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Sobering Funeral Chapel opens

by Linda J. Dalglish

Sobering Funeral Chapel held an open house on Sunday, February 24, in their newly renovated building in Pine Falls. In attendance were funeral directors Doug and Marlene Sobering and Darrell Bakstad. Bob and June Werry were there as well. Bob also works part-time for Sobering.

The chapel had been tastefully decorated by the Soberings.

The front office was complete, except for pictures on the wall and a trash basket. On display were several cremation urns and grave

markers. Sobering will be selling grave markers and monuments which will be displayed outside the chapel. Batesville Casket Company of Batesville, Indiana, supplied the nine caskets on display in the adjacent room. Ranging in price from \$2500 to \$4000, and from a dignified navy blue cloth to a heavy plank oak with bronze trim. All funeral costs are included in these prices, such as the call to pick up the deceased, the preparation of the body, meeting people, placing

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Abitibi-Price, Province prepare for potential high-risk fire season

by Linda J. Dalglish

In 1989, the Province of Manitoba experienced the worst fire situation on record, 1229 fires destroyed 3,281,300 ha province wide. In 1990, 568 fires destroyed 19,785 ha. In Abitibi-Price's Forest Management License Area One (close to Pine Falls) in 1989, 27 fires caused 50,000 ha to burn. In 1990, 29 fires caused 50 ha. The autumn of 1990 is the driest on record, going back to 1873. There is very little snow cover now. Without spring rains, there is potential for a repeat of 1989.

Neither Abitibi-Price nor the

province want to see that happen. The survival of Abitibi-Price in this area depends on readily accessible wood. In the 1980s, Glen Pinnell estimated that Abitibi-Price lost six times more area than they cut to fire. Abitibi-Price has approximately five hundred full-time and eight-hundred seasonal employees. They contribute \$70 million into the Manitoba economy annually. Locally and province-wide, the shut down would be a blow to everyone.

1990 improved it is true. Why did it improve? Look at the figures in chart 3. The amount of rain was almost the same. The dry period was longer in 1990 which would potentially increase the problem. Those B.U.I. and F.W.I. figures are virtually the same. They are a calculation of whether there is a high or low risk of fire. The number of fires was almost the same. But look at the last figure. A lot less area was burned.

What made the difference?

After, the colossal loss in 1989, Abitibi-Price management and employees got together to form a committee to devise a strategy to see the government was prepared for the season, as Glen Pinnell put it. A number of local citizens and organizations also got involved to present their concerns to the province — Some of this was covered in *The Review*, February 28, 1990, March 7, 1990, and April 18, 1990.

Upfront money

One response, the government made was to meet an oft-repeated request for so-called "upfront" money. They provided \$2 million to set up area crews in equipment in key places so that when fire was spotted, they could stop it when it was still small. It is a lot easier to put out a small fire than to contain a large one. Last year there were three five-men crews in Bissett, two five-men crews in Pine Falls and two five-men crews in Lac du Bonnet. Equipment was also placed at these points.

The government did not ac-

cede to these requests solely because of public pressure. Internal and external reviews established that it was more economical to fight small fires than large ones, as well as preventing long term losses. Locally it takes 80-100 years to grow a tree.

Concerns for 1991

On February 19, 1991 government officials met with the Abitibi-Price Forest Fire Committee, to discuss concerns for 1991. Bill Medd, superintendent of Forest Fire Program Committee, gave an interview to *The Review*.

Medd emphasized that both the government and Abitibi-Price wanted to ensure that "everything is done to prevent fires". Medd felt the Initial Attack Response System would work in 1991. It uses measures of weather to indicate need for personnel in certain areas. If it is hotter and dryer, more resources are needed. This enables them to man-up during periods of high hazard. It's expensive to fly-in crews.

Reasons why 1990 was an improvement over 1989, were probably not limited to one answer. Medd suggested a better prevention program resulted in less man-caused fires in certain areas. There was also some fear left over from 1989. They used radio and TV ads, had four prevention patrolmen on staff and used a 1-800 Fire/TIP hot line for reporting fires which was plastered all over a lot of government publications, park permits, telephone books and fridge magnets. Video tapes, school kids and placemats were also used.

Fire prevention

The current Fire Prevention Act is old and fines are small. Although judges can assess costs it is seldom done. Medd admits that civil suits may be valid. It would make people more fire conscious and serve as a deterrent. Autopac is currently suing people causing stubble fires for damage to vehicles driving in dense smoke.

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Powerview/Asbestos exchange 1991 another great success

by Linda J. Dalglish

At 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 21, Asbestos Exchange students arrived at Powerview School. Waiting students were mostly nervous, apprehensive, excited and downright scared. Five and a half days later, these same students were back at the school to bid farewell to their friends. The only thing softening the blow, was the thought

that on March 19, the Powerview students would be travelling to Asbestos, Quebec to be re-united for another short week.

Billeted in homes of students, the paired students referred to as *twins* spent virtually every waking hour together. Their schedule was packed full of activities and supervised get-togethers afterwards went late almost every

night. The *twins* as well as other inter-relationships bonded quickly. Language did not prove a barrier as students switched from French to English to French or found a nearby translator whose grasp of both languages was stronger. Even students with only basic French rather than immersion French, dredged

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Dog sledding was a big hit for the Powerview/Asbestos exchange.

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Medd is currently involved in rewriting the Fire Act. He "wants it to be a 1990s act". Many of the regulations in the Act cover pioneering days. Clearing land is important to the Act so burning is projected. "The Act of the 1990s" would be more concerned with preservation and environmental issues. "Unfortunately it won't be done in 1991. It could be in place by 1992. Medd emphasized that the public can exert pressure. "There is a need for public in put".

Early detection

Roger Nault worked for the forestry for five years before coming to Abitibi-Price twenty-five years ago where he currently works in the woods. Nault believes as well that it is crucial to get a fire when it starts. Early detection is the key. The aircraft with heat sensors which patrol large areas only work so well. Nault is in favour of manned towers mounted up high. A man can see smoke a long ways away and could report the fire before the aircraft could return from two hours away.

Nault emphasized, and Bob Durocher, as well, that Abitibi-Price employees are well trained. They attend training seminars yearly. Some equipment which is used in fire fighting like skidders (four wheel drive tractors with bull dozer blade) and chainsaws are used every day at work. In 1989 at the Wallace Lake fire, these dedicated men worked from 4:45 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Last year two shifts, early and late were used. Nault suggested the possibility of a night shift. There was some concern that a helicopter would not land at night to pick up a wounded fire fighter. Nault said that some people felt that a circle of skidders could provide adequate lighting for a helicopter pick-up.

Nault is concerned like other Abitibi-Price employees that if the public does not maintain pressure on the government, the 1990 fire fighting budget will be cut in 1991. "Last year the total budget was 21 million with upfront of 2 million." In 1989 it cost the tax payers \$68 million to fight fires.

Was this money needed last year? Was it wasted? Bob Durocher, the purchase wood supervisor at Abitibi-Price, doesn't think so. "There were just as many starts as the year before fewer acreages". Durocher said that when there were no fires, crews practised, fixed equipment, worked for Parks and did patrols.

Re-organization

Durocher would like to see a reorganization of the provin-

cial fire-fighting set up. Currently generalized conservation officers are supervisors on the lines. Specialists in fire-fighting on the line would be more efficient. Durocher feels that these highly trained employees should be working twelve months a year.

Glen Pinnell would like to see the government commit \$10 million annually for up front money to make stations of men and equipment in key areas. Pinnell would like to see a further \$10-12 million annually for fire-fighting.

What can you do to preserve this valuable resource which provides jobs in our area, preserves wildlife habitats, provides wilderness camping areas, and improves our environment? Contact your local MLA, MP, councillor and tell them your concerns. Write letters to the editor of papers. Take up a petition. Contact the media. Chain yourself to a tree (No strike that one. It's too cold.) Phone Bill Medd on the toll free provincial government number in the phone book. Contact the minister of environment. Get involved in preventing forest fires.

1-800 Fire-TIP line

The promotion of the 1-800 Fire/TIP line will continue with the following advertising mediums:

- The reverse side of the annual Parks Vehicle Permit to target park users.
- Fishing Guide to target fishermen.
- Hunting Guide to target hunters.
- First page of the rural phone book to target rural interface zones.
- Fridge magnets to target general public as specified through distribution.
- All pertinent publications produced by Regional Services.

Talking Yellow Pages — Forest Fire Information on 784-9000 Code (8000) will be updated during the fire season to provide travel restrictions, hazard warning, and special situations.

Channel 9 Cable Feed — Channel 9 Cable feed fire hazard information is being pursued with Environment Canada.

Radio Advertisements — Radio campaign targeted at

Spring agro fringe and eastern and northern locations.

Displays — Display presence at Forestry Week and wherever requested.

Cottage Fire Safety Brochure — Currently at the printer. Will follow up the Beware & Prepare Program by including brochure with Crown Land and Park annual lease mail-outs.

Agro Fire Brochure — Agro fire safety brochure to be developed for 1992 in con-

junction with input from Agriculture and the Fire Commissioners Office.

Peat Burning — Peat burning handout and ads to be targeted in fall to eastern regions and problem areas in the interlake.

Uniforms — Uniforms for prevention patrolmen to provide a better public image.

Parades and Floats — Parade events as requested.

School Programs — Existing Smokey Program for K-Grade 3 as per previous year

with designs to eventually produce a program better focused on Manitoba (i.e. better handout and promotional material).

Abitibi-Price and the Province of Manitoba's Fire Program Committee will be continuing to meet throughout the coming weeks. Their concern over last year's drought and this year's lack of snow will heighten as spring approaches. Will there be rain? Will it be enough to prevent another 1989?

Duck Lake Ski Club votes to purchase new groomer

by Linda J. Dalgleish

At a meeting on February 27, Duck Lake Ski Club agreed to purchase an Alpine II groomer at a cost of close to \$9,000. The old groomer had required extensive repairs in the past few years and a decision had to be made not to tackle hills any longer. This machine is still in good working order and is for sale.

Sale of the machine and a possible grant are expected to be used to make up the short-

fall. In the meantime, so that the machine can be purchased as soon as possible, club members are going to be asking for 0% interest loans of \$100 each from interested people. In order to make the payback as fair as possible, as the money comes in from the sale and the grant, a lottery will be held to determine who gets paid.

Say for example, in June, they sell the machine for \$2,500, then 25 names out of

the total number who lent the money will be drawn from a hat. Then when they get a grant, say in September, the rest will be drawn out. These numbers and dates are hypothetical.

The Duck Lake Ski Club is a real asset to the community. They have four long trails which cater to all skills. There is still lots of snow on the trails, according to Marcel Pitre, who provides The Review's readers with this information when the reporter was unable to attend.

The new groomer should ensure top notch ski conditions in 1991-92. This will attract cross-country skiers to our area. This area is beautiful in winter and there's lot to see and do.

La Leche League meeting

Breastfeeding and expectant mothers are invited to attend the second in a series of four monthly meetings on *The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding* on Friday, March 8, 1991 at 1:00 p.m. in the Ladywood area. The topic of this meeting will be "There's a New Baby in Your Life" and the informal discussion will include getting started with breastfeeding, managing those first hectic weeks, the father's role, and working and breastfeeding. Babies are always welcome.

Breastfeeding a baby is a simple, natural process, but mothers need information and support as they learn how to do it. More and more mothers today are choosing to breastfeed their babies but they may not understand just how much a support group like La Leche League can help a mother avoid common problems. If questions do arise, being able to call a La Leche League leader for help is often the key to continued success.

For more meeting information, breastfeeding help, or to purchase a copy of *The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding*, please call Barb at 268-1972 or Susan at 348-7739.

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Laughter not only makes you feel better, but also the use of humor can be a major tool for insight. It can help you laugh at some of your own little habits and quirks, as well as laughing with others at their funworthy failings.

Laughter is a great stress reducer. When you laugh, you briefly lose muscle tones. All the tense muscles of your body are relaxed. Some physicians find that they can cure tension headaches by getting patients to laugh.

It's good exercise too. Some have called it "internal jogging". William F. Fry, Jr. M.D., one of the world's leading researchers of physiology of laughter writes: "Muscles are activated; heart rate is increased; respiration is increased with an increase in oxygen exchange — all similar to the desirable effects of athletic exercise". Muscles in the face, arms, legs and stomach get a mini workout and so do the diaphragm,

If you were unable to visit on open house day, drop in to visit this new business in our community. It might be necessary to call ahead first, because the office will not be open full time at first. Sobering stated that there may be the possibility of part-time employment for local people in the future if business warrants it.

react creatively).

Where do you get a steady supply of laughter? To begin with, be positive. Keep your eyes and ears open for a good joke and share it with others. Keep a happy outlook on life and give yourself a few rewards along the way. Make sure you surround yourself with people who make you laugh. Take time out for a few pleasures that can at least bring smiles if not outright laughter. Take time out to go to a funny movie or read a funny book. Laughing your way to good health and wellness may be the best prescription that you can give yourself.

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thorax, and the circulatory and endocrine systems. Those who laugh not only last but succeed. Humor is a powerful tool in tense situations. A person in a good mood has a greater tendency to combine his/her ideas in new ways (to



Marlene Sobering at the open house of Sobering Funeral Chapel in one of the attractive seating areas. February 24 was the opening of this new local business.

Sobering Funeral Chapel now open in Pine Falls

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obituaries in Winnipeg or local papers, pallbearers' car, lead car, hearse, taking casket to prayer service and funeral service, arranging graveyard, cemetery equipment, back hoes, ordering flowers, with no mileage. Sobering emphasized that whatever makes it easier on the family is what they strive to do.

Sobering has a small chapel in the building, non-denominational, with soft lighting. The hallway off the chapel and casket room has several comfortable sofas and end tables. There is also a storage room which has potential to be turned into a preparation room. Presently all preparation will take place in Beausejour.

Sobering moved to Pine Falls because people don't want to drive a long distance to a funeral home. Instead, Sobering, Sobering and Bakstad will do the driving for you. Their local number, 367-2300, will be call-forwarded direct to Beausejour twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. One of the directors is on-call twenty-four hours a day to assist you.

Pre-arranged funerals are becoming more popular. People can choose to pay for their funeral today and whenever they die, there are no more costs involved. This is a very safe system. The Public

Utilities Board protects consumers by choosing six trust companies which funeral chapels can use. The person's payment for the funeral is put into trust which is inviolable until such time as a death certificate of that person releases the money. Twelve percent is kept out by the director to cover trust costs.

This plan makes it easier on the family than "at need" arrangements. You can choose your funeral right down to the hymns if you want. Other people may pre-pay someone's funeral as well.

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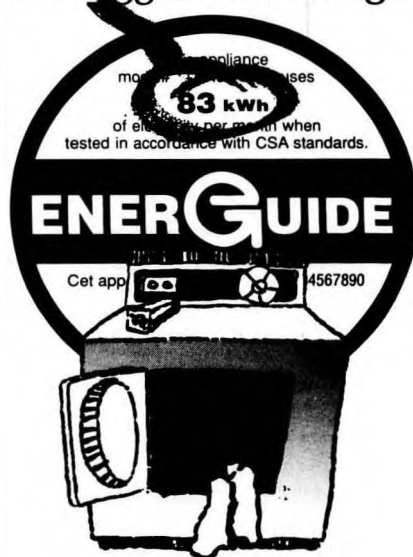
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To Save A Nation: Run a Junk Sale!

Imagine — a couple of kids running a garage sale in an effort to save the country. Freakie!

But it's happening across Canada and it's about time Manitoba kids and their parents got on the bandwagon.

It is called "BANK ON CANADA" and it is a non-profit grassroots organization that has taken the nation by storm.

So much so that Matthew Benton, nine, and Regan Collings, 11, and Corey Snow, 12, from Newmarket and Bradford, Ont., did indeed run garage sales to raise money to help pay off our national debt.

Regan gave up his rubber wrestling figures; Matthew sold his prized white, stuffed bull that guarded the top of his pillow every night; Corey said goodbye to his G.I. Joe collection. The profits went to "BANK ON CANADA", all of which is being held in trust by the founder-without-pay in an effort to make our country debt free by Dec. 31, 1999. You are invited to join up.

It was all started by a Newmarket, Ont., real-estate agent, Rick Art, 1140 Stellar Dr., L3Y 7B7, who figured out that citizens across the country could contribute money from all kinds of fund-raising events through local banks, secure in the knowledge that 100 per cent would be held in trust until it is applied directly to the national debt.

And the idea has caught on.

They call themselves the "Debt-Busters". Now, given these horrendous statistics, I want to hear from kids and schools (even adults, better still corporations) who are willing to become "Debt Busters". Surely this is a great idea for a learning exercise for Winnipeg schools.

If teachers want a lead-in to introduce such a plan, I'll give it to them:

The federal government has a national deficit close to \$400-billion. To service JUST THE INTEREST on that debt, they spend \$43-billion per year, or \$117.8-million per

Warren Speaks

with Investigative Journalist Peter Warren



day, or \$4.9-million per hour.

That works out to \$81,000 each and every minute and that gives us the bottom line:

"About \$137 in interest payments alone per person, per month, assuming every man, woman and child in Canada is working."

And, folks, that scares me.

In fact, roughly 51 per cent of your annual pay cheque goes in taxes. (And, just think, a pile of that went on the three-stripe oil painting against which Manitoba MP Felix Holtmann waged his holy — "thank you, sir" — war.)

Rick Art is upbeat about the program he started.

A number of companies have donated artwork for billboards and posters, community groups across Canada are on the bandwagon, he's been interviewed on radio and television and in the newspapers across Canada, on "Inside Edition" in the U.S. and on Australian TV.

"Passing the buck and blaming things on past mistakes will only lead to Canada's self-destruction", he told me in an interview this week. "Manitoba can help in a multitude of ways."

It is so simple and yet so powerful.

In fact, if "BANK ON CANADA" really takes hold, members of parliament will start to realize that the Joe-on-the-street wants the debts paid off, and (most importantly) he wants MPs and the government to stop wasting money.

A quiet fact — which the feds have yet to recognize — is that thousands of Canadians have returned their Goods and Services Tax credit cheques. Personally, I know of 20 people in Winnipeg who have sent them back.

If you want proof, I can give it to you: J. Rebecca Swan-Wood, P.O. Box 3003, Mission, B.C., has sent her GST credit cheque back with this note:

"Please find my GST credit cheque in the amount of \$95. I want it applied to the principal of the national debt. Obviously, monies are needed to reduce this debt after the jump it has taken due to the enormous cost of implementing the GST."

Lady, I love you.

We have to start somewhere. And, from what I have seen, the "BANK ON CANADA" campaign is in the right direction.

As long as we give politicians the message.

Governments, unions, taxpayers all to blame

Unfortunately, or maybe fortunately, there's no one political party to blame for the current economic mess Canadians find themselves in today.

At the federal level, the Liberals had amassed a massive debt load before the Tories took power. Then, once in power, instead of listening to his advisors, Michael Wilson kept on spending with care-free abandon until his last few budgets when the economic crunch finally started to hit home.

Provincially, the New Democrats had just as much to do with — in fact even more so — our rising provincial debt — as did the Tories.

Now — as the saying goes — the chickens have come home to roost.

It's time to face the music.

It should be painfully obvious to everyone now that governments must try to balance the budget. They can no longer spend beyond their means because far too much of taxpayers' dollars is going to service the debt rather than support critical programs like health care and education.

It's not only governments to blame. It's also the powerful unions. It's also you and I, the taxpaying public, who must take some of the responsibility.

We have let governments run rampant with our money.

We have, on occasion, voted in the political party which made the biggest promises. Promises which we now, and future generations, have to pay for.

Therefore, it shouldn't come as too big a surprise that we now find we have an educational system we can no longer afford.

Yes, there's going to have to be cutbacks. And yes, we're going to have to hold the line on wages and programs.

And yes, the paying public will have to pay more.

But the paying public has reached the point of saturation. When it comes to government programs and spending we've had enough.

Most of us don't mind paying a little more — but we demand better value for our money and more responsible spending from our government, your school boards and all the others who have their fingers in the public purse.

R.P.

Lose-lose situation

Postmaster president says increased postal rates to rural newspapers is a lose-lose situation for rural communities.

Allan Hunter, president of the Manitoba Branch of the Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association (CPAA) says that the increased charges to the rural publishers, as much as 800% will have a negative effect on more than just the newspaper business.

Because of the increased mailing rates newspapers will be forced to do one of three things:

1. pass the increase on to their subscribers — resulting in lost customers;
2. close up shop;
3. find delivery alternatives — resulting in lost revenue for rural post offices and lost staff and eventually closure of the post offices.

Hunter goes on to say, "When you really think about it, if Canada Post and the federal government are so hard up for money, Why them, don't they charge the city dweller say \$10.00 per month for the Cadillac service of having mail delivered right to their door?" Rather than putting both newspapers and post offices out of business.

It is high time our rural people took a stand before all is lost that is essential to our communities and our very way of life.

It is also time our Members of Parliament listened to their voters and took these concerns to Ottawa. Either that or make room for someone that will. Rural people have had enough.

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Widjiwagan Wilderness Camp, Charlton Cooper an ever lasting experience

by Shannon Shiels

Widjiwagan is a wilderness camp program. Each summer Widji campers between the ages of 12 and 18 set out with their small groups on adventures which change their lives.

Growth

What happens is often magic. Through Widji, young people virtually enter another world. Sharing the trials and rewards of the wilderness with a small group of friends and an experienced counselor, campers come to know themselves and each other very well in a short period of time. The satisfactions and friendships gained often last a lifetime.

Many parents find remarkable changes in their children after their Widji experience. Confidence and self reliance. Clearer values. Leadership skills.

Canoeing

Widjiwagan is located at the edge of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, America's largest inland wilderness waterway. In the BWCA and Canada's Quetico Provincial Park, Widji campers retrace the footsteps and paddle swirls of the eighteenth century Fench voyageurs.

Before setting out on their trips, campers thoroughly learn the outdoor and canoeing skills necessary to live and travel comfortably in the wilderness. In small groups of five campers and one staff

leader, they practice their skills and plan routes and menus.

Once on trail, the natural environment becomes home. Campers may experience the eerie cries of the loon, the awesome flight of the eagle and osprey, and the shimmering glow of the northern lights. It instills in one deep love and respect for the northern wilderness and a new perspective on man's place in nature's order.

Backpacking

Widji backpackers prepare in camp for several days, getting to know one another, learning the basic skills of mountain hiking and navigation, and planning their trips. Then they travel by van to Rocky Mountain wilderness areas in Wyoming and Montana where, with everything they need on their backs, they set out on trail.

For six to ten days, the campers hike alpine trails, exploring some of the world's most spectacular country. They may drink from icy clear mountain streams, sunbathe in a blooming alpine meadow, camp among snow-capped peaks or view the world from atop a high mountain pass.

Facilities

Widjiwagan's base of operations is a superbly maintained wilderness outpost 15 miles north of Ely, Minnesota on Burnt-side Lake, adjacent to the BWCA.

Widjiwagan's wilderness outfitting facility is among the

largest and most complete in the entire country. Here campers are furnished with packs, tents, cooking and camping equipment and trail provisions. All campers take an active role in preparing and maintaining the equipment they use and in organizing and packing their trail food. Canoeists help maintain Widji's fleet of 135 canoes.

Harmony —

The Widji Way

A camper's experience typically starts with a feeling of closeness with the camp and its "family" as a whole. All campers and staff who are not out on trail come together for meals, campfires, games and worship. Soon, however, as campers plan their trips with their cabin mates, a sense of pride and purpose begins to gel within each trail group.

At any one time, there are some groups leaving on their trips; some are already hundreds or even thousands of miles away; still others are returning to Widji, anxious to share grand tales of their journeys. There is always a real sense of excitement and anticipation in the camp.

Sea Kayaking

Widji adventures have entered a new dimension with the introduction of the sea kayaking program. Because of their mobility, speed, and stability the new craft will allow Widji campers to navigate where they've never been before. The big waters and remote islands of Lake of the Woods, Rainy Lake and Lake Superior open up a world of possibilities for exploration, learning and accomplishment.

Trail groups start with intensive in-camp training in wilderness camping skills and handling the new craft in differing water and weather conditions prior to embarking on the trail. As the program develops, advanced sea kayakers will embark on longer trips in Lake Superior and other waters.

Many Widjiwagan campers return year after year. As their confidence, maturity and skills increase, they qualify for longer, more challenging programs. Each summer, advanced Widji canoe trips reach northward across Canada and to Hudson's Bay and the arctic. Advance backpackers travel to the rugged mountains of British Columbia and Alaska. This summer Widjiwagan will be leading a trip to the Siberian Arctic. If you would like more information on how to get involved in the program, drop by *The Review* office for more information.

Charlton Cooper wins bronze at Canada Games

by Linda J. Dalglish

Mike Cooper is proud of his youngest son, Charlton. So is the rest of the family. Cooper, his son Jonathan and Jonathan's girlfriend, Lynne, waited anxiously for results on February 20, on the television. Charlton Cooper was competing in the Canada Games in Charlottetown.

Cooper had an excellent record heading into the Canada Games. At the nationals in Montreal on January 12, 13, he had taken the bronze for the under 50 kg class in judo. Cooper has a blue belt. He had taken a gold at the Winnipeg inner city and again at the Saskatchewan open. Moe Oye of the University of Manitoba was Cooper's coach this past year and he expected him to do well. At the Canada Games, the inner city coach, Garry Sovo, supervised Charlton.

Charlton's brother, Stephan, a black belt at the University of Manitoba, knew that he had made progress. Charlton managed to throw his brother. Stephan said, "he's like greased lightning." Stephan was surprised at 13-year-old Charlton's improvement. Stephan was confident Charlton could do well.

The telephone rang in the tense living room as all eyes were glued to the TV screen. It was Stephan. Charlton had taken the bronze within a few minutes. Charlton's mother and aunt called. Then the telephone rang once more. It was Charlton.

Charlton was happy. Premier Joe Guiz of Prince Edward Island had said, "very well done — congratulations", as he hung the medal around Charlton's neck. Charlton said the ceremony was "not very fancy". But Charlton said, "I was really happy."

Charlton was quite impressed with the meals. He mentioned the computer cards which registered his meals. He said the food was very good. "Better than I expected". Charlton was staying in the dormitory, sharing a room with four others. He had a midnight curfew.

Mike Cooper says, "If I pray for anything, then I pray for no injuries. As long as they don't get hurt." Fortunately, his three sons have only experienced minor injuries over the years, such as the knee injury which sidelined Jonathan at the nationals.

Cooper said that "as soon as Jonathan and Stephan



CHARLTON COOPER

started judo, it was as if they had found their sport. They became fanatics."

"Charlton, on the other hand, had been divided between judo and hockey. Two years ago he chose to give up hockey in favour of judo. They were both on the same night. It was hard, but he was glad to choose judo over hockey." Mike Cooper says lessons in judo provides self-discipline, respect for opponents and coaches, and self-reliance. It is an individual sport.

Charlton Cooper is only thirteen and already a blue belt. His brothers feel he will earn his next belt shortly. Charlton may have a good chance to take a gold at the next Canada Games.

Confidential

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Anicinabe School holds career day

by Linda J. Dalglish

On Thursday, March 14, Anicinabe Community School grade eight students will not be attending school. They are going to learn how the real world operates by helping out in a variety of local businesses and occupations.

So if you see a young person in a truck or a patrol car, making change in a store, cutting someone's hair, or chasing after me all day, don't be surprised! Smile at them and encourage them in what they're doing. Who knows? These kids might find a goal to reach for with a new insight into a career they learn about that day.

Participants are:
Truck driving — **Neer Chee Trucking**: Joey Courchene, Chris Lee Courchene

Store manager — **Pro Hardware**: Naomie Bruyere, Debby Bunn

Hair dresser — **Lucy**: Tyler Bunn, Christine Abraham

RCMP — **Powerview**: Crystal Swamy, Justin Courchene, Mary Dorie

Social work — **Child and Family Services**: Erin Bunn, Joey Abraham

Civil engineer — **Richard Bruyere, band office**: Jonathan Guimond, Vincent Bunn

Drug counsellor — **Alcare Centre**: Crystal Fontaine, Celina Guimond

Journalist — **Winnipeg River Review**: Brian Abraham, June Bouboire

Nurse — **Forst Alexander Health Centre**: Judy Whitesell, Tanya Swamy.

The Telling of Lies

— Timothy Findley
by Shirley Finkbeiner

When I started reading this book and found that the action took place in a long established vacation hotel, my first thought was "Oh, no, not one of those" — because too often the only action is the rocking of the chairs on the veranda.

Anyway, it turned out quite differently, and this is a good story.

The mystery involves the death of Calder Maddox, head of a huge empire built for the research and manufacture of various medical drugs. The question — did he die of natural causes, or was he murdered. More sinister than



the possibility of murder is the cover-up of the whole thing by the most powerful men in the United States — the president and the most influential members of his cabinet.

The narrator — Nessa Van Horne — swings her story back and forth from the seaside in Maine to memories of her internment and four years in a Japanese prisoner of war camp. Suspects in the case are many and varied. Stories come forth of the people who come to stay at the old hotel for the summer — many of them doing this same thing for many years.

The flyleaf notes that one or two events in the book are based on actual fact. One of these, the brain-washing experiments carried out by the CIA in a Canadian city, is well known to all of us who are aware of the case of a well-known woman who was an unfortunate victim of experimental drugs.

The fact that an iceberg appears off the shore, looming

large and eerily through the fog, adds to the feeling of foreboding. It is almost as though nature has joined in to turn this quiet self-satisfied little insular world completely upside down.

This is actually a good story, with much more to it than you might think when you begin to read it.

News flash:

Mr. Pierre Massicotte of Powerview School has kindly donated a compilation of eleven stories entitled *Once Upon a Library Allard*.

These literary works *en francais* have been created by the following Grade 11 and 12 students from Powerview School: Jacqueline Papineau, Trisha Dube, Maurice Guimond, Richard Bruneau, Nicole Laliberte, Norbert Viallet, Tammy Boulet, Nancy Fontaine, Suzanne Guimond, Cindy Walker and Micheline Viallet. The compilation is available for loan.

The first sign of spring

Watch for your Easter seals in the mail

The Easter Seal Campaign for 1991 will get underway in Manitoba on March 4, 1991.

Since 1949, when the first Easter Seal Campaign took place, Manitobans have shown their commitment to children with physical disabilities through their generous contributions. As a result, Manitoba has one of the better programs in Canada providing children with the support and skill development they require.

At this time of year, hundreds of volunteers work in Manitoba communities on behalf of Easter Seals. These committed individuals help people become aware of the services provided for children and their families — services such as Rural Preschool

Outreach Programs that take place in areas such as Dauphin, Thompson, Steinbach, Brandon and Winnipeg. These kinds of programs also provide opportunities for parents to share experiences and provide mutual support.

Thanks to the support from people all over Manitoba, children have been able to get the help they need to develop their abilities. But the need is growing and Easter Seals needs continued support so that children can receive that important "head start".

Easter Seals are a sign of spring — March 4 to March 31 is Easter Seals month — please give generously.

Easter Seals is a fund raising campaign of the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities.

DATE BOOK

Library Allard hours — Tuesday 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Friday 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Winnipeg River Women's Institute — meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., Library Allard in St. Georges.

Al-Anon Serenity Group — To be held Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., United Church, Walnut Street, Pine Falls. For anyone who lives with the problem of alcoholism or drug addiction in a friend or relative, call Elka 367-2436, Leona 367-8418, or Flo 367-2556.

Silver Haven Club — Monthly meetings every second Thursday of the month at 3:15 p.m. after whist game, Powerview Church basement.

St. Georges Sand Bag League — Every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. St. Georges Parish Church.

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Faith Scharek hired as activity worker

It has been a while since we've had an update on the happenings at Sunnywood Manor.

The residents had a whole new experience with different management staff assisting in their care during the days of the strike. Val MacKay was assigned a room for an interim period and had a prime opportunity to experience living in the facility — she tells us that she misses the people but not the "living in"!


During January and February we filled all of our resident rooms. We would like to extend a warm welcome to three new residents — Mr. John Raven who joined us on January 25, Mr. Glenn Oakes who joined us on February 21, and Mr. Adolf Mohr who moved in on February 25.

Just when we thought we were getting back to normal our activity worker, Leah Boulet gave notice that she was leaving for another job. Following interviews with several very talented applicants, the position was awarded to Faith Scharek. Della Vincent has graciously

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agreed to be available as a back-up for Faith. Welcome — we look forward to having you as a vital part of our Care Home program. A farewell coffee party for Leah was held in the Care Home on Friday, February 22. We all wish her well in her new ventures.

February presented many opportunities for special activities. We celebrated Valentine's Day, had a *Hug Day* which is always very nice, and had a *Hat Day* which proved to be a great deal of fun for all. Edna Fortier donated several vintage hats which are attractively displayed in the windows at the Care Home. A special thanks to all our volunteers for their participation and assistance during this time.



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Great Falls W.I. program plans

Great Falls Women's Institute members and friends meet the first Thursday of each month in Great Falls Community Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Tentative program plans for 1991 are as follows:

March 7 — Floral arrangements. Please bring a fancy mug or cup and saucer to make a table centrepiece to take home. We will also be making our arrangements for the hall.

April 4 — Fun night.

May 2 — Assertiveness and Self Worth. Speaker, Noreen Ostash.

June 6 — Tour of RCMP facility.

September 5 — Fashions for your figure needs. Speaker, Marilyn Zarecki, home economist.

October 3 — Food irradiation.

November 7 — Pot luck supper. Annual meeting. Installation of officers.

December — Christmas party.

Our February meeting was held at the home of Laurie Postnicks in order to view the beautiful professionally done video of the Neale-Postnicks' wedding.

To celebrate WI day February 19, some members attended the Winnipeg River Tea and Fashion Show.

We currently have 20 active members. Our focus is on providing fellowship and education for women. To serve the community and improve our homes. For further information call Laurie 367-8509 or Dorothy at 367-8582.



Hot dogs, hot chocolate and a hot campfire

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Venturers met campfire on the Village Green in Pine Falls in honour of Scout Awareness Day. For hot dogs and hot chocolate around a

Agassiz School Board faces bleak economic crunch

by Russ Preston

With only a .9 percent increase from the provincial government, Agassiz School Division has found itself in a tight financial bind.

Program and staff cuts will have to be made.

Although the Agassiz Board of Trustees dealt with a wide variety of topics — from in-camera personnel matters to bus driver appointments. From a computer-use policy, to out-of-province student trips and a host of other housekeeping items.

But the main concern was the .9 percent (estimated) increase the provincial government will give to the Agassiz School Division for the coming year — July 1, 1991 to

June 30, 1992.

Although the government has stated the average increase will be around two percent, Agassiz Division estimates its funding will increase by only \$83,905.00 — or about .9 percent of a \$13 million plus budget.

With salaries running at about 80 percent of the budget — or \$11,250,000.00 — and an increase in the five percent range already negotiated, it means a substantial shortfall.

Expenses that the division has no control over, have to be taken into consideration. A 1¢ per litre increase in gasoline will add another \$6,500.00 onto the fuel bill — not to mention increased heating costs. Increasing the special levy

through taxes does not appear to be an alternative at this time. In fact, a letter was presented to the Board from the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet council, urging financial restraint when preparing the 1991-92 budget. In a prepared news release (please see page 24), the Board of Trustees attempts to explain the bleak financial picture and asks for the public's input as to where expenses could be cut.

There will be a special School Board and area council meeting with Lac du Bonnet MLA Darren Praznik on March 12 at Edward Schreyer School to deal with the matter.

Agassiz Festival of the Arts coming

Agassiz Festival of the Arts grew out of an idea put forth by Agassiz music teacher Henry Funk in 1979. It was initially organized by the music teachers of the school division. The first year was a one-day event without adjudication, featuring 65 performances in choral, recorder, mime, speech, dance, operetta, piano, violin, rhythm band, action songs, choral speaking and organ.

1980 saw the expansion of the festival to three days with Mr. J. Redekop as adjudicator. The following year, five days of festival classes were held in the major centers — Powerview, Whitemouth, Lac du Bonnet and Beausejour. The festival included a folkdance workshop, a senior high drama workshop, and a Shakespearean drama presentation. It also included an exhibition and workshop of arts and crafts and Manitoba multicultural show.

In 1982, we began to have a concert day in order to accommodate the people who liked to perform but were not interested in adjudication. This concert was also used as an opportunity for the solo performers of the adjudicated festival who had achieved the highest marks in their class, to

be heard by a wider audience.

In the intervening years, the festival was held for three-to-five days as the numbers of participants fluctuated. We now have settled into a five-day festival with one day of classroom choirs, recorders and handbells, a second day of piano, organ and vocal solo. One day of spoken poetry and speech choir. A fourth day is a day of dance. The final day is set aside for band and orchestra workshops at Lac du Bonnet Senior and Edward Schreyer schools.

These days are scheduled for April 29 to May 3 this year with the concert day in Beausejour on May 15. Applications are available at any school in Agassiz School Division and are to be sent to Clara Thurmeier at Centennial School by March 15, 1991.

Remember: Music is a gift for life.

Party platter

Lady at party: "Where's that pretty maid who was passing out cocktails a while ago?"

Hostess: "Are you looking for a drink?"

Lady: "No, I'm looking for my husband!"



FIRST EVENT WINNERS — the Pine Falls rink of (l-r) Jack Shwaluk, skip, Roger Lusty, Vince Rodych and Guy Cyr.

Pine Falls' rink best in LdB

by Russ Preston

A Pine Falls rink skipped by Jack Shwaluk took a commanding three-point lead in the first end and never looked back on the road to victory in the Lac du Bonnet men's open bonspiel held on the weekend.

Shwaluk, backed up by a young crew of Roger Lusty at third, Vince Rodych second and Guy Cyr stole a single in the second and four more in the third end and it could have been hand-shaking time.

Eric Ayres and his Pinawa crew of Greg Ziemanski, Pat

Blaney and Jerry Zechel hung in for singles in the fourth and fifth ends but with the deadly shot-making of the Pine Falls team the Pinawa foursome just couldn't get anything going, giving up two more points in the sixth and it was game over.

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The time to think about summer employment programs is now — even if the weather is still more like winter than summer.

Students and employers should be planning now for summer employment and the Government of Canada can help you prepare.

Challenge '91 is the federal government's program for student summer employment and provides \$143 million for the different options offered.

Summer Employment/Experience Development (SEED) provides wage subsidies to stimulate employers from all sectors to create jobs for high school students, (who traditionally have the most difficulty obtaining summer employment), for college and for university students.

SEED places emphasis on employment that will allow students to contribute to the wellbeing of their community. Employment opportunities that relate to issues like literacy, drug and alcohol abuse, AIDS education, the environment and urban crime will be given priority.

This option has been increased by \$3 million and now provides wage subsidies worth \$80 million. Private sector, public and non-profit employers are all eligible.

More information about the criteria for funding can be obtained from your local Canada Employment office. The application deadline is March 15, 1991.

Work Orientation Workshops (WOW) are intended for potential and recent high school dropouts. The \$27.2 million is used to provide workshops and counselling sessions with practical work experience. Projects are implemented in partnership with businesses, community organizations, school and social service agencies.

In 1990, over 16,500 students participated in the WOW component and there was a high level of success, with many students returning to school or finding work.

Student Business Loans. For those who want to be their own boss, Student Business Loans offer interest-free loans of up to \$3,000 for student operated ventures.

Last year 767 loans were approved and more than 1,850 summer jobs were created by students for students.

The Federal Business Development Bank administers the \$942,000 that is available from the loans program. Loan applications are



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reviewed between April 1 and June 14, 1991. Details on the program can be requested by calling 1-800-361-2126.

Business organizations like the Canadian Chamber of Commerce have joined in the Business Drive for Jobs. A special \$805,000 promotional campaign to inform employers of the benefits of student employees will be implemented. It is designed to encourage employers to hire students and get good value for their money.

Canada Employment Centres for Students are established to assist students in their search for summer employment. These 420 offices provide a system for employers and students to get in touch with each other. Last year over 270,000 students were matched up with employers.

Since 1984, the national unemployment rate for students has been dropping steadily, going from a high of 14.1% to a low of 9.5% two years ago.

Youth employment remains a priority for every member of the P.C. government and we are committed to creating employment opportunities for young Canadians.

In the current economic situation, summer employment may be more difficult to find. Funding to the Challenge '91 program has been increased to ensure that the maximum number of students will find work this summer.

The Challenge '91 program combines the best of education and work experience for Canada's youth. Canada's future is worth the investment.

By any name

This fellow took the pen handed him by the hotel clerk and signed the register with an X. With a thoughtful look on his face, he hesitated, then drew a circle around the X.

"A lot of people sign with an X," said the clerk, "but that's the first time I've ever seen it circled."

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Powerview/Asbestos exchange 1991 a great success

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up a few phrases from half-forgotten lessons.

Parents played a major role in making the exchange a success. Students were billeted in the homes and some parents spoke little, if any, French. They were encouraged to help supervise events and to contribute food to the farewell supper on February 26.

One set of parents, Gary and Patsy Sippola, whose son, Michael only had basic French and was paired with a girl from Asbestos, left for Hawaii the day after the students arrived. They left Grandma Effie Sippola from Winnipeg in charge. When asked if they thought she could handle the situation, Gary Sippola replied, "She's gonna have to."

The arrival on Thursday was well organized. Parents met in a classroom to discuss last-minute plans, banquet details, and to ask questions of Paul Lussier and Barry Paseska, the Powerview teachers coordinating the group. Meanwhile, in the lobby and halls excited students buzzed with excitement.

"They're here! They're here!" Students milled around helping with luggage and straggling into the gym. Parents and Powerview students were placed on one side and Asbestos students on the other. As names were called, students met in the center, and Asbestos students were handed an information package and pins. Quickly the gym emptied, after a few welcoming words. Students spent the first evening in their billets with their twin's family.

Early Friday morning at 8:00 a.m., the entire group left for Winnipeg for a full day of scheduled activities. Saturday was devoted to dogsled rides at a Hutterite Colony. Even one old Hutterite Grandma had a ride. Sunday there was a dance. Monday another full day was spent in Winnipeg. Tuesday was a tour of Abitibi Woods operation, the hydro station and the farewell supper. Wednesday, February 27, students from Asbestos left at 6:00 a.m. on a bus to Winnipeg.

Students received some Winnipeg media coverage. The exchange had booked a tour of CBC and a camera crew covered their arrival at the airport, their tour, and attended some of their Monday activities in Winnipeg.

The farewell supper was an evening of great food and great entertainment. Jacques Lussier and Bill Spornitz pro-

vided French Canadian music, which unfortunately was rather disrupted by a massive picture-taking episode.

The Ivanka Dancers from Stead and Beausejour area, were thirty children aged four to twelve, dancing Ukrainian dances in traditional costumes. Their teachers were Holly Charney and Arthur Chaszeusky.

The Octagon Martial Arts group performed in exemplary fashion under black belt Dwight Bell. Two very young Ivanka Dancers had to be dissuaded from pursuing a new performing career. When one attractive young lady from the martial arts group casually smashed a board in two, a Powerview student was overheard to say he wouldn't mess with her.

Guests at the farewell included many school board members, the school superintendent, vice-principal of Powerview School, Jill Papineau representing the LGD of Alexander who handed out LGD pins, the representative from Agassiz School Board Leanne Palmer, and Darren Praznik who presented the group with a Manitoba flag. Grace was asked by Rev. Barry Bence. Several students introduced the head table and speakers.

All the exchange students from Powerview and Asbestos received t-shirts with the exchange logo designed by Erin Wilcott, a very talented Powerview student. Wilcott's logo also appeared on the buttons and on a large cake. Teachers Barry Paseska, Paul Lussier and Bob Williams



Powerview/Asbestos students greet each other with excitement and apprehension.

(from Asbestos) received sweatshirts with the logo.

Exchanges such as these are great because they break down prejudices and preconceived ideas about people who live outside our normal sphere of activity. It is also educational, in that one of the best ways to learn about a different place is to live with everyday people. These benefits will last a long time.

The students worked hard to raise money and organize this event. They are to be commended for a job well done.

Ask the students what they learned from the exchange: Celine Papineau, Erin Wilcott, Roberta Fontaine, Ryan Papineau, Naim Bossi, Jennifer Jackson, Shana Dowling, Maurice Guimond, Joanne Lazaruk, Jason Delaronde, Nicole Laliberte, Micheline Papineau, Raymond Bouvier, Michelle Tardiff, Mike Sippola, Leila Laurila, Trisha Dube, Norbert Viallet, Kathie Etter, Raymond Schirle.



Ivanka Dancers from Stead and Beausejour performed traditional Ukrainian dances at the Powerview/Asbestos farewell supper.



Asbestos/Powerview exchange students and teachers pose for a group shot at the farewell supper wearing T-shirts with the exchange logo.

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IN MEMORIAM

POITRAS — In loving memory of my dear husband, father and grandfather, Phillip, who passed away March 1, 1988.

With headache and sadness we think of you today Remembering three years ago when you were called away These past years without you were the hardest we have known We treasure every thought of you whenever we're alone We remember the good times, the joy and happiness we've shared Giving us strength knowing how much you have cared Our greatest gift, a husband, father and grandfather so loving and kind who had a special way of making everything turn out fine.

And so we smile when we look at your picture And thank you for the best years of our lives For we have lost and God has gained

The best husband, father and grandfather the world contained. To be together in the same old way Would be our greatest wish today.

Missing you always, forever in our hearts, wife Hellen, son John, daughter-in-law Linda; son Robert, daughter-in-law Jeanne; daughter Marlene and son-in-law Mark Pelton of Toronto, and grandchildren Jason, Debra and Erin

Bowling League news

by Evelyn Dodds

Week #18

The ladies' high games were: Terri Papineau 300, Sharon Mignon 257, Flo Vincent 235, Jeanette Doyle 231, Gert Cote 224.

The men's high games were: Pete Richardson 340, Ron Anderson 279, Pat Papineau 274-226, Rheel Morissette 271, Trevor Sokoloski 257, Marcel Vincent 248, Paul Dube 247, Gerry Gauthier 236, Brad Robertson 230.

The female bowler of the week was Terri Papineau for her game of 300, 95 pins over her average.

The male bowler of the week was Pete Richardson for his game of 340, 133 pins over his average. Pete's game of 340 is now the men's high single.

The Legion Special was won by the Equalizers for bowling 197 points over their averages.

The Poitras Special was won by the Lane Jumpers for bowling 185 points over their averages.

Team standings: Sweet Caps 75, Richardson 73, Educated Guesses 70, Equalizers 68, Golden Girls 67, Adams 66, Challengers 65, M.M.F. 65, Snow Cones 65.

Sandbag action

POWERSVIEW SAND BAG LEAGUE NEWS

Game #14

by Annette Papineau
Ladies' highest games were: Jeanne Lavoie 7390, Jan Chychaluk 7230, Della Fisher 6920.

Men's highest games were: Leon Berthelette 7200, Paul Fisher 5940, Richard Cure 5880.

Highest square went to: Della Fisher 1380, Ubaldo Duclos 1060.

Team standings: Della Fisher 42, Jan Chychaluk 40, Horace Nault 35, Ubaldo Duclos 35, Terry Thomas 33, Leon Berthelette 24.

A big thank you to Paul Fisher and Richard Cure for playing spare.

Good luck and see you all next week.

ST. GEORGES SAND BAG LEAGUE NEWS

Game #16

by C. Vincent
Ladies' highest scores were: Rita Fontaine 7330, Alice Pearson and Antoinette Vincent 6700, Marie Fisetite 6540.

Men's highest scores were: Jos Vincent 8080, Ted Dupont 7890, Ubaldo Duclos 6870.

Highest squares went to: Marie Fisetite 1130 and Jos Vincent 1250.

Team standings: Victor Vincent 56, Ted Dupont 52, Jos Vincent 48, Carl Vincent 43, Philip Lacharity 35, Julie Lavoie 33, Rita Fontaine 31 and Henri Desautels 21.

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TENDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRICT OF ALEXANDER CUSTOM WORKS

Sealed tenders will be received at the offices of the District until 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 15, 1991 for the following services:

1. Rock Groin west of Plan 13522 in PT NW 5-19-7E (in the Belair area);
2. Rock Groin east of Plan 15523 (SW 31-19-8E) at the end and south of road allowance, going east (in the Traverse Bay area);
3. Removal of rocks in boat launch area at Belair Properties at end of Mary Glen Road (in the Belair area).

Specifications as to scope and time frame of proposed work can be obtained at the offices of the District between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday or by calling the Public Works Foreman, Gary Hlatky at 367-8477 or the District office at 367-2235.

Please indicate on outside of envelope which project you are providing the tender for.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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Resident Administrator
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St. Georges, Manitoba
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MIKE COOPER — whittler in the sun

by Linda J. Dalgleish
Albert Taylor of Wakefield, Yorkshire in England was a furniture maker. He had a set of prized chisels which he passed on to his grandson, Mike Cooper. Cooper loves wood as much as his grandfather did and keeps the chisels on his workbench.

Cooper has worked as a furniture maker and now works for Abitibi-Price. "All my life I've been surrounded by wood, the smell of shavings, the feeling of wood", relates Cooper. It was perhaps only natural that he would turn to wood carving for a hobby.

Carving 'seriously', as he puts it, for only ten years, Cooper figures he puts more time in carving than at Abitibi-Price. Many evenings after dinner he goes to his upstairs workshop which has a fine view and works on a figurine or duck or wall carving. Cooper laughs, "My sons know where to find me. I'm either in the kitchen or the workshop". Cooper also finds the work schedule at Abitibi conducive to time off.

Cooper carves poplar sticks which he makes into salt and pepper shakers with people on top which he admits, "I got kind of ethnic about it".

Basswood is used for figurines and Cooper travels to Portage La Prairie to get the basswood because that's the nearest place it grows wild. It is expensive to buy in Winnipeg.

Incredibly fine knives are kept incredibly sharp by Cooper. He uses a leather with a jewellers' rouge included to sharpen and buff. Cooper, who believes in buying good tools and then looking after them, doesn't let his knives get dull and he protects them when not in use. Charlie Niedermayer and Bill Windsor are two local suppliers of some of his knives. He claims they are artists and excellent craftsmen, "smart, smooth cuts is what I want from a knife".

A sinister looking machine reminiscent of a dentist's office is what Cooper uses when he wants to move a lot of wood in a hurry to block out a shape in a piece of wood. He uses ruby carvers which are made of ruby chips and epoxy resins. The average cost would be \$11.00 and Cooper figures he has "a hundred for sure". He also has some dentist bits which he got from a retiring dentist. It all sounds like a dentist's drill.

Other tools include a steel brush to bring up fine carving and a pyroelectric pen (a wood burning tool to you and me) which he uses to emphasize feathers on birds. A

stump file, which really moves wood, is also found there although Cooper is quick to point out that "purists disapprove".

Any carving supply house like Canadian Woodworker in Winnipeg can supply glass and plastic eyes. Curtis in Montague, North Carolina, supplies an excellent product including the eyes with veins required in competitions. Birds have different sizes, colours and shapes of eyes and must be accurate.

Accuracy is also important when carving feathers. The feathers have to be in the right spot, be the right shape and have the right number. Most birds have been blueprinted on models. Cooper is strongly opposed to killing birds to examine for carving. He goes to museums to examine exhibits and to the Fort Whyte Centre and other such locations to examine live birds close up.

After the models are carved to Cooper's exacting specifications, he sometimes paints. Acrylic gouache dries in minutes, so if Cooper wishes to blend the colours he uses a retarder. Antiquing and iridescence are sometimes mixed with the paint to create the special effects of light on feathers.

Occasionally models are made from a wooden carving. A latex rubber mould is made and then a wax mould. Finally, maybe ten bronzes are cast. Not all carvings can easily be made into bronzes because they would have to be cast in so many pieces. Two parts are the easiest and the join has to be in an inconspicuous area.

Cooper could not be pinned down to a price for his work. There are no set prices. "I don't do it for money. Whether or not I ever sell another piece, I'll still carve". Cooper admits there is more money in teaching. He says it's a "hobby that pays for itself". Cooper also donates much of his work or lets it go at a low price to various charities such as the Canadian Cancer Society, the Juco Association, and Ducks Unlimited.

Cooper has mostly picked up the art on his own although he has attended many courses. One course was with Harold Enlow, the North American premiere figurine carver who specializes in hobos and cowboys. Enlow carves in the American style rather than the Eastern Canadian style.

Cooper has taught a number of courses. Jim Kleih learned to carve *hobo* type figures from him last year and entered the Library Allard carving show this year in company with his teacher. Cooper usually supplies the wood and



Mike Cooper carves beautifully detailed birds, such as the duck and chickadee on display recently at Library Allard's carving show.

a knife at classes. He orders the knives in volume and so gets a discount. This month on March 9 and March 25, tentatively, the Manitou Rapids Arts Council is sponsoring beginning and in-

termediate courses at Pine Falls School and taught by Mike Cooper.

Cooper hopes that the class will be ten to fifteen people. "Beginners need lots of one-on-one. You can't be fair to

the students if classes are too large."

Cooper says, "I enjoy the feel of a knife going through wood. I prefer free style. I'd like to be a whittler in the sun."

Let the people of Quebec go

The speaker banged the desk, and said, "If the people of Quebec want to separate, I say let them go." To my astonishment a majority of the panel agreed with him.

Even more surprising, however, was a majority decision that Canada could continue as a nation without Quebec. One speaker even had a formula for a four-region country; combine the Maritimes into a single province and that's the first; Ontario is the second; the Prairies is the third; and B.C. is the fourth.

These revelations arose at a warm-up meeting for the Citizens' Forum on Canada's Future. In three hours a staff member guided us through the 14 questions. I found it interesting, informative, even surprising.

I'd like you to check your opinions against mine.

Q. What are the major issues facing Canada as a whole in the 1990s?

A. A lack of leadership, and a parliament which ignores stated public wishes.

Q. What does Canada have to do to succeed in the 21st century?

A. Reverse those Mulroney policies which encourage ignorance: GST on books, cancellation of the mail subsidy of periodicals; reduction of grants for universities; reduced budget for the Na-

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tional Research Council.

Q. What would the effect of an independent Quebec be on you?

A. I would be devastated. Q. What would be the effect of an independent Quebec on Canada?

A. The rest of us would soon become Americans; this is Brian's dream.

Q. What are your views on the relationship between Canada and the aboriginal peoples?

A. The most shameful chapter in Canadian history.

Q. What are your views about our cultural and ethnic diversity?

A. I welcome immigrants of all races, but deplore multicultural policies which encourage diversity rather than unity.

Q. What are the unique aspects of the region we're in right now?

A. It has the world's best farmers, and the world's best farmlands. It produces more

political parties than all other regions combined. It suffers grievously under a national policy which favors Ontario and Quebec.

Q. What can be done to develop a balance between regions?

A. Maintain a federal government strong enough to continue a system of equalization payments to poorer provinces.

Q. What does Canada mean to the world?

A. Snow, wheat, mounties, open spaces, blue berets, and (formerly) keepers of the peace.

Q. What are the things you value most about Canada?

A. It's a land of opportunity; freedom of expression; some shows on CBC radio; the bilingualism which sets us apart from other nations; clean air and clean water on the Prairies.

Q. What are you prepared to do to preserve those things you value about being a Canadian?

A. Work to get a government in power which helps us recover our national pride.

Perhaps you should put on the coffee pot, invite the neighbors over, and have your own discussion. I just hate to think that when your country asked for your opinions you failed to respond. This is a test of your citizenship.