



Sagkeeng Alcohol Rehab Centre opens

The Hon. Jake Epp, Minister of Health and Welfare cuts the ribbon at the official opening of the Sagkeeng Alcohol Rehab Centre at Fort Alexander on Friday, October 17th. Assisting are some of the board members of the Sagkeeng Alcohol Rehab

Centre (left to right): Mr. Percy Fontaine, Mrs. Nellie Abraham, the Hon. Jake Epp, Mr. Henry Courchene (chairman), and Mrs. Virginia Fontaine. In the background holding the microphone is emcee Clifford Fontaine.

by Pyteke Blaauw

Well over one hundred people crowded in the main foyer of the Rehab Centre to attend the grand opening of the new building of the Fort Alexander reserve on Friday, October 18, 1985.

The White Eagle Singers saluted the crowd with the traditional drum beats and song.

Master of ceremonies Mr. Clifford Fontaine introduced an extensive number of speakers and guests. Elder Mr. Dan Pelletier led the attendants through an opening prayer in Saulteaux.

Alcohol and drug abuse first health concern of native population

Jake Epp, federal Health and Welfare Minister congratulated the Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (NADAP) on the construction of the first alcohol rehab centre built on a reserve, totally funded by NADAP.

"This building symbolizes the recognition that alcohol and drug abuse are the first health concerns of the native population." Continued Epp, "this treatment centre will be responding to an identified need."

Background

In 1975 the Sagkeeng Al-Care Centre opened and operated on fifteen beds, four offices, two lecture rooms and three washrooms and an average attendance of thirty people per day, and a staff consisting of eight people.

Mr. Perry Fontaine, who became the centre's director in August 1976, and holds the directorship over the new centre, explained that it had been difficult in the early days of the Al-Care Centre to fill the centre up to capacity, due to the fear of the clientele of "being locked up". This unsubstantiated fear has been put to rest and at present the rehab centre has a waiting list. Even now, with the new, much-increased capacity.

New facility

The Sagkeeng Alcohol Rehab Centre is located south on Hwy. 11, close to Fort Alexander band office. It is, as many speakers at

the opening described it, a magnificent building. The startling wooden structure is architectural innovative and ultra-modern, at least on the outside.

Inside, covering 20,000 square feet, the layout is fairly standard for a modern hostel. The centre has a capacity of 40 residents. Most rooms have double occupancy, private baths and washroom facilities throughout. There are sitting rooms, individual counselling rooms, larger meeting areas, kitchen and staff rooms.

The foyer, with its cathedral ceiling offers a bright and almost uplifting effect upon the visitor.

Alcohol-related problems — a threat to the people

All speakers at the grand opening were justifiably proud of the construction of this new rehab centre, but it was with a certain note of sadness that the need for such an establishment was deemed necessary. It was the natives themselves who pointed at this fact most emphatically.

Mrs. Pelletier said, "A centre like this is a help for saving young lives."

Says Henry Courchene, chairman of the Sagkeeng Alcohol Rehab Centre board, "Alcohol problems hurt the people of our land. They result in involvement with the law, sometimes suicide!"

Chief Ken Courchene called the need for a rehab centre tragic! He also felt that people are not to blame. He stressed that the native people needed to acknowledge their essence and their spirit. That collectively solutions could be found. The Chief congratulated everyone present with the relationship between government and its First Nations, to see this new centre come to fruition.

Price tag

The invited government officials all stressed the fact that the Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program had been the driving force behind the construction of the centre. NADAP is a federal agency working from within the

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Abitibi-Price criticized for logging operations in wilderness park

by Pyteke Blaauw

In the past week Abitibi-Price has been more in the public eye than it actually likes to.

The controversy centres around a provincial wilderness park and the harvesting of timber by Abitibi, in that park.

Atikaki

The Atikaki wilderness park covers 1600 square miles, and roughly covers the area around the Bloodvein and the Pigeon Rivers. Atikaki (Saulteaux-Ojibway for "country of the caribou") Park was chosen as a prime example of pre-Cambrian Shield country, and worthy of preserving.

"A world of rushing rivers, sparkling lakes, massive glacial boulders, and endless jackpine forests", describes Atikaki Park in the September '85 released brochure by the provincial Parks Branch.

The park was officially designated in July '85, by the Minister of Natural Resources, the Hon. Sam Uskiw (M.L.A. for Lac du Bonnet). Atikaki will be the first wilderness park in the province, and it is the intent to have it serve as a refuge for wildlife and to make it accessible

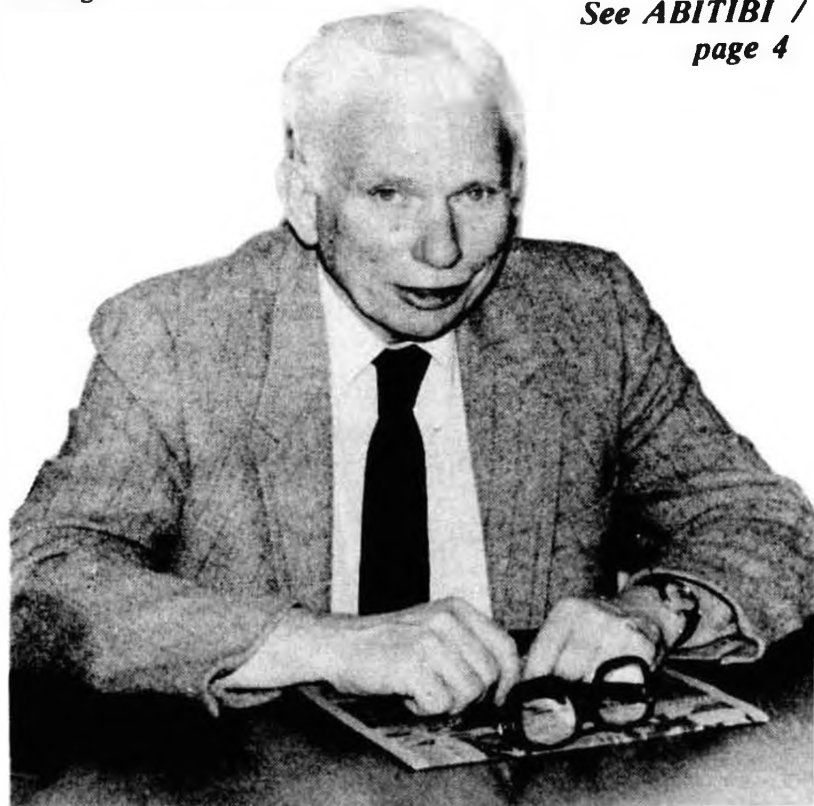
for "the wilderness experience".

This means: no all-weather road through the park, no cottage development, no logging, no mining.

Abitibi vs. Atikaki

The newsprint mill of Abitibi-Price in Pine Falls, needs approximately 185,000 cords of

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Brock Bartlett, Abitibi-Price woods manager underlines Abitibi-Price's support of a wilderness park with the principle of multiple use.

Pine Falls & District news

by Jean Velie 367-2339

Greetings from the Papertown and District. Birthday greetings to Mrs. Annette DiBrito (Mastin) of Moorhead, Minnesota, formerly of Pine Falls, who celebrated her 85th birthday on October 7, 1985. She came to Pine Falls in 1926 and left in 1953. She was one of the first nurses in Pine Falls. She received many best wishes and gifts from her loving relatives and friends. A delicious dinner was held at her home in Moorhead. Her two daughters, Pearl Blakeman and Phyllis Sawchyn, from Pine Falls arrived the evening before on October 6th to help her celebrate. On October 7th, her brother Gaston Dansereau and his wife Isabel, and her brother John Dansereau and his sister-in-law Denise Tachereau, all from Letellier, Man., visited with Annette. Denise drove them down. Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Frank DiBrito, Mrs. Edith Beling and Tom Auger from Moorhead. They had a very enjoyable time. Maurice Dansereau of Pine Falls is Annette's brother.

Congratulations to Virginia St. Pierre and Leon Bouvier who were united in marriage on October 12, 1985, at the Powerview Notre Dame du Laus Church

with Father Boisjoli officiating. A reception followed at the Great Falls Community Hall. Supper was served by Maria Dupont. B.J. Music Service from Winnipeg provided music for dancing. Virginia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aime St. Pierre, and Leon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aime Bouvier. Leon and Virginia will reside in St. Georges, Man.

Bill and Marion Sharpe have returned home after being away for four weeks. They went to England, rented an apartment for two weeks and rented a car and drove around for two extra weeks, going to Wales and Scotland and along the south coast of England. They had a wonderful time. They also went to Plymouth to see Roy Bettes' grave. Their daughter and granddaughter, Tracy and Mickey, spent the Thanksgiving Day weekend at their home in Pine Falls.

Gerry and Clarence Hutchison from Port Alberni, B.C., spent three weeks in Pine Falls visiting with Gerry's relatives, Dave and Irma Hutchison, Ray and Nesta Hutchison, John and Mary Hutchison, and friends.

Visiting for the Thanksgiving weekend with Ken and Sharon Cyr were Sharon's mother and

aunt, Marge Jacob and Frances Walton from Winnipeg.

Birthday greetings to Mr. H.L. Thibedeau who celebrated his 80th birthday on October 10, 1985. On Sunday, October 13th, all his family, except his daughter Betty, arrived and a delicious meal was served at the Paper-town Motel. His son Frank Thibedeau was master of ceremonies and Rev. Canon Whitford said grace. Thirty-five people, ten from out of town, attended. Relatives attending were his son Frank and wife Rose Thibedeau, their daughter Janice Knutson and her daughter; son Ed Thibedeau; and Frank's daughter and her husband, Barbara and Joe Began, and their three children. Several others attended and had a pleasant time. Frank and Rose Thibedeau sold their place in Emerson and are now residing in Dugald, Man. Their young daughter Joanne has gone to Paris taking up arts. Edgar Desautels gave a speech at Hi Thibedeau's meal at the Papertown Motel.

Bill Bourrier from Saskatoon, Sask., spent the Thanksgiving Day weekend with his parents, Philip and Jean Bourrier. Bob Bourrier from Winnipeg spent Sunday, October 13th with his parents, Philip and Jean Bourrier, also.

Spending the Thanksgiving Day weekend with Don and Betty Bosma were their son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Carla Bosma, from Fort Frances, Ont., and their son and daughter-in-law, Ross and Kama Bosma, and children, David and Lisa, from Winnipeg. Ross, Kama, David and Lisa also visited with Kama's mother, Mrs. Sheila Geer.

Celina Chevretils of Winnipeg visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chevretils on the holiday weekend.

Suzanne and Pat Lemadec, Roger Lachiver, and Annick and Brian Richardson visited with Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Lachiver on the Thanksgiving weekend.

Mrs. Gertrude Saue spent about four months in Winnipeg with her daughter and son-in-law, Anne and Larry Smyrski.

Spending Thanksgiving Day with Mrs. Markert at Silver Falls was her sister Rose Mark from Winnipeg. Mrs. Markert's niece, Edith Chapman, from Victoria, B.C., arrived on October 15th to spend a week with Mrs. Markert.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tardiff were in Fort Frances, Ont., and came back on October 7th. They visited with their children, the Huntleys, and with Mrs. Tardiff's two sisters, Mrs. Mason and Mr. and Mrs. Bone in Fort Frances, Ont. On Thanksgiving Day, their daughter Fern Bell and Louis Tardiff's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Aldor Tardiff, and son Leonard from Winnipeg came to Pine Falls to visit them.

Spending the thanksgiving weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Redmond Halpin were their daughters, Janet Halpin and Helen Halpin, and granddaughter Claire Dickie from Winnipeg.

Norm and Helen Pachkowsky had all their children and grandchildren for Thanksgiving weekend. On October 13th, Sunday night, Norm Pachkowsky and his sons, Ted, Ronald, and Jerry Pachkowsky, and Ernie Coote took off for Laurie Degryse, Poplar Bay, for a week's duck hunting. Meanwhile, the girls, wives, and grandchildren who came for the visit at Pachkowsky's are staying with Helen for the week.

Norm and Helen Pachkowsky, Stan and Elin Gold and Rose Patterson were in Winnipeg on October 12th and attended the 40th wedding anniversary celebration of Gilbert and Irene Beaulieu at the Birchwood Inn. A supper and dance was held.

Dick and Louise Willett left September 28th and arrived back home in Pine Falls on October 12th. They went by plane to Miami, Florida, and stayed at the Golden Strand Hotel. They went swimming often and walked along the seashore gathering seashells. The weather was gorgeous and they had a wonderful time.

Goff and Davina Bayly were delighted to have as their guest, Mrs. Jane Clark Baker from Old Lyme, Connecticut, U.S.A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark, former old-time resident of Pine Falls. Also, she found the town changed. She remembered so many who lived in the different houses 43 years ago when they left Pine Falls to reside in Toronto, Ont. All who met her were happy to see her again, as she was to see them.

Spending the Thanksgiving weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Nick Smorang were their son and daughter-in-law, Carl and Fern Smorang, and son Barclay; and son and daughter-in-law, Don and Delores Smorang, and daughter Larissa, all from Winnipeg. They spent some of the weekend fishing. They had a nice time.

Tanis and Ed Bryson from Winnipeg visited with Tanis' parents, Jack and Grace Siewert, on Thanksgiving Day in Pine Falls.

Mr. Peter Robert Sinclair of Fort Alexander passed away October 13th at Pine Falls Hospital. Sincere condolences to his family and friends. (See Obituary)

Mrs. Emma Dorothy Kronborg, formerly of Pine Falls, passed away October 16, 1985. Sincere sympathy to her family including her son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Jeanne Kronborg and family in Pine Falls area. (See Obituary)

Harry and Eva Rowe celebrate golden wedding anniversary

It is with great pride that we announce the 50th wedding anniversary of our parents, Eva and Harry, of Pine Falls, who were married in West Kildonan on August 31, 1935.

To celebrate the occasion, a dinner was held at the Rivercrest United on August 24. A highlight of the evening was the surprise attendance of Dad's relatives, Mrs. Mary Harper and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rowe from Vancouver; Mrs. Myrtle Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gibson, Mr. Terry Gibson and Mr. Reg Wass from Regina. Many friends from Pine Falls also attended.

Congratulatory messages were received from Governor-General Jeanne Sauve, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Lieutenant-Governor Pearl McGonigal, Premier Howard Pawley, and others. Best wishes were also received from relatives and friends unable to attend.

Mom and Dad would like to thank all the relatives and friends for attending, and for their cards and gifts, and for making this a special occasion.

We were happy to be able to share this day with them, and wish them many more years of love and happiness, Helen, Ron, Shauna and Susan.



By Fred McGuinness

neighborly news

Box 1020, Brandon R7A 6A3

Farms in a crisis

Crisis: turning point of a disease, time of danger or suspense in commerce, etc.

The editors of Oxford's Concise Dictionary failed to mention farming in their definition, so I'll do it for them.

Mind you, I've got a heap of help. Every weekly editor on the Prairies has had something to say in this respect. Only one problem — I've collected more laments than suggested remedies.

Problems proliferate. On the western plains, it's drought and grasshoppers. In parts of the eastern plains, there has been too much rain, and swathed crops have sprouted.

In perspective, these are only problems of the immediate. Underlying all else is the Big Stuff. Depressed commodity prices, reduced per-capita meat consumption, and the annual increase in the costs of inputs signify the major troubles.

There's no shortage of suggested remedies. The editor of the *Vulcan Advocate* took a flight over an area ravaged by drought and hail, then wrote a proposed prescription: "Support in the form of low-interest money may be needed, not to protect those farmers who have over-extended themselves...but for the many who are doing everything right, but are battling circumstances beyond them."

The *Herald* of Hanna wishes Canada could find a solution to "the crazy competition which exists between the provinces." Quebec is providing extra support for hog, beef, and feed prices, and as a result, Quebec farms are more profitable. This editor wants our public leaders to tackle the politics of the matter, but warns that the consumers have the farmers seriously outnumbered.

At Altona, the *Echo* says more serious danger is just around the corner unless a program of soil improvement is begun. It recommends that "the townspeople, research agencies and all levels of government point farmers toward soil conservation practices, and be prepared to shoulder the costs."

While some editors worry about the loss of productivity, the *Record-Gazette* at Peace River worries about the loss of

farmers. As a recommendation it suggests, "Some of the incentives which have been provided to other industries such as the oil industry, must be provided to encourage people to farm the land."

This raises the subject of comparisons, and here the editorial voices become shrill. Massive, immediate, unquestioning help for Pioneer Trust without any form of an enquiry is frequently criticized. Ditto the Canadian Commercial Bank. Strange; no one mentioned that, two years ago, Ottawa found two billion for the aircraft industry, but somehow can't hear the farmers' voices.

In short term there is farm-aid, and even the smaller villages are collecting cash, feed, food and clothing for the destitute. This is pioneer neighborliness in a larger form. Certainly it helps in the immediate, but it's only an aspirin for a headache that will still be there when the aspirin wears off.

I can't see any help in sight until a courageous federal government states that all consumers must help shoulder the costs of saving the prairie farm industry. Fascinating; our farms are in crisis, but the headlines go to a foreign fish, the tuna.

Move clocks back one hour October 27

Manitoba clocks move back one hour in the early morning of Sunday, October 27, when standard time returns to the province.

Under the Official Time Act, Enacted in Manitoba in 1967, uniform daylight saving time is in effect in all parts of the province for a six-month period — beginning the last Sunday in April and changing back again the last Sunday in October.

This year the official reversion to standard time occurs precisely at 3 a.m. October 27, at which time clocks are turned back to 2 a.m.

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ENERGY CORNER

Air leakage and condensation problems around windows

by Lynda McCullough

The glass of your windows allows a lot of heat loss from your home, because the material

itself — glass — is not a very good insulator. In addition, much heat can be lost around various parts of the window and the frame.

This is a very good time of year to inspect your windows thoroughly and to do what's necessary to reduce the heat loss.

Replace cracked or broken panes of glass, and put fresh putty around the panes if the old

material has deteriorated. Weatherstrip all the movable joints of the window, and seal all the fixed joints with caulking material.

To help reduce condensation, it's very important that the inner pane of glass be more tightly sealed than the outer pane, on windows that have both. Eliminating air leakage and therefore condensation completely is difficult, but by venting the space between the windows to the outdoors, you can allow condensation to escape. That's why looser fitting storm windows, looser outer panes, or weepholes drilled in storm windows are important.

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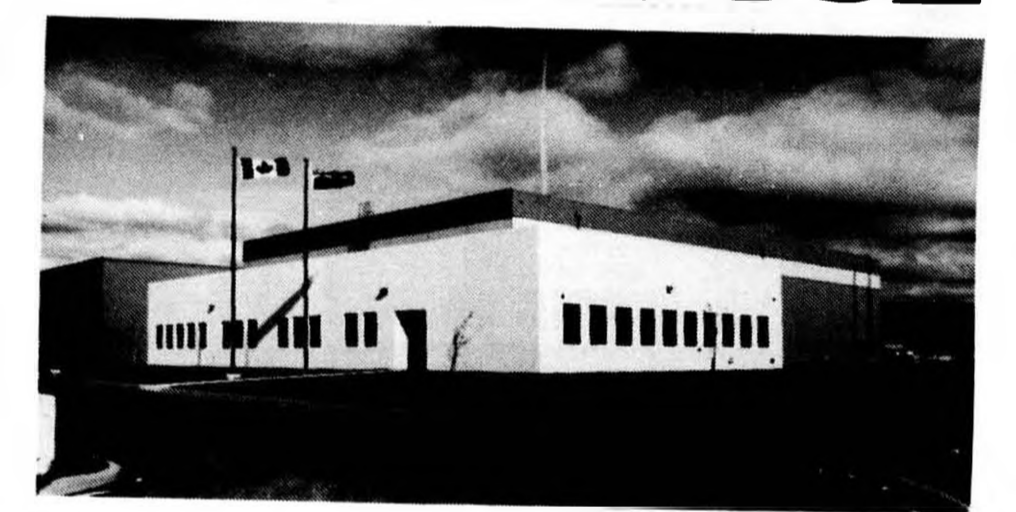
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MAJOR OFFENSES — The majority of the cases Kimmelman has to deal with concern drinking under age, traffic offenses, drug-related charges, and theft. Less than three percent of the young offenders are involved in serious crimes (murder or manslaughter).

NEVERTHELESS it is a disturbing fact that one out of every four accused offenders in Manitoba is a minor.

Kimmelman conceded that young offenders are certainly no longer confined to a certain background or education level. Says Kimmelman, "What appears in front of me is a cross-section of society. Be it lower, middle or upper class kid."

On average a quarter of the offenders appear in court in the company of their parents.

Young Offender's Act — This is a recent Manitoba Statute (a provincial law) which came into effect April 1, 1984 and replaced the Juvenile Delinquent Act. Kimmelman called it "outstanding" leaving the interpretation of that word up to the audience. He cited some remarkable trends.

Age of criminality — The age in which a child can be criminally responsible was raised to twelve (under the Juvenile Delinquent Act it was seven). Says Kimmelman, "If

you see a youngster of ten years of age walk out of a department store, with a ghetto blaster under one arm and a canoe under the other one, my best advice to the staff in the store is, help him! He or she might contract a hernia and sue the store. It is not theft."

The rationale behind this statement in the Young Offender's Act, children under the age of twelve are not criminally inclined. Personally Kimmelman begs to differ, but this is the law.

Many of us would like to hide the content of the Young Offender's Act from our children, just to keep our youngsters on the straight and the narrow.

Kimmelman spoke on the evening of Tuesday, October 15 in the reading room of Allard Library, as guest of the W.R.W.I. All day he had presided over family court in Pine Falls.

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FOREMAN — For the Town of Roblin. Applicants must possess managerial capabilities as the successful candidate will be responsible for the supervision of all public works employees and will oversee the maintenance of all public works and park facilities. Applicants should give full personal details, including education, experience and salary expected. References are required with application. Starting date immediately. Applicants will be received by the undersigned up to 4:30 p.m., November 4, 1985. All applications will be treated confidentially. Douglas L. Frost-Hunt, secretary-treasurer, Box 730, Roblin, Manitoba R0L 1P0. pd.

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Manitoba Young Offenders Act — What is it?

"Light years ahead compared to the rest of the country," says Kimmelman

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His speech was laced with innuendos which can only be described as mildly cynical, considering the circumstances the judge finds himself in, in the course of his profession.

An average 23,800 people appear in the courts of Manitoba on a yearly basis. That means according to Judge Kimmelman, one out of every four offenders (or accused offenders) is a minor (a person under the age of 18). Kimmelman was quick to point out, that 23,800 come through the door of the court, so many are left "out in the corridor".

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OBITUARIES

EMMA DOROTHY KRONBORG

On October 16, 1985, at the Health Sciences Centre, Mrs. Emma Dorothy Kronborg, aged 70 years, of the Arlington Senior Citizen's Home, 880 Arlington St., widow of Ottor Kronborg, formerly of Pine Falls, Man.

Mrs. Kronborg (nee Boles) was born and raised in the Cranberry Plains area and after marriage moved to the Pine Falls area where she farmed for many years until her husband's passing. She moved to Winnipeg in 1968. She was very active in the activities of the Arlington Citizen's Home.

Surviving are two sons, Glen of Winnipeg and Keith and his wife Jeane of Pine Falls; grandchildren, Ingrid and Neil; sisters Charlotte, Florence, Bessie and Edith; brother Jim Boles in British Columbia and brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kronborg of Winnipeg.

Funeral service was held in the Thomson Funeral Chapels, Broadway at Furby, October 18. The service terminated at the chapel, followed by cremation.

Should friends so desire, donations may be made to Manitoba Heart Foundation, 352 Donald St.

PETER ROBERT SINCLAIR

On Sunday, October 13, 1985, at the Pine Falls Hospital, Peter Robert Sinclair, aged 82 years, of Sagkeeng Personal Care Home, Fort Alexander, Man.

Mr. Sinclair was born April 1, 1903, at Hole River, Man. Funeral services were celebrated October 17 at St. Alexander Roman Catholic Church, Fort Alexander, Man., with Fr. Paradis officiating. Interment followed in the parish cemetery.

Mr. Sinclair leaves to mourn his passing five daughters, Marie Sinclair and husband Joe, Sophie Bruyere and husband Wilfred, Cecile Bruyere and husband Leo, and Margaret Sinclair, all of Fort Alexander, Man.; one son Joseph Sinclair of Fort Alexander, Man. There are 45 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren. He will be sadly missed by two brothers, Stanley Sinclair, and Roderick Sinclair and wife Georgina, all of Fort Alexander, Man.; two sisters, Annie Bruyere, and Agnes Courchene and husband Joseph, all of Fort Alexander, Man.

Mr. Sinclair was predeceased by his loving wife Harriet in 1957, and by his daughter Victoria Danwich in 1980.



Mrs. Jean Mitchell, lucky winner of the V.C.R., as presented to her by Russ Preston, publisher of the Winnipeg River Review.

Lucky prize winner of VCR

"I've never won anything in my life before," exclaimed Mrs. Jean Mitchell from Pine Falls, when she learned she had become the winner of the *Winnipeg River Review's* draw for a V.C.R. The draw took place on Thursday, October 17th, 1985 with Pine Falls' columnist Mrs. Jean Velie officiating and publisher Mr.

Russ Preston on hand to present the winner with the much coveted prize.

Editor/reporter Pyteke Blaauw startled Mrs. Mitchell to no end, when she more or less coerced the new winner out of her house and drove her to the *Review's* office to take receipt of this prize.

Mrs. Mitchell had become a subscriber to the *Winnipeg River Review* before October 12th, 1985. This had made her eligible

to win. Congratulations! To the many others who also subscribed to *The Review*, thank you for trusting this new and relatively small community newspaper. Your comments are always welcome and appreciated.

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Haley's Comet coming

A school superintendent told his assistant superintendent the following:
"Next Thursday at 10:30 a.m., Haley's Comet will appear over

this area. This is an event that occurs only once every 75 years. Call the school principals and have them assemble their teachers and classes on their athletic fields and explain this phenomenon to them. If it rains, then cancel the day's observation and have the classes meet in the auditorium to see a film about the comet."

Assistant superintendent to school principals:

"By order of the superintendent of schools next Thursday at 10:30, Haley's Comet will appear over your athletic field. If it rains, then cancel the day's classes and report to the auditorium with your teachers and students where you will be shown films, a phenomenal event which occurs only once every 75 years."

Teachers to students:
"Next Thursday at 10:30, the superintendent of schools will appear in our school auditorium with Haley's Comet, something which occurs every 75 years. If it rains, the superintendent will cancel the comet and order us all out to our phenomenal athletic field."

Students to parents:
"When it rains next Thursday at 10:30 over the school athletic field, the phenomenal 75-year-old superintendent of schools will cancel all classes and appear before the whole school in the auditorium accompanied by Bill Haley and the Comets."

— from the Agassiz School Division Bulletin

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NOTICE Parents of all Powerview students MEETING

Monday, October 28, 1985
7:30 p.m.
Multi-purpose room, Powerview School

PURPOSE: To discuss formation of a single parent committee for all parents with students in English or French programs — Kindergarten to Grade 12.

The Local Government District of Alexander PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRICT OF ALEXANDER proposes to pass a by-law closing a portion of Clara Place in the Village of St. Georges legally described as follows:

All that portion of Lot 12-18-10 E.P.M. in Manitoba, taken for Clara Place Plan 5158 W.L.T.O., shown as Parcel "A" and Public Walk on a plan of part Clara Place to be closed, prepared by Theodore Herbert Stevens, Manitoba Land Surveyor, and sworn by him on the 25th day of January, 1985.

conveying a portion of such closed Public Road to SEVERE VINCENT, and opening a Public Walk over the remainder.

A copy of said Plain is on file in the office of the District and may be inspected by any person.

The Council of The Local Government District of Alexander will sit at the municipal offices in St. Georges on December 10th, 1985, at 11:00 a.m. to hear in person or by agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected by the by-law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at the Village of St. Georges, in Manitoba, this 15th day of October, 1985.

Roger Bouvier
Resident Administrator

Pine Falls school board minutes

EDITOR'S NOTE: Since its inception the *Winnipeg River Review* has made an effort to cover public meetings and events. Town council meetings, as well as school board meetings are open to the public and press, since a publicly elected board deals with the issues at hand.

In the case of the Pine Falls school board, things are slightly different. The school board is not publicly elected, and as such the meetings do not have to be open to the public or press.

The Pine Falls School board has graciously consented to releasing a report specifically written for publication in the *Winnipeg River Review*. The board has agreed to continue doing so as their meetings evolve. The only stipulation it has made however is, that only those reports will be published as derived from adopted and corrected minutes, i.e. the September report will be published in October, October in November, etc. The Pine Falls School board meets on a monthly basis. Here follows the report:

September 12, 1985
Members present: R. Storry, H. Johnson, W. Tosh, J. Coote, A. Matthews.

Minutes of the June meeting were adopted. The treasurer's report was read and adopted.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:
H. Johnson, R. Storry and R. Fenez will be the board members serving on the workplace health and safety committee for 1985-86.

W. Borlase is to report which staff members will serve on the committee.

R. Storry reported the elementary electric boiler installation will be completed in October.

AGASSIZ/PINE FALLS AGREEMENT:

A request from the Agassiz School Division to adopt a resolution that any arbitration costs in the settling of matters arising from the Agassiz - Pine Falls Agreement of March 1985 be shared by both districts. This was requested by the Minister of Education to tidy up the agreement. The resolution was adopted.

INDIAN AFFAIRS:

A draft agreement was received from Indian Affairs re: tuition fees for federal students attending our school. Several questions arose during the discussion of the draft agreement and it was decided to ask a representative from Indian Affairs to meet with board members for clarification.

The agreement sets out to formalize the criteria and method of payment for federal student tuition fees paid by Indian Affairs.

NEW BUSINESS:
Under new business the board agreed it would like to see school activities reported in the *Winnipeg River Review*.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION PROGRAM:

It was also determined that the kindergarten orientation program be repeated this coming spring for parents and their children who will be attending kindergarten in September 1986.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:
The principal's report submitted by W. Borlase was reviewed. It was indicated that current

enrollment at Pine Falls School is 166 students. A group of six volunteers from the community are working in the classrooms with children requiring extra help.

LIBRARY:
Under the guidance of Mr. Tibbetts, 24 volunteer librarians are working in the library. Reading incentive programs have been organized for students from K - 12.

STANDARDIZED TESTING:
Mr. Borlase will be proceeding with plans for standardized testing.

POWERSVIEW and PINE FALLS SCHOOLS:
The high school exchange program with Powerview was reported to be proceeding

smoothly with a reasonably balanced enrollment in all courses.

CHOIRS:
A junior and senior school choir have been organized.

EXPO '86:
Grade 9 and 10 students are planning a trip to Expo '86 with Ms. Durno acting as their advisor. The board made a motion in support of the project.

SKI TRIP:
Mr. Borlase noted the Grade 11 and 12's of Pine Falls and Powerview are again planning a ski trip during the spring break and indicated that the staff of both schools do not wish to be involved in the trip, so that it will not be a school sponsored venture.

SPORTS:

The Pine Falls students intend to participate in inter-school volleyball and cross-country competitions this fall.

A noon hour sports program has been set up as well.

DOUBLE STREAMING:
The double streaming program was explained to the board and it was requested by the board that the school inform the parents of students involved, the nature and the intent of the program and to consider their concerns.

The board asked Mr. Borlase to approach the teachers to see if there is interest in another board-teacher in-service program this year.

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Hillside notes

by Jocelyn Stewart

Thanksgiving day, in the morning, found us out strolling with the family along Craig's old dike road, south of the lagoon, hoping for a glimpse of father beaver preparing his winter quarters. No sign of him, but plenty of evidence of his presence in the fresh wood chips and point-cut tree stumps along the water's edge. We did meet the Radfords out there. Gramps was busy dragging the bottom of the canal by the old dock for a lost and sunken fishing rod. Five-year-old grandson had fallen in while fishing there on Sunday. The child was pulled out right away, fishing gear an after-thought. The Radfords, Len and Shirley, are now permanent residents on Birchwood Drive. Welcome, and best wishes to them.

Georgia Cowell of Hillside Point reports that the bald eagle has returned to spend another

winter with us. He was seen on Thursday last perched in the old ash tree by the boat ramp, no doubt the best vantage point to eye the movement of the local chipmunk population.

We say goodbye and wish good luck to departing residents, the Alex McLeans and the Bob Edwards of Birchwood Drive, who have sold out this fall.

Hans Kerr tells us the deer population hereabouts is alive and well. Driving in the other night he met a young doe on the local road. In the dark, she ran for his headlights, but all is well, they parted with no harm done.

Thanksgiving weekend's hard frost caused a number of frozen and burst water pipes in the area — and lots of work for the plumbers. But neighbour Bruce Clark will be glad to know his kitchen rug is now dried and carefully stored on the verandah waiting spring installation.

PINE FALLS SCHOOL NEWS

The Home and School Association held its first meeting of the year with a "meet the teacher" night in the Pine Falls School. A large number of students in Grades K to 9 turned out bringing their parents to meet their new teachers and visit their classrooms. The teachers were very pleased to see so many parents. Thank you.

A reminder that a parent/teacher day has been scheduled for the afternoon and evening of Monday, November 18.

School sports

Our cross-country team had an excellent day at the zone meet in Pinawa on Tuesday, October 15. Our team is composed of Christy Power, Joel Majeau, Doug Ross, Mark Blaauw, Chantal Majeau, Brenda Hills and Shirley Smith, and coach Anne Durno. All the team members finished in the ribbons in their age class. Two particular performances were outstanding: Christy Power finished first in the Grade 7 girls and Chantal Majeau second in the junior girls' class. Well done.

The school volleyball schedule

is well underway. Our teams all sport winning records at this time. Team members are as follows:

Senior boys — Robert McMullen (captain), Joel Johnson, Brent Robertson, Reese Allison, Jeff Webb, Peter McMullen, Kevin Cyr, Richard Boisvert, Tom Romano, Stephan Cooper, Steven Gaffray, Glen Boyko, Doug Coates (coach);

Senior girls — Tanis Thomas (captain), Kim Anderson, Kim Cyr, Kim Fisher, Andrea Allison, Kristen Kahle, Amy Pachkowsky, Dawn Houston, Michele Steinke, Chantal Majeau, Sheila Hills, Brenda Hills, Bill Borlase (coach);

Junior boys — Craig Webb (captain), Pat Rusk, Mark Blaauw, Cory Papineau, Cory Linklater, Joel Majeau, Jason Bouchard, Jason Sippola, Allan Anderson, Shawn Tosh, Ryan Cyr, Dick Tibbetts (coach);

Junior girls — Tanya Guimond (captain), Christy Power, Lana Cyr, Tracy Zachedniak, Shelley Rodych, Vera Fontaine, Roberta Pachkowsky, Jackie Romano, Dana Wingate, Christine de Koning (coach).

YOUR HEALTH

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by Esme Boone
Health Educator

"School Safety Week" — October 17-23, 1985. This week is school safety week, so here are a few things to consider. The children have to get to school safely, be safe in the school and then manage to get home again safely. For many children, the day begins with a walk, either to school or the bus. For most, this is a time to get together with classmates, to exchange stories and lunches. But for some, the walk to school is marred by tragedy. Approximately 100 young pedestrians of ages 5-14 are killed each year in Canada and many more are injured, some resulting in permanent disabilities.

Children's peripheral vision and body coordination have not yet fully developed. Combine this with lack of judgement regarding speed of vehicles and unsound knowledge of the rules of the road and the traffic environment can become a very hazardous place.

Parents, during this week, take the opportunity to review, model and practice the basic rules of traffic safety with your children — I will list these at the end of the article as a reminder.

Once children are at school, whether on the playground or in the school building, they must be able to recognize hazards and avoid them. Teach children why certain acts and conditions can be dangerous and why safe habits are smart habits.

Physical activity contributes to a child's health and development. When coaching children, remember, the rules of safety are just as important as the rules of the game. These include a pre-participation fitness assessment, warm-up and cool-down periods, using only well-maintained sports equipment of the correct size, protective clothing, maintaining a good overall level of fitness, and competent coaching. Drivers, with school back in session, extra care is needed when driving through school zones. Provincial law requires all approaching and following drivers

stop their vehicles whenever a school bus with flashing red lights is encountered. Do not pass in either direction until the warning lights have been turned off and the way is clear. This is the law and children expect you to obey it. Children can do their bit, too, by being careful and getting to know the basic rules of safety. Any adult reading this might cut it out and stick it on the fridge and discuss it with their children, this week.

— Look all ways before stepping off the curb. Do your own looking, don't rely on the person ahead of you.

— Don't jay walk. Cross only at intersections or at midblock cross walks. Signal with your hand your intention to step off the sidewalk and cross. Remember you are not magical and all-powerful just because you are in a cross walk. A driver may not see you and could still hit you and you could still be hurt, still

take care stepping off in front of traffic, make sure the cars are slowing down.

— Walk briskly, don't run when crossing the street.

— Where there are no sidewalks, walk in single file off the road pavement on the left side, facing oncoming traffic. In this way, you will see oncoming traffic and be able to step to the left well out of their way.

— Keep away from parked cars. Children should never accept a ride from strangers, even if they are late or have missed the bus. Strangers can be young or old, male or female, and sometimes people will try to lure children with threats or false explanations such as "your mom asked me to drive you home." Have a family pass-word so a child can check if the person is bona fide, and change the word regularly. I know of one child in Winnipeg who was saved this very way,

from getting a ride "home" with a stranger. When the boy asked for the pass-word, the man did not know it and ran away fast.

— Play in safe places, away from traffic.

— Ride bikes safely and obey all signs and signals. Make life last by putting safety first.

P.S. While talking about school safety, I must remind everyone of the importance of knowing first aid. Coaches, teachers, school bus drivers, anyone having anything to do with children should have a working knowledge of first aid. Wendy Ledoux is giving a course in St. John's Ambulance First Aid this week — starting Thursday, October 24th and continuing Saturday 26th and Tuesday 29th. Are you due to have your first aid renewed? Do you want to do a first aid course? If so, contact Wendy at the Lac du Bonnet District Health Centre



'Little Woman' is a rural Manitoba product

Rural Manitoba is a key element in the film *Little Women* one part of the four-part miniseries *Daughters of the Country*. The film is a National Film Board production, but very much a Manitoba project, says producer Norma Bailey.

"This is a Manitoba production. That is the mandate of this office (the regional office of the National Film Board) and certainly mine as a producer," she says.

And, *Little Women* certainly is a rural Manitoba product.

Filming took place in Napinka, West St. Paul and Grosse Isle from September 9-26 and the story, about a Metis family during the depression, is set near Letellier, Manitoba. Ms. Bailey was raised in a Manitoba small town; Gimli and the film's writer, Sandra Birdsell, grew up in Morris, Manitoba. Some of the actors are also from rural Manitoba: Bert Bodkin, who plays Todd Harvey in the film, and Michael Bugg, who

portrays Peter Berstressor, are both from Napinka. William Ballantyn, who plays Joe Delorme, is from Wanipigow.

Ms. Birdsell says that her rural background played an important part in the writing of *Little Women*. And, the research and writing of the film script helped her in her search for her own culture.

"I identified; having a Metis father who gave up his own culture and a Russian Mennonite mother — and, I am coming to terms with my own identity," she says.

But, writing the film script was not easy for Ms. Birdsell, even though she is well-known for her award-winning prose. (Her first book, *Night Travellers* won the Gerald E. Lampert award for fiction and her second book *Ladies of the House* received critical acclaim.)

She says that her first attempt at the script was not a success and candidly claims that Norma Bailey was "disappointed" in it.

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New program assistance against family violence

Funds, new measures announced by Smith

Community Services Minister Muriel Smith has announced new funding and programs dealing with family violence in Manitoba.

The new programs and enhanced assistance for existing programs are estimated to cost \$228,000 in the current fiscal year and \$495,000 in 1986-87. Half the costs are recoverable from the federal government under the Canada Assistance Plan.

Mrs. Smith said the program enhancement is in keeping with Government policy of supporting and strengthening community initiatives against family violence. It also will increase the effectiveness of government policy of ensuring that family violence is not condoned either in law or as social behavior in the province, she said.

The minister pointed out that the program enhancement, approved last week by Cabinet, is being announced during the week of the anniversary of the

famous Persons' Case. This was a 1929 ruling of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council that women were "persons" under Canadian Law and could therefore run for and be appointed to public office.

However, she noted, despite many gains since 1929, "public triumphs for women have not brought with them the essential private right to freedom from domestic violence."

The programs are as follows:

- Hiring of two child sexual abuse staff-training coordinators, one of whom will be native. They will develop, coordinate and operate training programs for community organizations, child and family service agencies and staff of Manitoba Community Services.

- Establishment of a wife abuse unit in the victim services program of the City of Winnipeg Police Department. The program, to be operated in cooperation with Winnipeg Police, will be based in the Public Safety Building. A social worker will give victims immediate access to community services and crisis

follow-up services. A liaison worker will provide information and support to victims, track cases through the system and keep victims and Crown attorneys informed. The program will also include assistance from probation officers specially trained to deal with wife assault cases.

"This joint program has been prompted by a 60 percent increase in wife abuse charges in Winnipeg in the first six months of 1985, compared with the same period in 1984," Mrs. Smith said. "We hope to negotiate federal cost-sharing for a police officer position within this new unit."

- Additional rural grants totalling \$90,000 as increased support for regional crisis response services throughout the province for battered women and their children.

"We think this enhancement of our programs and grants will serve as a strong foundation for continued development in Manitoba of preventive and assistance programs to counter family violence," Mrs. Smith said.

Epp says farmers better off now than a year ago

by Noreen Ostaah

Farmers are better off today than they were this time last year when the Progressive Conservatives first took office, according to the Hon. Jake Epp, Minister of Health and Welfare and M.P. for Provencher.

In a brief interview arranged after the opening of the Sagkeeng Alcohol Rehab Centre at Fort Alexander on Friday, Epp defended his party's record on the treatment of the farming community.

Fuel costs and interest rates are down, the Farm Credit Corporation has placed a moratorium on foreclosures and a better business climate now exists, Epp said. Increased field inspection costs are the result of the deficit and farmers have to expect to carry some of the burden. Sales, although well maintained, will be tougher in a competitive market.

According to Epp, the greatest concern is the indebtedness and profit return of farmers. While the government does not take all the credit for the reduced interest rates, it does see them as the greatest boost to the farmers.

The collapsed wall in the Welland Canal which will add shipping and delivery costs to grain this year is a current concern. The rerouting of grain through Churchill is not seen as a viable alternative and the catchment area for Churchill contains little grain this year.

Compensation for losses due to grasshoppers and drought this year are still being considered. Epp said that the Minister of Agriculture has a proposal which he should be bringing forward which will address the matter.

Teachers and housing on reserves

Epp said he is hoping for reinstatement of the four teachers fired by the Fort Alexander Indian Band for their

union activities. At present discussions and negotiations are going on.

Because the matter is a local issue, the responsibility lies with the local authority and must stay there. Outside interference sends out signals to the bands as to the department's views on self-government. In the meantime, Epp said, there is hope for some conciliation.

Epp said there was no substantiation for Elie Harper's comments that inadequate housing in the north would drive the Indian people off the reserve and into the city in a mass exodus. Poor housing and problems with the infrastructure in the city would make such a move self-defeating.

The best experience with housing stock is on reserves through C.M.H.C. whereby Indian people have some responsibility for the mortgage, Epp said.

After thirteen years in federal politics, Epp sees reserves remaining intact and the people living on them. The treaties and the reserves are a part of the relationship of the Indian people to the country.

A.E.C.L. and C.F.S. Beausejour

The federal government remains committed to nuclear power with talks now underway with the United States government re: the use of nuclear batteries at the northern defence stations. Whether or not the Dept. of National Defence goes with the batteries depends on the Americans, Epp said.

As for C.F.S. Beausejour, Epp still hopes that it can be used as satellite testing site for the nuclear cells being developed at Pinawa. The location, next to the Whiteshell Nuclear Research Establishment would make it most convenient. Better the money be put into research than into justifying keeping an obsolete base in operation.

Managing your money by Harry Mardon

Nobody seemed to realize it at the time, but when the Charter of Rights and Freedoms was enshrined in Canada's constitution, it opened the door for a revolt by senior citizens.

Both men and women have taken their employers to court, challenging compulsory retirement at age 65. And they've been winning their cases. Just recently, a woman teacher in Winnipeg, who is over 65, had the Supreme Court of Canada rule in her favor. She can continue in her \$40,000 a year job, even though she already is getting \$1,200 a month from a couple of pensions.

Another interesting case is now before the Supreme Court of Ontario. It involves a Toronto businessman who will reach age 71 this November.

This man is challenging federal legislation which makes it compulsory for all owners of Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) to "collapse" their plans by the end of the calendar year in which they turn 71.

Under the terms of the Federal Income Tax Act, at 71 you must withdraw all the money you've accumulated in your RRSP (or RRSP's, as you can own more than one). You have several options of what to do with the money. The least attractive one is take the money as cash, because it will then be classed as income for the year in which you receive it — and thus will be taxed.

If you want to shield your RRSP funds from tax, you can transfer it into a life annuity or fixed-term annuity. The latter are sometimes called term certain annuities.

As well, you can have your RRSP money transferred into a Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF), where it will remain sheltered from tax.

The only tax you will pay after you have transferred the RRSP funds into annuities or a RRIF is on the income you actually receive each year from these retirement income vehicles. But don't forget to claim the \$1,000 a year investment income exemption and the \$1,000 a year pension income exemption (after age 65) when you make out your income tax return.

It's up to you completely what you do with your RRSP money at age 71. You can take some cash, and put some or all of the remainder into an annuity or a RRIF — or a combination of these.

However, if you put your RRSP into a life annuity issued by a life insurance company, you lose all control of your money. The insurance company controls it, and will give you annuity payments at a set scale. Much the same happens if you put your RRSP into a term certain annuity, except the TCA's are issued by investment and trust companies as well as life insurance firms.

On the other hand, if you put your RRSP into a Registered Retirement Income Fund you will retain a good level of control over your money. You are allowed

Weekly chuckle

Ichabod: "That new kid at school said I look like you."
Paw: "So what did you say?"
Ich: "Nothing — he's bigger 'n me."

to choose any RRIF income level between the minimum and maximum level Ottawa stipulates for your age. The level selected may be changed each year to suit you and your financial needs.

We have to wait and see what happens with the Toronto court case before we will know whether that age 71 deadline will remain in force. Meanwhile, that is the law and therefore should be observed for 1985. If you turn 71 this year, you'll have to do something with your RRSP funds before December 31.

(Mr. Mardon is manager of corporate communications for The Investors Group, the Winnipeg-based financial planning services company.)

EXPO TO SHOWCASE CANADIAN TALENT

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Expo '86 is inviting Canada's amateur ethnic, school and community performing arts groups to entertain the world at the 1986 World Exposition in Vancouver from May 2 to October 13, 1986.

The amateur entertainment program, a component of the exposition's overall on-site entertainment program, will enable Canada's finest amateur dance troupes, choirs and bands to perform before millions of exposition visitors.

Three on-site venues will be showcasing the school, ethnic and community performing arts groups: the Plaza of Nations, located at the B.C. pavillion complex; the European Bandsstand at the European plaza; and the Expo Centre Bandstand.

"Expo '86 is a Canadian celebration," commented the Hon. Claude Richmond, Minister of Tourism/Expo '86. "The amateur entertainment program will bring the distinctive heritage of Canadian talent to the world."

Expo '86 will schedule selected amateur groups into its free entertainment program. All performers will receive site access passes for the day of their performance. All costs, including transportation and accommodation, are the performers' responsibility.

More than 14,000 live performances are scheduled during the exposition — from amateur performers to professional dance and cabaret theatre to the RCMP musical ride.

For application forms and detail program information, interested parties may write:

School and community groups — Supervisor, Amateur Entertainment, Expo '86, P.O. Box 1986, Station A, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 2X5;

Ethnocultural groups — Assistant Supervisor, Amateur and Heritage Entertainment, Expo '86, P.O. Box 1986, Station A, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 2X5.

Application forms are also obtainable from the Manitou Rapids Arts Council. Write to: Box 670, Pine Falls, Manitoba R0E 1M0 or call 367-8785 or drop in at the office at the Townsite Building between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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