Medic Alert can speak for when you can't by alerting health professionals to your medical needs. Medic alert's toll free, 24 hour hot-line allows medical personnel to access personal and medical information in 140 different languages, anywhere in the world. For more information about joining the Canadian Medic Alert Foundation, call 1-800-668-1507.

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A Message for Commonwealth Day 1998 from Her Majesty The Queen Head of the Commonwealth

The Commonwealth provides many special links between its members. Apart from more formal contacts between governments, there are any number of professional associations and voluntary organizations with close connections throughout the Commonwealth. Among the

most active are those involved in sport and recreation.

I believe that sport will always play a very important part in the social welfare of all generations. Sport-and team games in particular-teaches young people many valuable lessons. It demonstrates the value of coop-

eration, teamwork and team spirit; it teaches the need to abide by rules and regulations; it emphasizes the importance of self control and how to take victory or defeat with good grace.

Sport is a great leveller. The same rules apply to all; there are no age, racial or cultural barriers to participation. Indeed, enthusiasm for a sport brings together people from every background. Some sports attract dedicated spectators. Some do not, but that makes no difference to the participants. All are absorbing and enjoyable, offering unique opportunities for self-discovery and to develop self confidence. For many young people, participation in sport can offer a lifeline and an essential alternative to delinquency, drug abuse or crime.

The Commonwealth Games are the organization's greatest sporting festival and rightly known as the "Friendly Games". It is always the athletes from the smallest nations who receive the warmest welcome and it is the sporting gesture that wins universal recognition. The Games take place every four years; this year they will be held in Malaysia, where every effort is being made to ensure that competitors, officials and spectators will thoroughly enjoy the great experience of this gathering. Manchester too has already begun preparations to host the Games in 2002.

The Commonwealth Games will indeed bring us together. I am much looking forward to joining them.

National Farm Safety Week March 11-18 and All Year long

Marilyn Zarecki, Home Economist, MB Agriculture, Beausejour MB, 268-6015.

Safe Farming is Smart Farming is the theme for 1998 National Farm Safety Week. Manitoba Association Societies and the Inter-agency Committee for Agricultural Safety and Rural Health join partners across Canada to raise awareness about farm accident prevention, particularly machinery accidents. The safe transport of farm equipment on Manitoba highways is also a current Manitoba educational priority.

Safe Transport of Farm Machinery

The Agricultural Equipment Lighting and Marketing initiative was developed in response to an increased incidence of traffic accidents involving improperly lit and marked farm vehicles and a growing public concern about the safe movement of this type of equipment on the road.

Highlights of the changes include flashing amber warning lamps for the lateral extremities of implements for the nighttime travel, increased use of reflective markings, particular for over dimensional equipment, and the use of fluorescent extremity flags for day-time travel.

The new Lighting and Marketing of Agricultural Equipment on Highways regulation became law in Manitoba on September 1, 1997. However, in order to give implement manufacturers, equipment suppliers and farmers sufficient time to come into compliance with the new standard, this coming-into-force date is being followed by a 10 month period of "educational enforcement". Strict enforcement of the regulation will occur beginning July 1, 1998.

Farm equipment operators have been reminded of their responsibility to ensure their machines are clearly visible to other motorists.

An illustrated, plain language guidebook called Be Seen, Be Safe was produced to help farmers understand the new regulation and retrofit existing equipment. It is available free of charge at the Beausejour and Dugald Ag Offices.

Two other activities will raise awareness, particularly during National Farm Safety Week. A Manitoba Share Fair on March 12, 1998, will present Manitoba farm safety programs and resources. Farm Safety Public Service Announcements will begin airing during farm Safety Week.

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Crime Prevention

Busy Week for Powerview RCMP

RCMP Release

The R.C.M.P. Powerview Detachment experienced another busy week. Numerous calls of domestic violence were received by the local detachment. Victims of domestic violence are reminded that there are numerous agencies and services available to one in such a situation such as Agape House Crisis Line 1-800-326-3431. For further information call the local RCMP.

A number of charges under the Highway Traffic Act such as failure to Wear Seat Belts and Speeding were laid. The public is reminded a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) for speeding will be underway in April in our area.

Everyone is again reminded to be aware of the maximum speed signs such as the school zones in Sagkeeng First Nation is 50km/hr, the streets (excluding PTH#11) of Powerview and Pine Falls are 30 and 35 km/hr respectively.

DANGER THIN ICE;

Many citizens have expressed concern for the persons on the ice of our rivers. Ensure you warn your children of the dangers of "Thin Ice", and heed the dangers yourselves.

The Powerview Detachment received complaints of the theft related incidence of which the investigation continues including the theft of a CD Player from a boat parked along side of

PTH #11 on March 5th. Numerous Break and Enters to residences and cottages have been reported. A Neighbourhood Watch Program for The Rock Area of Pine Falls is currently in the initial stages of implementation. More on this will follow in future Press Releases.

On Sunday morning during the early hours a number of traffic signs in Pine Falls were damaged. The investigation continues. Any information leading to the apprehension of the wrong doer would be appreciated.

Two Grade 12 students are currently working as Detachment Clerks for 180 hours each under the Co-operative Education Program.

Smile! You're on Candid Camera!

RCMP receive \$100,000 to catch drunk drivers on video

The province of Manitoba has given the RCMP yet another weapon in their battle against drunk drivers

Contributing to the effectiveness and safety of RCMP officers is one of the benefits of providing \$100,000 for the installation of video systems for RCMP vehicles. Justice Minister Vic Toews announced Tuesday.

"A recording of an incident can be powerful evidence that assists both the RCMP and the court process and ultimately saves time and money," said Toews. "These cameras apply technology for the benefit of in-

dividual RCMP officers and the justice system. The presence of the cameras also contributes to officer safety."

The minister noted an Alberta study where an RCMP detachment found 80 per cent of the impaired drivers picked up on the video unit plead guilty almost immediately, compared to the 15 per cent who plead guilty under normal circumstances. The effectiveness of video evidence can reduce the demand for court time for both

RCMP officers and court officials.

The provincial funding will provide ten cameras for RCMP vehicles on highway patrols. Each system includes a small wide-angle camera mounted inside the car, a sensitive wireless microphone worn by the officer and secured recording equipment that displays a clock and calendar. The additional units will bring the number of RCMP vehicle video systems operating in Manitoba to 39.

Increase in Funding, to fight, prevent Crime

Protecting Manitoba citizens from crime and providing resources to deal appropriately with those who break the law continue to be priorities of the Manitoba government.

"Our government is committed to strengthening our justice system and implementing additional initiatives that help fight and prevent crime so that Manitobans can feel safe and secure in their communities," said Stefanson.

Stefanson said justice initiatives include: over \$500,000 in additional funding toward expanding the intensive support and supervision programs which monitor's young offenders on temporary release and selected young offenders on probation;

enhancing Victims Assistance Services by almost \$800,000 including a \$625,000 increase in grants to expand services throughout the province;

continuing the government's commitment to put 40 more police officers on the streets of Winnipeg with \$2 million in the fourth year of a seven-year commitment;

supporting the moderniza-

tion of the RCMP's telecommunications system with \$3.3 million;

\$1.9 million to implement an action plan for dealing with domestic violence;

almost \$10 million in capital programs and improvements including a maximum security unit and safety upgrades at Headingley Correctional Institution, the start of renovations and expansion at the Brandon Courthouse and the completion of the Winnipeg Law Courts Lockup;

construction of a custody unit at the Agassiz Youth Centre at an approximate cost of \$2 million, which is part of \$10 million being provided for capital projects;

and continued support for youth justice committees, urban sports camps and the Choices Youth Program to provide youth at risk with help to stay away from a life of crime.

"Providing the resources and the programming to keep Manitobans safe in their homes and communities is a priority of this government," said Stefanson.

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Additional information and applications may be obtained from Manitoba CareerStart, 204 - 209 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3B 1M9. Call 945-3556 in Winnipeg or 1-800-282-8069 (toll-free).

To pick up an application in your area, visit:
Rural Development, Lower Level
Provincial Building
Beausejour, Manitoba

Applications from employers must be received in Winnipeg or be postmarked no later than Friday, March 27, 1998

Health

Health Care needs of Manitobans top priority in budget: Stefanson

More Spending on Health Programs, Equipment and Capital

New personal care homes and beds, increased funding for dialysis, mobile breast screening units and support for programs to reduce waiting lists are all part of the Manitoba budget brought down today by Finance Minister Eric Stefanson.

Stefanson said this budget dedicates over \$100 million more—for a total budget of \$1.93 billion for health care in 1998-99. "Over 34 per cent of the expenditures in the budget will go toward meeting health care needs. We will spend almost \$1.700 on health care for every man, woman and child this year. Our province's spending on health care as a percentage of our budget is the second highest in all of Canada."

The minister said the government continues to ensure the health care needs of Manitobans are being met despite funding cutbacks from the federal government. "Thanks to balanced budgets we have been able to make more resources available to look after the needs of Manitobans."

One of these initiatives, the

minister said, is a special allocation of \$10 million to ensure the province's health care facilities have access to the latest advances in medical equipment technology. The additional spending, on top of the annual commitment of \$22.4 million, will be targeted towards clinical and patient care needs including specialized equipment to support critical care, surgical, medical and diagnostic services.

Stefanson said the government will be directing more resources to priority health programs including:

- "Almost \$11 million more to address the need for additional dialysis services throughout the province.
- \$600,000 will be added to the provincial diabetes initiative to help prevent this disease which disproportionately affects the province's aging population and First Nations people.
- "Support will be provided for ongoing initiatives to reduce waiting lists for joint replacement surgery, diagnostic testing, radiation therapy and bone density testing with a commitment of \$2.5 million.

\$94 Million Health Capital Announced

All Manitobans to Share In the Benefits: Praznik

The construction of new personal care homes and beds and the renovation of health care facilities throughout the province are all part of the Manitoba government's \$94 million 1998-99 health capital program, Health Minister Darren Praznik announced today.

"There is a need to invest in our health care facilities to ensure they continue to offer the best possible care for Manitobans and to ensure they are making the best possible use of their available space," said Praznik. "I am pleased, through careful management of available resources and because of our vibrant economy, Finance Minister Eric Stefanson has been able to provide the funds to address that need."

Praznik said a significant part of the new capital program is the important new role the Misericordia Hospital will play in helping the government meet the health care needs of Manitobans. Through new construction and conversion of space, the Misericordia will become a long term care facility while still offering vital health care programs such as the provincial breast screening program, Health Links, community serv-

ices and a 24-hour urgent-care facility for its neighbourhood. The renovations and change in mission will, in time, bring another 280 personal care home beds and 169 transitional beds to the health care system.

"We have acknowledged one of the reasons pressures are put on our hospital system from time to time is the lack of personal care home beds. We applaud the board of directors of the Misericordia for its decision to help us address this problem in a very time and cost effective way. We also look forward to the new role the facility will play as they complete one century of caring for the community and move into another."

The 1998-99 capital program provides funding for 26

other priority projects including new personal care homes for Oakbank, Hartney, Fisher Branch and The Pas. Other projects include upgrades, renovations and relocations at facilities across the province. There are also 13 conversion projects where existing space will be modified to meet changing needs.

The capital program will bring over 500 more personal care home beds into the Manitoba health care system.

"These projects come at the request of the regional health authorities so they can better serve their communities. We as a government are pleased this can happen and all Manitobans can share in the benefits of our growing economy," Praznik said.

17th Annual Kidney Foundation Benefit in Thalberg

Trinity Lutheran Church in Thalberg will be presenting its 17th Annual Kidney Foundation Benefit on Sunday, March 22nd, 1998 at 7:00 PM.

The benefit is held to publicize organ awareness and to raise money for the Kidney Foundation.

Gloria Zirk, who got involved with the Kidney Foundation when her own son had to have an in family kidney transplant in 1989, is a major activist in the benefit. The evenings

event generally raises between \$1500 and \$2000 per year by donation while giving all who attend an evening full of excellent entertainment.

This year's entertainment will include such performances as the Pine Falls Sunrise Singers, and the Lutheran Church's own Handbell Choir.

As always the evening is sure to be full of information and fun. Lunch and coffee will be served. Remember that March is Kidney Month!

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News

Health Care Top Priority cont'd

The province's Breast Cancer Screening Program will be expanded with the addition of two mobile breast screening units so more Manitoba women will have better access closer to home. The Manitoba Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation, Children's Hospital Research Foundation, St. Boniface Research Centre, Health Sciences Centre Research Foundation and the University of Manitoba.

The 1998-99 budget also allocates \$94 million to address the capital requirements of the province's health care facilities and ensure the facilities are able to provide Manitobans with the highest level of care. The program supports 27 major projects with new personal care homes approved for Oakbank, Fisher Branch, The Pas and Hartney as well as a major new role for Winnipeg's Misericordia Hospital.

Two residential treatment programs to enhance addiction prevention and treatment services. \$1.8 million will support a 20-bed youth drug and alcohol treatment facility in Portage la Prairie operated by the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba and a 20-bed facility operated by the St. Norbert Foundation which will focus on treatment of solvent abuse. *\$2.4 million more will support the additional intensive care beds at the Health Sciences Centre, additional beds for panelled patients and the expansion of the neurosurgery program at St. Boniface General Hospital.

*An additional \$4.5 million will bring the total funding to \$260 million for the operation of personal care homes to ensure residents of these facilities continue to have quality care and service.

*\$7.3 million more will bring the total to \$62 million for the Pharmacare program. *\$1 million will support a staged immunization initiative to reduce the incidence of serious illness for both children and adults. *\$770,000 will be allocated for the continued support and operation of the Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre which combines the model of western medicine with more traditional approaches to wellness.

*\$870,000 will complete the Western Manitoba Mental Health Plan.

*\$2 million for Health Research Initiatives to support continued research activities at the Manitoba Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation, Children's Hospital Research Foundation, St. Boniface Research Centre, Health Sciences Centre Research Foundation and the University of Manitoba.



One of the aircraft that Blue Water Aviation would use in the airlift - de Havilland Single Otter

Controversy over emergency airlift

by Charles Norman

Ed Gaffray of Blue Water Aviation of Silver Falls is complaining that Manitoba air freight companies have not been asked to bid on shipping emergency supplies to northern communities. The emergency has arisen because the mild winter has caused the closure of winter roads before fuel supply to those communities could be completed.

The air freight program is being funded by the federal government, and managed by the Manitoba Government Air Division. The air division has contracted with several out-of-province air services including: Buffalo Airways of Yellowknife, Points North of Stoney Rapids of Saskatchewan, Waseya of

Thunder Bay Ontario, and Thunder Airlines, also of Thunder Bay. Two aircraft from Alaska are also involved in the project.

Gaffray said fuel oil is being flown to the airstrip across the lake from Little Grand Rapids and then air lifted across the lake by helicopter to the community. He said he could land on the ice within 100 yards of the community and fuel could then be pumped directly to the storage tanks, avoiding the need for the second handling. He said the ice is good, and last weekend trucks were still hauling supplies from Little Grand Rapids to Paungassi. Gaffray said even if the Little Grand airstrip is used, fuel could still be shipped across the ice by truck across the lake. "The Emergency Measures Organisation has gone right off the deep end on this thing," He said.

Ken Giesbrecht who is managing the airlift for The Manitoba Government Air Services says the criticism is unfair.

He said the program is being managed to ensure everyone gets an opportunity to be involved in the airlift, but he is faced with moving eight to fourteen million litres of fuel oil in the next two weeks or so, and Blue Water Aviation could only move 1000 litres at a time. He said the two Alaska aircraft are big volume aircraft. The fixed and rotary wing aircraft being used are equipped with bladders, essentially a fuel tank inside the aircraft, eliminating the need for the manual handling of a huge number of oil drums that would be required if local aircraft were used. He said if the local operators get the necessary equipment they would certainly have an opportunity to be involved.

Giesbrecht said he is getting conflicting reports on the strength of the ice and does not want to risk to life and environmental damage which would result from a truck falling through the ice.

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Sports



Amy Martin (left) and Melanie Dugard (right) selected for the Manitoba Jr. Ringette Team

Off to the Nationals Again!!

Local teens, Melanie Dugard and Amy Martin were selected once again to join Team Manitoba and compete in the Junior Ringette Nationals which are to be held in Edmonton, Alberta, the week of April 6-13, 1998. "We were really surprised when we were asked, and we're both very excited to be going." The girls said as they laughed at how funny it was that they were chosen right after their Eastman team had

St. Georges Sand Bag News

Team Points:

- Jos Vincent 64
- Jeanne Lavoie 52
- Martin Vincent 41
- Victor Vincent 36
- Marguerite Boyer 31
- Edgar Vincent 16

High Score men:

- Jos Vincent 8320
- Edgar Vincent 7560
- Philip Bouthillier 7380

Women:

- Jeanne Lavoie 7090
- Irene St. Pierre 6840
- Ginette Vincent 6450

300's:

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| Horace Nault | 57 |
| Colette Vincent | 36 |
| Lindy Kaminawaish | 33 |
| Martin Vincent | 7 |
| Eugenie Vincent | 3 |
| Alain Majeau | 3 |
| Andre Sirieix | 3 |
| Eva Lelliot | 2 |
| Mickey Kesanen | 1 |
| Marguerite Boyer | 1 |
| Ginette Vincent | 1 |
| Irene St. Pierre | 1 |
| Sam Kush | 1 |
| Carolus Vincent | 1 |

team coached by Ed Forsyth, Barry and Danielle Hobday. Last year their own Eastman team won the Provincials and had gone on to represent Manitoba in Montreal, where they won against Sask. with a score of 5-3. This year Dugard and Martin will skate alongside a somewhat new team for them, and defend the Manitoba title. Despite being somewhat anxious and nervous the two girls are looking forward to going again. "They are great skaters, have excellent attitudes, are hard working and committed. They are all around nice ladies." Said Dan Lemieux, head coach of the Manitoba team. "I would like to congratulate them on making the team."

When asked if there was anyone specific that they would like to thank, Martin and Dugard responded in unison. "We would like to thank our great Eastman Coaches, we couldn't have made it this far without you. We would also like to send out a big thanks to our parents for their endless support and especially for giving up all of their weekends to bring us everywhere."

During that busy week in April, the city of Edmonton will be the gathering place of Provincial Teams from every province, with the exception of PEI and the NWT.

Team Manitoba has just now started to fundraise for their trip. They have already planned to work at a Manitoba Moose game selling programs and will surely be needing the support of their communities in the near future, as their fund-raising continues.

S.E. Blades Weekly Profiles



Icharo Saoda

(No Player Information Available)

Kelly Slimmon

(No Photo Available)
 Birth Date: Oct. 5 '78 Hometown: Hamiota, MB. Team played for 96/97 season: Hamiota High School. Games played: 34. Goals: 73. Assists: 36. PIM: 72. Team played for 95/96 season: Yellowhead Chiefs. Games Played: 39. Goals: 17. Assists: 15. Height: 5'11". Weight: 185 lbs. Shoot: Right. Position: Right Wing. TV Show: Married with Children. Music: Various. Movie: Star Wars. Food: Steak. NHL Team: Edmonton Oilers. NHL Player: Mark Messier. MJHL Opponent: St. James Canadians. Aspect of the Game: Winning Goals for 97/98: to make the play-offs. Future Plan: Further my hockey career, then attend school. Best Moment in Hockey: Making the WHSHL All Star Team. Academic or Athletic Awards: MHSAA Rural Athlete of the Week.

40 Yr. Old Player Profile Alfred Cyr

Nickname: Bear Birthdate: March 11/58. Born: Tintown, MB. Status: Married with Children & 2 Labs. Height: 5'8". Weight: 190lbs in the morning. Shoots: Left. From the hip. Position: Defence. Occupations: Job Planner by day, Guitar player by night. NHL Team: Boston Bruins. NHL Players: Raymond Bourque & Bobby Orr. Favorite Women: German. Favorite Dessert: Sex in a pan. Hobbies: Playing guitar and singing. Jimmy Buffet, & John Prine. Tunes. Favorite Movie: Mrs. Doubtfire & Happy Gilmore. Greatest Moments in Hockey: 1974-75 Midget Prov. Champs, 1975-76 Jr. A Prov. Champs (Selkirk Steelers). Future Plans: Retire from the company and take over Gazo's Job.

MJHL Standings

Addison Division	W	L	T	SL	F	A	P
Wpg. South	30	30	0	2	247	259	62
St. James	29	30	1	2	254	247	61
Selkirk	26	35	1	0	226	271	53
St. Boniface	22	37	1	2	214	262	47
S.E. Blades	20	38	0	0	226	285	48
Aillard Division							
Winkler	44	15	1	2	286	197	91
OCN Blizzard	42	18	0	1	285	202	85
Portage	39	17	1	5	271	204	84
Neepawa	29	29	0	3	264	272	61
Dauphin	24	38	0	0	226	285	48

Sports

Local Talent Engage In Playoff Battle

Shawn Tardiff of the Eastman Selects, and Jason LeRoye of the Brandon Wheat Kings went toe to toe in the Manitoba AAA midget hockey league quarterfinals last week. The best of five series featured two evenly matched teams with Brandon narrowly edging Eastman in The Final league standings, thus giving the Wheaties home ice advantage in the series.

Game one in Brandon was the Jason LeRoye show as the young Brandon goaltender was spectacular, thwarting quality Eastman chances time and time again. LeRoye left the top Eastman snipers frustrated as he posted his first post season shut-out with Brandon winning 6-0.

In game two, also in Brandon it was Shawn Tardiff's turn to shine as he collected three points to lead Eastman to a 4-3 double overtime victory and no doubt number one star. It was Tardiff's third point of the game that sent this game to overtime as he lifted a shot over LeRoye's shoulder to tie the game at three with just 1:40 left in regulation time. The first overtime period was close checking as neither team could score. Eastman ended it at ten minutes of the second overtime period as defenceman Petit scored assisted by Tardiff to give the Selects a 4-3 victory. It was a frustrated Jason LeRoye

after the game as he did not get the start in goal despite his heroics in game one. He replaced backup Jeff Kulman in the second round with Brandon trailing 3-1. "I thought I played well in Game one, and I think I should have gotten the start in game two," stated LeRoye.

The series switched to Steinbach home of the Selects for games three and four where the play was no different than games one and two. Hard hitting, end to end action, with great goaltending. Game three was a nail biter, as Brandon edged Eastman 5-4 with the Wheat Kings scoring the winner with just nine seconds left on the clock. Eastman faced elimination in game four desperately hoping to send the series back to Brandon for a fifth and deciding game.

The Selects jumped out to an early 2-0 lead and appeared ready to force a fifth game. However a defensive lapse late in the first period cost Eastman as the Wheat Kings pumped home two goals in the final minute to tie the game at two. Early in the third period Brandon was up 4-3 when the Selects fell asleep and the Wheat Kings scored three straight goals for an insurmountable 7-3 lead. The Selects wouldn't go down without a fight and struck back with

Northern Best Sellers March 98

Paperbacks

- The Partner - John Grisham
- The Ranch - Danielle Steele
- Music in the Night - V.C. Andrews
- End of the Drive - Louis L'Amour
- Hornet's Nest - Patricia Cornwell
- Small Town Girl - Lavyrle Saneer
- Public Secrets - Nora Roberts
- Allair - Amanda Quick
- Trunk Music - Michael Connelly
- An Angel for Emily - Jude Devereaux

New Releases - Paperbacks

- Edgewater - April Christofferson
 Island of Swans - Ciji Ware
 Leathal Practice - Peter Clement
 3001 - The Final Odyssey - Arthur Clark

Pop/Rock Albums

- Big Shine Tunes Vol. 2 - Various
- Aquarium - Aqua
- Muchdance 1997 - Various
- Harlem World - Mase
- Yield - Pearl Jam
- Backstreet's Back - Backstreet Boys
- Savage Garden - Savage Garden
- Women and Songs - Various
- Spice World - Spice Girls
- Urban Hymns - The Verve

Country Albums

- Come on Over - Shania Twain
- Kickin' Country 4 - Various
- You Light up my Life - LeAnn Rimes
- New Country 4 - Various
- Songbook - Trisha Yearwood
- Everwhere - Tim McGraw
- Everything I Love - Alan Jackson
- Sevens - Garth Brooks
- Greatest Hits Collection - Brooks & Dunn
- Carrying Your Love with Me - George Strait

New Releases

- My Own Prison - Creed
 Ray of Light - Madonna
 Pure Dance 2 - Various

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History

Silent Machines

by George Bayly

After both paper machines went into operation in 1927, the development of the town progressed with the construction of more houses, the development of the golf course, and in 1928, the construction of the United Church. In 1929, the North American economy was jolted with the crash of the stock market and from that point in time, world markets began to decline. By 1932, there were very few newsprint customers, and as a result, the Vice-President of Abitibi Power and Paper Co., Mr. L.R. Wilson, announced after meeting with Mr. C.C. Irvine, the General Manager of The Manitoba Paper Co., that the mill would run full time until the wood supply was exhausted and then shut down. The Manitoba government issued a statement saying that they wanted the mill to remain in operation but existing market conditions will keep the mill from continuing operations.

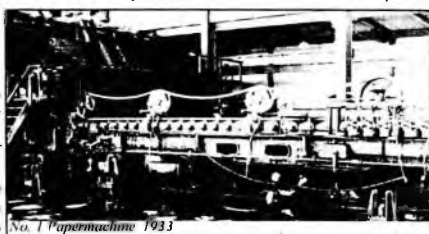
On Thursday, February 25, 1932, the Manitoba Free Press ran a headline which said, "Ma-

chinery at Paper Mill Stops Today - Only a Few Remain on Payroll." The paper reported that machine No. 1 shut down on Wednesday, February 24, and No. 2 would be shutting down on Thursday afternoon. About 100 single men were let go on Wednesday, but a number of married men would be kept on to overhaul and prepare machinery for a period of idleness. The paper also stated that the office staff would be kept on for three weeks. The Free Press noted: "the closing down of the plant has been a sad blow to the industrial enterprise in the province, and loss of the company's payroll will be felt keenly."

During the shut down, some employees transferred to other Abitibi mills in the east which were still operating. On Friday, Feb. 26 many townspeople gathered at the station to wish about 40 fellow workers

God-speed as they left for Winnipeg, and the same scene was repeated the next day as another group of jobless men departed on the train.

The company stored hundreds of rolls of newsprint in the mill, enough to supply Canadian customers for many months ahead, the Manitoba Free Press being one such customer. Just 5 years after the celebration of the



View of Papermill 1933

mill start up, the conveyors, grinders, pulp refiners and the paper machines with their deafening shrill whine, all stood silent. The employment and prosperity enjoyed by mill workers, loggers, and natives from the Fort Alexander, Black River, and Manigotagan areas had disappeared.

The Manitoba Paper Company was sincerely concerned

about the welfare of the people and did what it could to alleviate conditions in the homes of the workers. Employment was found for some men in the mill, using a rotation system which allowed them to work on a part time basis. This skeleton crew looked after the fire department, served as night watchmen, maintained the town-site, kept the office and telephone switchboard going, and maintained the school, hospital, and staffhouses. Other men sought work in the San Antonio Gold mine at Bissett or worked cutting railway ties for C.N.R.

On February 27, the Manitoba Free Press gave an account of how Pine Falls townspeople were bearing up to their loss of livelihood. The paper reported that the people were in good spirit and that on Thursday evening, a farewell dance was held in the community hall at which more than 300 people were present. The Pine Falls Trades and Labour Council called a joint meeting of the local unions for Saturday afternoon to discuss the general situ-

ation. Officials of the Paper Makers, Pulp and Sulphite, the Machinists, and the Electricians Unions felt that some form of direct relief would be necessary, followed later by some kind of Relief work projects.

One of the first government relief programs was the establishment of a camp on the Bear River where men could cut firewood for five dollars per month. Jack Beatty, Ernie Coote, and Ernie Thomas decided that they could do better so they started a new career—trapping which they learned to do by trial and error. They built a cabin 25 miles up the Bear River, and even installed a power system which consisted of a water wheel attached to a generator.

Those who were on relief were required to cut wood one day a week with a bonus of 20 cents per cord. Pete Pasaluko worked at the camp at Catfish Creek cutting dry poplar, and later worked on the construction of No. 11 highway.

Jack Dulake also worked on the road to Great Falls, a relief job that paid him \$2.12 per week, and later he peeled ties for a 1/2 cent each and then hewed them for 1 1/2 cents each, using

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History

Pine Falls survived the depression

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a swede saw and an axe.

Goft Bayly became employed by the Manitoba Forest Service as a forest ranger, first at the ranger station at Slave Falls near Lac Du Bonnet, then at Stead where he supervised the construction of the fire tower. While at Slave Falls he was given

a motor boat allowance, and at Stead he had a horse allowance.

Buff Seebach worked at harvesting, greens keeper at Clear Lake, and during the last year and a half of the shut down, worked at the mine at Bissett.

During the shut-down, the Leonard School remained open, but only for 8 months in 1932-

1933. Leonard School remained open during the 1934-1935 year because businessman Jim MacDonald and Sam Granovsky paid their taxes in advance. Mr. Lloyd Carvers was the teaching Principal of grades 4 to 8 and Miss Judy O'Connor taught the primary grades 1 to 3.

The Pine Falls School op-

erated full time during the shut-down.

The Pine Falls Hospital remained open during the 1932 to 1935 period, but at a much slower pace. In 1932, Dr. L.P. Lansdown returned to Winnipeg where he did post graduate training in Pathology and Microbiology, and returned to Pine

Falls in 1934.

Many of those who left, never returned... and while the people of Pine Falls struggled to survive those lean years, the silent machines stood motionless, awaiting the return of the men who would once again inject life into them.

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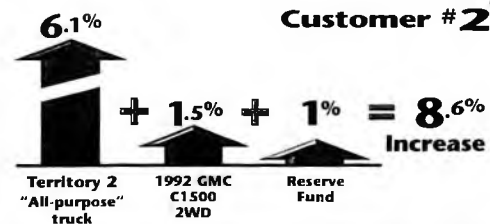
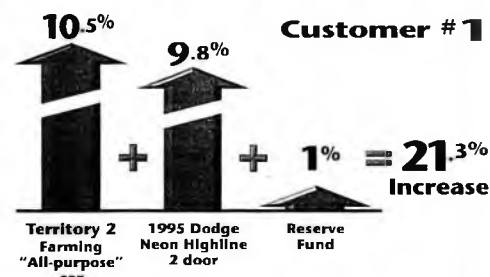
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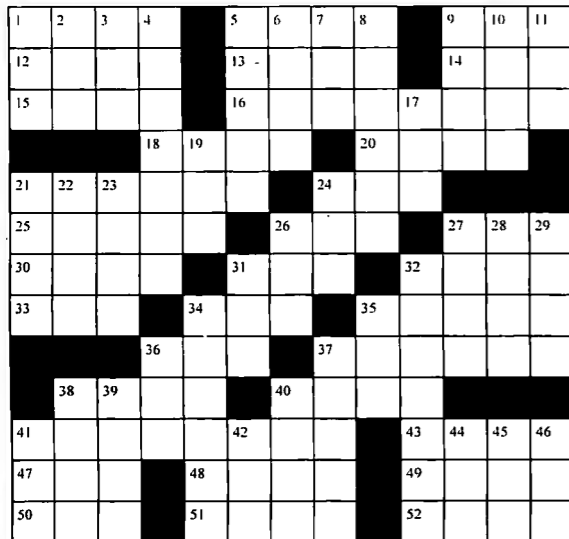
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45. This fish makes a great salad
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48. Necessity
49. Catch
50. ---Khan
51. Tribal founders of Russia
52. Russian river.

LAST WEEKS ANSWER

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- ACROSS
1. Until, in Germany
4. An Inuit might fish from one
8. Mid East port
12. Hard working insect
13. British noble
14. Wither
15. Next years fish
16. Pointed fish
18. Scarlet's love
20. Instead
21. Ring
23. Automobile part
27. Fish travel in them
30. A fish might be caught by this
31. Raven writer
32. Memos
35. Knot

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

Each letter represents another letter in the alphabet. See if you can break the code to figure out the famous quotation

AR TPE DSWVEQWW BMPBRW DTCQW AQ
LT FQBLJ; V NCQQQC TLJQC NQTNMQ'W.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION
HONEST DIFFERENCES ARE
OFTEN A HEALTHY SIGN
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-MAHATMA GHANDI

-- TWZBC PVMFQ

HOROSCOPE

ARIES March 21 - April 19
If you feel a little on the sensitive side be careful who you spend your time with. Keeping focus on a difficult task may be quite helpful and will have hidden rewards.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20
Setting up a gathering later in the year will initially have some glitches. Luckily there is plenty of time for you to put plan B into action. Do not be afraid to ask for a helping hand, and say "please".

GEMINI May 21 - June 20
It may seem like misunderstands are coming forefront. Try to face these uncomfortable moments head on by remaining open and by allowing everyone to say their piece. Keeping things fair will require great concentration.

CANCER June 21 - July 22
A nice thought goes a long way especially if you do not expect anything in return. Doing a favour is a different story. Be aware of how much you can handle and when to draw the line...

by Millie Khan
(March 12th - March 19th)

LEO July 23 - Aug. 22
Try to keep to your plans this week. Constant readjustment may prove to be more work than you are willing to put in or can put in. Think about how you felt when someone in the past could not fulfil a commitment.

VIRGO August 23-September 22
Someone who looks up to you may try to test your ground. Approach directly by asking what they really want then ask how you fit in the picture. Remaining calm will allow you to analyze all the information in front of you.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
Being a sensitive person has both good and bad points. It proves useful especially when dealing with others but it can also drain you if you try to take control of something beyond your situation.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Time to look at your concentration of energy and effort. Are you taking on too much responsibility or putting in so much energy into something that does more harm than good? Look at decisions you have made that have led you to this point.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Try not to rush through what may seem like simple decisions; you may not have the information you need at least not yet. If necessary to make a quick decision ask a trusted source for their opinion; and listen carefully.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
A problem at work is starting to show the beginnings of the end. Even if there is still conflict at least everyone will know where you stand and can respect your judgement.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
If freedom is what you want or what you need them look at what you need to invest in order to get it. Past decisions you have made will help point you in the right direction.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20
Try not to get pulled by others' emotions; this may not be a good time to be distracted. If you are easily affected then realize the flipside - you can affect others just as easily.

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NOTICE NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE MUNICIPAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSAL BY THE VILLAGE OF POWERVIEW TO ANNEX CERTAIN LANDS FROM THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALEXANDER (BOARD FILE NO. 97E2-001)

TAKE NOTICE: that under Section 34 of the Municipal Act the Village of Powerview has filed a written proposal with The Municipal Board to alter its boundaries by annexing certain lands from the Rural Municipality of Alexander.

THE MUNICIPAL BOARD will hold a public hearing to consider the proposal as follows:

Monday, April 6, 1998 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Tuesday, April 7, 1998 10:00am-12 noon and 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm, and if required Wednesday, April 8, 1998.

Location: Pine Falls Curling Club
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The lands proposed for annexation are described as follows.

"Those parts of River Lots 20 and 21 lying North and West of Road Plans 14278 W.L.T.O. and 5687 W/L/T/O (being P.R. 304) and all of River Lot 24 situated in Township 18, Range 10 E.P.M."

Any person affected by the proposed annexation may appear before the board at the hearing.

Dated at Powerview, in Manitoba, this 25th day of February, 1998.

Alice Hopka J.M. Thevenot
Assistant Secretary Chief Administrative Officer
The Municipal Board Village of Powerview
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PUBLIC NOTICE
R.M. OF ALEXANDER

Consultation Meeting
Concerning a Proposal by
The Village of Powerview
To Annex Portions of the
R.M. of Alexander

The Village of Powerview has submitted a proposal to annex the following Lands currently located within the R.M. of Alexander:

Lands located west of PR 304 on river lots 20 & 21

Lands located between the west boundary of the Village of Powerview and the east boundary of Pine Falls.

The Council of the R.M. of Alexander will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers to obtain the views of ratepayers affected by the proposed annexation and the view of other residents of the Municipality. Representatives from the R.M. of Alexander will be present at the meeting to present factual information concerning the proposed annexation.

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