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## Health Auxiliary donates \$8,000

On June 18, the Pine Falls Health Auxiliary held their annual luncheon at the home of Mrs. Helen Pugh, Silver Falls.

Following a delicious meal, the Health Auxiliary voted to donate \$8,000 to the Pine Falls Health Complex to fund proposed items put forward by Brenda Sanderson, Director of Nursing. A cheque was delivered the next day!

This very generous donation will be used to fund

the following: a) establishment of a family room for terminally ill patients in the hospital; b) teaching tapes for diabetes and cardiac patients; and c) acquisition of a Geri-chair for the added safety and comfort of residents.

The facility board, staff, patients and residents wish to express our sincere thanks to these tireless volunteers for their many fund raising efforts, caring and continued support of our facility care needs.

## Process takes time

by Linda J. Dalgliesh

Fern Pitre, in a telephone interview with *The Review*, said that things are moving well with the local management buy-out of the mill and woods operation in Pine Falls. The group had interviewed equity investors this past week. There were a number of good prospects from which to choose.

Pitre also said that con-

trary to reports in the *Winnipeg Free Press*, the group has good support from the provincial government. Premier Filmon is supportive. They continue to negotiate with the federal government. Government support, or lack of it, is not the holdup. The whole process takes a long time.

Pitre expects a successful conclusion to all the negotiations shortly.

## Dr. Siddall shares glimpses of past four decades

by Linda J. Dalgliesh

Dr. K.I. Johnson brought Dr. Siddall to Pine Falls in 1950 right out of training. Dr. Johnson returned to honor Dr. Siddall at the celebration held for him last winter.

Dr. Siddall shared glimpses of the past in an interview on July 4 between patients in the doctors' offices in the lower level of the hospital.

He recalled that the doctors' offices were in the separate building over by the personal care home. There were only about five nurses in the hospital in the early days. He recalled Irene Oakes, Betsy Bosma, Jean Walton, Ruby Laporte and Nurse Robinson. He recalled two cooks, Mrs. Sharpe and Alice Schmidt. Yvonne Dupont was the

housekeeper. The Indian hospital was behind the present hospital near the parking lot. The janitor, Mr. Mansell, lived in a home behind that.

Siddall said there were no drug stores. Instead the doctor dispensed drugs. Antibiotics had just started when he was a student. Penicillin and sulphur were used. The doctors were euphoric with the results. These drugs prevented complications to surgery and crises in pneumonia. Siddall recalled the salk vaccine for polio coming in, in the early 50's. In the last epidemic cases were treated here. One patient is still hospitalized in Winnipeg. Any patients with breathing difficulties were transferred to Winnipeg. There was a death from polio.

Because it was a young town, with company owned houses, people moved away when they retired. It was four years before Siddall saw his first heart attack case. Other diseases often associated with older people such as stroke were also uncommon.

Siddall remembered transferring patients to Winnipeg in station wagons. Highway 11 was a Macadam road with logs in it. The only road was down Highway 11 to Seddon's Corner south of Lac du Bonnet and then to Winnipeg. In the early 60's a V.W. van was made into an ambulance. The volunteer drivers did not like to drive the boxy vehicle in a wind.

Until the pill decreased

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## Pine Falls Hospital celebrates 65th anniversary this weekend

## Forest fire fighting is 7 days, 24-hour a day job

# Army of dedicated people fight continuous battle

by Linda J. Dalgliesh

There's a war going on out there and an army of dedicated people help fight that war seven days a week, 24 hours a day. From intelligence gatherers to combat troops, these people work hard to protect our homes, our resources and our families from sure devastation by the *Red Enemy*.

The *Red Enemy* is forest fires which can cause millions of dollars worth of damage to property, natural resources, industries, loss of tourism, and even more costly in human lives.

Unfortunately, most of us take for granted the protection offered by the provincial government. This protection stops many fires from ever starting and prevents most from spreading more than a few metres. All of these fires have the potential to turn into the nightmare of a full

pledged forest fire racing across thousands of hectares of valuable forests leaving devastation in its path which takes years from which to recover.

Prevention, early detection and quick attack by the Department of Natural Resources have proven to be very effective weapons in this constant battle.

Prevention is naturally first on the list. Since preventing lightning strikes over a wide area in a country known for its violent thunderstorms, Natural Resources concentrates on a more effective area. Man-made fires continue to plague the forests, in spite of the prevention program of Natural Resources. However, figures are way down.

Natural Resources provides free literature, fridge magnets with toll free report forest



Water bombers dive low to lay down gallons of water. Fire crews direct their line of attack.

## Satallites provide great deal of data

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fires number, stickers, media releases, Smokey the Bear to schools and other events, videos and anything else which may jog someone's mind. They also issue fire danger warnings at Natural Resource offices, to parks and to the media. These alerts can cause certain regions to be closed to all camping, or at least open fires. People

travelling in these areas should be especially careful.

Where does Natural Resources get the information for these alerts? Does someone merely look out the window and say, "Gee, looks hot today. Better put up the extreme sign"? Then the next few days do they say, "Well, no sense changing that extreme sign. It's too much work"?

Obviously, that is not true.



Natural Resources fire fighters carefully load the helicopter so that equipment can be removed in the order to be used. Careful planning makes the work easier.



Helicopters drop large buckets of water on forest fires with incredible accuracy.

However, few people are aware of the detailed information which is compiled to make up those alerts.

Satellites are pretty much taken for granted nowadays. However, satellites provide a great deal of information to the fire headquarters. Complex scientific equipment also provide pin-point lightning strike recordings, exact temperature, humidity, moisture at the surface and underground, wind speed and direction, fronts, rain, snow cover, length of days with no moisture and hundreds of other things. Some of this equipment is located in Beausejour at the Beausejour Provincial Building, headquarters for the Manitoba

Natural Resources Eastern Region.

Machines are only so good, and Natural Resources do not leave it all in their hands. Every day fire spotters, located in lonely fire towers, watch for smokes. Almost daily other fire spotters are airborne flying sweeps across the region.

Janelle Dodds, Fire Ranger I for Manitoba Natural Resources, has been a fire spotter in a tower at Stead, and also in the airplanes. Dodds was given training in how to watch for the smokes and to make judgements based on what she sees. In the tower, Dodds had to learn to judge distance and direction and transfer the information

to a map, so that the exact location could be reported to fire headquarters which expedites the fire control teams. In the airplane objects are no longer stationary. A route blocked out by fire headquarters through that day's target areas has to be carefully followed. Once a smoke is spotted, the plane circles until the exact location is spotted and radio communication to headquarters has been made. This is painstaking, careful work. Dodds takes pride in doing a good job, is concerned when a smoke is spotted, and spends hours studying background information about her work. She also works at getting to know the

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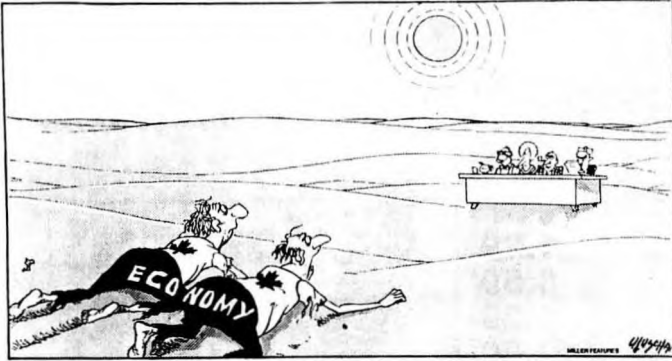
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"MY GOD — ANOTHER CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE!"

## Gun control: a no-win situation

As many readers will be aware, escaped convicted killer Cameron Kerley surrendered to me — on the air — in May of this year. This action generated a swarm of unwanted publicity and questions from other reporters:

"Were you scared?" and, in light of other events:

"Do you own a gun?"

The answer to both questions is "NO!" A resounding "NO!"

This puts city people like me in a difficult position vis-a-vis the new, compromise gun-control legislation introduced by Justice Minister Kim Campbell.

But it seems as though Manitoba is divided into two camps — urban dwellers who read, hear and see about gun violence every week against rural residents who are used to a rifle in the corner cupboard. The recreational shooters are in middle ground.

Across the country, we've had gun control going back to the late 1970s.

But now — particularly after the Marc Lepine tragedy of firing on innocent women on a university campus in Montreal — it is going to get tougher, if this legislation passes:

People who want to buy a firearm (a legal weapon, that is), will have to put up a recent photograph, two references from specified people, have a diploma from a safety-training course, and \$50.

Nobody in this country, it seems to me, would want Winnipeg (or Toronto, or Vancouver) turned into a Detroit, where nightly murders by a bullet are a way of life. However, the politicians are fooling themselves if they believe that legislation is going to reduce the number of gun-related incidents we record across this province and across this country every year.

We have more than 100 ACCIDENTAL shootings per year. We have an estimated

## Warren Speaks

with Investigative Journalist Peter Warren



six MILLION unrestricted rifles. We have more than 50 THOUSAND stolen weapons still out there, on the streets, in pick-up trucks, in homes, both city and rural. We have an estimated two HUNDRED murders per year by gun.

The original legislation, Bill C-80, and now Bill C-17, have given birth to a whole host of lobby groups:

Of course, we have the 40,000-member National Firearms Association; the RCMP; the law amendments committee of the Canadian Chiefs of Police; and we have the smattering opinions (which matter not) of the Bambi killers who go out with a bottle of whiskey in one hand and a rifle in the other.

G. Wallace Einarson of Arborg is one Manitoban, among many, who has taken pen to paper in a letter to Minister Campbell about the proposed law:

"It appears that the police would like all Canadians locked up in concentration camps where the police would be the only ones with weapons."

Larry Schultz of 46 Sandale Dr., Winnipeg, who owns several guns including a semi-automatic rifle and two semi-automatic hand guns, says:

"If you are a determined-enough criminal type you can — if you have access to the right kind of machinery — convert any semi-automatic firearm into a fully-automatic firearm regardless of its original configuration and, of course, if you are caught doing this you deserve to rot in jail for a long time."

But, I think, Schultz puts it best:

"This proposed bill will only add to the frustration of our police, tax our over-burdened courts, fill our already-overcrowded prisons and — in the long run — not satisfy the anti-gun lobby because as soon as this bill is passed they will start screaming that it is not tough enough — and then they will demand more legislation."

The whole issue, also, puts MPs in a tough spot — like abortion and capital punishment, they have to decide whether to vote by the dictates of their own conscience, or by the wishes of their own constituents.

What do YOU think?

Incidentally, one-third of all homicides in Canada were committed with a firearm.

## Dr. Siddall now treats grandchildren of earlier patients

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the birth rate, Dr. Siddall and Dr. Johnson delivered a lot of babies. The doctors covered the hospital twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. They always worked days and had one week on and one week off working nights. They were very busy when lots of babies were to be delivered.

Patients were also flown in for emergencies from the northern reserves such as Little Grand Rapids and Paungassi. Due to flying conditions, these serious care patients often arrived in late evening which also involved late night work.

Dr. Siddall is currently treating the grandchildren of his early patients. He knows by experience the case histories of these people and their families.

One thing which improved over the years was improved access and sanitation on the reserves. Illness among babies has improved significantly. Morbidity has decreased. There is an increased emphasis on health education and preventative

medicine.

As the woods operation became more mechanized, there has been a decrease in accidents. Horses, saws, and manually lifting logs to pile them are a part of the past and so the traumatic accidents which accompanied them.

About every two weeks, Siddall used to do "rounds" in the woods. He treated minor illness and injuries and checked on sanitation in the camps. Siddall wistfully recalled the great meals at the camps and the home baked bread. He usually managed to eat lunch out there. The mill always had an accident program.

He remembers the "fun" of the early days too. He remembers golf, curling and going to the Legion. They never felt isolated. They were too close to Winnipeg.

Dr. Siddall is looking forward to the hospital reunion. He might reminisce some more for those attending. Dr. Siddall is obviously committed to health care in the Pine Falls area. He's worked here all his life.

## The REVIEW

extends congratulations to the Pine Falls Hospital and its dedicated workers for over 65 years of service to the Pine Falls area.

### Manitoba Natural Resources WEEKLY FIRE REPORT Eastern Region

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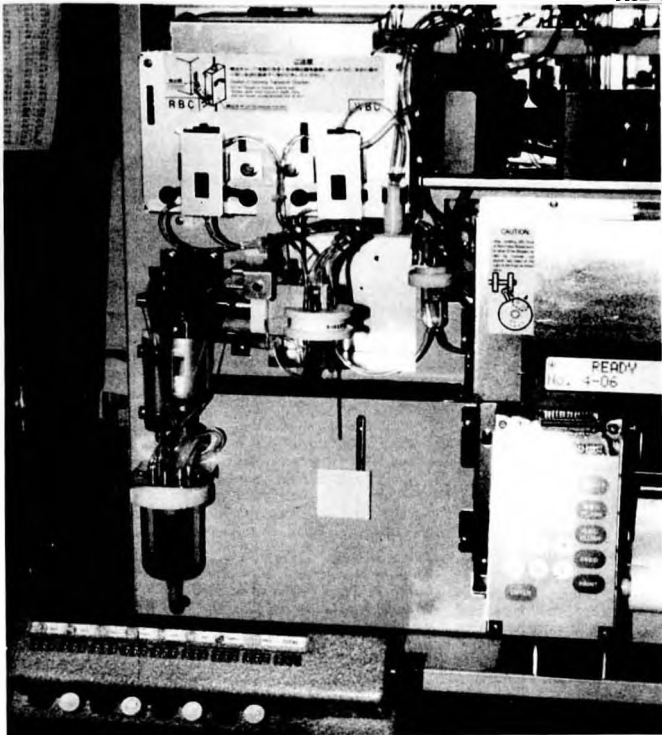
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## Tourism and hospitality program offered in LdB

by Linda J. Dalglish

Anne Longston, of the Agassiz School Division Cooperative Education Program, gave a report to the division school board meeting on June 18 in Powerview.

CEIC had provided \$500,000 in funding. CBC radio had made two feature presentations, she received a call from Nova Scotia for program information and Diane Reeford of Radio Noon had interviewed her about the programs.

The Forestry Program was considered very successful. Most of the students would not have graduated without the program. They have funding for four years. They learned good work ethics. One student developed an interest

in mechanics, as a result of the program and will be attending Red River Community College.

The Tourism and Hospitality Program is becoming more solidly planned. They received \$108,000 to start the course based at Lac du Bonnet. They have received nine applications. The course provides dual credit with Red River Community College. Graduates would be able to handle management of a small resort.

Anne Longston will no longer be coordinating the program next year. Her half-time position will be probably advertised in connection with a 1/2 time program designed to keep students in school. Miss Longston will be working full-time in Lac du Bonnet.

## POLICE REPORT

At 1:55 p.m. on June 27, a motor vehicle accident occurred at Art and Louise Street in Powerview. A car hit a stop sign and allegedly narrowly missed three young people. Charges have been laid.

On June 28 a bicycle was reported stolen from a residence on Laura Street in Powerview.

A car was reported stolen from the Fort Alexander Reserve. It was later recovered and the investigation is continuing.

On June 29, a person was assaulted at Fort Alexander. Two females have been charged.

On June 30 an assault was reported in Powerview. The investigation is continuing. A complaint was received of a man walking with a gun in the Traverse Bay area. Investigation revealed that the person was transporting an empty rifle from one residence to another.

A residence in Little Black River was broken into and minor damage done. Investigation is continuing.

On July 1, a complaint was received of a noisy party in the Hillside Beach area. Police attended and warned

the persons responsible.

A vehicle was broken into at Hillside Beach and a ghetto blaster was stolen. Investigation is continuing.

On July 3, a hit and run accident occurred at the Papertown Hotel parking lot.

On July 4, a report was received that local children have been riding bicycles on

the Pine Falls Golf Course causing damage to the greens. Parents are reminded that they may be held responsible for any damage caused by their children who are caught riding on the golf course or criminal charges could result.

Five impaired drivers were charged over the Canada Day long weekend.

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## Pine Falls' Hospital's first nurse remembers ...

by Linda J. Daigliesh

Annette DiBrito, formerly Annette Mastin, formerly Annette Dansereau is known as Pine Falls Hospital's first nurse.

One of the first duties the twenty-five year old RN had to do when she arrived in Pine Falls was clean blackened instruments and equipment which had come through a fire in a double house on Birch Street. A faulty x-ray machine had caused a fire which burned the building.

Mrs. DiBrito worked in a small house for most of 1927. There were three beds in the living room for the men. There was one room upstairs for maternity cases,

there was another room which was for Mrs. DiBrito. It was seldom used during the first few weeks. She was providing twenty-four hour care by herself. Eventually, she convinced someone at the mill that she required help! He told her to get someone. She invited a friend of hers from the three year program at Misericordia Hospital, Antoinette Viau, to come and help.

Eventually, the young nurses married two local men, Leo Seguin and the constable Fred Mastin. Mastin had been very helpful to the young nurse Annette Dansereau who was alone in the hospital. He warned her not to walk in "Tin Town" near Midway Foods because it was too rough. Mastin, once broke up a fight and used his fist instead of his stick and broke his wrist. He knew what rough was.

Mastin also warned her about the drugs in the basement. Medicines such as aspirins, ether, chloroform and mustard plasters were kept in a locked cupboard in the basement. The house could not be locked according to the company's instructions.

Mrs. DiBrito also recalled another treatment. A man had badly cut his leg with an axe in the woods. He dosed it with coal oil. After three days, it was badly infected. Dr.

Lansdown and the young Mrs. DiBrito cleaned it and used an ointment and hot compresses made from boiled flax. She couldn't recall any antibiotics.

Occasionally a patient had to be shipped to Winnipeg by train. The stretcher was placed in a box car. Mrs. DiBrito recalls travelling to Winnipeg like that with a pregnant woman with pneumonia as a patient. Pneumonia was often fatal in those days. DiBrito had no medical equipment or medicines with her.

Some services were brought in. Meals were brought from the staff house and had to be reheated in the small kitchen. Laundry was done by a Chinese man, Mr. Young, who owned a restaurant/laundromat nearby.

In November 1927, Annette Dansereau married the widower Fred Mastin and quit work to raise his three daughters by a former marriage. When he died Annette Mastin, returned to nursing for a while.

This very spry, bright ninety year old lady is looking forward to the hospital reunion. Many of her co-workers are dead but she is looking forward to reminiscing with area residents and returning staff about the early days of Pine Falls Hospital.



Annette Dansereau, now Annette DiBrito, was the first nurse in Pine Falls. Mrs. DiBrito at 90, has the same friendly smile today that she had when she cared for woods and mill employees, with a maternity case upstairs, in 1927.

### DATE BOOK

Pre-natal Classes — starting July 3 till August 7. To register please call Pine Falls Health Unit at 367-2224.

Golden Leisure Club — whist every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.; meeting every second Wednesday of every month at 1:00 p.m.

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.

All-Non Serenity Group — meetings 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 Elsa 367-2936, 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.

## Three Bears Day Care news

by Denyse Smith Director

Well summer is here and hopefully soon so will the sunny weather. I would like to send a special thank you out to everyone who sponsored our annual trike-a-thon. Even though the number of children wasn't large the few who came had a great time.

During the 4P weekend, Three Bears will be running the Big Top for Kids event so we hope to see you there. We also will be selling tickets on two Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle costumes made

by Mrs. Jean Coulombe who did a beautiful job. We will have them on display at the Northern store for the month of August. Tickets will be available soon from any staff, parent or board member. Needless to say if you have a young child in your life you just know how great a prize this would be.

We have a few openings left for the fall and summer terms so if you would like to enrol your child call as soon as possible 367-8748 ask for Denyse or Noreen. So long for now and have a safe and happy summer.

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## BOOK NOOK

by Mona Bossi

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The children's crafts will once again be in full swing on Fridays from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. starting Friday, July 12. Storytime will be held on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. starting July 9 for one hour. Please call the library in advance to register. Craft sessions are \$1 per child ages 4-years and up. Refreshments will also be served.

Trisha Dube is our summer student this year and we welcome her to the team at the library. She will also be filling you in on what's new

at Library Allard with weekly articles.

A new shipment of videos will be arriving soon at the library so watch this space for more information.

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# Team work involved in fire fighting

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Eastern Region. All those lakes and trees look alike from above.

Once a smoke is spotted one of the heli-tac crews on duty in the area will normally respond. There are two five-man heli-tac crews in Lac du Bonnet, four four-man crews in Bisset and two four-man crews in Pine Falls. These crews are mobile and can be shifted about the region or province as needed.

Depending on the fire alert level, these crews can be on the way in an hour, in minutes, or might already be in the air. Gear is carefully readied for departure so they can take off quickly. Everything has to be portable. The helicopter cannot always set them down right by the fire. Sometimes they walk in.

To keep these men fire fighting ready at all times, drills are held to teach the men better, safer and sometimes faster ways of doing things. Speed usually comes with practise and doing it right. Too much speed can be dangerous.

Linda Dalglish, *The Review* reporter was granted an opportunity to find out about fire fighting by Roy Briese from the Department of Natural Resources. Staff were provided to answer questions. One of the fire observation flights of Janelle Dodds on Eagle Aviation's Cessna 337, with Edward Gaffray in the pilot's seat, received an extra passenger. The reporter learned about the diligence of both observer and pilot.

A second opportunity of talking with a Lac du Bonnet heli-tac crew in one of their training expeditions was also provided by Natural Resources. The crew was headed by Jim Hladki and included Stewart Massey, Luc Boulet, Andrew Prokopchuk and Jim Krzyzaniak. The experienced pilot was Al Haln of Midwest Helicopters, Winnipeg. Haln has been involved in flying helicopters for fire fighters for 18 years.

The disciplined crew relaxed and chatted with the reporter, joking with her and

teasing each other, prior to departure. Their camaraderie was evident. They spoke of the team work involved in fire fighting, of how each person has a job to do within that team that supports and enhances the others. Each job is important. The crew's ability to relax between high stress situations is characteristic of similar professionals who work as ambulance drivers, structural fire fighters, policemen, nurses and armed forces personnel.

They know each other's strengths and weaknesses, they know the equipment, they know the job, they know the dangers. They are ready.

So, let's put them to work. First the gear was loaded carefully, balanced and secure. Depending on what job each fire fighter performed that day, was the order they sat in the helicopter. The reporter was to be let off first for pictures. So she was seated by the door. Normally, that is the chainsaw man's position, in case a landing site has to be cleared. The chain saw was on top of the load in front of him.

Dave Schafer, from the Lac du Bonnet Fire Department office, drove ahead to Blueberry Hill to make a pretend fire with white lime. Schafer also answered dozens of questions by the reporter.

The crew was landing with the helicopter hovering knee high off the ground, held steady by the pilot. Sometimes landings above swamps or with only one runner touching or off the ground due to the terrain. Helicopter pilots also face high winds, up drafts, reduced visibility and the dangers of other aircraft close by when landing crews or equipment. Near misses can occur in mid-air with several helicopters, water bombers and fixed wing aircraft all converging on a big fire. Bird Dogs, which are small fixed winged air craft, from which a fire observer directs air borne and ground crews, are effective in preventing this. It makes the water bombers much more accurate. It prevents close encounters of

the worst kind. Unfortunately, Manitoba only has funded two Bird Dogs, only one of which is currently operating.

Unloading the crew is carefully accomplished. The crew uses their bodies to hold it down as the helicopter lifts off. It includes beside the firefighting gear, fresh water, dehydrated food, a radio, clothing and camping gear for several days.

The crew wears overalls which are supposedly fire retardant, safety footwear made of ballistic nylon with steel toes and shanks and hard hats with chin straps. They have three radios for five people. They have six boxes of hose 400 feet long, a pump, the chainsaw, pulaski axes which have an axe on one side and a hoe on the other, and nozzles among other things.

They each carry a small water bottle and a knife on a belt. Some carry compasses, first aid supplies and a machete. Anything that goes in, comes out.

The crew boss red tags the fire and his crew set up the pump and get out the hoses. They joke that *Bucky the Beaver* saves their butt by making water sources near

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Fire tac crews lay down long lines of fire hoses in minutes reaching from the water source to the fire line. Hours of training speed hose changes.

## CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!



Best Wishes to the Graduates of 1991

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## Our Apologies

The REVIEW apologizes for inadvertently omitting Lac du Bonnet MLA, the Hon. Darren Praznik's congratulatory ad. from last week's salute to the graduates.

## Mary Gold remembers ...

# Pine Falls Hospital nurses were the best paid

by Linda J. Dalgliesh

Mrs. Mary Gold first worked at Pine Falls Hospital in 1947. It was a 32 bed facility with doctors' offices attached. It had x-ray, operating room and a case room for delivering babies. They were mostly two bed wards, but there was also a four bed ward, a one bed isolation room, and a pediatrics ward with six beds.

Manitoba Paper Company (presently Abitibi-Price) paid their salaries. They were the best paid nurses in Manitoba at that time. "When the men got a raise, so did we," Gold recalled with a smile. It was a private hospital but they also took the overflow from the Indian hospital.

In the 1960's, the government took over the hospital. They did away with the Indian Hospital and created a forty-eight bed unit. When Helen MacCracken died of a heart attack in 1961, Gold took over for ten years. During this time a large expansion occurred and a complete renovation of the existing facility occurred.

Gold recalls lots of close patient care. Even without heart and fetal monitors, "you didn't let people die," she said. The nurses were well trained.

Shifts were hectic with seven days on two off, seven nights on, two off. The nurses worked a forty-eight hour week. There was only one nurse in the evenings. However, there was a nurses' residence upstairs and staff were always willing to help in an emergency.

The doctors were busy as well. Two doctors covered the hospital twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Sometimes a doctor simply couldn't get there in time, so a nurse would deliver a baby. If the baby arrived at night, the nurse would then have to clean and sterilize everything in case a new baby arrived. They usually kept duplicate sterile instruments to make this easier.

Gold had been trained on the job by MacCracken to operate the x-ray. They also did urinalysis. Today those items are separated. Allan Borody showed Mary Gold and *The Review's* Linda Dalgliesh around the x-ray and lab. Even Borody admits that during the sixteen years he has been here, the machines have changed radically. A nurse like Gold would no longer be permitted to do x-rays. They have to be qualified. The fluoroscope which has replaced the old x-ray produces a bright, clear black and white image on a TV monitor which can also be frozen on an x-ray.

No longer do doctors peer at dim images. Diagnosis is more accurate. Developing is very fast and usually worry free. It is also hands free with no messy chemicals. There is 75% less radiation.

Similarly, in the lab, blood work which would normally take a long time of mixing, separating, boiling and counting individual cells under a microscope, can be done in seconds with a high tech machine which provides a personalized read-out. From four or five such tests a day, the lab now routinely does over twenty.

There is a cost to this technology. The fluoroscope and its room cost \$200,000. Borody says other equipment is expensive as well. The hospital has excellent equipment. When the laboratory was being planned, they tried to get the best they could to provide the services normally required locally. Staff have in-services and training on an ongoing basis as the equipment is accessed. Diagnosis is faster and more accurate than before. Patients and doctors benefit from the up to date lab.

Gold loved the operating room. She assisted the doctors as they performed surgery. Today the operating room is equipped with monitors and equipment which were not imagined in her day. Up to the minute anaesthetic machines are a far cry from the ether and chloroform of the early days of the hospital.

Gold looked at the emergency treatment room with all its neatly packaged pre-cut clearly labelled as to size bandages with admiration. We take such things for granted. She remembered cutting and folding bandages from large pieces of gauze on nights. She recalled rolling plaster of paris into bandages for use in casts. Today large medical supply houses produced these luxuries or necessities depending on your point of view.

Gold worked as director of nursing during a time of high turnover for nurses at Pine Falls Hospital. Many could not take the isolation. They came for a year to get experience after training and often left immediately afterwards. There were many Filipino nurses during this time of short supply. Many lived in the nurses' residence. Some married locally.

Another difference was that because there was no hospital administrator when she started, the director of nursing ordered all hospital supplies except foods. Eventually a business manager was hired and finally a hospital administrator.

One supply she ordered was oxygen in large cylinders. This was wheeled from room to room as needed. There was no oxygen supply in the walls as there is presently.

Gold admires the large tub with an automatic lift to take patients in and out. When Gold first nursed, patients were bathed in bed or had to be physically lifted in and out of the tub. Eventually a sort of hoist was acquired before the present system was in place.

In the pediatrics ward, Gold admired the bright cheery playroom which was filled with toys. The pediatrics nurses in her day had to cope with half a dozen

children in a room with no such facilities.

Similarly, the comfortable patients' lounge was unheard of in the old days. If patients were allowed to leave their room, they sat in the hallway. In the lounge, we ran across Phil Catellier. He was in for a motor vehicle accident which left him with a broken hip. He recalled being hospitalized in 1943 with quincy, a type of sore throat. He said the hospital was smaller with more patients per room. He says the present nursing care is great. He would sooner be sick in this one than the old one.

Mary Gold was proud to show off the modern incubator for babies. In compari-

son the old incubator was an oxygen box.

We ran across Ken and Irene Gunter showing off a cardiac monitor with a defibrillator. This is the machine seen so often in television emergency rooms which sort of "jump-starts" a person. Before anyone calls the hospital, that is my "description" not an accurate assessment of what actually happens.

Mary Gold moved to BC for ten years with her husband, but they chose to come back to Pine Falls to retire. Gold continues to take an interest in what's happening at Pine Falls Hospital and will be conducting tours during the hospital reunion.



Ken Gunter demonstrates a cardiac monitor and defibrillator. Ambulance personnel work closely with hospital staff.

## Irene Oakes remembers

by Linda J. Dalgliesh

Irene Oakes, formerly Irene Fisher, started nursing at Pine Falls Hospital in 1947. When Mary Gold left as director of nursing in October 1971, Oakes took over her position. Oakes was formerly head nurse.

Oakes recalled working with Mary Gold, Jean Walton, another director of nursing and Betsy Bosma. Doctors in the early days were Dr. Bissett, Dr. K. I. Johnson and Dr. Siddall.

Oakes firmly believes that Pine Falls Hospital is as good as you're going to get anywhere. People are fortunate to have such a good hospital. She recalls that it was first

planned under Sam Uskiw. Jackie Joss, who was then administrator, wanted the best for Pine Falls. The Manitoba Health Services Commission representative, Anne Roberts, was from Pine Falls and she wanted the best as well.

Nursing is more complicated now, but the standards of nursing are still high. It's more technical. The nurses keep upgrading. They have good in-services here. Some take night courses at the university. They keep up to date. The RN's still give bedside nursing, but they are busy with bookwork and charts which are important. The LPN's and nurses' aides also provide bedside nursing. Her husband had to be hospital-

ized recently and he thought the RN care was "fantastic".

Oakes said that the provincial lab here provides excellent services. She also says they've always had good meals. Sherry Parissiene can support that. Her mother is the present cook. She has been asked to cook for a day in Stonewall to teach them what she does so well.

Oakes says that she feels the Pine Falls Hospital has given good service over the years. "The staff has gone above and beyond", as she put it.

Irene Oakes is looking forward to the hospital reunion and visiting with old staff members.

# Pine Falls Hospital through the years . . . From the Beaches to the Falls

From History of Pine Falls

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following article is reprinted from the history book *From the Beaches to the Falls*, with our appreciation.

In 1926 the hospital quarters, formerly a shack on the campsite, were moved to a newly-completed double house on Tamarac Street. Dr. Lansdown and an orderly comprised the "staff" and later Mrs. Lansdown, who was a nurse, assisted. During the early winter of 1927, this building had burned down so the hospital was moved to the house which is now 29 Birch Street. There were two nurses on staff, Antoinette Viau (later Mrs. Leo Seguin) and Annette Dansereau (later Mrs. Fred Mastin). They worked 12 hour shifts and were expected to keep the premises clean as well as nurse the patients! Meals were brought in from the staff house.

In 1928, Abitibi Paper Company Limited took over all the Spanish River Mills. That year a new hospital was completed with an x-ray room, operating room, one private ward, one semi-private women's ward, and one men's public ward. The staff consisted of a matron and three nurses. Living quarters for the nurses were on the second floor. Dr. Ed R. Bissett was the company contract doctor and Dr. Lansdown continued as his assistant.

During the war years which followed, Drs. Bissett and Lansdown were in the army and the population of this area, from the beaches to Lac du Bonnet, was looked after by Dr. W.S. Reid of Lac du Bonnet. Weekly blood donor clinics were organized at the hospital.

In 1964, Dr. Johnson resigned his position as company doctor. During the fourteen years he spent at Pine Falls he delivered 923 babies! Dr. Siddall became company doctor and Dr. J.S. Wallia joined the medical staff.

— Anne Covers

During 1964 the hospital was completely renovated and integrated with the Indian hospital, and officially opened as Pine Falls General Hospital in January 1965. The number of beds had been increased to 48. Dr. P. Geer, formerly the doctor for the Department of Indian Affairs, joined the medical staff to form the Pine Falls Medical Clinic. The former Indian hospital building was moved from the site by the Department of Northern Affairs. The nurses' residence was used for some years by the new hospital until it was no longer required when it, too, was moved away.

In 1987, a modern new hospital with 35 beds opened. This is to be followed by our long awaited personal care home, Sunnywood Manor, to be built on the site of the original hospital.

## From Short History of Pine Falls Hospital Auxiliary — Marium Frayne

The Pine Falls Women's Hospital Auxiliary was formed in 1951, in response to a growing need to help, evident in our small private hospital. It was felt that with volunteer help from the ladies, we could provide necessary missing comforts for our patients and at the same time ease the yearly budget.

Early in 1952 a new wing was completed and our ladies furnished all wards with new draperies and new linens as well as new operating room gowns and drapes. With the addition of this new wing, our hospital graduated to the status of a small general hospital and served the surrounding districts.

At this state the auxiliary assumed the responsibility for all "new sewing" and mending. Mrs. Dorothy Will was sewing convener.

These projects carried right through to 1964, when once again history was made and we amalgamated with Indian Affairs and instead of two hospitals with overlapping facilities we added a new wing and became more efficient as a hospital. Thus, the Indian hospital was torn down. Under the new arrangement our hospital increased to 48 beds, added a government diagnostic unit with lab and x-ray facilities. At this increased size the "new sewing" and mending phase of the auxiliary work had to be abandoned as it was too big a project for our small group.

However we branched out into many other projects to help the hospital. Since 1951 with monies raised from such

ing schools, auctions, bake sales, card parties, cook book sales, garage sales, raffles and membership drives plus our annual Crocus Tea, we have added many comforts to the patients — and very valuable necessary equipment for the doctors and nurses.

Our gift cupboard is as popular today as it was 34 years ago. At the very beginning these items were kept at the home of Mrs. Rod Schuetze — then when room was available at the hospital, Mr. Fred Welsh donated a cupboard to hold our sale items and it is still in use. Today this is ably looked after by Mrs. Muriel Hills. Hundreds of volunteer knitters have kept this cupboard going over the years.

The daily room to room notion shop on wheels continues and requires many volunteer hours. Betty Crawford, Dorothy Johnson, Barbara McLenaghan and Lenore Bartlett were four of the dedicated persons who looked after the ordering, accounting etc. of items for many years.

It is almost impossible to list all the ladies who have worked towards achieving where we are today. Following are some interesting facts given to me:

Prior to 1927 there were no health facilities in this area. The first "doctor's office" was held at No. 4 Tamarac. First makeshift hospital apparently was across from present Legion House. Second makeshift hospital was 29 Birch Street, presently the home of A. Russell. Matron was Mrs. Fred Mastin (Annette Dansereau) Mrs. Leo Seguin was the nurse — she cooked, set limbs, bandaged wounds, etc. The laundry was, in the early hospital days, done by a Chinese laundry man, a Mr. Charlie Young who also owned the restaurant — (presently Sonny's Chicken House). He used to pull a wagon down Maple Street to the hospital every morning with the laundry in large wicker baskets.

The auxiliary continues to put on the annual tea and bake sale in April — the Crocus Tea. Many years ago — 1938, I remember bringing or donating wash cloths to the tea — for use by hospital patients. Martin Mills, the Hudson's Bay Store manager used to conveniently put these on sale the day before the tea.

Another little interesting story about our hospital in days gone by.

The cook, then Lorna French (Jack) not only canned, baked bread, made jams and jellies — she was on call and was expected to man the office if the nurse



An automatic bath lift has enabled some of the nurses' back-breaking work to be performed safely and cleanly by machine.

had to go into O.R., or delivery room, etc. Volunteers came in different categories — for instance the cook's brother-in-law, Jack Huhn, had a large garden at Sharpe's Point — he would bring loads of fresh vegetables to the hospital kitchen for soup, relishes, etc. for the patients' use. Having a baby in those early days — prior to M.H.S.C. was quite a different story.

One lady told me it took her a whole year to pay for the birth of her child — \$1.00 per pay cheque. The cost for the mother's hospital stay was \$1.75 per day. The newborn, 50¢ per day. The doctor's fee — \$25.00 for delivery plus nine months prenatal care.

I remember when Florence Caulfield was matron — she collected tea and coffee coupons — redeemed them to buy flatware for the hospital dining room.

In 1974 the name of our auxiliary was changed to the Pine Falls Health Auxiliary.

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There is strong evidence that Canadians are still getting food poisoning from unpasteurized milk. Several different kinds of harmful bacteria including *Salmonella*, *E.coli*, *Brucella*, *Pseudomonas Yersinia* and *Campylobacter* have been reported to cause food poisoning following the drinking of raw milk. During the past two years, over 60 cases of *Campylobacteriosis* alone have been directly traced to the use of raw milk in Manitoba. A recent survey in Canada showed that up to 10% of raw milk supplies may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, a new bacteria which can cause meningitis and blood poisoning in infants, the elderly and immuno-compromised persons and may result in still birth or abortion in pregnant women. There is clear evidence that *Listeria* organisms grow better in milk than any other foods even at refrigerator temperatures.

Only 1% of the milk consumed in the U.S.A. is raw but it accounts for 95% of all milk-borne illness in the past 30 years.

Federal regulations which will prohibit any sale of unpasteurized dairy products are in the process of being enacted. Final approval is expected in 1991. This indicates the importance placed on disease reduction from this source.

Pasteurization makes no appreciable changes to the nutritional value of milk. Anyone allergic to pasteurized milk will also be allergic to raw milk. Pasteurization does not affect the calcium content of milk.

Home pasteurization of milk is easily conducted: Heat milk in a double boiler to 165°F (75°C) or to a simmer (small bubbles form prior to reaching the boiling point), while stirring occasionally. Remove the skin that forms on the milk as it heats.

## Corner Stone

by Marilyn Zarecki  
Home Economist  
Manitoba Agriculture  
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Remove from heat, cover and set pot in ice water. Don't stir with the same spoon used with the raw milk.

When cook, pour into a clean, covered container and refrigerate.

NOTE: It is not advisable to attempt to pasteurize milk in the microwave oven.

## Bucky the Beaver saves their butt

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fires. Thanks to the information sources, they have a better idea of what they'll find at the fire's source which makes fighting easier. Every fire has to have its source determined and a thorough written report is made. This information helps headquarters with what might happen in a future fire.

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## Fundraising for lacrosse

by Linda J. Dalgleish

Field and box lacrosse has only been in operation in Fort Alexander for about five years. During that time, the junior men's lacrosse team has captured many titles. In 1988, they were Manitoba junior men's lacrosse champions. In 1989, they were Manitoba high school lacrosse league champions and came second provincially. In 1991, they were Manitoba high school lacrosse league champions and in a demonstrated sport at the Western Canada Games they were champions.

These achievements make the lacrosse team at Fort Alexander one of the top-rated teams in Canada. Along with

these team awards and accolades, various individual awards have been handed out to some of the players such as most valuable player and all-star recognition.

The community and the education system are really very proud of what this team and its coaches have accomplished in just a few short years. "Together with the community support and the education program backing them up all the way, I see bigger and better things for this team" was Pat Bruyere's summary. Bruyere is assistant superintendent of Sagkeeng Education Authority.

August 21-25, the team has been invited to partici-

pate in the national junior men's box lacrosse championship to be held in Ottawa, Ontario. Fund raising has started to cover the costs of the trip. It is estimated that transportation and accommodation for the twenty-man team and coaches will cost close to \$13,000. The team will be seeking corporate sponsorship for this national event as well as other fund raising methods.

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