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Throne speech offers low taxes, strong economy and nothing new

The throne speech presented by Premier Filmon and his Progressive Conservative government promises to keep taxes low, build a strong economy, strengthen the farm economy; and at the same time protect vital health, education and social services.

The throne speech, presented at the first session of the thirty-fifth legislature last Thursday, October 11, concluded, "In an age where the Berlin wall has fallen, the arms race has ended and Nelson Mandela walks free, my government is confident we can meet our own challenges here in Manitoba."

Following the throne speech *Leader* reporter Manju Lodha had the opportunity to interview several of the ministers. Here's what they had to say:

Hon. Glen Cummings, Minister of Environment

Reporter — "Where does Manitoba Hazardous Waste Management Corporation stand in the process of site selection for locating a treatment facility?"

Cummings — "They are still working with a number of sites, Pinawa is still a potential site." He explained that detailed site assessment in Pinawa has been delayed due to budget constraints and also in summertime people are away.

Reporter — "In Alberta the grocery stores pay 35 cents when a pop bottle is returned. In Manitoba rural communities struggle to take them to the city for recycling and end up losing money. What is your department doing to ease the problem?"

Cummings — "We are working with the industry." The Waste Reduction and Prevention Act (WREP) is an Act in the right direction, towards reducing waste and encouraging recycling. It gives the industry a target and an opportunity to meet that target. "A part of the strategy is to increase the rate of

return." If the target is not achieved various options could be looked into.

Reporter — "Is the concept of the regional dump still on the go?"

Cummings — Affirmatively. "We are still working on our regulations in conjunction with the rural municipalities."

Reporter — "Would Manitoba consider irradiation as a process to treat the sewage sludge and use the residue as fertilizer?"

Cummings — "It is technically an option not only to treat sewage sludge but also the hospital wastes, we will look into."

Reporter — "Some Manitobans think that the Underground Research Lab. of AECL, in the RM of Lac du Bonnet may ultimately become the site for Canada's Nuclear waste?"

Cummings — With calm, "It is for research."

Hon. Don Orchard, Minister of Health

Reporter — "How is the rural regionalization working, has anything been done to attract doctors to rural Manitoba?"

Orchard — "We have taken several measures to combat the problem, like reducing exams for the foreign doctors who would practice in rural areas. The solution in the long run would be better distribution of physicians." He added, moving residency programs to rural Manitoba are working. The family practice program in Dauphin is beginning to yield results, almost all the physicians have stayed in rural Manitoba. It is to train doctors who are in their second year of residency (family practice).

He mentioned that they have done considerable work in the Pine Falls area which includes the personal care home. In the near future they

Suspected case of Lyme disease in St. Georges

by Charles Norman

David Frederick of St. Georges has developed all the classic symptoms of Lyme disease, beginning with the tell-tale bulls eye rash about an inch in diameter last February, flu symptoms about three weeks later, then headaches and later arthritic-like pain in his ankles and fingers.

He is not aware of being bitten by a deer tick (which carries the disease) but did take two deer hides to the St. Georges nuisance grounds in February.

Frederick is undergoing a

series of tests at St. Boniface hospital but the presence of the disease has not been confirmed. He is being treated with antibiotics.

He said anyone who gets bitten by a deer tick (or finds one) should save it for examination by the entomology department at the University of Manitoba because it will help in diagnosis.

He said the tick should be kept alive, in a medicine bottle with a small piece of moist cloth and a blade of grass.

Frederick said ducks and geese are suspected of bringing the disease into Manitoba.

would be looking into improving facilities in Beauséjour.

Reporter — "Consultations such as with the dieticians are not covered by the health care, overweight could be cause of several problems which could burden the health care system. Prevention would be better

than the cure?"

Orchard — "Hospitals have the ability to apply to health services, development for cardiac care and prevention program in Carman is an example." If they justify "cost containment," he adds. *Please see THRONE/page 2*



The Honourable George Johnson, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, takes the salute prior to the

opening of the first session of the thirty-fifth legislature last Thursday.

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ed, it can be looked into. He cautioned that the applications are screened by an independent board and out of 125 only 13 were approved.

Hon. James Ernst Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism, Forestry, Sports etc.

Reporter — "The feeling in the rural areas is most of the fundings are spent within the city of Winnipeg, a chunk of it in administration rather than the development of the sport? Most of the rural clubs know the funds exist but are out of their reach, is the feeling of rowing, badminton, tennis and other clubs."

Ernst — "Provincial sports associations spend about 20% on administration and the rest in actual development of the sport." He suggested that often rural clubs do not know how to apply for grants. They should make a proposal and send it to their sports association which would look into it, if reasonable, funding may be available.

Hon. James McCrae, Minister of Justice

Reporter — "We have the toughest drinking and driving laws in the country."

Reporter — "Are they so tough that the Manitobans run away from their province to other parts of Canada?"

McCrae — "With a hearty laugh, 'No, we are proud of our laws, they are to protect lives.' He said loss of life and good health by drinking and driving is not appreciated and that is why Manitoba has taken stiff measures, it cares for its people."

Hon. Gary Doer Leader of the Opposition

Reporter — "Mr. Doer what did you think of the throne speech?"

Doer — "Actually I was rather surprised, absolutely no action, the whole country is in recession, not even a mention, it is similar to that of Brian Mulroney."

Hon. Minister of Labour,



The Hon. George Johnson, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba and Premier Gary Filmon just prior to presenting the speech from the throne last Thursday.

Darren Praznik (M.L.A., Lac du Bonnet)

Reporter — "What is your opinion of the throne speech?"

Praznik — "I'm very pleased with it. It sets priorities. The government has committed to not raise taxes." He explained that to have a budget passed just a few days before the end of fiscal year is a mockery of the system (last year). They have an extensive agenda for the term but would present a short agenda at this session which would include passage of the budget, introduce Residential Tenancies Act, introduce amendments to Labour Relations Act to repeal Final Offer Selection.

Dave Marion, Deputy Reeve, RM of Lac du Bonnet

In his view the throne speech would be, "A blue print for stability and would help rural areas in long term growth."

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Good news sells papers

by Pastor Barry Beace
from the Lutheran Church of the Cross, where we boil all the water we use for tea, and where our sermons warm up our hearts to serve!

A little advice to those who don't sleep so well anymore... stop watching the late news! Last night the Journal had a documentary on poison gas weapons. Both the Soviet Union and the USA still have enough poison gas shells to kill every person on earth at least three or four times over! The big problem is, of course, that a madman in Iraq also has these same weapons and has already used them on his own people! Watch news like this, with the knowledge that our own Canadian service people are in this guy's range, and it's no wonder that sleep is disturbed.

So here for you all is a little news column I found called *Good News Sells Papers*. The gospel (good news) does not make dull copy, contrary to popular beliefs. This was proven by Charles M. Sheldon, a Congregationalist minister, author of *In His Steps*, back in 1900.

He challenged the editor of the *Topeka Daily Capital* to appoint him editor-in-chief of the newspaper for one week. He would run the newspaper according to the dictates of Christ. The editor accepted

the challenge. Sheldon banned smoking, drinking, and profanity in the newsroom and eliminated advertisements for patent medicines, corsets, and sporting events. Signed editorials were front page copy; and crime, society events, and theatrical notices were played down. A page one story about a famine in India included an appeal for contributions. The paper collected more than one million dollars in aid to send to Bombay.

Reports from across the U.S. converged on Topeka to cover the event. As a result of the experiment, daily circulation jumped from 15,000 to 367,000. Critics credited the increase to novelty and publicity. But Sheldon's supporters maintained that it proved how much people crave the inspiration of good news.

People are hungry for the good news of Jesus Christ in our day of violence and crime. We must repeat the practice of the early church when "the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region" (Acts 13:49).

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BOOK NOOK

by Mons Boss
News flash!

Author Sylvie Desrosiers will be addressing the French Immersion Junior High Classes at Powerview School on Thursday, October 18 at 11:00 a.m. This visit has been made possible by funding from Canada Council and Le Comité Culturel Chateauguay and sponsored by Library Allard. New video blocks both in French and English have arrived from Public Library Services and are available for loan for a period of six weeks until the next selection arrives.

Hallowe'en being just

around the corner, be sure to pick up a Unicef box for your youngster to take along while trick or treating. Just putting in your daily loose change will accumulate funds for a worthwhile cause and teach the value of caring to children during the Hallowe'en season. Unicef boxes are available for pick-up at Library Allard.

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Full of good food, the residents moved into the solarium where Ronnie St. Pierre and Flo Vincent were setting up for a good old fashioned sing song complete with fiddle and guitar. At this point, some family members came to share the holiday fun. For a couple of hours everyone sang, clapped and danced. Emile Dayon's daughter Cecile Cheverfils, joined the musical group at times, taking turns on the fiddle and the spoons. Albert

Lavoie also joined in for a while on the fiddle. Cecilia Cheverfils made a comment which summed up the entire evening — "It is just like having a party in the living room". This is what the staff are continually striving for at Sunnywood Manor — to make this a home for the residents to the degree possible in an institutional setting. The help we have received so

far from the community has been invaluable.

Other activities during the week which kept us busy included baking, a resident council meeting, church with Reverend Pat Hall, some Halloween decorating, movie night and bingo. Bingo winners this time were Alice Robitaille, Mabel Lougheed, Rikka Carlson and Cecilia Cheverfils.

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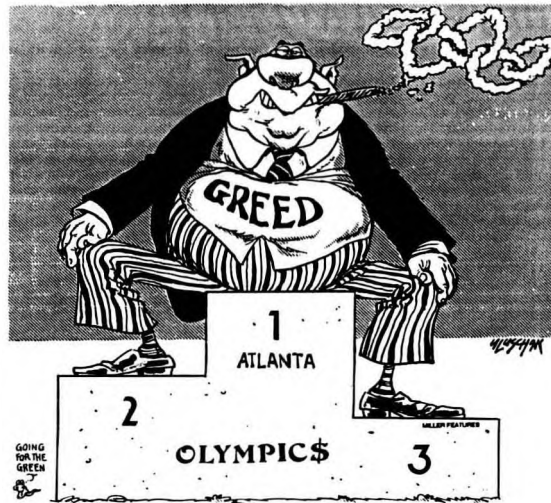
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Warren speaks . . .

by Investigative Reporter Peter Warren
Medical issues boiling to top

Amid despair about world grain prices, the it's-here-now recession, the game playing in Ottawa about the GST, and the fact that we are getting down to World Series time, the most pressing issue boiling to the top in Manitoba this fall is our entire medical system.

Health Minister Don Orchard — against increasing demand from various and sundry agencies and medical lobby groups for a major hike in funding — appears to be standing firm. He believes his umbrella group investigating all aspects of the physical and mental health care in Manitoba is coming up with answers, with the bottom line summed up in one word: Prevention.

But there are two issues that should be of major concern to every man, woman and child in this province in the whole Orchard portfolio:

- 1. Medical assistance in rural and remote communities;
- 2. Flouridation.

Dealing with the doctor shortage first, there

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is an increasing demand from taxpayers that graduating medical doctors should be forced to pay back some of their educational costs by spending between one and two years in a community without.

They tried that in British Columbia and it busted out, but the question that has to be asked in Manitoba is whether society has a right to demand that the professionals (in this case, doctors) who are educated and qualify through the publicly-funded university system should be made to locate and make their living in an area that the self-same society designates.

What do you think? The Canadian Constitution guarantees the right of mobility, the right to earn a living. Would graduating doctors, who used millions of dollars of tax money in learning their skills, be willing to accept a position in what many of them consider "Siberia"? Should they be?

The number of small prairie communities without a doctor is shown in a highway sign between Winnipeg and Grand Forks, N.D., where the local reeve has put up a sign: "REWARD: \$5,000 cash for any doctor who locates in this community and stays one year."

That's what it takes, I guess. The second issue that has reared its head — after a 30-year rest — is the debate about flouridation.

And that one, too, concerns rural Manitobans. When it all started 30 or so years ago, the flouridation debate concerned whether we were poisoning our kids, or saving their teeth.

It has now changed. And — as we were all faced with 30 years ago — we have to make up our minds. Dentists have now shown, through massive research, that flouridation of water supplies cuts cavities; the brand-name toothpastes proudly stamp: "FLOURIDE ADDED" on the tubes; it is a point, too, that Manitoba dentists are seeing a loss of dollar-business

Cornerstone

Eating disorder awareness week

by Marilyn Zarecki
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October 22 to 28, 1990 is National Eating Disorder Awareness Week. The goal of the week is to increase awareness of food and weight issues including anorexia, bulimia and weight preoccupation emphasizing social factors causing their development.

In Winnipeg an exciting series of noon hour talks will be held at the University of Winnipeg. These talks will cover a wide variety of topics related to the issue. This event is aimed at both professionals and the general public. It is free of charge and open to all. **Who Says We Have To Be Thin?** Monday, October 22, Room 11.11, U of W, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Challenging the myth of what body size is best. **Do Diets Work?** Tuesday, October 23, Room 11.11, U of W, 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. Can you really lose weight on a diet? What are some of the myths of weight control? **Fitness — How Much is Enough?** Wednesday, October 24, Room 11.12, U of W, 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. Can you exercise too much? How do you know what is healthy? **Fat Prejudice.** Thursday, October 25, Room 11.11, U of W, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Do genetics determine weight? Are we a fat prejudiced society? **Fearless Friday — Tying It All Together.** Friday, October 26, Room 11.11, U of W, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. For more information, please call Ann McConkey at Women's Health Clinic at 947-1517.



because kids drink flouridated water. But that is not so in many rural communities and — what many Manitobans do not know — is that Stony Mountain and the Stonewall area are naturally flouridated. In fact, city dentists can tell in a moment when a kid comes from Stonewall. One look in the mouth.

The old debate is gone. In its place, an argument put forward by retired University of Manitoba civil engineering Prof. E. Dutton.

"We are allowing 530 tonnes of flouride to escape into the watershed every year," he told me in an interview last week. Which begs the question: Whom do we believe? You tell me.

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Volunteers determined to keep memories alive

Fifty years ago this past summer the prairies rang with banging of hammers and the rumbling of earth movers. From the Red to the Rockies construction crews were building the stations of BCATP, the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. What may have been the greatest war-time educational program in history began with signatures on a contract the previous December. Britain, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand agreed to co-operate in a massive project which would train pilots, navigators, observers, air gunners, and wireless operators for the Allies. There were nine stations built in Manitoba, 15 in Saskatchewan and 13 in Alberta.

In 1941, when I hobbled home on crutches from events in the North Atlantic, I found my hometown under siege. The RCAF had taken over. The hockey arena had become a manning depot. Every other schoolground was a temporary parade square. While marching bodies practiced their left-right, left-right up and down the streets, a steady process of training aircraft droned overhead.

It was a feature in the *Vulcan Advocate* which set all these memories flowing. It tells of a fiftieth reunion of personnel who taught or trained at 2 Flight Inspectors Special. There will be 150 in attendance from four nations.

BCATP gets regular mentions in prairie weeklies. There is a steady stream of visitors from afar-off who visit station sites, or make sad excursions to nearby cemeteries. Some papers, like *Yorkton This Week*, carry memoirs of flying training activities written by local historians. The record of performance of BCATP was nothing short of astonishing. Just over 131,000 aircrew were graduated. They included 50,000 pilots, 18,500 wireless operators-air gunners, and 15,900 navigators. Of the students, 55% came from Canada, 32% came from U.K., 7% Australian, and 5% from New Zealand.

Volunteers are determined to keep the memories alive. The Nanton Lancaster Society has plans for a 12,000-square-foot building which will house their Lancaster along with other air-training artifacts.

Across the Assiniboine Valley from where we live, west of Brandon, a fully developed BCATP museum now exists.

Over many years a body of volunteers has put together the trappings of flying training. For little stuff they have badges, buttons, and training manuals. For big stuff they have an airworthy fleet of four aircraft; Harvard, Cornell, Stinson, and Tiger Moth. A Cessna Crane soon will be ready to fly. Work proceeds on a Bolingbroke and a Mark I Anson. A Hawker Hurricane is being prepared for static display.

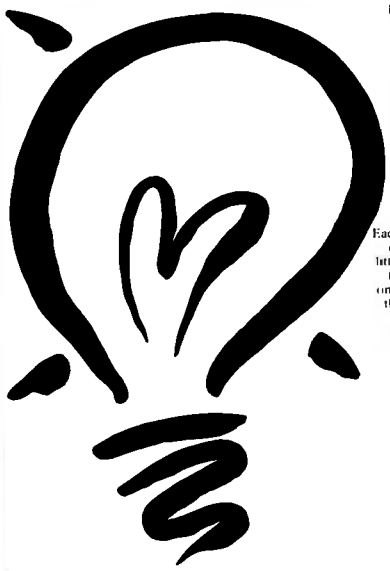
There is a focal point for visitors. It is a directory which includes the service biographies of each of the 18,000 RCAF men and women who lost their lives in WW2. It is the only one in existence.

This museum's quarterly newsletter contains right-from-the-heart memoirs written by BCATP grads. Their recollections remind us of a time when the Free World needed something the prairies had in abundance — courageous young citizens, and uncluttered open spaces.



Sod turned
Sod was turned last Friday afternoon to officially mark the beginning of construction of a funeral home in Lac du Bonnet. Harvey Giesbrecht of Russell's Funeral Home in Beausejour watches while David Pritchard of Bardal Funeral Homes, Winnipeg, turns the sod. Looking on are Deputy Reeve Dave Marion, representing the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet, Victor Warona, former landowner where the home will be located, and Jim Metcalf, representing the building contractors Metcalf Bros. Contracting and Metcalf Lumber. The original start up date had been delayed following two objections which were later withdrawn. RM council held a special meeting Wednesday evening to give final reading to the by-law to allow construction to proceed.

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Winter storage of herbicides

When storing herbicides, both the safety of people and maintenance of the product material are important. Freezable herbicides should be stored in an above-freezing, dry, locked, well-ventilated building away from any contact with normal people-related activities. This means that herbicides should definitely not be stored in any home or home basement. The health risks associated with this practice far outweighs any benefits that can ever be realized. Store the herbicides in their original containers, with a complete and legible label attached. In addition be sure to keep an inventory of the chemicals that you have in storage, along with their purchase date. A large number of herbicides can be stored in an unheated building. Check with your farm supplies dealer if the label does not indicate this.

Farm safety

Farming has long been recognized as one of the most hazardous occupations next to mining and construction. Each year in Manitoba between five and ten people are killed in farm accidents, while hundreds more are injured. For every fatality there are approximately 40 injuries that require hospitalization.

Another disturbing statistic is that a significant percentage of farm fatalities were to children under the age of 15. Everyone in a rural community has been involved in a farm accident or has had a close call, or knows of someone who has been killed in a farming accident.

The reasons for the high accident rate in farming are both varied and complex. Most farm accidents happen because of a number of common mistakes that are made and should be avoided:

#1 is "forgetting" or just plain not thinking. An example of this would be not setting the brake before getting off the tractor.

#2 mistake is taking "short-cuts" like operation of the tractor from the ground.

#3 is taking a "calculated risk". This is simply doing something we know is dangerous.

#4 is "ignoring the warnings" such as the removal of safety shields.

#5 is using "unsafe practices" such as smoking while refueling.

#6 is "preoccupation" as is the case when a farmer is worried about lost time during

repair work. -7 is "failing to recognize" the hazard like hydro lines, etc.

These mistakes would cover most farm accidents.

The answer to preventing farm accidents is to take the time to think and recognize potential hazardous situations. Industries take the time to have regular safety sessions for their employees. Farmers have to start doing the same thing and include safety in their planning. Farmers simply have to stop taking farm safety lightly.

Upcoming events

Welding School and Agricultural Equipment Operation for Women Course

— Just a reminder that there is a deadline for enrolling in either of these three week courses which start November 5. For more information or registration forms, contact our office (268-1411) right away.

Planning for the Future Seminar scheduled for October 18, at the Brokenhead Community Hall (12 miles north of Beausejour on Hwy. #12), commencing at 9:30 a.m., and featuring presentations on pensions, farm family transfers, life disability insurance, wills, estates, and the C.P.P. Please enroll by calling our office (286-1411) so we can ensure adequate lunch for everyone.

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We wish to sincerely thank Fred Carlson for his kindness. The ambulance attendants, and nurses in the emergency for their excellent care. A very special thanks to Dr. Sheehan.

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