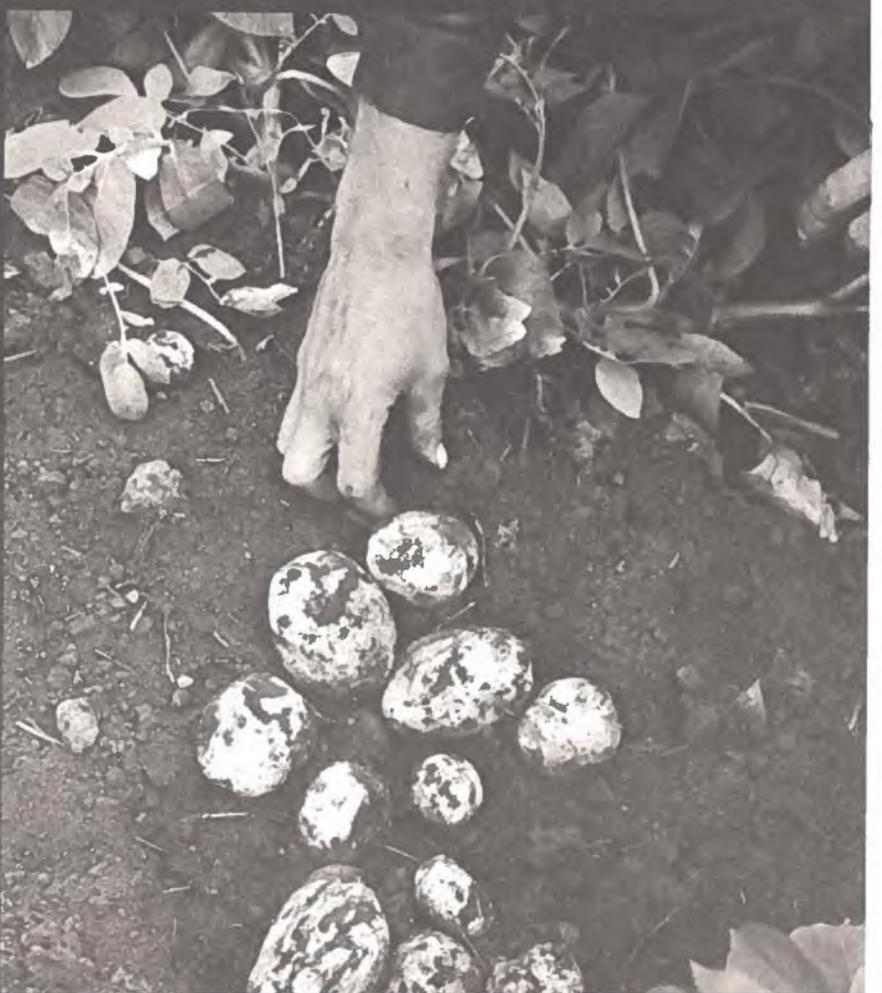




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# Teulon Potato Producer Building Own Washing And Grading Facility

Potatoes--we eat them in some form all the time but we don't usually think of how they get to our table.

But for the potato grower, raising his crop and getting it to the consumer is a way of life.

Potato production in Manitoba is an important aspect of agriculture. In 1971 32,000 acres of potatoes valued at \$7,240,000 were harvested in the province.

In the Interlake, potato production was long centred in the Selkirk area. However, due to residential development, some of these potato farmers have sold out.

Bert Sandercock of the Department of Agriculture said there is some increasing activity in potato production in the Teulon area. He noted that the main potato producing areas in the province are centred in Portage, Carman, and Winkler.

One Interlaker who is deeply involved in potato production is Irvin Helwer of Teulon.

Mr. Helwer has been growing potatoes for five years along with barley and grain crops. This year he has 320 acres in potatoes.

Mr. Helwer has just completed renovations to his potato storage building and is in the process of constructing a washing and grading unit on his farm.

In the past, Mr. Helwer, like other potato farmers, has sent his

produce to Winnipeg for the necessary washing and grading.

Mr. Helwer said he hopes to harvest about 45,000 hundredweight of potatoes this fall. However, he noted that it may take until next spring to market his full harvest.

He now sells his potatoes to three places--The Manitoba Vegetable Marketing Commission, Carnation Foods Ltd., and Old Dutch Chips Ltd. But a cutback in his contracts with the private firms means he will have to wait longer to dispose of his crop.

"The main problem we face is marketing the volume of potatoes we grow in Manitoba. We need to export our potatoes out of the province if we want a good market situation," said Mr. Helwer.

Despite marketing problems, Mr. Helwer feels the Interlake region is a good area for growing potatoes.

"This area compares to other parts of the province and the land and climate are good," he noted.

The washing and grading facility he is constructing will allow Mr. Helwer to provide the

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*COVER: Irvin Helwer checks his potatoes and moves out on the field to spray. He delivers part of his potato harvest to the producer-controlled Manitoba Vegetable Marketing Commission warehouse in Winnipeg.*

different types and grades of potatoes needed for the particular uses they are intended for.

The Marketing Commission which handles table potatoes uses Northern and Pontiac potatoes, Carnation Foods uses Netted Gems, and Old Dutch needs

Norchip and Kennebec potatoes. Each of these types differs in size and sugar content.

Potato farmers in Manitoba have quotas with the Marketing Commission while they have contracts for supplying potatoes to the private companies.

## Producers' Board To Market Potatoes And Other Vegetable Crops

Manitoba potato producers have taken over responsibility for marketing their produce.

The Manitoba government has approved a new Vegetable Producers' Marketing Plan for the province to be administered by a producer-elected board which replaces the government-appointed Manitoba Vegetable Marketing Commission.

The new plan allows for the control, regulation, and promotion of potato marketing.

Exempt from regulations are potatoes sold from roadside stands or direct to consumers from farmers' markets; and potatoes produced under contract for manufacturers, including seed potatoes for planting under such contracts.

The new board will have compulsory jurisdiction only over producers of potatoes on four acres or more of land. It will continue to provide grading, washing, and packaging for most other types of vegetables grown in Manitoba, and will market them on a voluntary basis.

A major change from the previous potato marketing plan will be an allotment, for the first time, of maximum production quotas, though this will be done at levels which

should not interfere with operations of present producers.

Allotted quotas will not be allowed to exceed 60,000 seventy-five-pound bags for sale in a fiscal year, except for producers who presently have an acreage quota greater than this. They will be entitled to a quota equal to the average quantity delivered in the last three crop years, based on their established acreage quota.

The quotas will be non-negotiable with their sale among individuals prohibited. Only the board will have power to assign quotas.

The first producers' board to administer the new Manitoba Vegetable Producers' Marketing Plan, elected in June, is under the chairmanship of Victor Watko, of East Selkirk. The other eight directors are M. J. Gowryluk, Dave Jeffries, Walter Kroeker, Helmut Pankratz, James Coulter, John Dalebozik, Joseph Gusnowsky and William Byle.

Agriculture Minister Sam Uskiw said the overall purposes of the marketing plan is to ensure that producers receive a fair price for their product; to maintain uniformly high qualities; to allow for a continuous supply of the product to the market; to provide statistical

information for the production and marketing of vegetables; and to adequately promote the regulated product.

The board is able, subject to provisions of the Natural Products Marketing Act, to make orders, rules, and regulations necessary to administer the plan effectively.

The plan also provides for a marketing and promotion committee whose chief function will be to set prices at which potatoes and other produce under contract may be sold. This eight-member body will include two wholesale representatives and two from the Root Crop Producers' Board.

There will also be an operations committee to deal with the handling, grading and general operation of the board facilities as well as a Seed Potato Growers' Committee, on

which there will be a majority of representatives of the Manitoba Seed Potato Growers' Association.

The producer-elected board will also be the marketing agent for the newly formed Manitoba Root Crop Producers' Marketing Board.

Mr. Uskiw said that the Root Crop Board was necessitated by the fact that, individually, producers are unable to influence the prices of their products and so have less income security than they deserve.

It is the intention of the plan not to permit the concentration of root crop production among a few very large producers. To prevent such a development from occurring the board will not permit the sale of quotas among individuals and only the board will have the power to assign any quotas.

## Emil Moeller — He's Been Putting Sugar On Manitoba Tables For 32 Years

"The most northern sugar beet grower in North America."

That's one way Emil Moeller of Teulon describes himself and his farming operation east of Teulon.

Mr. Moeller has been growing sugar beets for 32 years and knows a lot about his product.

For example, he knows exactly what it cost him to grow his sugar beets last year--\$162 per acre taking everything into account.

And Mr. Moeller means everything--summerfallow costs, taxes, land preparation, seed, fertilizer, hand labor, depreciation of equipment, harvesting, and other expenses.

Although he's been at it for 32 years, Mr. Moeller is still trying to improve his crops.

"We are always aiming at a bigger beet, a smoother beet with good weight and higher sugar content," he said.

Mr. Moeller, like other sugar beet growers in the province has an agreement with the Manitoba Sugar Company.

Under the agreement the producers do not just sell their produce to the sugar company. Instead the producers and company share the final selling price of the sugar and its by-products.



*Emil Moeller looks over part of his 200 acres of sugar beets.*



Each producer has a set quota with the sugar company. Normally it is difficult to obtain quotas for farms which have not been producing sugar beets in the past. If increased acreage of sugar beets is required the quotas to the farmers already producing the beets are increased.

Sugar beets can only be grown on a particular piece of land every four or five years. In Mr. Moeller's case, he rotates his crops in different acreages on his property. The cycle he follows is a year of summerfallow, a year of sugar beets, and two or three years of grain crops.

In Manitoba the planted acreage of sugar beets in 1971 was 31,906, an increase of 8,037 acres over 1970. The number of growers contracted declined from 557 to 549 in the year. The 31,906 acres of sugar beets produced more than \$6 million worth of sugar and \$1 million in by-products such as molasses and dried molasses beet pulp used in cattle feed operations.

# Have An Idea For A Small Business? There's Help Available

Many people come up with an idea for starting their own business at some point in their lives.

For most the idea of going into business remains an idea--it never reaches reality.

There are likely two basic reasons for this--lack of business knowledge and difficulty in obtaining financing.

If an idea is to be translated into a business operation, there must be some help provided to the individual in terms of both counseling and available money.

Such help is provided by the Small Loans Division of the Manitoba Development Corporation.

This government agency provides loans of up to \$75,000 to finance many types of rural service industries as well as manufacturing, food services, and tourist oriented businesses.

The Small Loans Division also provides counselling in business practice and feasibility of ideas for businesses.

And this counselling is often the most important function says Small Loans Division Manager Ron McDowell.

"By talking to an individual and assessing his plans we can help him see if his ideas will work. If his proposal looks good after investigation we will offer to help him or direct him to other sources

of financial aid," said Mr. McDowell.

He added that the Small Loans Division "does not sit in judgment" but rather looks at the individual's management capability and his background in deciding how his ideas look.

The division also informs people of other lending sources including chartered banks, credit unions, the Manitoba Agricultural Credit Corporation, the Industrial Development Bank and the federal government.

However, in many cases individuals wanting to set up small businesses cannot meet requirements set down by normal lending agencies.

And that's the reason the Small Loans Branch was set up in July 1971--to provide financing to businesses normally considered high risk.

Before 1971, small loans came under the regular Manitoba Development Corporation Program.

In the past year the Small Loans Division more than tripled the total value of its loans--from \$654,244 to \$1,993,387. Of this sum, \$1,114,887 was loaned to rural enterprises and \$878,500 to Winnipeg concerns.

There are a total of 82 businesses operating in the province now which have received loans or had loans guaranteed under the Small Loans Division.

There is an increasing emphasis

by the Division towards financing rural service and manufacturing industries.

In light of this the Division is spending more time in rural communities explaining what they have to offer.

Mr. McDowell spoke to the June meeting of the Interlake Development Corporation and has visited Gimli and Stonewall.

Mr. McDowell said Small Loans Division staff will visit rural centres if requested to talk to any group of businessmen, Chambers of Commerce, or town councils.

Any individuals wanting information or wishing to apply for loans can contact:

Ron McDowell  
Manager, Small Loans Division  
Manitoba Development Corporation  
600-428 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg, Man. R3C 0E4

or they can visit the office or call 942-0251.

Some facts about the Small Loans Division:

- The maximum size of a loan is \$75,000.
- Normal repayment period is about five years although this is flexible.
- The current interest rate is 9 percent.
- The loans may be made for purchases of buildings and equipment or for working capital.

- The loans are secured by mortgages and/or the personal guarantees of the person receiving the loan.

- Eligible rural service industries include:

Agricultural equipment (servicing, repair, sales), appliance repair, armature rewinding and electric motor repair shops, automobile (engine repair, body repair, servicing), bathing beaches and swimming pools, boat and canoe rentals, transportation, catering and caterers, computer services, commercial photographers, rural contractors, dance halls, day nurseries, diaper service, disinfecting and exterminating services, dry cleaning and dyeing plants, duplicating services, equipment rental, fur cleaning, repair and storage, landscaping, laundries, locksmiths, gunsmiths, tool and cutlery repair shops, motion picture production, outdoor display and billboard ads, printing, protection agencies, publishing, restaurants, rug cleaning and repairing plants, taxidermists, warehousing, and welding shops.

To date there have only been three loans to Interlake concerns out of the total of 82 in the province.

Mr. McDowell said he hoped that with increased publicity and visits to the area more loans would be made over the coming year.

Of the 82 loans made only two are possible losses for the Division. This percentage failure is very low according to Mr. McDowell who attributed it to the counselling and analysis which is carried out before a loan is made.

# Old Gunton School To Become Small Animal Breeding And Supply Centre



*The old Gunton School will soon be a breeding centre for small animals.*

The old stone Gunton school has been standing empty for several years since it was closed down and the local students bussed to Teulon or Stonewall.

However, over the summer there's been plenty of activity in the old building. Walls have been ripped out, partitions put up, and new facilities installed.

And it's all for mice, rats, guinea pigs, and rabbits.

The building has been converted into a small animal breeding facility for hospital and research laboratories.

Called North American Laboratory Supply Ltd., the new business is being set up with the aid of the Small Loans Division of the Manitoba Development Corporation by Jindrich (Henry) Cerny.

## An Example Of One New Interlake Business

Mr. Cerny, a former veterinarian in Czechoslovakia, sees a real need for supplying good quality small animals used for research purposes.

He plans to initially produce 10,000 mice, 6,000 rats, 2,000 guinea pigs, and a number of rabbits when he begins operation early next year.

"Almost all the animals used in laboratory research in Manitoba and the rest of Canada are bought from the U.S. .... we should be able to supply our own animals and that's what I'm planning to do," said Mr. Cerny who is currently working in the immunology department of the University of Manitoba.

"What I'm trying to do is establish an industry which was not here before".

He said he was looking around for a suitable place to set up his operation and decided on the Gunton School site because it has plenty of open land around it and is only a short drive from Winnipeg.

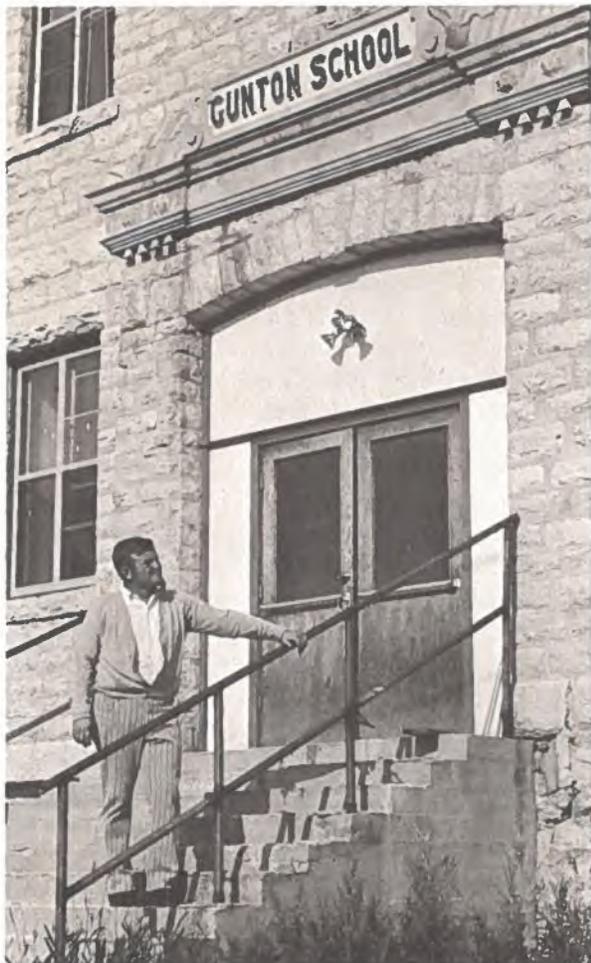
He hopes to initially employ about seven people in the operation with more employees later as he expands.

Since the animals used for purposes such as cancer research and for supply of serum must be as disease free and as healthy as possible, there will be special

precaution taken in the animal chambers.

Visitors to the ten holding rooms will have to shower and put on special sterilized suits and face masks. Equipment used in caring for the animals will also be sterilized.

Mr. Cerny said he will have three labs in the building to manufacture serum and freeze-dried products of animal tissue and organs.



*Henry Cerny stands on the steps of his newly renovated building.*



*Some of the animals which will be raised by North American Laboratory Supply Ltd.*

The animals which are not to be used live for research will be killed with ether.

"It's a completely painless way to kill the animals," said Mr. Cerny.

Mr. Cerny also hopes to establish a rabbit slaughter operation where he will provide rabbit meat to Manitoba consumers and process by-products for research purposes. He plans to contract with area farmers to supply the required rabbits.

Mr. Cerny said he sees universities and hospitals in Manitoba as the first customers for his mice, rats, and guinea pigs.

"We will be producing good quality animals and we should be able to convince hospitals and universities to come to us for their laboratory animals," said Mr. Cerny.

## Co-Ops Showing Steady Growth

One way of setting up a small business is to form a co-operative under which a group of people get together to operate their own enterprise.

Co-ops are increasing in rural Manitoba. For example, the provincial Department of Co-operative Development is now aiding 35 Indian and Metis Co-ops compared to 13 a year ago.

The Department of Co-operative Development provides loans and loan guarantees to co-ops but only if the co-ops cannot receive funds from other sources. The department can be contacted at 101-1700 Portage Ave., Winnipeg.

Of the 35 Indian and Metis Co-ops five are located in the Interlake. They include the Louis Riel Industrial Park along with fishing and pulp-cutting operations.

Despite the closure of five important fishing areas due to mercury poisoning the Indian and Metis Co-ops recorded sales in excess of \$3.5 million in the past year and paid out more than \$1 million to producers.

"The co-operatives have enabled hundreds of Indians and Metis to take control over their own economic destiny, establishing a set of priorities most suited to their particular socio-economic development needs", says Co-operative Development Minister Sam Uskiw.

"They are helping to ensure that Indian and Metis communities enjoy the full benefits of their own particular specialty--be it fishing,

tourism, pulpwood, housing, light manufacturing or whatever. In short, the co-ops are ensuring that a greater share of the locally-produced wealth stays in the community," he said.

Another indication of growing Indian and Metis confidence in co-operatives is the increase in members' equity from \$294,354 last year to \$472,607 this year. Based on a total of 2,174 members, this means investment of about \$208 per member with total assets of \$1,120,966.

The main enterprise of the co-operatives is fishing which accounted in the past year for \$2,058,007 in sales totalling \$3,577,709. More than 5.5 million pounds of fish were marketed, down from last year's total of 7,144,781 due to mercury pollution in Lake Winnipeg and other locations.

The largest fishing co-operatives in Manitoba are Kee-No-Zae Co-operative Ltd. at Island Lake which marketed 1,467,397 pounds of fish valued at more than \$500,000 and South Indian Lake Co-op Fisheries Ltd. which marketed 1,108,164 pounds of fish valued at \$598,676. The two co-operatives also led in total sales volume with Kee-No-Zae selling a total of \$711,570 worth of merchandise while South Indian Lake sold \$871,706 worth. These figures include fish sales.

In addition to co-operative producers who are also members, the Indian and Metis co-operatives employ 154 people.

"All told," concluded Mr. Uskiw,

"if one considers there are four members to each Indian and Metis family, then more than 10,000 Indian and Metis people participate in co-operatives either as members, employees or producers. That means that outside Winnipeg where about half of the 70,000 to 80,000 Manitobans of Indian ancestry live, co-operatives have reached more

than 25 percent of Indians and Metis and that proportion is increasing steadily and substantially.

"Judging by their recent achievements, it appears that the co-operatives are providing Indian and Metis communities with a pretty solid economic foundation sufficient to ensure their growth."

## Three Interlake Groups Get Special ARDA Grants

Three fisheries operations in the Interlake region have received grants totalling about \$38,000 under the Special ARDA program.

These grants are intended to provide assistance for economic development and social adjustment primarily to Indian and Metis people living in rural Manitoba who have previously had limited access to regular employment opportunities.

Further information on these grants can be obtained by writing Special ARDA Co-ordinator, 193 Sherbrook Street, Winnipeg.

The three projects under this joint federal-provincial program are:

- The Fisher Bay Fishermen's Association has received a grant of \$5,800 to assist three of its members to improve their fishing operations. The grant will be used to provide fishing equipment for the men including outboard motors and nets. Costs of this project are to be cost-shared equally between the province and the federal government.

- The Grand Rapids Fishermen's Co-operative has accepted a grant of \$28,749 of which the federal contribution will be \$17,803 and the

provincial, \$10,946. The grant will be used to assist the 19 co-op members to purchase winter fishing equipment.

- A grant of \$3,450 has been made to Lake Manitoba Co-op Fisheries Ltd. to cover half the cost of constructing a fish packing station at Oak Point and modernizing the fish station at St. Laurent. This grant, in addition to creating one full-time and one part-time job at Oak Point, will permit the Lake Manitoba Co-op to improve the facilities at the St. Laurent station where four men are employed on a full-time basis during the fishing season.

## Firms To Receive Management Counselling

Fisher Branch, Arborg, and Riverton area businesses will be able to receive help in managing their operations this fall.

The Community Management Development Program which begins September 5, is designed to improve local management skills through a research, counselling, instruction, and audit program directed by the Manitoba Department of Industry and Commerce in co-operation with the Manitoba Institute of Management.

Under the program, businessmen spend several hours discussing their operations with an Industry and Commerce representative. There is a \$25 cost to the businessman.

The department expects the pro-

gram will improve considerably the success and profitability of individual businesses in rural communities, resulting in an increase in incomes, more stable businesses and the possibility of expansion and new employment opportunities in each community.

## Saunders' Workers Graduate From Training Course



*The first group of workers to complete the course stand in front of one of the Saunders Aircraft planes.*

About 100 sheet metal workers at Saunders Aircraft Ltd. have completed a 20-week course held at the plant in the Gimli Industrial Park.

The men were trained under a \$176,160 On-The-Job Training Program under the federal Department of Manpower and Immigration. Total cost of training was \$234,880.

A total of 160 people began the

20-week training courses. They were divided into eight groups, with one of these groups commencing training each week beginning February 7. The final group of the 100 men who completed the course graduated August 9.

The intent of the course was to provide employment to Gimli area residents and establish a labor force with skills not previously available in the region.

## Development Corporation Meets Over Summer

At the August 24 meeting Assistant Manager Ian Taylor reported that the corporation has just completed a telephone survey of Interlake industries which shows a sizeable increase in the working force in the region compared to a year ago.

Total employees in manufacturing and processing industries were 2,041 in July of this year compared to 1,700 in October, 1971.

Location	Oct. 1971	July 1972
Arborg	25	54
Arnes	2	2
Chatfield	1	7
Clandeboye	4	7
Eriksdale	2	3
Fisher Branch	2	2
Frazerwood	2	6
Gimli	239	507
Gunton	-	5
Hnaua	-	2
Inwood	2	4
Lockport	25	32
Lundar	4	10
Peguis Indian Reserve No. 1B	20	N.A.
Riverton	16	6
St. Laurent	37	29+
Selkirk	1154	1206
Stonewall	85	102
Teulon	80	53
Winnipeg Beach	-	4
Totals	1700	2041

Dori Holm reported to the meeting that an informal survey he has made of Gimli businesses revealed they were doing as well or better than when the Gimli Canadian Forces Base was open.

He said a possible reason for this was that armed forces personnel used to do a good deal of their shopping in Winnipeg and other locations than Gimli. Now, employees of industries which have moved into the Gimli Industrial Park do much of their shopping in the town.

Mr. Holm noted that he had no definite statistics and was basing his conclusions on what businessmen he spoke to told him.

A discussion on tourism also took place at the meeting.

Craig Hotson of the Department of Tourism, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs showed a film on festivals held in the province and answered questions relating to tourist development in the Interlake.

There was particular interest in establishing camping grounds in the region and I.D.C. President Ken Reid noted that he had recently met with the Minister of Tourism, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Larry Desjardins to discuss possible circle tour routes in the Interlake.

Meetings of the Interlake Development Corporation in June and July covered several topics including predator control, recreation development, business loans, agriculture, and corporation activities.

At the June meeting, a motion moved by Walter Newman and seconded by Ken Desjarlais asked "that the Interlake Development Corporation encourage the provincial government to enact some form of effective predator control. It is recommended

that the government study the installation of a bounty system at the provincial level."

A letter from the Camper--Gypsumville Area Development Board was read. It concerned needed improvements to the Watchorn Bay recreation site. It was the feeling of the meeting that the board should forward a letter to the Department of Tourism, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs lending its support to improving this location.

Ron McDowell, Manager of the Small Loans Division of the Manitoba Development Corporation, was guest speaker at the June meeting. He discussed the services offered by the small loans division to Manitoba businesses.

## Highway 6 Road Conditions Discussed

At its June meeting, the Interlake Development Corporation discussed the poor road conditions along highway no. 6.

A motion passed at the meeting stated:

"The Interlake Development Corporation supports the concerns of the directors along provincial highway no. 6 in their problem of the condition of that road and (asks) that the matter be brought directly before the Ministers of Transportation and Tourism, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs for immediate action.

"There is a great deal of damage to this highway and it is a severe detriment to the economic development of the Interlake region, especially to the very valuable tourist development."

In a letter to concerned

At the Corporation's meeting on July 27 in Petersfield, Al Watkins, Interlake Regional Director, Department of Agriculture was a guest speaker. He explained reorganization taking place in the Department of Agriculture. He discussed the usefulness of experimental farms and felt demonstrations for organizations such as the Interlake Grassland Society were very effective.

The Corporation's task force on local government problems sent out 130 questionnaires to Reeves, mayors, and councillors in the Interlake. These questionnaires were sent out to assess the opinions of elected officials and what their viewpoints are towards local government problems and issues.

Interlakers, Highways Minister Peter Burtniak stated:

"As you are aware, the departmental budget for this fiscal year has been allocated to the various projects throughout the Province. No funds are available to attempt reconstruction on P.T.H. No. 6.

"The Department is now in the process of preparing estimates for our 1973-74 construction year and consideration will be given to the upgrading of P.T.H. No. 6 during this estimate review.

"The Department realizes that there is considerable truck and tourist traffic on P.T.H. No. 6 and load restrictions are placed on P.T.H. No. 6 during Spring break-up in an effort to minimize any possible damage. However, because of weather conditions, both Spring

and Fall, and also because of the type of Spring break-up, it is quite difficult to impose a restriction so that no dam-

age whatsoever is caused. Hopefully our budget will permit upgrading and then this should resolve the problem."

## **Development Corporation Appoints Assistant Manager**

Ian Taylor has been made assistant manager of the Interlake Development Corporation.

Mr. Taylor is a 1971 graduate of Brandon University where he studied political science and psychology. He was employed by the Department of Industry and Commerce Regional Development Branch as a program consultant to the Regional Analysis Program in the Interlake.

Mr. Taylor's appointment results from an increased demand for services, information and assistance from the office of the corporation. Mr. Taylor will be assisting general manager Eric Stefanson in duties such as assisting the nine Task Force committees that were set up to study problems in the Interlake area.

## **Cabinet Ministers And Businessmen To Tour Selkirk And Gimli**

Industries in the Selkirk and Gimli areas of the Interlake will be in the spotlight Thursday, September 7.

Cabinet ministers including the Premier, business representatives, and community leaders will be taking a day-long bus tour of these two centres in order to view present and potential industrial development.

In Selkirk, the tour will in-



*Ian Taylor*

clude visits to the Manitoba Rolling Mills, Abex Industries of Canada Ltd., Electro-Knit Fabrics (Canada) Ltd., and the Manpower Corps Training Plant.

During the afternoon in Gimli, the visitors will tour Saunders Aircraft Co., Misawa--Greenwood Homes Ltd., C. N. Training Centre, Alwest Marine, Ontario Central Airlines Ltd., and Danforth Estates Wines.

## Sewer And Water Grants Available To Interlake Communities

Sewer and water facilities--which have long been sought by several Interlake communities--are a step closer as a result of recently approved provincial and federal programs.

Under these programs, towns and villages which qualify will be able to install or improve water supply and sewage disposal systems with the aid of grants from the federal or provincial governments.

The grants do not cover the total cost of installing the water and sewage facilities. The community itself must pay the first 20 mills on equalized assessment annually with the government and the community splitting the capital costs above that which would be covered by the 20 mills.

However the municipality's share of the cost may be covered by a provincial loan.

In addition, communities desiring sewer systems only would pay the first eight mills instead of 20 and those wanting a water system only would pay the first 12 mills instead of 20. Capital costs above these figures would be shared equally.

Where partial or inadequate service is to be extended or improved, any indebtedness of the existing system will be taken into account in working out cost sharing arrangements.

There are actually two programs which will provide sewage and water grants.

A federal-provincial agreement called the Agriculture Service Centres Assistance Program will provide \$10

million over the next five years to help finance water and sewage facilities in towns and villages with a population of more than 2,000. Such centres must play an important role in serving the province's agricultural areas.

There are 16 centres in the province eligible under this program. In the Interlake there are two centres--Selkirk and Gimli. The other towns in Manitoba are Altona, Beausejour, Brandon, Carman, Dauphin, Killarney, Minnedosa, Morden, Portage La Prairie, Steinbach, Swan River, Virden, and Winkler.

The federal government, will be responsible for the construction of the water and sewage facilities. The province--through the Manitoba Water Services Board--will be responsible for administering the program.

A \$3.5 million Manitoba Water Services Program to cover communities with less than 2,000 people will also come under the Water Services Board.

Water services covered in the new programs include supply, storage, treatment, and distribution facilities. Sewage facilities would include collection and approved treatment operations as well as lagoons.

Also included in the provincial program are grants to equalize water rates by limiting the maximum sale price of water to \$3 per 1,000 imperial gallons in communities now receiving wholesale water under contract from the Manitoba Water Supply Board.

Inquiries on either the Manitoba Water Services Policy or the Agricultural Service Centres Program can be directed

to Dr. H. H. Austman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Agriculture, Room 157 Legislative Building, Winnipeg.

## Youth Camps Draw Hundreds Of Kids

Youth Camps in the Interlake enjoyed a good turnout this summer.

At Camps Rusalka and Veselka north of Gimli, the Manitoba Department of Agriculture held Youth Opportunity and 4-H camps which accommodated hundreds of young Interlakers.

Lee Lumb, program director at the Youth Opportunity Camp said: "We've got a capacity number of kids ...they're having fun and learning something too."

There were lots of activities for the kids and even rain didn't seem to slow them down.

Activities included archery, swimming, nature lore, camping trips, cookouts, learning survival skills, arts and crafts, and visits to locations such as the Gimli distillery.



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*Even in the rain youngsters from several Interlake areas had fun at summer camps.*

## Manpower Corps Projects Range From Restaurant Operation To Curling Rink



*On summer weekends the busy Beach Towers Restaurant was often filled to capacity.*

The Manpower Corps as most Interlakers know it is an adult training program which combines practical work experience, classroom training, and self-development sessions.

The unique Manpower Corps approach to training started with the Interlake FRED program. Similar programs have been set up in other parts of Canada, which is a mark of the success of Manpower Corps. There are now Manpower Corps programs in Prince Edward Island, at Lesser

Slave Lake in Alberta, and at Meadow Lake in Saskatchewan, as well as in northern Manitoba.

Manpower Corps projects which were underway in the Interlake this summer include:

### BEACH TOWERS RESTAURANT:

At the Beach Towers Restaurant in Winnipeg Beach 16 Interlake high school girls and one boy have been employed under Manpower Corps this summer.

The restaurant was operated jointly by Red River Community College and Manpower Corps in order to give the students practical training based on instruction in restaurant operations.

The program made the Beach Towers one of the most friendly restaurants in the province. Customers were greeted by cheerful smiles and reasonable prices in the restaurant which looks out over Lake Winnipeg.

The students working under the program were:

Brenda Anderson, Balmoral; Patricia Arnold, Winnipeg Beach; Kathy Baley, Teulon; Edna Johnson, Stonewall; Linda Kowalski, Gimli; Laura Madill, Teulon; Ronald Osowski, Winnipeg Beach; Shirley Osowski, Arborg; Janet Peterson, Moosehorn; Jeanne Sanfrancisco, Gimli; Thelma Sigurdson, Oakview; Ido Vandersteen, Fisher Branch; Judy Warner, Matlock; Marilyn Witychyn, Komarno; Ann Zabroski, Winnipeg Beach; and Pauline Zubriski, Riverton.

The restaurant will be open again next summer.

#### ASHERN CURLING RINK:

As an introductory training project 15 corpsmen are constructing an outdoor skating rink for the Vogar community and a curling rink at Ashern. The men, all from the Vogar area, are receiving training in basic construction and building practices.

The Vogar recreation committee financed the material costs of the skating rink and the Ashern Community Club is financing the capital costs of the curling rink construction.

#### ST. LAURENT HOUSING:

The St. Laurent housing corps has completed the first 15 homes of the Manitoba Housing and Renewal housing development. Construction of an additional 19 houses is expected to begin shortly. During construction of the first 15 houses there was training in construction skills, arrangement of labor contracts, and handling of payrolls. During construction of additional houses the emphasis will be on management skills including purchase of materials. The Louis Riel Co-operative committee will be responsible for both payroll and materials purchase. The Louis Riel Co-operative, with Manpower Corps acting as guarantor, plans to contract with the Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation to construct future housing.

At the end of the training period, the corpsmen hope to form a Louis Riel Co-operative construction crew which would bid on housing construction contracts in the province.

#### LOUIS RIEL WOODWORKING CO-OP:

This plant in St. Laurent should be operating as an independent co-operative later in the fall.

Set up under Manpower Corps two years ago, the plant is providing training for 10 men. Besides the eight men receiving training in all phases of woodworking there is one plant manager and one office manager trainee.

During the first four months of the second year of production, the plant has exceeded the total production of the first year. At first stepladders were the main product but the plant has since branched into children's play equipment.

#### HECLA ISLAND:

Four Manpower Corps projects are underway at the Hecla Park development involving a total of 46 Interlake corpsmen.

Working on construction of the golf course are 11 corpsmen who are also receiving training in golf course management. An additional 20 youth corpsmen also worked on the golf course for the summer months preparing seed beds for the fairways and building intake channels to prevent bank erosion.

A third crew of six corpsmen are learning small equipment operation while doing the finishing work on the course.

A park structures crew of six corpsmen are constructing entrance stations, campground structures, maintenance buildings, and comfort stations. The project provides the young corpsmen with pre-apprenticeship training.

#### TEULON RECREATION:

Six youth corpsmen have been employed for the summer to upgrade recreation facilities at the Teulon park and golf course.

Another six high school girls worked on a summer recreation program for children in the area. The emphasis was on involving children who normally would not participate in organized recreation programs.

#### TWO GIMLI PROJECTS:

Two Youth Corps projects were carried out in Gimli. Six high school boys upgraded town recreation facilities and six high school girls worked on a summer school project

for elementary school children with learning problems.

Co-operating agencies were the Department of Health and Social Development and the Town of Gimli.

#### ST. LAURENT BEACH PROJECT:

Manpower involvement here was to cover expenses of two environmental studies students from the University of Manitoba to help local students working on beach development.

#### SELKIRK LAND MAINTENANCE:

19 students were hired for the summer for general cleanup and maintenance of Selkirk Park and landscaping at the Selkirk Regional Comprehensive School.

The Selkirk Kiwanis and the Health and Social Development Department co-operated.

The students also took part in regular discussion and activity groups.

## **More Than 195 Million Fish To Be Stocked In Interlake Lakes**

Stocking of commercial and sports fish in Lakes Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Winnipegosis has been continuing this summer.

To assist commercial fishermen this year's program involved placing 70 million whitefish and 30 million walleye fry into Lake Winnipeg, 50 million walleye fry into Lake Manitoba, 45 million walleye fry into Lake Winnipegosis, and 500,000 advanced whitefish fry into William Lake. For anglers, the Department of Mines, Resources, and Environmental

Management will also put nearly 59,000 brook trout, 99,000 rainbow trout, 190,000 lake trout and 87,000 splake into water bodies throughout the province. As well, a million walleye fry, nearly 8,000 adult northern pike, and 50,000 muskellunge fry were stocked during the summer in lakes open to anglers.

Most of the trout are yearlings or older to increase chance of survival. They go into small gravel pits throughout the province and into lakes in the Whiteshell, Duck Mountain, and other popular fishing spots.

An extension being built to the Grand Rapids hatchery will provide increased stocks for commercial fishermen and anglers. When the hatchery is complete it will be capable of incubating about 200 million walleye eggs, 94 million whitefish eggs, and 900,000 trout eggs each year. There will be 10 circular ponds and six 100-foot raceways outside the hatchery for raising 500,000 yearling trout.

The department presently has hatcheries on Lakes Winnipeg, Winnipegosis, and Manitoba and a trout hatchery in the Whiteshell Provincial Park.

## Car Racing Comes To Interlake



*A formula racing car makes a tight turn as spectators look on.*

The old air base at Gimli--now an industrial park--had never seen so many people or cars on its property.

Crowds estimated at up to 10,000 people watched a sport never before carried out in the Interlake--car racing.

The runways of the air base were turned into a car racing track for the day of racing on Sunday, August 6.

There were many kinds of cars racing from formula racing cars to sports cars to souped-up sedans. The day of racing was sponsored by the Winnipeg Sports Car Club and the Players Challenge Series.

The Sports Car Club hopes to establish a permanent racing track in a field west of the runway circuit. Such a racing track would become the main racing centre for Manitoba.

## Adult Education Program Scheduled For Interlake

Three Interlake centres-- Selkirk, Gimli, and Fisher Branch-- will be offering adult education classes this winter.

The 16-week courses are set up to enable people to reach education levels which will allow them to enter vocational training in such fields as drafting, plumbing, mechanics, and licenced practical nursing where there are shortages of qualified workers.

There are three levels 1A, 2, and 3 being offered this fall. Level 3 takes the student to a grade 9 level, level 2 parallels completion of grade 10, and level 1A takes in grade 11 course work.

The courses planned for the coming year are:

Selkirk.....	Level 1A....	Nov.	20
	2 ....	Sept.	5
	2 ....	Oct.	2
	2 ....	Nov.	12
	2 ....	Jan.	8
	3 ....	Oct.	2
	3 ....	Nov.	13
	Levels		
Gimli.....	2 & 3.....	Nov.	20
	Levels		
Fisher Branch...	2 & 3 ....	Nov.	13

About 15 students will be enrolled in each of the courses in Selkirk. In the combined Gimli course there will be space for 60 students while there will be 30 students at Fisher Branch.

The level 1A course is being offered in Selkirk for the first time. This course serves as a prerequisite for courses such as

operating engineer, business accounting, stenography, basic electronics, and T.V. servicing.

Students taking the courses are eligible for Canada Manpower training allowances ranging from \$30.00 to \$88.00 per week depending on individual circumstances. Recently approved federal legislation has done away with the requirement that a person had to be out of school and in the work force for a set time period.

Now individuals over the age of 17 out of school who are accepted into adult education can qualify for training allowances.

The courses are operated by the Department of Education with Canada Manpower providing the allowances.

Persons interested in taking one of the courses can contact the Canada Manpower Centre, 237 McLean Avenue, Selkirk; phone 482-3323.

Local agriculture extension agents, Manpower, or Health and Social Development councillors can also be contacted.

### Agriculture Courses To Be Offered

Courses in Farm Management, Beef Production, Dairy Production, and Farm Business Planning will be offered to Interlake farmers this winter.

The schedule of the courses, their locations, and starting dates, subject to change, are:

- Beef Production Management, Teulon--January 3.

- Dairy Production Management, Fisher Branch--November 27.

- Dairy Production Management, Arborg--November 27.

- Farm Management, Selkirk--November 20.

- Farm Business Planning, Stonewall--February 5.

The Farm Management course is aimed at the younger farmer who is in the process of developing a

viable farm operation. The other courses are mainly for farmers who feel they could use more information and knowledge on aspects of their operation.

Men taking the course are eligible for Canada Manpower training allowances. Both Canada Manpower and the provincial departments of Agriculture and Education are involved in operating the courses.

Application can be made to local agriculture extension offices.

## Citizens' Inquiry Service To Begin September 11

Manitobans wanting information or who have questions in regard to government services will soon be able to call a central inquiry system free of charge from anywhere in the province.

To begin September 11, the service will operate six days a week--Sunday excluded--from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Called the Citizens' Inquiry Service, the new system will be operated on a pilot basis by four university undergraduates and a supervisor. The phone number for the service will be announced early in September.

Premier Ed Schreyer explained that governments everywhere were both complex and far-reaching, and often people did not know how or where to seek information for their problems or concerns. The trained staff would "help cut through red tape".

"In other words, it is an attempt to extend existing government services to those people who now may be having trouble gaining access to them."

He said the service would have special lines that would be toll-free from anywhere within the province. "No one seeking legitimate information from government should be penalized because of geography," he explained.

Mr. Schreyer emphasized that the service was an added facility to help direct people through the number of departments, branches, agencies, boards and commissions.

"It must be made clear that it will not be involved in the ordinary functions of the government switchboard, nor of the ombudsman, nor of MLA's, nor of those areas where there are existing, direct telephone information services--such as autopac, consumer and tenant services, and school tax rebate and credit information." The service will not discuss government policy; it will merely provide information or referrals respecting existing programs and services.

Where particular patterns of calls develop, the department or agency concerned will be notified.

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