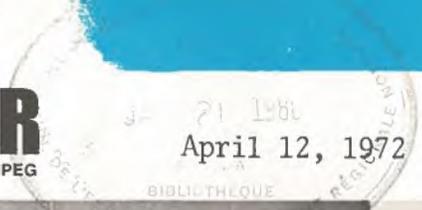




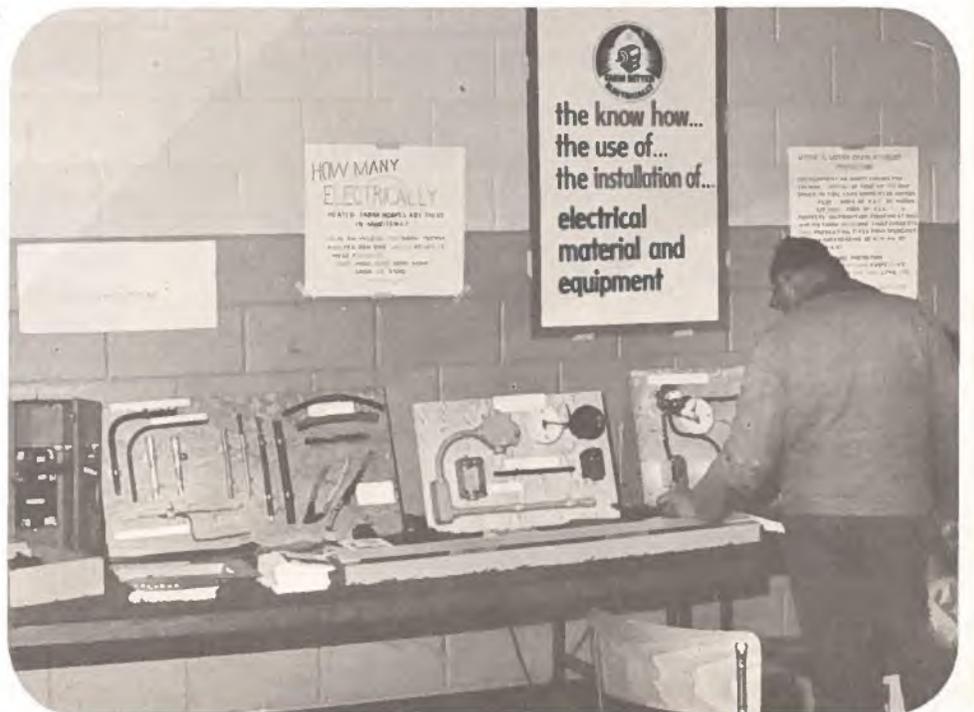
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## Continuing Education





*One man checks how plumbing works while Clarence Edwards, adult education co-ordinator for the South and Central Interlake development boards, views some of the paintings on display.*

## Continuing Adult Education — From Painting To Plumbing

Adult night school education seems to be catching on in the Interlake if the number of people taking courses over the past year is any indication.

In the south and central Interlake development board regions alone more than 400 adults took night school courses during the past winter. And an additional 500 people in the area took defensive driving courses.

Along with this, in the Selkirk area more than 1,000 people took courses in the evenings. In addition a number of other centers in the Interlake offered continuing education courses for adults.

The reason for the increase in enrollment in evening courses is summed up by Clarence Edwards, co-ordinator of adult education for the South and Central Interlake development boards:

"It's a way for people to get involved in something...whether it's a hobby or a vocational interest the courses they take are a form of personal expression."

Classes in the south and central Interlake region were held at Inwood, Teulon, Fraserwood, Balmoral, Woodlands, Warren, Argyle, Grosse Isle, Stony Mountain, and Stonewall.

The courses covered several areas of interest including sewing, electrical appliance repair, drawing, sketching, painting, upholstery, welding, typing, carpentry, and plumbing.

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*COVER: Some of the results of last winter's Interlake adult education classes - carpentry (top left), small motor repair (top right), cooking (centre), sewing (bottom left), and electrical wiring (bottom right).*

On Saturday, March 25, results of winter evenings spent in continuing education classes were evident as a display was held in the Stonewall Collegiate. Among the displays were dozens of paintings, furniture, electrical materials, plumbing equipment, dresses and other wearing apparel, and examples of cooking.

Mr. Edwards said the display was put on to show people in the area what had been done in adult education classes over the past year and to encourage them to

consider taking courses over the next winter.

Most of the classes were two hours long and ran for ten evenings in localities where there were enough people to form a class. Fees were normally \$10 per person for each course with the area development boards and the Department of Education making contributions.

The area development boards were each eligible to receive up to \$1,500 for adult education under the FRED program.

## Winter Works Projects Still Underway



*Two winter projects carried out were construction of a golf clubhouse in Teulon and a skating rink in Winnipeg Beach.*



Projects under the federal and provincial winter works program continue to be carried out in the Interlake. In the February issue of The Flyer, projects approved up to that time were listed. Here is a list of the projects which have gotten underway since then.

### LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM:

Federal government involvement is under the Local Initiatives Program where labor costs of approved projects are paid up to an average of \$100 per week per man. The program ends May 31.

- In Gimli a recreation association is using facilities at the recently closed airforce base. The Manitoba Outdoor Education Association received about \$36,000 to employ 19 persons-- administrators, resource people and custodians. They are conducting recreation programs at the air base for about 1200 students in the area.

- The Jackhead Indian Band near Dallas is employing 15 people to construct a Band administration building. They received about \$11,000 in Local Initiatives funds.

- About \$20,000 went to the Lake St. Martin Indian Band to employ 14 people to construct a fish house, complete a warehouse and skating rink, and cut wood for fence posts.

- The Fairford Indian Band has 20 people constructing a clinic and completing a skating rink, as well as cutting wood for fence posts and providing firewood to the aged and disabled. The grant was \$20,000.

- In St. Martin, the Homebrook Drainage Committee has 10 people at work clearing brush and deadfall from the Basket River, the Powderhorn Creek, and a tributary to the Powderhorn Creek. They hope this will provide better drainage so homes and livestock in the area will not be as

severely affected during flooding. Federal funding is approximately \$15,000.

- A \$15,000 federal grant to the Inwood Sports Club is helping the club expand its facilities for spectator seating and dressing rooms. Seven new jobs were created.

- A grant of about \$8,000 was made to the recreation centre in Warren for renovations and improvements to curling and skating rinks. Five new jobs were created by the project.

- In Oak Point, a grant of approximately \$14,000 is helping the community centre board improve the curling rink facilities. Seven jobs were created.



An unusual project has been carried out by the Coldwell-Eriksdale--Camper-Gypsumville Area Development Boards. Paper and bottles are being collected from the area to be recycled through plants in Winnipeg and elsewhere. Above, from the left, Gordon Robson, Andy Zastre, and Willie Kostelnuk pile up bottles they have collected.

- The Kinsmen Club of Teulon received about \$8,000 to put ten people to work on construction of a community arena.

- A community centre for St. Ambroise which will serve as a kindergarten, adult education centre, and resource centre for social agencies received a grant of about \$18,000. The project created 14 jobs.

- The Kinsmen Club of Selkirk is using a federal contribution of \$15,000 to hire eight people to construct hockey rinks, skating shacks, slides and swings, and to install a firing range in a high school basement.

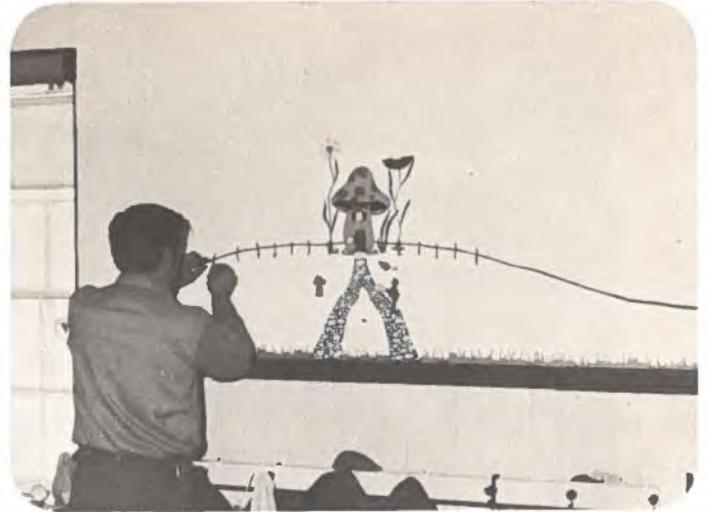
- The Town of Selkirk is employing 30 people with a federal grant of \$67,000 to demolish three pre-1900 schools to improve the town's appearance.

- A Mental Health Group in Selkirk is surveying resources in Selkirk and Winnipeg which can be used by in-patients and out-patients of Selkirk Mental Hospital. The type of resources include employment situations and training possibilities along with educational and recreational programs and facilities. The group was allotted \$12,000 in federal funds to hire seven people.

PROVINCIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM:

Under PEP, projects undertaken by municipalities, local groups, schools, hospitals, and Indian bands were eligible for grants from the province to cover labor costs.

- R. M. of Rockwood--Construction of machine shed and fire hall at Stony Mountain. Labor cost is \$8,000 with 15 man months of work created.



*Above, a PEP grant is being used in St. Laurent to prepare a pre-school facility in part of the Louis Riel Plant. The pre-school program should get underway later in April with about 32 children being accommodated. Below, an outside view of the Gimli arena project under which 350 additional seats are being added.*



- Winnipeg Beach--Renovating fire hall with a labor cost of \$1,127 created 2.8 man months of work.

- St. Andrews--Repairing and painting municipal office, fire hall, and maintenance garage. 7.9 man months of work were created at a cost of \$3,150.



*The Grettir Co-operative Amateur Athletic Association is constructing this multi-purpose building in Lundar. Total cost of the project is about \$125,000. Labor costs of about \$40,000 were covered by a federal winter works grant while the remaining costs are being raised through a grant from the municipality, private donations, and other sources. The building will be used for curling and skating in the winter and for meetings, fairs, and other events in the summer.*

- Riverton--Repair to community hall and park building, demolition of building, survey of needs of senior citizens, and construction of a foot bridge. The labor cost was \$6,620 with 15 man months of work.

- Arborg--Construction of street signs and sign arms and painting of lettering on signs at a cost of \$300 with .8 man months of work.

- R. M. of Coldwell--Painting of community hall and renovations to fair grounds, picnic grounds, and other buildings. Fifteen man months of work were created with a grant of \$7,000.

- R. M. of Rosser--Repairs to a skating shack and addition of cupboards to the community hall created one man month of work at a cost of \$400.

- Gimli--Demolition of the east end of the arena to provide 350 additional seats. Labor costs were

\$15,905 with 39.8 man months of work.

- Gypsumville School Division No. 1612--Building of shelves and re-conditioning of desks along with an inventory of texts and library books. The labor cost was \$1,800 with 4.5 man months of work created.

- St. Andrews, St. Clements Agricultural Society--Insulating display building. Labor cost was \$7,190 with 15 man months of work.

- Ukranian National Home (Cultural Centre) Fisher Branch--repairs. Cost was \$6,741 for labor with 15 man months of work.

- St. Benedict's Manor Nursing Home--Renovate basement, install storage closets, and tile floors. The cost of labor was \$5,760 with 14.4 man months of work.

- Argyle Community Hall Committee--Renovations to hall and construction

of kitchen cupboards. The cost of labor was \$2,100 with 5.3 man months of work.

- Petersfield Community Club--Painting inside hall and renovation and repair of plumbing. Labor cost was \$1,200 with 3 man months of work.

- Union National Metis Local of St. Laurent--Renovate building for preschool classes. Labor cost was \$4,280 creating 10.7 man months of work.

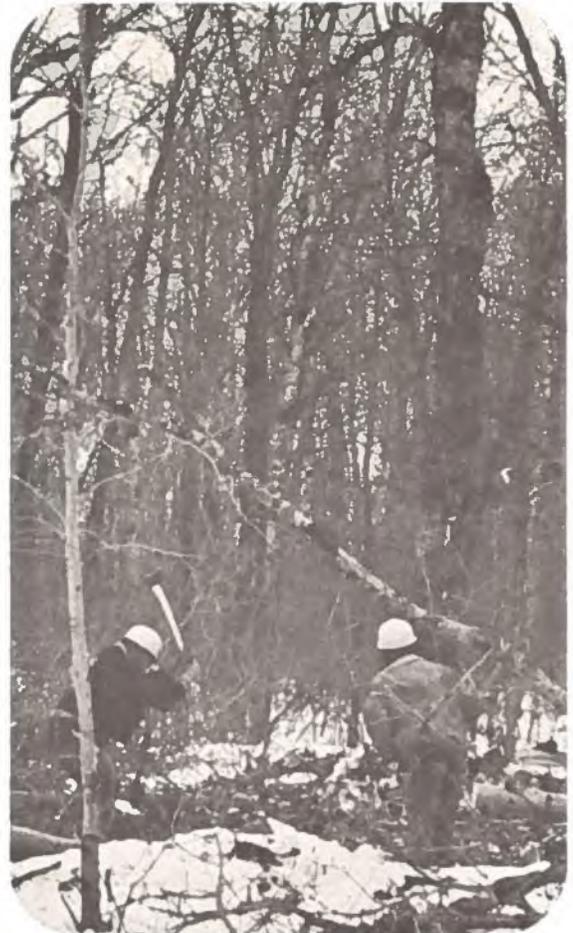
- Oakpoint Community Centre Board--Hall repairs, curling rink renovations, and sports grounds repairs. Labor cost was \$6,933 with 15 man months of work.

- Canadian Association for Mentally Retarded, Interlake Branch--Survey of needs of slow-learners. The cost of labor was \$6,420 creating 15 man months of work.

- Hnaua Community Club--Hall renovation. Labor cost was \$2,500 with 6.2 man months of work.

- Kinsmen Club of Gimli--Hiring of caretaker and custodians and renovations to existing facilities. Labor cost was \$5,000 with 12.5 man months of work.

- St. Stephen's Church Hall Committee--Addition to community church hall. The cost of labor was \$1,000 with 2.5 man months of work.



*Bush clearing projects are being carried out with winter works grants in several Interlake areas.*

## Interesting Points About High School Education

What causes a student to drop out of high school?

That's a question that has bothered educators for several years. As part of on-going evaluation of the Interlake FRED program by the University of Manitoba, a study has been made of education services in the Interlake.

Drop-out rates for 1968 were

used as a measure of the quality of education, with the rationale that schools with low drop-out rates are doing better in preparing students to cope with society and in job preparation.

Over time, the Interlake average drop-out rates have been improving. However in various localities of the Interlake there has been a variation in the drop-

out rate. Several factors have been uncovered which may explain these variations in high school drop-out rates in 1968:

- The higher the town average income the lower the drop-out rate.
- The more extra curricular activities available, the lower the drop-out rate.
- The larger the number of course alternatives available, the lower the drop-out rate.
- The larger the percentage of Indian and Metis children in the high school, the lower the drop-out rate. (The researchers believe this is apparently due to the high success rate for Indian and Metis children who do reach high school.)
- The larger the school population, the higher the drop-out rate. (Further study on this point is suggested by the researchers.)
- Generally towns with low average income levels had teachers with low salaries and low qualifications in 1968.

In the same study it was also noted that education services have an important effect on local communities in the Interlake. A school provides employment for a large number of teachers and support staff and these people spend money in the community and support local businesses. Also, construction of schools provides jobs in the community as well as supporting the level of local business sales.

It is estimated that out of the \$7.4 million education expenditure in the Interlake for primary and secondary education in 1968, \$5 million was spent in the area, \$2.17 million was spent on purchases by

the local boards for supplies in Winnipeg, and \$700,000 was spent on school buildings. Out of the \$5 million spent in the area, \$4.6 million was spent on wages for school staff and \$400,000 was for purchases of supplies from local businesses.

The wage payments were made to 59 principals, 536 full time teachers, 10 part time teachers, 4 superintendents, and several other full time and part time administrative and custodian staff as well as school bus drivers.

The \$5 million in wages and school supply purchases resulted in \$3 million worth of sales for local businesses and supported 99 jobs with income payments of \$600,000.

## **Permits Needed For Frogs And Reptiles**

Persons planning to collect and sell frogs, snakes, and salamanders in Manitoba will require a permit to do so this year.

Permits will be required to collect garter snakes, leopard frogs (also called grass frogs), and tiger salamanders for any purpose. Persons receiving a permit will be required to submit a report on the reptiles and amphibians taken in order to provide data for management purposes. Last year, about three million frogs and 17,000 snakes were collected primarily in the Interlake area for use in university laboratories and scientific research. Because of the numbers now being taken studies are being started on reptile and amphibian populations.

Persons wishing to collect these reptiles and amphibians in 1972 can obtain a permit, free-of-charge by writing: Chief of Wildlife Services, Department of Mines, Resources and Environmental Management, Box 11, 139 Tuxedo Boulevard, Winnipeg.

# New Agriculture Director For Interlake Named

Al Watkins is a name that's already familiar to many Interlakers. And in the future it will be familiar to many more. Mr. Watkins has recently been appointed Interlake Regional Director for the Department of Agriculture as part of a departmental reorganization.

Centered in Arborg, Mr. Watkins will be responsible for overseeing and co-ordinating all Department of Agriculture programs in the Interlake region.

Except for five years he spent in the air force, Al has been in agriculture all his life.

- He was raised on a farm in Saskatchewan.
- In 1940 he joined the air force and served in the Pacific region and Europe as a pilot until he left in 1945.
- He then went into a ranching and business operation in Saskatchewan.
- In 1954 Al began an agriculture course at the University of Saskatchewan.
- His first job after graduating was with the Manitoba Department of Agriculture in 1959 as an Ag. Rep. in Ashern.
- In 1963 he moved to Winnipeg in the pasture management program of the soils and crops branch of the department.



Al Watkins

- When the FRED land clearing policy came into effect in 1967, Al was appointed chief of that program and has been in that position for the past four years.

Because of his work since 1959 Al has a close relationship with the Interlake and with Interlakers.

"My entire period of employment with the Manitoba government has been specifically in the Interlake...I guess I know quite a number of farmers in the area and I expect to know the people in the towns before long," Al said.

He defines the purpose of the Department of Agriculture as advising farmers on better methods of production and of new advances in agriculture.

But he feels the farmer is the one who decides his own future and level of production.

"The farmer is the key man, the person who is putting in the effort. We're there to advise him and help him reach his potential," he said.

He noted the level of productivity and efficiency of a farmer is not the only thing to be considered.

"We're dealing with people's lives, not just their farms and that's something we have to remember."

Mr. Watkins officially assumed his new position April 1 although it will take him a few months to relocate and get settled in Arborg.

## St. Laurent Girls Train in Garment Plant



Five women recently completed a three month training course at the St. Laurent Sportswear Plant. Plant manager Emile Lavallee and Jim Gardner of the Selkirk Canada Manpower Centre presented certificates to three of the women--(from the left) Myrna Dumont, Olga Ducharme, and Marcia Coutu. The two other women, Darlene Allard and Anne Zacharias, will also receive certificates.

## Interlake Elk Re-Occupy Former Haunts

The Interlake elk restocking started in 1969 in the Mantagao Lake Wildlife Management Area is achieving moderate success reports wildlife development specialist Chuck Dixon of the Department of Mines, Resources and Environmental Management.

Since 1969, 109 elk have been trapped, marked and relocated from the Riding Mountain National Park to the central Interlake under the FRED program. The latest release of 15 cows and calves was made

last December. Air surveys have been carried out since 1969 to locate marked elk and estimate area populations. Since 1971, the Mantagao Wildlife area appears to be holding steady at about 200 elk.

Elk herds have recently been observed re-occupying their former habitat in the Harwill, Sleeve Lake, Mulvihill, and Saint Lakes area.

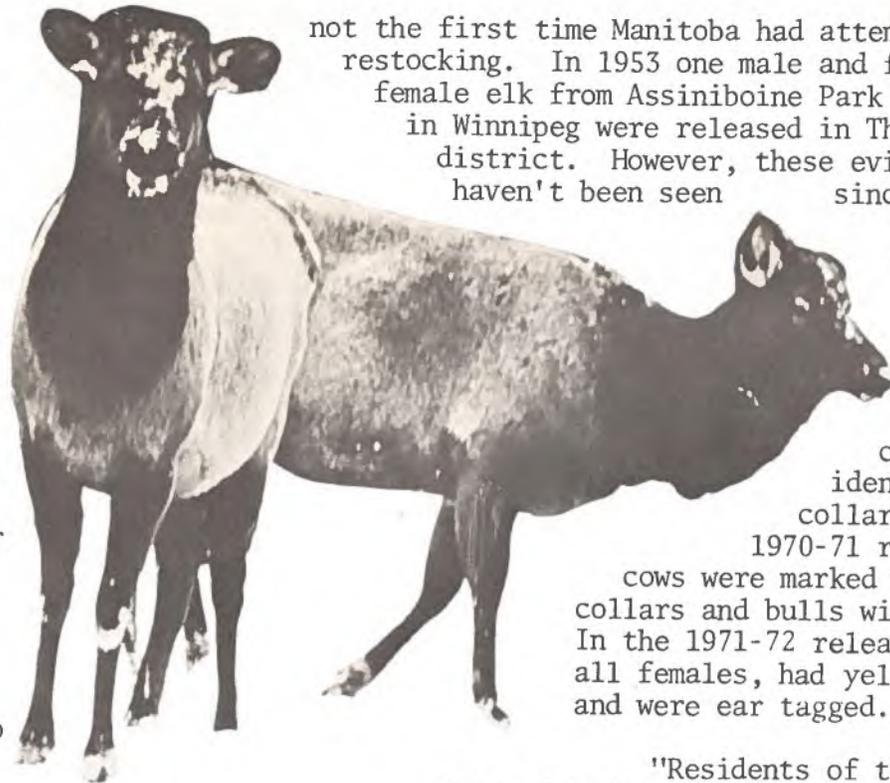
"It should not be unusual for central Interlake residents and visitors to the area to see elk

or signs of elk in these areas in the next few years," said Mr. Dixon.

He added that the future of Interlake elk depends on how people react to the animals. Some problems have occurred already with elk being poached or mistaken for deer and shot during deer seasons.

"However, most Interlake residents seem to appreciate the animals and are concerned that the experiment in restocking should flourish," he said.

The Interlake transplants were



not the first time Manitoba had attempted elk restocking. In 1953 one male and five female elk from Assiniboine Park Zoo in Winnipeg were released in The Pas district. However, these evidently haven't been seen since.

Of the 109 elk released in the Interlake, 78 were marked with colored identification collars. In the 1970-71 release, cows were marked with red collars and bulls with blue. In the 1971-72 release the elk, all females, had yellow collars and were ear tagged.

"Residents of the Interlake sighting elk, marked or unmarked, are asked to report these sightings to department staff. This information all helps piece together the interesting puzzle forming from Interlake elk," said Mr. Dixon.

## School Tax Reduction Details Outlined

Education taxes on homes, farmlands and apartments will be cut in half this year up to a maximum of \$50.

The provincial government approved the tax cut at the last session of the legislature.

### *Grindstone Point Road Contract Let*

Tri-Line Construction Ltd., of Hnaua, has been awarded a \$157,805 contract for the grading of the pilot road into the Grindstone Point recreation and cottage site just north of Hecla Island.

A special provision has been made for farmers to include land other than that on which their home is located. This has been done so that farmers, who often pay higher school taxes on productive land than on land on which they reside, can receive the maximum \$50 tax reduction.

In order to receive a reduction on more than one piece of land, a farmer must make application to the municipality concerned to amalgamate his school taxes before the end of the year in which taxes are assessed. The reduction will appear as a credit on municipal tax statements to be issued later this year.

# Uskiw Listens To Interlake Development Boards

All Interlake area development boards except Gimli met with Agriculture Minister Sam Uskiw at the annual FRED advisory board meeting held in Gimli Monday, March 27.

The boards raised the following concerns with the minister.

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ST. LAURENT: represented by Alf Perron and Peter Torbiak.

- Concern that if the Portage diversion gates are opened Lake Manitoba may become polluted;
- Requested fish seeding in Lake Manitoba;
- Concern that fish passing through the Fairford dam go into Lake St. Martin and Lake Winnipeg;
- Noted that gravel trucks travelling south from Deerhorn are ripping up highway no. 6;
- Concern about the "red tape" involved in applying for Special ARDA assistance;
- Need for recreation development on the west side of the Interlake.

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BIFROST: represented by Joe Klym and Steve Gislason.

- Are funds available for a high school addition under the FRED agreement?
- Need for fire protection in the rural municipalities and local Government Districts;
- Is there a danger that the beef

incentives program will lead to over-production?

- Will the FRED drainage program be increased?
- Will the land adjustment program apply to land which may be flooded as a result of the Manitoba Hydro's Lake Winnipeg regulations?
- Request for sewer and water assistance for the Town of Riverton.

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CAMPER-GYPSUMVILLE: represented by Mike Taczynski and Esther Boates.

- Concern about railway abandonment;
- Need for a promotion program for the welding operation at Little Saskatchewan;
- Request that Gypsumville remain in the Frontier School Division rather than Lakeshore and that a high school with a university entrance program be established;
- Forest fire protection in the Gypsumville area;
- Small operators who derive their livelihood from commercial fishing should not have to compete with part-time fishermen who can afford big fishing operations combined with some other form of business such as ranching or farming;
- Indian reserves should be enlarged;
- Beef ranches west of Gypsumville should be included in the L.G.D. of Grahamdale boundary;
- Who is responsible for clean-up along the Dauphin River Road during

the tourist season?

- Better snow clearing facilities are needed in the L.G.D. of Grahamdale;

- A program to reduce winter-kill of deer population;

- If a provincial land bank policy is established will this affect the FRED land adjustment program?

- Request for assistance on Birch Creek drain;

- Request for access road and beach development at Lake St. Martin beach eight miles southeast of Gypsumville.

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SELKIRK: represented by Lloyd Wirsh and Mac MacFarlane.

- Difficulties in persuading industries to locate in Selkirk now that Winnipeg is also included in the DREE incentives area;

- Concern about shut-down of all fish processing facilities in Selkirk;

- Concern about the problems of small businesses;

- Concern that most teachers at the regional comprehensive school commute from Winnipeg;

- How much local citizen participation and control will there be over the initial setup of a community clinic in Selkirk? Is there dialogue going on between the medical profession in Selkirk and the Department of Health and Social Development about the proposed community clinic?

- Request for a marine museum at Selkirk;

- Request for assistance in improving Selkirk's sewage system;

- Is the Re-Act program viewed as a major program by the government and will further grants or money be available to carry out priorities brought forward by the communities?

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SOUTH INTERLAKE: represented by Alan Beachill and Lloyd Fines.

- Request that school tax be shifted off property;

- Request that land adjustment projects in the Oak Hammock area be completed as soon as possible;

- Will the Interlake School Division qualify for a school building grant if a decision is taken against one comprehensive high school? Will the school building program cease when the FRED school capital funds are used up?

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CENTRAL INTERLAKE: represented by Glen Dicks and Gottfried Axelson.

- Concern that the land adjustment program in the Narcisse-Chatfield area is unfair competition for farmers wanting to purchase additional land;

- Request for recreation development at Norris Lake and policing to prevent the use of speedboats.

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ERIKSDALE: represented by Ray Duncan.

- Concern that FRED land clearing and forage storage policies are being terminated;

- Concern about road maintenance on highway no. 6;

- Request for assistance for regional 4-H activities.

LUNDAR: represented by P. O. "Chummie" Sigurdson.

- Supported the St. Laurent Board's concerns about Lake Manitoba fishing;
- Concern about highway no. 6 maintenance due to use by heavy trucks;
- Requested funds for town water and sewer installation;
- Supported the Interlake Development Corporation Housing report;
- Requested recreational development at Lundar and Long Point beaches;
- Requested expansion of the FRED forage seed program;
- Requested improvements to P.R. no. 419 and P.R. no. 229.

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FISHER: represented by John Jaremy, Myrs Tretiak, and Walter Klimchuk.

- Concern about railway abandonment;
- Assistance for municipal drain improvements where the municipality can not afford to undertake the work;
- Requested that an experimental farm be established in the Interlake;
- Requested assistance to new dairy farmers and creamery operations;
- Encouragement to young farmers is more important than wildlife management programs;
- Concern about closure of grain elevators at Broad Valley and Hodgson.

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HECLA: represented by Kris Johnson and E. J. Solmundson.

- Will Hecla fishermen be permitted to fish off Hecla once the park is opened?
- Why have lease-back arrangements not been given to all Hecla residents?
- Why was Hecla Island property appraised by the Land Acquisition Branch and not under the FRED program?
- Do islanders who are not satisfied with the Land Acquisition Branch's appraisal have any other recourse besides the courts?

### *New Rye and Wheat Varieties Licensed*

A new variety of winter-hardy fall rye called Puma and a new feed wheat variety to be known as Glenlea have been licensed for farming use.

Both have been developed by the plant science department of the University of Manitoba, and the licences have been granted by the Canada Department of Agriculture on recommendation of the university department with the support of the Canada Committee on Grain Breeding.

The two crops will be grown by selected farmers this summer and seed should be available to all farmers this fall. The Puma and Glenlea could grow well in the Southern Interlake region and other parts of Southern Manitoba.

Puma was licensed on the basis of superior winter hardiness, high yield and large seed size.

Glenlea, previously called UM714A, is the first Canadian-bred spring feed wheat to be licensed in Canada. It is higher yielding than other wheat varieties recommended in Manitoba and is well-adapted to parts of the prairie provinces where moisture is not a severely limiting factor.



*Ian Taylor outlines information on rural Manitoba to Interlakers at a meeting in Gimli.*

## 1972 Map Available

The 1972 edition of Manitoba's highway map is now available.

The map provides the key to travel on the province's 3,900 miles of Provincial Trunk Highways and 7,500 miles of Provincial Roads, as well as providing information of interest to motoring public. Included are detailed maps of several Manitoba communities, a guide to mileage between communities, U.S. border-crossing information, a guide to public recreation areas, and general information on insurance, accident reporting, speed limits, and the breathalyzer law.

The maps are available from the tourist branch of the Manitoba Department of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, 408 Norquay Building, Winnipeg.

## Regional Analysis Meetings Completed

The regional analysis program for southern Manitoba has completed the first phase of its operations.

For the past two months, residents of 75 rural Manitoba communities have received detailed information on their community's economic position and prospects from a research team organized by the Department of Industry and Commerce.

In the Interlake meetings were held in Gimli, Stonewall, Winnipeg Beach, Selkirk, Teulon, Riverton, Arborg, Lundar, Ashern, St. Laurent, Fisher Branch and Moosehorn.

Through the use of maps, charts, slides, verbal presentations, and general discussions, rural Manitobans were provided with such varied information as population shifts over the past 20 years, the role of manufacturing and agriculture in each area, available services and facilities, and the general attitude of residents to their community.

More than 10,000 Manitobans attended the public meetings in the 75 communities.

Several community committees have established sub-committees to examine local prospects for agriculture, tourism, community services, industrial irrigation, and other topics of concern.

By early May the community committees will meet to receive the various reports from their sub-committees and to produce a consolidated report for their entire area. These reports will then be submitted to the respective regional development corporations and the regional development branch of the Manitoba Department of Industry and Commerce before the end of June.

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