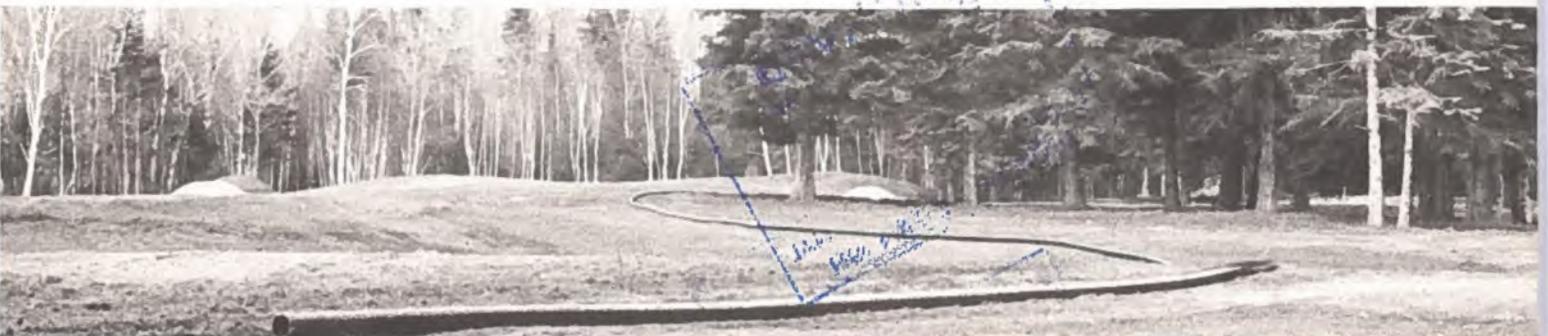




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Manpower Corps Still Building the Interlake

At Lake St. Martin Reserve they're making boats, at Peguis they're now painting, at Hecla Island they're landscaping and at Fisher River Indian Reserve they're building.

Not one of the above projects is a hobby course. In fact, all of the participants are adult males who, in all likelihood, have very little inclination to dabble in hobbies.

The undertakings are Interlake Manpower Corps projects currently underway or recently completed. Some of them involve effort on a grand scale.

Lake St. Martin Reserve:

This is one of the small projects in terms of the number of trainees on the corps. Six men, under the instruction of Alex Makara of Riverton, are building seven yawls to be used this spring on the Dauphin River. While two of the corpsmen have had a little experience in yawl construction, none of the other four fishermen on the corps have tried it before. All of them have had some carpentry experience. Project foreman is Lawrence Traverse of Lake St. Martin.

The project began April 2 and will continue until the end of May. The Department of Indian Affairs, is providing the oak and cedar wood used in the ribs and hull, while the Interlake Manpower Corps provides the instructor and pays training allowances.

Each of the 18 1/2 foot shallow draft boats is worth about \$575 on the retail market, according to Mr. Makara. To him, building a yawl is routine--he used to work with a firm finishing one every 1 1/2 days--but to the corpsmen this is a relatively new experience worth much to a fisherman.



Peguis:

Seventeen men are putting the finishing touches to the waiting room and kitchen at one end of the 240 feet by 100 feet arena they built over the winter as an Interlake Manpower Corps project.

The arch rib rafter, two-storey complex includes a regulation 185 feet by 85 feet ice surface, dressing rooms and offices and an upstairs waiting room--kitchen area. Everything except the foundation and concrete floor was constructed by the corpsmen over the past seven months.



All materials were supplied by the Department of Indian Affairs through the band council, with Manpower Corps assuming the training costs. Most of the corps members had previous carpentry experience, although not on a project of this size. Foreman for the group was Stanley Sinclair of Peguis.

John Johnson of Arnes, the instructor, likewise is no novice. He has been an instructor on several other corps projects including community halls at Fraserwood and Arnes, a skating rink at Inwood, and four veterinary clinics.

Among the notable features of the arena are the mercury vapor lights over the ice surface that are used for hockey games, and the relatively new "gentle" corners curved over 28 feet rather than the more common 15 feet. Such corners are now preferred by the Manitoba Amateur Hockey Association for league and tournament play.

Among the first to use the ice surface, well before the total arena project was completed, were former hockey heroes, the NHL Oldtimers. They took on the Peguis Hawks in one of the feature attractions of a two-day winter carnival in late February.

Hecla Islanders:

Fourteen men, many of them former Hecla Islanders are continuing to transform the Island into a recreation site of exceptional standards. Over the relatively mild winter, two crews of Manpower Corps trainees have been building park maintenance facilities, rain shelters, foot bridges and rest rooms. As weather and soil conditions permitted they also progressed in shaping the scenic 18-hole golf course, now likely to open in the spring of 1974.



Recently the eight men under Gerry May of Winnipeg, who form the golf course crew have been readying the first nine greens and the fairways for grass seeding. Foreman on this job is Morris Thomsen now of Riverton. Morris, a former Hecla Islander who has spent his working life in construction and fishing has never golfed a game in his life. Over the past two years, though, he has learned more about golf courses than many a pro.

One of the major winter tasks for the golf course crew and the six-man maintenance crew has been to fuse lengths of eight, six, four, and one-inch tough walled polyethylene pipe, using a special heating process that leaves the interior joints indistinguishable from the remainder of the pipe. The Hecla course will be the only one in Manitoba to have a semi-automatic irrigation system using continuous plaster conduits. A total of 12 1/4 miles of continuous water line will twist and loop 18 inches under the surface of the fairways and greens, permitting the irrigation of half the entire course at one setting.

The construction crew under Marvin Gudmundson of Vidir are completing a number of rain shelters on the course. Each shelter is a unique Scandinavian-influenced design. Currently the crew is also building foot bridges. Most of the trainees on this crew are enrolled in the provincial apprenticeship program in carpentry and are utilizing the Hecla Island project as their practical experience, while at the same time taking some theory instruction from a qualified journeyman instructor.

Fisher River:

Manpower Corps is involved in a large scale construction project on the Fisher River Reserve through provision of a crew instructor-supervisor.

The project is being financed through a federal LIP grant to the Fisher River band, and involves construction of several homes, a warehouse and renovations to a home management center.

Elmo Helgasson of Ashern is the instructor of the 12-man crew. As well as supervising the actual construction work, he conducts half-day classes in carpentry theory twice a week.

Planned Projects:

Several Interlake Manpower Corps projects are being planned for this spring and summer. Those already confirmed are at St. Laurent, Winnipeg Beach, Souris, and Hecla Island.

Within a few weeks a 10-man crew will travel to Souris to complete work on a veterinary clinic. As with the other 12 veterinary clinics built over the past three years the Manpower Corps crews are made up entirely of Interlakers.

At St. Laurent, 19 low-rental houses will be constructed over the summer. The project is scheduled to begin in early June.

All 19 houses will be located in the new sub-divisions just west of town where 15 homes were constructed under the Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation low-rental housing program last summer.

At Winnipeg Beach, the Beach Towers restaurant will again be staffed by Manpower Corps trainees. Approximately 20 trainees will be instructed as waitresses and short-order cooks by supervisory staff from Red River Community College.

Although the project does not begin until the final week in June, recruiting has already begun. Anyone from the Interlake wishing to join this corps can contact Gerry Ailsby, manpower counsellor with the Department of Agriculture in Teulon. Applicants must be over 18 years of age. Preference will be given to students and recent high school graduates.

Manpower Corps will be co-operating with the Rural Step '73 program by administering and supporting a project at Hecla Island.

Up to 20 grades 11 and 12 students who will have to write off one or two supplemental exams before entering University or community college will combine work and study. From mid-July to the end of August, the students will spend half days clearing and marking toboggan trails in the park. During the remainder of the day they will be tutored and will study.

Working allowances are paid through the Rural Step program while accommodation and equipment will be supplied by the Parks Branch. Room and board will cost each student \$60 per month.

High school principals and guidance counsellors in each school division in the Interlake will recommend students to the project.

Railway Branch Lines to be Studied

A five-man committee has been formed to study the value of the four railway branch lines in the Interlake. The chairman is Ed Helwer of Teulon while the four members, each representing the branch line in his area, are Philip Orzech, Trigvi Finnson, Walter Klimchuk, and Mike Taczynski.

Ed Helwer will co-ordinate efforts between the Interlake Branch Line Committee and the Branch Line Association of Manitoba. Each of the four members will be responsible for organizing a public meeting of all the communities along his line and then forming a local committee to deal with the problems of that specific branch line.

The Interlake Branch Line Committee will prepare a regional in-depth report on the economic importance of each branch line to the area it serves. Those who wish to take part in this effort should contact the representative for the area in which they live:

Selkirk-Riverton line--Philip Orzech, Riverton;
Argyle-Hodgson line--Walter Klimchuk, Fisher Branch;
Stonewall-Arborg line--Trigvi Finnson, Arborg;
Warren-Gypsumville line--Mike Taczynski, Gypsumville.

Both the Interlake Development Corporation and the Branch Line Association of Manitoba have pledged their support to the newly formed Interlake Branch Line Committee. The Branch Line Association of Manitoba represents 21 branch lines and is directly supported by 64 rural municipalities and 12 towns. The association provides information, resources and legal aid to local associations concerned about protecting their particular branch lines.

Three of the Interlake branch lines are assured of some level of service until 1975. The Argyle-Hodgson line, however, is presently unprotected.

Interlake country elevator receipts for 1971-72 totaled 6.8 million bushels. If any of the four Interlake branch lines are discontinued, a large portion of that grain will have to be shipped by truck at a greatly increased cost. If all four lines are abandoned, according to the Canada Grain Council, it would mean an annual average cost of \$1,200 per farm.

If you have any questions or suggestions or if you are concerned about the future of your branch line, contact your Interlake Branch Line Committee representative or attend the public meeting when it is called.

\$ \$ for Water

Wells:

If you are having a well drilled or considering excavation of a dugout to provide water for your livestock, the new program of PFRA grants are worth a serious look.

Here are the details given us by PFRA Brandon office:

A grant of 50 percent of the proven cost to the farmer up to \$550.

The grant will be paid on these items:

- well screen, assembly and fittings (up to \$150);
- casing and cribbing;
- granular packing, materials only (up to \$50);
- well development at acceptable hourly rates (up to \$50);
- yield testing by pumping or bailing at acceptable hourly rates (up to \$50).

Dugouts:

Assistance for approved dugouts larger than 2500 cubic yards. Maximum grant is \$550. The basis of payment will be:

- 7¢ per cubic yard for the first 3000 cubic yards;
- 8¢ per cubic yard from 3001 to 5000 cubic yards;
- 9¢ per cubic yard from 5001 to 7000 cubic yards.

Financial assistance may be recommended for enlargement or betterment of dugouts so long as the maximum, including all previous grant payments, does not exceed \$550.

Interlake farmers living south of Township 21 should send their applications to the PFRA office in Morden. Those living north of Township 21 should send their applications to the PFRA office in Dauphin.

Grassland Society at it Again

The Interlake Grassland Society is continuing their intensive grazing experiment on the society's pasture near Teulon this year, but on a larger scale. In 1972 the society produced 96 percent A1 and A2 beef at approximately 20 cents per pound using the intensive grazing technique.

This year, with a larger number of cattle, the grazing ratio will be close to one acre per head compared to last summer's one and a half acres per head. Peter Jones, the Interlake extension forage specialist and co-ordinator for the Interlake Grassland Society, hopes to get the costs down to 15 cents per pound of gain this year.

Reversing the traditional procedure, the society is using the feedlot, the expensive part of a beef operation, just to grow the animal. Grazing, the relatively inexpensive phase of a beef operation, is employed for fattening.



Eighty-five steers provided by society members came into the feedlot last fall at an average of 470 pounds. According to plan, they have been gaining one and a quarter pounds per day on a commercial supplementary food and hay. Before going onto the pasture, at roughly 720 pounds, they will first be grazed on bush or normal pasture for a few days and then rye for another week or two.

They will then be divided into three groups of 28, put on three different 30-acre paddocks and rotationally grazed throughout the summer. The first group will graze straight tame grass, the second group will graze tame grass plus alfalfa and the third group will graze a pasture that is ten acres straight grass and 20 acres of grass plus alfalfa. Regular weighings will determine which type of pasture is most efficient for intensive grazing purposes.



The Interlake Grassland Society members providing the cattle are showing their confidence in the intensive grazing technique by equally sharing the feed costs. The herd is a good cross section of all types of commercial beef found in the Interlake.

The society members also provided a group of 45 heavy steers that came into the feedlot last fall at 640 pounds and were allowed to gain a pound and a half a day through the winter. The first group, 21 head, will be left in the feedlot and fed a normal, high grain ration to produce quick fattening. The remaining 24 head will be rotationally grazed on 37 acres of tame grass and alfalfa and will

only be fed limited amounts of grain late in the summer. From this experiment the society wants to determine simply what is the most profitable way to bring a heavy steer up to full market weight.

Peter Jones pointed out that feed costs are up 50 percent from last year and soya bean prices have more than doubled. With intensive grazing, the animal is simply grown in the feedlot, not fattened, and consequently doesn't require as great a volume of feed. Also, the animal is only in the feedlot for six months and doesn't require feed for as long a period of time.

This system only requires a farmer to keep fat cattle for eleven months. With the traditional system, some Interlake farmers would tie up and risk their capital for two years or more.

The intensive grazing method of raising cattle requires less acreage for growing feed and less acreage for grazing thus freeing land for other uses.

Last spring, in the first year of the experiment, the society grazed 57 head on the Teulon experimental pasture only four weeks after it had been planted with grass, alfalfa, and a nurse crop of rye. By dividing the pasture into smaller plots with electric fence they were able to rotate the herd, always giving them fresh, nutritious herbage and at the same time allow the newly planted tame grass to grow quickly.

This summer they expect to duplicate last summer's gains of 2.4 pounds per day.

The 1972 herd was a cross section of commercial beef provided by grassland society members in the Interlake. In the fall of 1971, the members randomly picked cattle from their own herds and shipped them to the feedlot in Teulon where they were fed a "growth" ration that allowed them to gain one and a half pounds per day throughout the winter.

The cattle thus came out of the feedlot in May, not fat, but fully developed and with large frames. Intensive tame grass grazing brought them up to full market weight by October.

Fertilizer and Orchard Grass Potent Combination

Intensive pasture grazing of tame grass can reduce the cost of beef production only if proper fertilization is employed. The Interlake Grassland Society began work on their pasture, located just south of Teulon along highway seven, in early April. A commercial spreader with a twenty-foot swath was run over the pasture twice, in a cross hatch pattern, to insure even application.



The grass plus alfalfa mixture and the straight alfalfa received 200 pounds per acre of 11-48-0. The straight grass got 100 pounds per acre of 11-48-0 plus a healthy shot of nitrogen with 300 pounds per acre of 21-0-0. Later in the season, depending on the amount of rain received, all pastures will receive an application of potash.

Orchard grass, one of the more nutritious, yet controversial, of the grasses being used in the experiment, survived its first two Interlake winters and took hold in early April again this year. The society members apparently have confidence in the orchard grass as 70 individual farmers have now planted more than 1,700 acres of this grass species as part of a special pasture mixture.

Intensive grazing information is available through your local extension agent.

Holstein Heifers on Grassland Trials

Holstein heifers can be fully developed and ready to calve in two years! The Interlake Grassland Society hopes to prove it this season as one of several experiments to be carried out on their pasture land near Teulon.

Expanding on the idea that in the Interlake, intensive grazing is the most efficient means of raising cattle, the society has leased another 80-acre field, just east of their present beef pasture and has prepared 38 acres of tame grass pasture to graze 46 Holstein heifers.

The Holsteins, provided by grassland society members throughout the Interlake, came into the society's feedlot at an average of 496 pounds last fall. Since then they have been on a growth ration allowing one and three quarter pounds per day average gain.

Breeding of the 46 heifers started in early March and should be completed by the end of May when they will be put on the grass and alfalfa pasture. Average weight will then be approximately 800 pounds.

By rotationally grazing the 38-acre pasture, the society expects all 46 Holstein heifers to weigh in at 1100 pounds by October.

St. Laurent Speaks

A 28-minute, 16 mm colour movie entitled St. Laurent Speaks was recently completed for the FRED Administration. It is available for showing to any group in the Interlake.

Prints can be borrowed from:

- the FRED Administration
809 Norquay Building
Winnipeg, R3C 0P8
- Publications Library
Dept. of Agriculture
713 Norquay Building
Winnipeg, R3C 0P8
- DREE Offices
337A Main Street
Selkirk, Man.
- Film Loan Library
Department of Consumer,
Corporate and Internal Services
502 Norquay Building
Winnipeg, R3C 0P8
- Visual Education Library
Department of Education
214A Robert Fletcher Building
1181 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg.

St. Laurent Speaks is obviously about the people of St. Laurent, but it is intended to be more than that. It's a depiction of efforts of the people in one community to buck what is commonly described as a trend-- the decline of rural towns.

The film shows how St. Laurent residents, through their organizations, looked into their community needs, and, after committing themselves, set out to get whatever assistance was available to help overcome these needs. Of course the process hasn't ended even though St. Laurent has much to show for its efforts.

The film is not intended to encourage every community to mirror St. Laurent, but rather to stress that the community development process can work in terms of one town's particular needs if the leadership and community support is committed and someone is prepared to "badger" and negotiate face to face with the right people.

More Power to You

It may seem to the taxpayer that the periodic reorganizations of government departments are office games played by civil servants, and that the changes are meaningless to the public at large. Without doubt, the shifts can be confusing, but the motives behind them are generally to improve the services of the department involved. In this respect they do affect the users of that department's services.

The Manitoba Department of Agriculture was reorganized over a year ago to better handle the new programs it now provides rural Manitobans. At the local levels the changes may not be obvious yet, but, over time, they should be noticeable.

Reorganization was undertaken to provide:

- more direct services to rural residents;
- more regional influence on the ways programs are handled;
- services more suited to different agricultural regions in the province.

In other words the department recognizes something Interlakers have long insisted upon--that different parts of agricultural Manitoba have different needs and that the entire province should not be treated as one big farm. A program of real importance to one region may be of much less importance to another, so the management of programs and the emphasis given to them should be as flexible as possible.

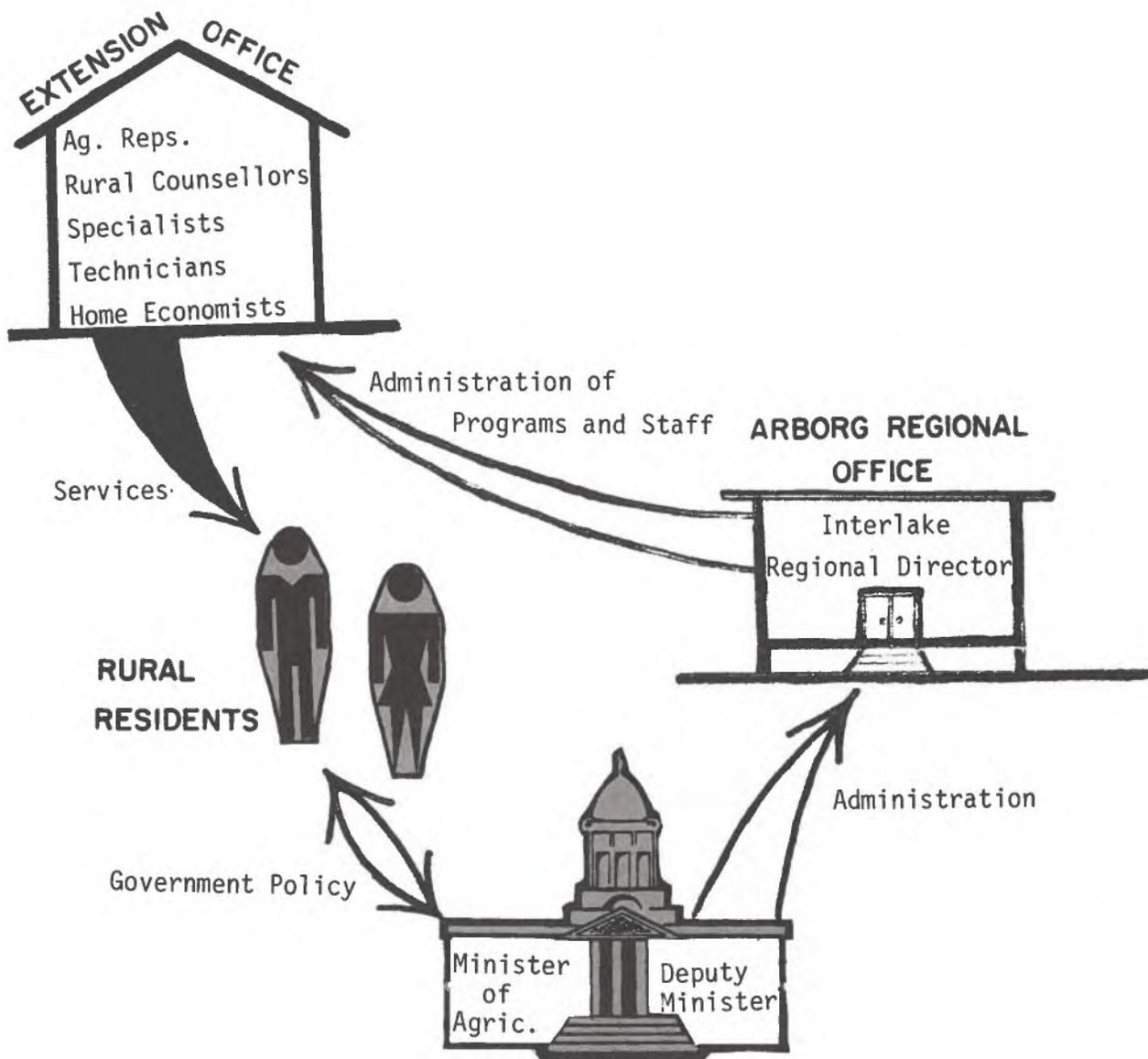
With this in mind, the department has carved up Manitoba into five administration regions--the Interlake, the Eastern, Central, Southwest, and Northwest. For each region a director has been appointed, and he is the person in charge of all agricultural representatives, home economists, agricultural specialists and technicians who work in that region. The director for the Interlake region is Al A. Watkins whose office is in Arborg.

In all regions, including the Interlake, the local extension offices still exist and provide the direct link between the rural resident and the department. What is different, though, is that the people in the local offices do not report to several administrators in Winnipeg for their directions. They are now employees of the region in which they work and report to the director of that region. Thus all the staff in a larger office such as Ashern, Teulon, Arborg, or Selkirk offices, can join forces to tackle problems strictly of an Interlake nature and devise solutions that are unique and relevant to the region.

Even compared to the other four regions, the Interlake is somewhat exceptional. Under Mr. Watkins, the Interlake has, at present, the highest operating budget and the greatest administrative control of departmental programs. This is largely because of the FRED plan under which some of the major programs such as farm diversification, resource planning, and community affairs are financed under the FRED agreement.

The only department of agriculture staff working in the Interlake who do not come under Mr. Watkin's authority are those in the FRED Administration responsible for inter-departmental and federal-provincial relations and for the FRED information program.

Except for the manpower corps program all other department programs for the Interlake are planned, budgeted for, and administered under the authority of the regional director in Arborg. This includes those farm development and community affairs programs financed through the FRED agreement. They have all been turned over to the regional office to carry out.



Certainly, all those developments do not mean that the Interlake staff, should they be so inclined or pressured, can set up an entirely new and independent set of programs for Interlake agriculture or rural living. Government agricultural policy is set by the government and the Minister of Agriculture, while the final administrative authority rests with the Deputy Minister of Agriculture. The reorganization does mean, though, that day to day application of programs and direction of staff is a regional concern. It means that individuals, area development boards, community groups, the Interlake Development Corporation, and farm organization locals should first get in touch with the local extension office and the regional director in Arborg, if they have questions concerning existing programs. If they wish to discuss department policies or ideas for new programs, then the Minister of Agriculture is their contact.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

One of the confusions of reorganization in the Interlake has been the change in one long-standing position. For many years Fred Slevinsky was The department's liaison man with area development boards. No longer. Mr. Slevinsky was promoted to regional director of the Eastern region with headquarters in Beausejour. Area development board secretaries who once corresponded regularly with Mr. Slevinsky, whether the matter concerned resolutions, budgets, adult education projects, or simply forwarding of meeting minutes, should now direct their correspondence to Mr. Llew Breese, Community Affairs Specialist, 201-446 Main Street, Selkirk.

Area Development Board Members:

Every year there are some changes in the membership of the area development boards serving the Interlake region. We think these persons should be known since it is the area development boards that provide a direct link between local citizens and several departments of the provincial and federal governments.

Board members over the years, have become acquainted with a variety of officials through their efforts to continuously improve development programs for the region. They have contacts many other local people do not.

Also board members are among the first to receive information from government as a result of their questioning of officials and political representatives and, as well, because government offices make a great deal of information available to the boards.

Readers who have ideas on how to improve their communities or increase jobs and incomes in the Interlake would be wise to contact someone listed below. Board members are elected by the people they serve every year.

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SHORT HONKS . . .

Having trouble finding information about some federal service or program? Information Canada recently assigned a staff member to the Interlake to direct questions from residents to the proper governmental agency.

Anyone who has a question about any federal program such as family allowance, Canada pension plan, old age pension, taxation, bilingualism, manpower services, regional development and conservation, can contact Alec Jason and receive assistance.

Alec Jason will be in Selkirk from 8:30 to 10:00 every weekday morning except Tuesday. His phone number is 482-5914. Written enquiries can be sent to 960 Portage Avenue in Winnipeg or directed through the Interlake Development Corporation office, Box 689, Arborg. The corporation phone number is 376-5033.

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The Community Economic Development Fund, the provincial agency that provides loan capital to smaller businesses is currently training a development officer who will work in the Interlake. Lorne Flamand, is from Camperville, a small community on the eastern shore of Lake Winnipegosis. Part of his trainee's salary is being provided by the Interlake Manpower Corps for one year on the understanding that he will be serving Metis communities in the Interlake upon completing his on-the-job training. Lorne's duties will be to handle loan applications and provide management and financial guidance to local businessmen.

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Farmers and livestockmen thinking of buying new machinery may have a hard time finding what they want this season. In fact, it might not be wise to plan a season's operation around a new piece of haying equipment or a new tractor unless an order has already been placed. Ed Hudek of the department of agriculture says that new farm equipment is in very short supply this year. Some new tractors are being back-ordered for October delivery, while new forage harvesters and some other haying equipment are almost rare on the prairies. The farm machine companies claim that a shortage of grey steel castings from North America Supply has caused a serious slowdown in manufacturing.

Around the Boards:

Bifrost

Meeting of March 6 in Arborg. Eleven members present.

Steve Gislason reported that the board's efforts to improve the fire protection service in the rural area is going to need more support of farm people in the municipality. A meeting of the fire protection committee and the council of the R. M. of Bifrost indicated a reluctance on the part of council to purchase fire-fighting equipment.

Much of the meeting was devoted to reports from members and regional government officials. Topics included the new staff at the North Star Creamery cheese plant, new grain elevator storage in Arborg, water services in Arborg, rail line abandonment, and the future plans for Sylvan Community Pasture.

Harold Finnsen moved that the board "write a letter to CBC and let them know how much we appreciate the farm news and that we'd like them to keep up the good work." Other area development boards are to be asked to support the resolution.

Camper-Gypsumville—

A public meeting of the board was held at Steep Rock on February 19. Main purpose of the meeting was to discuss with the Manitoba Hydro representatives the proposed hydro district changes. Present from Manitoba Hydro were W. M. Dryden, W. Muir, and R. Thompson.

E. Roehl presented a petition of 338 signatures dealing with the proposed hydro district changes. Mr. Dryden indicated that Manitoba Hydro intends to set up a new district north of the Fairford River with St. Martin as the central point. Steep Rock and the southern part of the Steep Rock district would be serviced by the Ashern crew.

The board supported a resolution from the Interlake Development Corporation urging the City of Winnipeg "to set up a more attractive corridor along the northern section of Metro Route 90" and install additional stoplights at the junction of Perimeter Route 101 and PTH #6.

In response to a request from the Moosehorn and District Chamber of Commerce for financial aid in setting up a dental clinic for school children, the board approved the resolution:

"That the Moosehorn and District Chamber of Commerce apply to the Department of Education and other pertinent government departments and explore all other possibilities of obtaining financial assistance. If the chamber is unsuccessful in obtaining grants, the Camper-Gypsumville Area Development Board will grant the sum of \$400."

A motion was passed requesting the Autopac agent for the St. Martin--Gypsumville area to establish an office in St. Martin or Gypsumville and have specific office hours.

Kris Olson of Steep Rock and William Gabbs of Hilbre were elected to the board.

Eriksdale—

Meeting of December 11. Six members present.

At this time the board's adult education project, a BTSD course for mature adults was about to get underway in Eriksdale. While several presumed candidates had withdrawn after arrangements for the course were made, the course was considered an essential service for mature students and was expected to gradually enlarge. The area development board provides the seven dollars tuition fee per student for all students attending.

Health services in the region, particularly in the western portion of the Interlake were discussed. A meeting of all west side area development boards was proposed to be held in Eriksdale. Bob Burns, regional director for the Department of Health and Social Services was to be invited.

Timber cutting quotas in the Mulvihill wildlife management area will be kept open for discussion with a letter from the board to Lloyd Yarn of the Department of Mines, Resources and Environmental Management.

Other topics discussed included farm diversification, the role of the Eriksdale Recreation Commission, the board's annual meeting and the continuation of the board.

When mileage cheques were given out at this meeting, three members signed their cheques and returned them to the board to financially support the board's efforts in providing educational courses.

Fisher—

Meeting of December 20 at Broad Valley. Seventeen members present.

A letter received from Manitoba Hydro about extension of power to Lake St. George and Jackhead was to be forwarded to Mrs. Herb Hudson and to the Jackhead Indian Reservation for comment and further action.

A number of grants from the board's operating fund were approved. They included:

- A grant of \$150 toward construction of the Poplarfield school rink.
- A grant of \$150 to the Hodgson Community Club to aid in the recreation program for youth.
- All funds left over at the end of the budget year would go to the Fisher Branch Collegiate library.

Cubby Barrett and Gordon Cochrane presented a motion that the Fisher Board use the \$500 adult education grant to sponsor an evening course in canoe building for high school students. The canoes would be used by groups of young people taking supervised outdoor education trips during the summer.

Gordon Cochrane informed the board that drainage problems in the Peguis area are "not getting the required consideration by the Water Control Branch".

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Meeting of January 17 in Poplarfield. Sixteen members were present at this annual meeting along with five provincial and federal government officials and six interested citizens.

Mr. Marcel Roche of Fisher Branch and Frank Swark of Fisher Branch were elected to the board.

Speakers included Robert Burns, regional director, Department of Health and Social Services, Tom Magnusson, extension agent (manpower) for the Fisher and Bifrost areas and Ed Senkow, extension agent (agriculture) for the Fisher area.

Lundar—

Meeting of December 13. Six members present.

A major topic of discussion was the community schools recreation program in Lakeshore School Division. The following motion was made:

"Whereas, due to the resignation of Lorne Hasinoff from the Lakeshore School Division, funds previously allocated from the provincial government for the community schools program remained unused.

Be it resolved that the Lakeshore School Division be requested to make help available to facilitate the hiring of local recreation and adult education co-ordinators in individual communities so that said community schools' recreation program may be continued."

The meeting also approved calling a public meeting on farm diversification and preparation of a letter to the Honourable Samuel Uskiw regarding the operating grants for the 1973 year.

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Meeting of February 14. Ten members present.

Board members expressed their support for an application from Bruce Breckman to establish a manufacturing milk plant in Lundar.

Vacancies on the board were filled with the nominations of Lawrence King, Bob Desjarlais, and Ken Desjarlais. The 1972 executive of P. O. Sigurdson, Chairman, Ed Croy, Vice-Chairman, and Harold Backman, Secretary-Treasurer, was re-elected.

Faye Goranson, in reporting on the Minister's Advisory Board meeting in Gimli noted that the Lundar board's request for a full operating grant was rejected, while requests for improvements to Lundar Beach and re-routing of PR 419 were to be passed on to the Parks Branch and the Department of Highways.

John Nikkel and Fred Kell presented a motion requesting board support for application by six Lundar students for a STEP grant to be used for a project to improve Long Point Beach.

The board will send a letter to Grey Goose Bus Lines concerning "the future disposition of the firm's bus depot in this area".

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Meeting of March 14. Eleven members present.

In answer to a request for a farm water systems' short course at Lundar, the Department of Agriculture's Technical Services Branch replied a course could not be provided until later this year. Joe Sigurdson and Faye Goranson moved that a letter be sent to the department asking that the course be offered before freeze-up so that the information was immediately useful.

Leo Hewson, extension agent (manpower) reported that representatives of the rural municipalities of Coldwell, Eriksdale, Siglunes, and L.G.D. of Grahamdale agreed that two representatives from each local government form a committee of eight to formulate the health care delivery program for the combined area.

Lawrence King reported that work had started on the goose symbol project. He also explained the proposed dyking of the East Meadow refuge by Ducks Unlimited to control water levels. Paul Palsson and Joe Sigurdson will visit the owners of land adjacent to the refuge to investigate the possibility of having the dyke extended.

Alvin Goranson reported that a cabinet maker would be approaching the board for assistance in getting established in the area.

A dairy farm information program will be carried out in the area with John Nikkel assisting extension agent John Corby.

St. Laurent—

Meeting of December 11. Eleven members present.

The board secretary was asked to contact Llew Breese, regional community affairs specialist, regarding the short course program being considered by the board.

Road signs for St. Laurent were to be made and erected under the direction of Frank Gratton.

Year-end business included approval to donate all unspent monies of the operating grant to the Interlake Retarded Children Program, arrangements for a year-end social evening on December 23, and a bonus of \$50 to the secretary.

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Meeting of February 12. Eleven members present.

Prior to the meeting the new documentary movie, "St. Laurent Speaks" was shown to a capacity crowd in the community hall.

Members discussed the farm diversification program and generally disapproved of the use of grass income to determine eligibility. Net income would be a better measure, they said.

Ray Bernard and Abe Giesbrecht will look into the possibility of obtaining a public scale in St. Laurent.

An investigation by Joe Fontaine into provincial support for feedlots indicated that no aid in the form of grants was available. A public meeting on grassland management was arranged by the board with John Corby, extension agent (agriculture).

Selkirk—

Meeting of February 28. Nine members present.

- LIBRARY--L. Wersch reported on library arrangements. Mrs. Romanica will be involved full time with the library and will be taught to catalogue the books. She is willing to work off-hours, such as evenings and Saturday mornings and the Town will continue to pay her salary.

- CABLE VISION--The general manager has been contacted. L. Breese and L. Wersch will meet him on Friday morning, March 2 to discuss the possibility of cable vision in Selkirk.

- MARINE MUSEUM--The marine museum meeting was held immediately prior to the S.A.D.B. for a S.T.E.P. grant to permit them to do some work on the Keenora.

- INTERLAKE BOOK--Land in the Middle is nearly completed. At this time the book is being bound, ready for delivery.

A new book called Selkirk Today is being assembled and published to update the older book of Selkirk.

- RADIO STATION--L. Breese reported that a great deal of data had been assembled but communications had been discontinued for a time. Approximately \$50,000.00 would have to be available before the Board of Governors would consider such a radio station.

- SWIM TO BEAT 70--The swimming pool project was discussed, progress at the present time is nil and some new ideas are needed to bolster financial support to get the project started again.

- DISCUSSION ON MEMBERSHIP--Letters are to be mailed to municipalities and organization re representation on the board.

- Prices had been received in regard to a jointer-planer and a sander for the School of Retardates in Selkirk. Jointer-planer \$330, sander \$100. More information was needed in regards to make, etc. of this equipment.

Interlake Development

Corporation Catch-up

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The Interlake Flyer has been rather sporadic of late due to a temporary staff reduction and special commitments of the existing staff. Our coverage of the deliberations of the Interlake Development Corporation thus leaves much to be desired.

Rather than detail events that are now history we will simply provide highlights of decisions and activities up to the last directors' meeting. These highlights have been selected by the editor from corporation minutes and he assumes full responsibility for the selection.

Back in December, seven member rural municipalities and incorporated towns and villages had indicated their intention to renew membership in the corporation. Included were Dunnottar, Gimli, Arborg, Teulon, Selkirk, the Rural Municipality of Coldwell, and the Rural Municipality of Eriksdale.

The first three years of operation of the corporation were about completed and the contracts with members were up for renewal.

The corporation had written a formal letter to Mayor Stephan Juba of Winnipeg expressing concern over the condition of Metro Route 90 at its northern end. The feeling was that this entrance to or exit from the City of Winnipeg was most unattractive and a negative influence on travellers to and from the Interlake. All area development boards, rural municipalities and chambers of commerce in the central and western zones of the Interlake were contacted and asked to support the corporation's protest.

Mayor Frank Malis of Selkirk spoke on the need to press the federal and provincial governments for assistance to allow rural areas to grow in a manner proportionate to the city of Winnipeg. He said that this corporation should stress that it represents rural Manitoba, and he suggested changing our letterhead to show our location and population.

Mayor Malis particularly stressed the need to reinstate former inactive grants that were available at one time. He pointed out that with Winnipeg included in the DREE area, that put the city at too much of an advantage. Factors such as freight cost and utilities put Winnipeg in the lead.

Mr. Malis pointed out that the federal government was responsible for the closure of the Gimli air base and the fish processing plant in Selkirk. He said they should now be prepared to hear our problems.

The proposed schedule of 1973 meetings was as follows:

January -- Gimli	July -- St. Laurent
February -- Teulon	August -- Stonewall
March -- Eriksdale	September -- Lundar
April -- Dunnottar	October -- Winnipeg Beach
May -- Riverton	November -- Balmoral
June -- Moosehorn	December -- Arborg

In January the corporation directors accepted the resignation of Len Ford of Dunnottar, treasurer of the corporation for three years. Mr. Ford had decided to contest the nomination for the provincial constituency of Gimli.

David Strange, with the provincial Department of Industry and Commerce was introduced as the new liaison officer between the department and the corporation. Mr. Strange replaces Wayne Anderson who resigned to operate a private business in Winnipeg.

Ian Taylor, assistant director and secretary to the Interlake Branch of the Tourist and Convention Association of Manitoba reported that the Interlake group had joined other association branches in requesting that:

(a) the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs assign a liaison officer to each of the associations;

(b) the Tourist Branch re-edit the Manitoba Vacation Handbook along present regional boundaries (regional development corporation boundaries) and not on the ones the branch is currently using. Mr. Taylor also reported on plans for a special tourism seminar for the Interlake and was given corporation support.

From the official minutes of the Regional Development Committee (all corporation presidents plus members of cabinet and senior civil servants) the following has been extracted:

"1. The analysis of the community and regional reports under the Regional Analysis Program was reviewed and the proposed series of six regional meetings followed by community meetings was outlined. There was general agreement with procedures to be followed, and it was requested that each RDC be allowed to indicate those issues it would like to discuss at their meeting. The secretary is to obtain these details from each corporation.

"2. The procedure for hiring general managers was debated at some length. It was agreed by the presidents that in the future the minister of industry and commerce will evaluate all applicants for RDC manager positions. Those persons who are accepted as being suitable for the manager's position will then be passed forward to the corporation board of directors to make their selection. This process will immediately be put into effect in selecting a manager for the East Man. Regional Development Corporation."

In January the LGD of Grahamdale indicated it wished to renew membership in the corporation for one year, while the Town of Stonewall indicated it would not renew membership.

Corporation directors approved a plan to sponsor several special seminars for farmers and fishermen on income tax changes and special problems. The Department of National Revenue was a joint co-operator on this plan.

Dori Holm of Gimli was appointed corporation representative to the Gimli Industrial Park Advisory Board.

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The annual meeting of the corporation was held on March 1 at Teulon. At that time sixteen of the 18-member local governments had indicated willingness to renew their contracts and financially support the corporation. The Town of Stonewall had reversed the earlier decision to withdraw while the rural municipalities of Rosser and St. Andrews had not contacted the corporation.

The 1972 financial statement presented to the 145 directors, proxies and guests attending the annual meeting showed the following.

Revenue--\$50,450.96. (This was over \$16,000 more than budgeted due mainly to an increased provincial government grant, the salary of an assistant manager and registration fees from the community management and business management programs.)

Expenditures--\$43,940.03 or \$9,565.03 more than the original budget.

The biggest unexpected increase in expenditures involved the salary and expenses of an assistant manager.

Excess of revenue over expenditures was \$6,510.93. The surplus account at December 31 stood at \$28,053.22.

Contributions to the corporation from member local governments for 1972 was as follows:

Rural municipalities and LGD's (at 20¢ per capita):

Armstrong	-- \$524.80	Rockwood	-- \$1,053.60
Bifrost	-- 410.20	Rosser	-- 244.00
Coldwell	-- 333.80	St. Andrews	-- 1,113.00
Eriksdale	-- 226.00	St. Laurent	-- 331.00
Gimli	-- 386.80	Siglunes	-- 324.60
Grahamdale	-- 518.40	Woodlands	-- 431.40

Incorporated Towns (at 40¢ per capita):

Gimli	-- \$ 904.80	Stonewall	-- \$630.80
Selkirk	-- 3,662.80	Winnipeg Beach	-- 301.20

Incorporated Villages (at 30¢ per capita):

Arborg	-- \$267.30	Riverton	-- \$245.10
Dunnottar	-- 61.80	Teulon	-- 245.10

Associate members paying a minimum of \$25 included the six area development boards of Central Interlake, Fisher, Coldwell, South Interlake, Selkirk, and Camper-Gypsumville. Nineteen government agencies and private firms were also associate members.

The proposed 1973 budget accepted by the annual meeting indicates the following:

Revenue	-- \$66,895.69
Expenditures	-- \$47,900.00

Included among the expenditure totals are \$33,200 in salaries and indemnities, \$5,200 in office expenses, \$4,900 in travelling expenses and \$4,600 in miscellaneous expenses.

The corporation notes that this budget is a set of financial guidelines within which to operate and is based entirely upon past records of expenditures.

In condensed form, the 1973 program of the corporation is as follows.

Quality of Life— Continued emphasis on improvements in housing, health, and social community services.

Agriculture— Emphasis on improving the economic base in agriculture by appraising existing Manitoba Department of Agriculture programs and initiating new programs.

Tourism and Recreation— Aid to the Interlake Tourist Association in promoting the region. Encouraging development by local government and private enterprise of better tourist facilities such as motels, restaurants, and campgrounds.

Industrial Development— Continue to strive to develop programs to attract industry according to community potential. Assist in establishing industrial contacts and assistance programs for industry.

Transportation— Emphasis on road improvement, help communities in receiving airport assistance, and investigate rail line abandonment.

Fishing Industry— Emphasize the need to alter the present licensing system and assist fishermen's groups.

Local Problems— Whenever possible, management will attend meetings in communities to discuss and advise people on where to go for help, assist in drawing up briefs, in setting up appointments and in working with other communities with similar problems.

City of Winnipeg— Attempt to achieve closer communication and understanding of mutual problems.

Young People— Assist groups of young people in acquiring summer employment by offering counselling services on government projects. Seek out an overall development plan to ensure that young Interlakers will not have to leave the region to find gainful and satisfactory employment.

Special Government Programs— In cases where these programs will benefit rural people the Corporation will offer assistance to all government departments in carrying out programs in the Interlake. Advice will be offered to government persons and help given to them to make contacts with rural leaders.

The board of directors for 1973 are as follows:

Eastern Zone:

Mayor Frank Malis, Town of Selkirk;
Len Ford, Councillor, Village of Dunnottar;
Clare Wolchuk, Councillor, Town of Winnipeg Beach;
Dori Holm, Councillor, Town of Gimli.

Central Zone:

Mayor Ken Reid, Village of Arborg;
Reeve Lloyd Fines, R. M. of Rockwood;
Jack Litton, Town of Stonewall;
Ed Helwer, Councillor, Village of Teulon.

Western Zone:

Walter Newman, Advisory Board, L. G. D. of Grahamdale;
Reeve Joe Sigurdson, R. M. of Coldwell;
Len Conrad, Administrator, R. M. of St. Laurent;
Vernon Sund, Councillor, R. M. of Woodlands.

The executive for 1973 will be:

President--Ken Reid, Arborg;
First Vice-President--Joe Sigurdson, Lundar;
Second Vice-President--Jack Litton, Stonewall;
Secretary--Ed Helwer, Teulon;
Treasurer--Vernon Sund, Woodlands.

The major focus of the March 22 meeting of the corporation held in Eriksdale was the current service program of the railways serving the Interlake. Al Deagan, Director of the CNR's "Servacentre" program, was the main speaker.

Mr. Deagan said that the CN's prime assets are its rail cars, which must be used to the maximum if the railway is to make money. To ensure maximum use of these cars, traffic control has been centralized and computerized. The need for station agents to control cars has thus declined, and many stations are being phased out--184 in the prairie provinces. In the Interlake agents at Ashern, Fisher Branch, Gypsumville, Steep Rock, and Lundar will be gone by 1975.

The seminar on tourism has been scheduled for April 24 at the Gimli Leadership Training Centre. All area development boards have been asked to send one member each.

Corporation directors agreed to:

(a) continue the practice of studying regional problems through special task forces. Task forces set up were shoreline erosion, dairy, beef, education, and transportation.

(b) Draft a by-law to allow each member local government one director on the board and increase the executive to six members.

(c) Retain directors' indemnities at \$15 per meeting and increase mileage allowance to 12 cents per mile.

All past members except St. Andrews have renewed membership on the corporation. The L. G. D. of Fisher has been invited to join. There are 20 associate members, but this number would be higher if each area development board joined. The farmers union has been invited to join as well.

A motion urging the government to experiment with different shoreline protection structures on Lake Winnipeg was passed.

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