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First issue of new district weekly out

After a year of off-and-on planning, the first issue of the Borderland Reporter is on the streets.

The Reporter, newest of Saskatchewan's weekly newspapers, will report on the part of south central Saskatchewan along the US border.

The paper will cover the towns of Rockglen, Willow Bunch and Coronach, with offices located in Coronach.

Publisher of the paper is Don McCahill, who also publishes the Gravelbourg Gazette. Production of the newspaper will be done in the Gravelbourg offices initially, and the paper will be printed by Swift Litho in Swift Current.

Two full time staff members will man the local Coronach office. Jeff Rosen is the news editor and full time reporter of the newspaper and Wanda Burns is the advertising representative.

They will work out of an office located in the Cecil Keast accounting offices on Main Street in Coronach.

Mr. McCahill was formerly the news editor of the Weyburn Review for two years, and also was the sports editor of the Moose Jaw Times Herald earlier in his journalism career. The rest of his journalism experience occurred with daily and weekly newspapers in Ontario.

Mr. Rosen is a graduate of Sheridan College journalism program and has a BA from the University of Toronto.

Mrs. Burns is a native of Saskatchewan, although she has many years of retail experience in Alberta. She is married to Randall Burns, store manager of Coronach Co-op.

The first issue of the Borderland Reporter is being sent to every household in the area, with a total circulation of over 1500. This distribution will continue for four to six weeks, after which time people will be asked to subscribe to the paper.

Subscription rates will be \$10 a year locally, with more distant points slightly higher to cover postage costs.

The paper will be mailed every Thursday morning in Coronach. Deadline for material to be included in the paper will be 5 p.m. Monday afternoon.

Mr. McCahill said the goal of the paper is to provide news and photo coverage of the activities in the communities in the Borderlands region.

"The paper will try to be as local as possible, since that is what most people want and expect in a community newspaper," he said.

The growth of Coronach over the past five or six years has made it large enough to support a weekly newspaper, he said. As well the probable growth of Rockglen from proposed coal mines in that area makes it important that the paper focus on that area as well as Coronach.

The town of Willow Bunch had been declining for many years, but the development of industrial jobs within commuting dis-

tance should result in growth for that historic community as well, Mr. McCahill said.

"The fact that other publishers have been looking at the possibility of starting a Coronach newspaper shows that the town should be able to support one," he said.

A Regina company started work on a proposal this year, and sent out questionnaires in May to the businesses in the area to get input on a paper, which was expected to be published this fall.

It was to be an eight page paper published every other Friday. It is not known at the present time if the plans are still underway.

"We feel our paper, with a local staff and office, and advertising rates about a third what the Regina company suggested, will continue to get the support of the local people," Mr. McCahill said.

Planning for the Reporter started in the spring of 1981, when Mr. McCahill made his first exploratory visit to the community.

However in the coming

months he decided to go initially to Gravelbourg, which had previously had a weekly newspaper, which was closed down. Starting the Gravelbourg paper did not actually delay the Borderlands paper, since the initial plans were to start publication in 1982 anyway.

"We at the Reporter are proud of this first issue of your new weekly newspaper, and hope our readers are as well. We hope this is the start of a long and pleasant relationship with the people of your area," Mr. McCahill said.



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Donation of a whirlpool was made to Coronach hospital recently by the Kinsmen and Kinettes. Left to right are John Totten, Merv Colibaba, Arne Iverson, Arlene Colibaba and Doris Hagel.

Construction industry

Strike affects business

After almost three months, businesses in Coronach are feeling the effects of the construction worker's strike which has paralyzed the construction of the new power plant and has slowed completion of other projects.

George Tillie, manager of Ackland's, said he was beginning to lose money because of the drop in business and expressed concern that some small businesses could go under if the strike continues into fall.

"What they want is

petty," he said. "It's better to be getting a little than nothing."

Frank Ager, owner of Ager's Variety, said his business was down by about half, but pointed out that there was not too much he could do about it.

At the Coronach Hotel the strike has cut down the number of people coming in by about one third said owner Paul Bedngah.

"It's been quiet here and business has been rotten," he said. "I've got my own unions that I've got to deal with though."

Lindsay Poirier, of L & L Enterprises, thought that everyone was affected by the strike. She said her business was down because most of their customers are construction workers.

"One way I can see their point and another I don't agree with them," she said.

At the Poplar River Drive-In manager Jerry Storey reported that business was down by about 40 percent. He said they were hurting the most with their breakfast meals because

the construction workers would stop in to have their breakfast on the way to the site.

The construction strike, which is hurting the town's business community, started almost immediately after the contract expired on April 30. Among the groups on strike are the millrights, pipefitters, carpenters, electricians and operators.

The operators have since settled but are unwilling to cross the picket line in fear of reprisals from other union members.

According to one construction worker, the biggest hitch in negotiations revolves around the living

out allowance. Prior to the strike some of the workers were receiving \$33 a day to live in town rather than to live in the camps provided by the contractors. For the new contract, contractors want all workers to live in the camps.

The construction worker, who requested his name not be published, said he doesn't see an early end to

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New RCMP HQ

The RCMP detachment in Coronach will soon move into new headquarters up the street from their present premises.

According to Corporal Don McRobb the new headquarters, located on Crawford Ave. at the top of Municipal Rd. will have a cell to keep offenders in, which the present location lacks.

At present the Coronach police are working in a mobile home on Municipal Rd. which was set up five years ago when the detachment was moved from Willow Bunch.

Corporal McRobb said that they would probably be moving in to the new location in the early part of August, but that it would depend on the current construction strike.

An official grand opening is being planned for the new headquarters in September 1982.



Two Willow Bunch girls display the puppets they made at a puppet workshop last Monday

Shoe repair prospers

While most businesses are feeling the effects of the economic slump, Art Krall, owner of Art's Shoe Repair in Rockglen, says current conditions have helped his business.

"With economic conditions being what they are now, people would rather repair their old shoes and boots, than buy new ones."

Five years after starting in his home in Rockglen, Mr. Krall moved into a store in January because business was getting too large to handle at home. He said his new location makes it easier for the public to find him. Since relocating he has gotten more business than he can actually handle, he said.

First issue

You are now reading the first issue of the Borderland Reporter, a weekly newspaper committed to providing news and information to the residents of south central Saskatchewan.

The task of a community newspaper is not to cover the wars and disasters of the world. Our focus is tighter than that. We look to our area for our news. It is the events in the nine communities in our area that we are concerned about.

The paper will be progressive. We want to see our region and its communities grow and develop. There has been much growth and progress in the area in the past decade, and this growth will continue over the next 10 years as well. Our editorials will prod and suggest the routes we think development should take. There will be other views by other people and they will be allowed to express their opinions through the letters to the editor section of the Reporter.

But our primary task will be in providing information to the residents of the area. Births, deaths and weddings will be recorded. Photos of the sports days and local hockey games will be published. News of the local town and rural municipality councils will be printed, so residents know what is happening in their area.

And the paper will provide merchants of the area with a medium that covers the same trading area as their stores, so they can provide information on their sales and services.

In total, the Reporter will be what hundreds of other newspapers are to their communities—a local summary of information and news about the area they live in.

We hope you like this first issue, and we hope the followings editions will please you as well.

Growth needed

Walking around Coronach, you notice the town is in the midst of change. With a combination of old houses, new houses and mobile homes scattered around town all that is left is for the business community to start expanding.

There is no doubt the Poplar River Power Project has greatly helped the town alive. However business has not kept up with the growth. Of course existing businesses provide townspeople with the essentials, but a few new businesses would not only find a viable market, but could provide employment to people in the area.

One business that is needed is a bakery. At the present you can buy bread at a number of places in Coronach, but it has to be brought in. A bakery would not only be able to supply fresh bread daily, but also a number of other delicacies.

A car dealership is also needed. With the number of people now living in Coronach, and with the projected increase, it would thrive in the town.

With the Economic Development Project underway, Coronach's business community will eventually match its population. However that will take a few years. In the meantime a gap exists.

Maybe people in the area should start taking the future into the own hands rather than waiting for it to happen. The talent and ability already exists right in the town. All it will take is the right catalyst to start it up.

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Borderlines

By Jeff Rosen
Reporter News Editor

It's amazing how fast things can change in one's life. If anyone had asked me where Coronach was 10 weeks ago, I would have shrugged my shoulders with puzzlement. Yet now I am editing the first newspaper in that town and look forward to becoming part of the community.

Already the process has started. Many of you have probably seen me sticking my nose (and the rest of me) into your councils and meetings, trying to get a good camera angle while scribbling everything down in my note pad. Then it's back to the office to write the story (even past 6:00). It's all part of the job.

Having spent 24 years in Toronto, coming out here was a shock at first. Life here is a lot slower and I found there aren't the wide range of places to eat and go out to that there are back east.

However I think that I'm adjusting to that just fine now. Spending my first two weeks in Gravelbourg allowed me to fully get into the new pace of life and I really enjoy it.

Being an avid lover of camping, coming here is like a breath of fresh air (literally). I loved just looking into the night sky and watching the stars, which you can do out here. If you ever tried to do that in a large metropolitan area like Toronto, all you would see is the downtown lights blocking out the stars.

One important difference between life in the big city and a small town is the people. Since I've arrived in Saskatchewan I've noticed how friendly people are. People will stop and talk with you on the streets here. If you ever tried that in a big city they would look at you as if you were a strange form of wild life.

Since I've got here, I've had to do one thing that I did not really have to do a lot back east; buy food. Despite the little purchasing I did in Toronto, I've found that things are less expensive here. So people should not feel like they are

being cheated by living in the smaller communities.

As I travelled from Ontario to Saskatchewan I met many people in many different towns and cities. Although there were geo-

graphic differences I found that people are basically the same.

We are all Canadians and must remember that, despite our regional differences. Despite from be-

ing from outside Saskatchewan, it is now my home and I am just as concerned as anyone about provincial concerns. So to everyone in the area of the Borderland Reporter, I say HELLO.

Newsweek

By Don McCahill
Reporter Publisher

In these days when the great and mighty newspapers in larger Canadian cities are dying, it is especially thrilling for a journalist to be involved in

the beginnings of a newspaper.

I have been especially fortunate to have been in on the beginnings of three weekly newspapers in my

10 years in the business.

The first was the ill fated Perth Courier, in a small town in Ontario.

A company I worked for started the paper, in a town that already had a weekly newspaper. Sad to say the company was sold a few months later and the new owners folded the new paper without giving it a fair chance at success.

I was a little more directly involved in the start of the Gravelbourg Gazette, which we started last year to replace the Gravelbourg Star. The Star had gone out of business for reasons which were not economically related, and this left a ready void for a new weekly in that town.

Now the rapidly growing Borderlands region is going to get a chance to see if it can support a paper yet.

The population base is here now, although the business district needs to do some catching up.

The Reporter will live and die by its advertising. But I am not the type of publisher who wants the businesses in the area to advertise as a charity to the paper. The ads in the Reporter should more than pay off in increased business.

Hopefully having a new paper in the area will allow businesses to hold sales and draw people into their stores, rather than letting everyone drive to Assiniboia or Moose Jaw to shop.

And this will result in the business community growing and providing more and better services all the time.

Until now the merchants have had to advertise with costly and inefficient mail flyers. A newspaper will be a welcome change to them.

Mainstream Canada

MacEachen Strikes out

By W. Roger Worth

The budget that was supposed to deal with the nation's deteriorating economy was a dud.

It's true, Finance Minister Allan MacEachen finally got around to applying restraint on public sector salaries. And there were a few minor programs to assist small business, the housing and construction industries, along with minor changes in the controversial Foreign Investment Review Act, which has caused such consternation among U.S. investors.

In addition, some cash was allocated to job creation.

Yet MacEachen surprisingly opted for an effective income tax increase at a time when Canadians are hurting badly from the recession. He also didn't inform the country that unemployment insurance premiums paid by employees and employers will rise dramatically, perhaps by as much as 50 percent.

More important, MacEachen failed to openly admit his own policies are in part responsible for a lack of investor confidence, both inside and outside the country.

In his still unpassed November budget, the Finance Minister created unbelievable problems for businesses both large and small. While he has been forced to accept a few changes, the guts of that battered document remain.

With more than 1.2 million people unemployed, it's shameful that MacEachen didn't have the wit to realize jobs aren't being created because his own policies have destroyed incentive and created horrendous uncertainty.

High interest rates and inflation, of course, remain our major problems. Yet there was no freeze on government hiring, or real cutbacks in federal departmental budgets, even though Ottawa will spend \$20 billion more than it takes in this year.

This was MacEachen's third budget. Once again the man failed to deal with our economic problems.

In baseball it's three strikes, and you're out. Parliament should accept the same rule for budget makers who can't handle the job.

CFIB Feature Service

Dorothy Andrews

Retires after 38 yrs.

After 38 years of teaching Dorothy Andrews of Coronach retired last month amidst the fanfare of retirement parties and presents.

The festivities began on June 2 when the kindergarten students and their mother gathered at the Coronach School for a surprise party for Mrs. Andrews.

Norma Cairns presented Mrs. Andrews with a painting on behalf of the mothers and students. The painting was a homestead

Painted by local artist Lorraine Karbo.

The next day, June 3, the Borderland Division Teachers' Representative Assembly held their annual meeting in Coronach. Besides Mrs. Andrews, Sister Marie-Angie Gautron of Willowanau.

Both women received leather wallets from the Saskatchewan Teacher's Federation, engraved trays from the Unit Board and certificates from the province in recognition and

appreciation of their years of service.

Mrs. Andrews also received a Saskatchewan Red Cross Youth Volunteer Service Award for 31 years as a teacher-sponsor of a Red Cross Youth Branch.

On June 27 the Harold Elder Family held a dinner to honor Mrs. Andrews in her retirement. A sister, Joyce Mitchell, presented her with a beautifully made model desk complete with a register of all the students she had taught as well as a small strap and chalk.

From her parents she received an engraved brass bell. Kathleen Elder presented her with a decorated cake shaped like a school.

On the evening of June 29, the teachers of Coronach School met at the home of Rose and Desmond Thurlow for the annual staff party. Mrs. Andrews was presented with gifts and the evening ended with a dance.



Dorothy Andrews [right] receives a gift from Norma Cairns.

C of C favors more stores

The Coronach Chamber of Commerce strongly came out in favor of expanding the business community of the town at their July 6 meeting, held in the Tourism Office.

Members at the meeting said the town could use such businesses as a bakery, a hardware store, an auto body shop, a car agency, and a jewellery and gift shop.

Birth

Born to Michael and Edith Klein of Wood Mountain on June 30, a boy, Brian William, 8 lbs. 9 oz. A brother for John. Grandparents are Willie and Margaret Klein of Lafleche and Mary Thomas of Toronto.

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Sat-TV votes are in

The votes have all been counted and Coronach residents have decided what channels they prefer to pick up via the new satellite TV dish.

Out of a possible 222 ballots only 82 or 37 percent of the people voted. The results gave a majority to the Showtime and WTBS combination with 53.7 percent.

No numbers for Rockglen

Rockglen town council decided to hold back giving out house numbers to town residents until a new town map is drawn up and new street names are decided on for 10 of the streets.

Mayor Don Barnsley pointed out it would take around two years to draw up the new map and change street names over as every lot has to go to the Land Titles office. In the meantime the town has a by-law on the books to give out the numbers, he said.

Council member Wilf Lenius was in favor of waiting until the new map was made and pointed out that since residents had waited this long to get street numbers, the extra time probably would not hurt them.

The Coronach and Community Historical Society

wish to advise that copies of the History Book "From the Turning of the Sod" are still available. This book includes the story of the early settlers in the area of the RM of Hart Butte, No. 11.

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A pancake breakfast was served in Big Beaver to tie in with the Big Muddy Tour.

Big times at Big Beaver

The combination of a high school reunion, a tour and arts and crafts exhibit added up to create a successful weekend celebration in Big Beaver on July 10-11.

A high school reunion was held for the grade 12 class of 1962. Former principal of Big Beaver High School, Elmer Meek, said the reunion was a success and the entire class, except for two people, showed up.

The reunion tied in with an arts and crafts exhibit. Sculpted heads and hand-carved lamps made up some of the exhibits people came out to see and buy.

The bi-annual tour of Big Muddy country was held during the weekend with people coming out to see the historic area where cattle rustlers, horse thieves and killers once roamed. At one time Big Muddy was known as station No. 1 on Butch Cassidy's outlaw trail from Canada to Mexico.

Mr. Meek said at least

500 people took part in the tour on Saturday.

Besides the tour a pancake breakfast was held Sunday morning sponsored

by the Kinsmen. Bake sales were held Saturday by the United Church Sunday by the Catholic Women.

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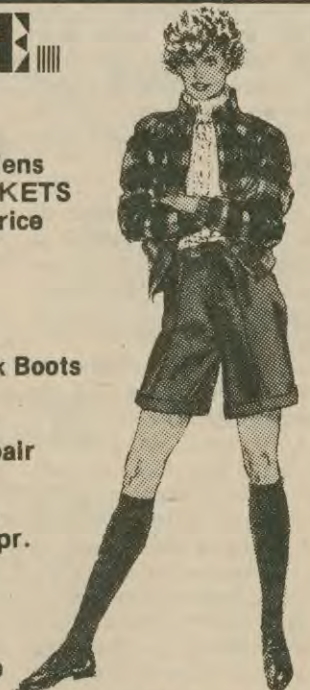
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Theatre owner Trevor Pyle has spent his life in the theatre

People at Work

Theatre Owner

In Hollywood the stars often say, "Showbusiness is my life". Rockglen has one resident who can make that same claim.

Trevor Pyle is the owner of the Dreamland Theatre and has grown up with the business since his father started it on November 6, 1949. Even before the current premises were built the Dreamland Theatre operated out of what is now Lorry's Diner.

Mr. Pyle said you can still make out how the original theatre was set up if you visit the diner. The larger theatre was built back in 1949 because with the war just over business was booming.

He pointed out there have not been too many changes in the theatre since it was constructed. The only ones were the addition of a wider screen in 1954 when Cinemascope was first introduced and in 1959 when new seats were added.

Since the theatre's inception, Mr. Pyle says films have become rougher and the number of general rated shows has decreased. He said that this year On Golden Pond and Porky's have been the big hits at the Dreamland.

"Comedy is the big thing now," he said. "People just want to laugh."

Despite popularity in other areas, Mr. Pyle said science fiction movies do not go over well at his theatre.

"If there isn't any laughs in the first half hour, then forget it," he said. "Burt Reynolds always gets a good draw no matter what he does, though."

The Dreamland will be running three showings of Burt Reynolds latest film, The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas from August 20 to 22. The extra Friday showing is because

they expect to get a good draw for the movie.

As a rule the Dreamland only runs films on the weekend, with the exception that extra shows are added on Wednesday and Friday in April and October and November. Mr. Pyle said he feels they would not attract people in the summer months with the longer days and warmer weather.

Overall Mr Pyle says it is an interesting job and enjoys the fact that he does not have to put too many hours into it.

What he dislikes is the fact he is tied up every Saturday and Sunday evening, especially in the summer. He said occasionally they get people coming in who have just come from the bars, but he says he can handle them.

Mr. Pyle said the satellite TV dishes have hurt his business because they allow people to pick up the all movie channels.

He said the theatre was getting a big boost from Coronach and the power plant, as it employs young people who often come to Rockglen to go to a movie. There are also many that come from Rockglen.

Generally he is optimistic that as long as there are young people, there will be movie theatres around for them to go to when they want to get out of the house.

there are no government regulations dealing with the satellite dishes. Mr. Barnsley said they have had no problems with government officials. He said a police inspector came and told him they could enjoy it until the government decided to intervene.

"They're not illegal as long as we don't charge a membership fee," he said. "Instead we ask the people for donations."

What the TV Club asks for is \$50 for a single person and \$100 for a family.

While Mr. Barnsley said there are a few people who will not donate, about 60 percent of the people had.

The TV Club plans to start printing up program guides this fall to sell to the public.

Earlier this year Swift Current had problems with a privately-owned satellite dish, which was forced to close down when cable TV became available in the town.

Satellite TV dishes on the upswing

With the advent of the space age and technological advances, satellite television dishes are beginning to pop up in communities around the area.

Since October 1981 Rockglen has had one of the TV dishes. With it a choice of 24 additional channels can be picked up, depending on how it is adjusted.

Don Barnsley, owner of Don's Radio and TV in Rockglen is operator of the town's dish. He said he switches the tuner at least two or three times a day so that people get a variety of programs to chose from. It also manages to eliminate getting repeat programs.

He said initially they had problems in changing channels because they did not want to cut off a movie in the middle, but now they wait until a movie has ended until a switch is made.

"This way we get an even flow of programming," he said.

At the present time

Alberta drops out

Grid off; coal mine chances improve

By Don McCahill
Reporter/Publisher

Last month's decision by the Alberta government not to proceed with the proposed western power grid increases the possibility that coal mines in the Rockglen-Fife Lake area will be utilized in the near future for power generation.

The power grid, which would supply Saskatchewan and Alberta with electricity from a hydroelectric plant on the Nelson River in Manitoba, was one of several options being considered by Saskatchewan Power to provide electricity to meet the provincial demand.

Alberta's decision to end negotiations on the grid increases the possibility a thermal-electric plant on the Wood River north of Gravelbourg or a site on Lake Diefenbaker will be chosen as the next power project. Both proposed projects would use coal from Rockglen and Fife Lake.

Other options include adding two more units at Coronach, a smaller plant in Regina, or hydroelectric projects in northern Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan is not expected to continue with the grid on its own, due to the costs. Brian Banks, project relations superintendent for SPC, said the economics of a Saskatchewan-only grid would be "less attractive". He said if Alberta is out of the grid, Saskatchewan will have to concentrate more on the thermal and hydro options to maintaining a power supply for the province.

The Western Power Grid option would have had the Manitoba government construct a massive hydroelectric project on the Nelson River, with power from the plant being fed into a power grid to supply both Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The proposal was a major plank in the platform of the former Conservative government in Manitoba, but the NDP lobbied against it as a

give-away of Manitoba natural resources, and pointed to the Churchill Falls project which gave Quebec electricity from Labrador with little benefit to the Newfoundlanders.

The NDP government in Manitoba is apparently asking stiff terms for the construction of the power project.

But a decline in the projected growth of electrical use in the province has delayed the need for a plant for 12 to 18 months.

The declining growth of electrical demand in Saskatchewan means a decision on which power option is to be chosen will not be necessary this year, as had originally been planned.

The rate of growth in electrical consumption has slowed down over each of the last two years, and as a result the need for another

power supply won't come until 1989, Mr. Banks said.

SPC was forecasting a need for the plant by the end of 1987, which meant a decision would have to be made this fall which site to proceed with.

The decline in consumption growth levels means that the submission to the department of the environment will be delayed to early to mid-1983, leaving sufficient time for a public review and discussion of the environmental concerns.

SPC is expected to present a listing of options in their order of preference, with one to be selected from the list.

Mr. Banks said the SPC preferences for the site will probably be released before they are presented to the department of environment, but no decision has been made on the method.

SPC examining coal mining in area

In order to keep up with a rising demand for energy the Saskatchewan Power Corporation (SPC) is currently looking into the possibility of mining coal in the area around Rockglen and Fife Lake.

According to the SPC, new sources of electricity must be developed because of a continuing growth in population and an increase in industrial, farm and commercial activity.

Steve Swift, public affairs officer for SPC, said they are meeting with town officials and residents in the area to get their reaction towards the proposed project.

At the present, Mr. Swift said they are conducting feasibility studies to determine how the mining would affect the land.

Lois Lawrick, town clerk for Rockglen, said the town is anxious to see the project go ahead. The town is currently looking at 20 acres of land on the west

side of town which would be purchased in order to accommodate the additional people a mine would bring in.

Mrs. Lawrick said she feels the coal mine would be good for the town economically and would boost local employment.

"I think the coal mine will change life for the better," she said. "It will certainly liven things up here a bit."

Mr. Swift said the feasibility studies should be wrapped up by 1984, at which time SPC will present a proposal to the department of the environment.

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Linda Poirier entertains at the opening of the New Horizon drop in centre.

New Horizons open drop-in centre

With a snip of her scissors, Mrs. Florence Colvin, former treasurer and New Horizons board member, marked the culmination of a nine year dream, officially opening the Coronach Drop-in Centre on June 28.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony included a wide range of speakers and entertainers, who praised the senior citizens for their hard work and devotion in turning the former Alliance Church into a place that would benefit the entire area.

"This is Senior Citizen's Month and I must commend you that you got your act together to build this," said Norma Wallace regional manager of the New Horizons Program. "It took a while, but it's here now and it's lovely."

The mayor congratulated the seniors in the area on the opening of the centre and expressed a desire that the rest of the community would learn from their example of working together.

Reeve John Tutton from the RM of Hart Butte pointed out that senior citizens were the most fortunate group you could have.

"They had no problem in renovating the building as everyone brings with them a trade or a talent," he said.

The entertainment for the ceremony included the music of the Big Beaver Musical Group, a violin selection by Dewey Mc

Peek, a piano selection by Graydon Travland, and songs by Rose Sherwin and Marv Day, Terry Nelson, Lindsay Poirier and Melody Drewlitz.

Renovation of the new drop-in centre began last fall after the New Horizon's group decided to purchase the church building to provide a larger meeting area for senior citizens.

Prior to the purchase the group met in a recreation room they had fixed up for themselves in Pretty Valley Lodge.

The New Horizon's group is open to anyone 50 years old and up. Originally the age limit was 65 when the group started back in 1973, but the age was lowered due to the fact that more people were beginning to retire earlier.

Water rationing shuts down taps

Water rationing has begun in Coronach to prevent the town from running out of water.

According to town administrator Angus Thompson, rationing will continue until the greater demand for water decreases, which could be in September.

He said the town currently has enough water for everyone as long as every-

one doesn't use it at once. "We can only pump it out of the well so fast," he said.

A new well has already been drilled to serve the town, but it has not yet been connected to the system. Mr. Thompson said that over four kilometres of pipeline are needed to connect the new well and the town has not

yet received the \$400,000 necessary to do the job.

The rationing system allows even numbered houses to water lawns and gardens on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and odd number houses on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Everyone is requested to refrain from watering on Sunday.

While the town does not have anyone monitoring the situation closely, Mr. Thompson said if the situation gets out of hand and people do not comply they would have to monitor it more.

Pilot project aimed to spur growth

In an effort to enlarge the business community in Coronach, the town joined a pilot project being sponsored by the provincial ministry of industry and commerce last fall.

According to Angus Thompson, town administrator, they made a submission to the government and were fortunate enough to get in.

"I think it will be a worthwhile program," Mr. Thompson said. "If there is some light industry that can be enticed, we'll try to get it."

One of the first things the town did was to circulate a questionnaire to see what people wanted in such areas as business and recreation.

"It took a long time to compile the results," Mr. Thompson said. "It was a pretty time-consuming project."

The survey showed that people in Coronach do want to see the business community increase. Mr. Thompson said the town needs a bakery, a car dealership and a hardware store.

The way the project hopes to attract new business concerns to areas such as Coronach is by placing ads in major metropolitan newspapers in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver.

The venture is being financed by grants from the provincial government. The town received \$4,000 for the first year to finance such things as the survey.

Although they have not yet received anything for the 1982-83 year, Mr. Thompson said he feels they will be eligible for assistance. The difference with the additional funding will be that the town will have to match the provincial funds.

The town has also received \$1,000 from the government in order to produce its community profile, which lists every business and organization in Coronach. According to Mr. Thompson, Coronach is the only community that has printed such a profile.

Legion extends ticket sales

The Coronach Legion decided to extend he deadline for the sale of membership tickets to the Legion Krock club.

At the monthly meeting held on July 5, ticket sales were extended until the next meeting in August due to the fact that ticket sales were down. The construction strike was given as a possible explanation for the decline.

The Legion also voted to

reinstate Elizabeth Poil as a member.

Mrs. Poil was a member from 1950 to 1971, when she moved away from Coronach and her membership lapsed. She was also secretary of the organization from 1950 to 1954

Thank You

I would like to extend a special thank-you to the following for all the cards, best wishes, gifts and certificates on the occasion of my retirement from teaching.

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The Sask. Dept. of Education
The Sask. Teachers Federation
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The Coronach School Staff
Mr. Alex Postnikoff, Director of Education
1981-82 Kindergarten Students and Parents
Harold Elder Family, relatives and friends
Most of all I want to thank my husband, Clifford, and my Children, Lorraine, Maureen and Waydon as well as my Mother and Father Florence and Harold Elder for their many years of help and encouragement.

Dorothy J. Andrews
Coronach, Sask.

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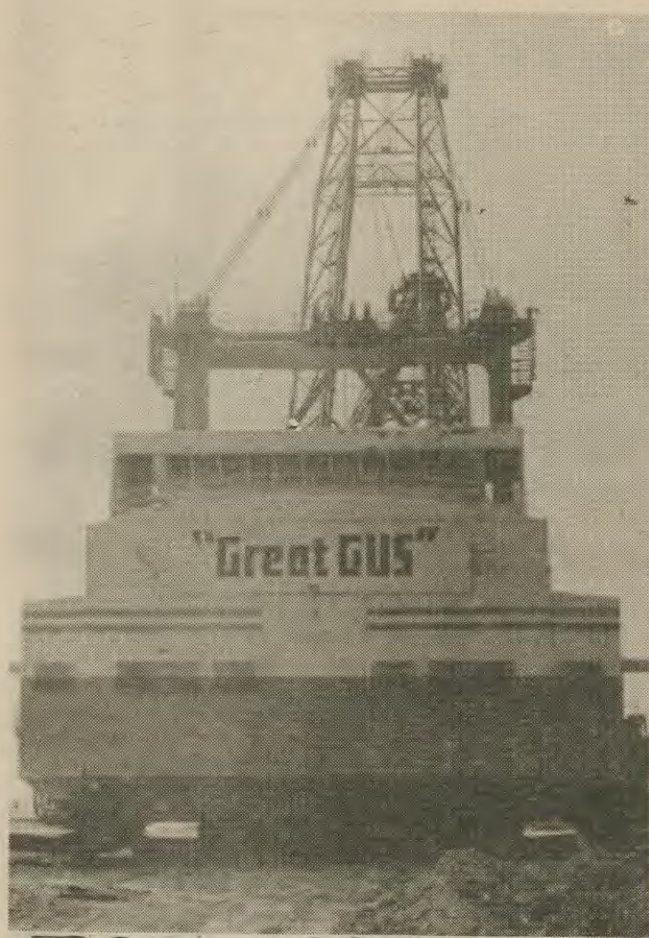
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Spills no danger



Great Gus toils 24 hours a day to help mine the area.

Despite reported spills at the Poplar River Power Project, a spokesman for Saskatchewan Power Corporation (SPC) says that the majority of the spills have been relatively small and have not reached the reservoir.

Susan Scribner, assistant plant chemist, said most spills are caught by a series of drainage ditches and the ditches can be blocked off and diverted into the ash lagoon.

She pointed out that SPC closely monitors the water around the plant, conducting samples on reservoir water after each spill whether or not the spill reaches the reservoir, as well as a weekly test on the water. She said a report has to be filled with Saskatchewan department of the environment for any

spill over 1000 litres.

To date she said there has been no evidence of environmental deterioration.

In spite of this, Milt Gunderson of Flaxville, Mont., spokesman for the Three Corners Boundary Association, said at least four of the 17 reported spills sent a long list of pollutants into the reservoir.

"We felt that it was a little much in a year," he said. "We would like to see a little more open recognition of the problem."

He said reports indicated uranium levels in the test wells around the site have gone up 100 percent in the last year.

Miss Scribner said SPC is currently in the process of figuring out what the natural cycles of the var-

ious chemicals area and there was not really enough background to comment on the levels. They are also checking lab techniques and testing procedures, she said.

A series of retention structures, concrete dams, will be built over the drainage ditches to help prevent future spills from reaching the reservoir. They will normally remain in the closed position and will be opened after a rain storm to let the excess water run off.

"We are aware that people are unhappy and are trying to do something about it," Miss Scribner said. "We're trying to eliminate problems as they happen. The wet ash system we're using is a new concept and the first of its kind."

She defended a claim made against the power plant that pollutants were affecting the reservoir water by pointing out that a lot of chemicals are in the water naturally and their levels are determined by cycles in nature.

According to SPC, a spill is any industrial substance that is allowed to go into the environment.

Miss Scribner said most of the recorded spills consisted of ash slurry water, which is a mixture of ash and water.

She explained the ash slurry water goes from the plant to one of the two ash lagoons, where the ash is allowed to settle on the bottom. The water is then pumped into a polishing pond where the process is repeated and more of the ash is allowed to settle. The water is then pumped back to the plant.

The leaks that have occurred have taken place in the loop when the water leaves the plant.

The ash lagoons were built with clay liners to prevent leakage into the nearby reservoir. She said that eventually the ash lagoons will fill up with ash and will have to be capped off and new ones built.

"The slurry water will be polluted, but that's what it was designed for," she said. "The reservoir water is used for cooling purposes only."

Carpenters settle

After a 10 week long strike unionized carpenters voted to accept the Saskatchewan Construction Labor Relations Council's latest offer.

Under the settlement striking carpenters will receive wage and benefit increase of about 25 percent in a new contract ending April 30, 1984.

The carpenters are one of the construction unions whose strike have halted work at the SPC project and other job sites across the province.

Study concludes:

No contamination

Since the Poplar River Power Station went into operation a year ago, there has been no definitive change in the air and water quality in the area relative to commonly accepted standards, an environmental study has concluded.

The study was conducted by the Poplar River Bilateral Monitoring Committee for the calendar year 1981 under its terms of reference. Quarterly exchanges of information began in the first quarter of 1981 between the governments of Canada, United States, Saskatchewan and Montana to closely monitor changes in the environment caused by the power station.

According to the report, the average monthly capacity of the plant was approximately 32 percent. This low capacity was caused by several operational and equipment problems associated with the start up of the plant.

The majority of the problems that were encountered have either been rectified or plans have been made to rectify them.

The report said eight spills occurred in 1981 due to failures in the ash disposal system. Most of these were contained on the plant site,

but in some cases ash water reached the Cookson Reservoir. However no significant effects on reservoir water quality were recorded.

Construction of a system of containment structures is underway to prevent future incidents from affecting the reservoir.

Water quality standards proposed by the International Joint Commission for levels of total dissolved solids and boron were met throughout 1981 with no apparent trend or significant change from pre-project conditions.

The report found that since the plant's first test-fire in November 1980, sulphur dioxide concentrations rose above minimum detectable levels, but remained below air quality standards set by Montana and the U.S. and Sask. departments of environment.

Plant stack emissions did not contribute to the violation of air quality standards

set by the four governments conducting the study.

They also found that ground water seepage from the ash lagoon was below the established construction standards.

The study found the natural flow in the Poplar River basin was significantly below normal in 1981 and was the lowest on record for the period 1931 to 1981. On request from Montana, two on-demand releases were made from the reservoir during the year.

The study recommends that fishing in the area continue to remain as a recreational activity only due to elevated concentrations of mercury in fish tissue.

The Poplar River Bilateral Monitoring Committee was authorized by the governments of Canada and the United States under the Poplar River Co-operative Monitoring Agreement of September 1980.

Power plant tour draws tourists

Whether or not you reside in Coronach, one of the highlights of the area that should not be missed is the tour of the Poplar River Power Station and coal mine.

The tour, sponsored by the Saskatchewan Power Corporation, leaves Coronach (from Shain's Electric) at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily, seven days a week. The free tour takes two and a half hours.

Leaving Coronach, the tour bus first goes to the coal mine, where the first stop is the repair shop. From there passengers don work helmets and the begins. Among the many vehicles is the hopper, which can carry 150 tons of coal from the pit.

Leaving the repair shop the tour bus goes past the area where the coal is being loaded onto trains to be taken to the power plant.

The walking tour begins again when the bus reaches the Bucyrus-Erie 2570-W dragline, Great Gus as it is more affectionately called (in honor of Augustus Sorsdahl, a pioneer of the area.)n operation 24 hours a day, the 6,500 ton dragline removes overburden to expose the coal seams.

Although currently one of the largest in Canada, construction of a larger dragline is underway at the mine for completion by January 1984.

Following an examination of a coal seam, the bus leaves the coal mine going past the dam and stops at the power plant.

Inside the plant the tour moves past the machine shop, turbines, coal pulverizer and other machinery used to produce high voltage electricity.

The tour's final point of interest is the control room, which is the heart of the entire operation. A complex series of switches and warning systems alerts workers to the slightest malfunction to prevent a breakdown.

To date, 900 people have taken the tour this spring.

For more information regarding the tour, or to make reservations, see Don Beattie. His office is located at Shain's Electric.

● from front

the strike because the workers will not give up their living-out allowance. He said people don't really understand that it will still cost whether the workers live in town or in the camps.

"If workers are forced to live in the camps, it will still hurt the town," he said. "The workers come into town with a bad attitude, have a few drinks and cause trouble."

He said that despite getting money to provide meals at the camp, the food provided for the workers was of poor quality.

Tenders

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South Country Home Care

Surplus recorded

For the first time in the history of South Country Home Care District No. 7 Inc., a surplus of over \$100,000 was announced at the organizations third annual meeting held on June 23 in Willow Bunch.

Joseph Bellefleur, past chairman and re-elected board member, explained that the surplus was possible because of the stringent controls that were maintained on spending following the 1980-81 deficit.

He pointed out that

despite the sizeable surplus, tight controls would be kept on spending due to the overall economic situation.

"If we have failed anywhere, it's due to the lack of advertising," Mr. Bellefleur told the organizations membership.

Debra Halket, acting district manager, repeated Mr. Bellefleur's comments that the budget would remain tight, but assured the membership that their number one priority, to provide care for patients, would not change.

"There has been some concern about services in the larger centres," she said. "However every request we receive for assistance is honored."

Mrs. Halket said in the past year a few changes have been made in the program to improve it. Among the changes announced is the revision of the assessment form and the increase in allowable deductions. She said that so far, feedback on the changes has been favorable.

She announced that beginning in January 1983, training would be available for care providers at Kelsey Institute.

Also elected to the board of directors for three year terms were Sam Egerton and John Murray. Carl Schuweiller was re-elected for a three year term.

Dave Aldous was re-elected for the RM of Hart Butte to replace Dr. W. S. Jones, who resigned to take up a position in Moose Jaw.

The board presented a six page report on proposed amendments to the district's bylaws. After a lively discussion, the amendments were passed with a few modifications.

The board set the membership fee at an annual rate of \$1 and announced they would call all existing members by January 1983 to see if memberships would be renewed.

Cecil Keast of Coronach was reappointed auditor.

The following people are directors of the district for the coming year: Sam Egerton, RM 102 Lake Johnston; Carl Schuweiller, RM 73 Stonehenge; Joseph Bellefleur, RM 42, Willow Bunch; John Murray, RM 70 Key West; George Spicer, RM 71 Excel; Carl Anderson RM 43 Old Post; Harvey Kuntz RM 72 Lake of the Rivers; Dave Aldous, RM 11 Harte Butte; Dr. Unarket, RM 12 Poplar Valley; Barbara Sawin, RM 103 Sutton; Linda Hagen, RM 40 Bengough; Cecile Boutin, RM 10 Happy Valley.

Library holds reading program

The annual reading program is once again underway, sponsored by the Coronach library.

Librarian Maxin Thurlow said that only seven children have registered so far, but she expects that to increase as the summer goes on. She said the program usually gets around 30 children.

The program, which started July 1 and runs to August 31, is designed to encourage reading habits and to show people what the library has, Mrs. Thurlow said.

At the end of the program prizes are given for first and second place in three age groups for children

who have read the most books.

The age groups are six and seven years old, eight and nine and 10 to 12 years old.

The library is also holding a guessing contest in conjunction with the program, open to anyone that takes part in the reading program. It will involve guessing the number of candies in a jar and prizes will be awarded for it as well.

Prizes for the contest will come from the library in Moose Jaw.

On August 31, prizes will be awarded to the winners at 2:30 p.m. and Freshie will be served.

Playground program

A new program designed to supervise children was started on July 5 in Kinsman Park in Coronach.

According to Patti Neil, one of the people involved in organizing the program, the park is always full of children and having two supervisors overseeing the children will prevent them from getting into trouble.

"So far it's doing really well," she said. "The kids are really enjoying it."

High school students Carol Bleau and Zeldia Wagner were hired to supervise all children three

years old and older. Any child under three taking part in the program must be accompanied by an adult.

The program provides the children with games, crafts, songs and stories each weekday from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Donation of items such as string, newspapers, egg cartons, toilet rolls and buttons are welcome by the program and can be left at the homes of Carol Bleau and Zeldia Wagner.



Lorraine Wiebe [standing] shows two Willow Bunch children how to make puppets while Cheryl Hoove looks on.

Willow Bunch puppets

Puppetry came to Willow Bunch on Tuesday as a puppet workshop was put on in the Senior's Centre.

The program is put on by the Palliser Regional Library. Students Lorraine Wiebe and Cheryl Hoover travel around to the regional branches and offer puppet workshops and puppet shows for adults and children alike.

Miss Wiebe explained that the program, now in its fourth year of operation, brings children out to the

library in the summer when it's traditionally more quiet.

She said by having the workshops in the mornings and shows in the afternoons people can follow the development of the puppet from stage one.

"It goes over really well," she said. "You're taught how to use the puppet and bring it to life."


Miss Wiebe said they held one workshop for teachers and it provided

them with some new ideas for stimulating their students.

The two girls are in Rockglen today (Thursday) for a puppet show at 2 p.m. in the library. Miss Wiebe said they will put on the Magic Mushrooms, Rumpelstiltskin and a mystery.


The puppet show and workshop will be coming back into the area in mid-August when it visits Coronach and Willow Bunch.

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No Watering on Sundays.



The beach was the scene for fun at Rockin Beach on July 1

Rockin sports events

The Coronach ladies softball team won the round robin playoff during Dominion Day celebrations held at Rockin Beach.

Besides Coronach, other teams participating in the ball tournament were Willow Bunch, Rockglen and Fife Lake.

People came out to see the baseball tournament and enjoy the hot weather as Canada celebrated her 15th birthday.

Besides the ball tournaments, people participated in a number of activities including horseshoe throwing and a beer garden. Other people preferred to relax and lay on the beach.

In other baseball tournaments held that day, the Willow Bunch 14 and under girls team won first place playing two games, first against Coronach and then against Rockglen.

The Willow Bunch 17 and under boys hardball team won their tournament with wins against Big Beaver and Rockglen.



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Crops two weeks late, but coming along well

Crop growth in the area is currently running between two to three weeks behind normal, according to various elevator reports.

In Rockglen the crops are running behind schedule Gord Myers, Pool agent said. Last week's rain storm dumped about two inches of rain on Lisieux, but the crops were not damaged.

Mr. Myers said some

more hot weather was needed for the crops.

In Coronach Rene Brillon Pioneer agent, said the crops had received sufficient rain throughout the district. While the crops are two weeks late, he said he expected a better crop than last year. He reported some farmers are experiencing a small problem with grasshoppers, but they are being kept under control by spraying.

In Willow Bunch John Soparlo, Pool agent, said crops are progressing nicely, but are also behind schedule. The showers have helped, but he said they need a pretty good frost-free fall to get anything out of this year's crop.

Big Beaver Pool agent Dean Hicks said they are looking at an above average crop this year if the hail and frost stay away.

Former Fife Lake mayor dies

Funeral services for the late Alexander Leith MacLean of Fife Lake were held in Fife Lake United Church on July 5, with Rev. Randy McKenzie officiating. Pallbearers were Mark Shelstad, Lester Shelstad, Norman Elliott, Adam Kessler, Lloyd Cowan and Jim McColl.

Mr. MacLean passed away on July 2 at the age of 71. Born in Lindsay, Ontario in 1910, Mr. MacLean's very early years were spent in Vonda, Sask. He later moved to Tyvan, Sask. where he spent most of his youth. He attended Weyburn Collegiate previous to coming to Fife Lake in 1926.

In 1931 he married Sylvia Glasrud. In 1937 he took over the Pool elevator which he ran from 10 years. In 1947 he took over MacLean's store and the post office in Fife Lake.

In 1960 Mr. MacLean sold the business and took

up farming with his two sons, which he worked at until the time of his passing.

Mr. MacLean served as mayor of Fife Lake for 25 years and was a member of the Rockglen Masonic Order and a member of Wa Wa Shrine Club. He also served as coroner in the area for many years.

He is survived by his wife Sylvia, daughter, Mrs. Maureen (Lester) Shelsted, Coronach and two sons, Gordon, Fife Lake and Cameron, Fife Lake; two sisters, Mrs. Anne Elliott, Regina and Mrs. Norma Bruce, Regina; three brothers, Sam, Thunder Bay, Bruce, Oakville and Neil, Regina; and six grandchildren.

Wood Mtn. resident

Funeral services for Philip Provenzano, long time resident of Wood Mountain were held in Wood Mountain Catholic Church July 5. Father Roger Ducharme officiated. Pallbearers were Andrew Caragata, Lee Soparlo, Anton Punga and Gus Coroluick.

Philip Provenzano was born in Villa Mesa, Reggio Calabria, Italy November 2, 1890. He immigrated to Canada to the Wood Mountain in 1920. He lived in

Wood Mountain until retiring from farming to Gravelbourg in 1973.

Mr. Provenzano enjoyed curling in the winter and was a sports enthusiast. He played the accordion and enjoyed playing cards with the boys. He was a strong supporter of the Roman Catholic Church in Wood Mountain.

Mr. Provenzano is survived by two nieces and a nephew in Villa Mesa, Calabria, Italy.

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pages of history.

The museum, located in one of the oldest towns of Saskatchewan, contains artifacts, furniture, pictures and other memora-

bilias set up to show visitors what various rooms looked like at the turn of the century.

The rooms include a dining room and parlor, a kitchen, a library, town office and a bedroom, where the bed of Edouard Beupre, the "Willow Bunch Giant" rests.

According to Louise Boisvert, the museum caretaker, the biggest drawing card for the museum is the replica of the eight foot, three inch Beupre. It was made for the town's centennial in 1970.

Beupre was born in 1881 and died 23 years later in 1904. His body is currently in a vault at the University of Montreal.

"He was the tallest man in Canada as far as we are concerned," Mrs. Boisvert said. "I'm surprised that he did not get into the Guinness World Book of Records."

The museum started back in 1972 when Donald Philippon and a group of 11 other students got together. A 50 page proposal was drafted and submitted to the federal government Opportunities for Youth program. After receiving over \$13,000 from the government, the 12 youths started work on the old hospital on May 15, 1972 and by July 1 the work was completed.

The museum is open from June to August only as it lacks a heating system to operate in the winter months.

The various artifacts come from people who

have either donated or loaned their antiques to the museum for others to see. While Mrs. Boisvert said that a lot of the museum's articles were on loan, she stressed that very few people actually came back to reclaim them.

Mrs. Boisvert became the caretaker of the museum three years ago when, as a member of the museum board of directors, she felt that someone had to do it.

"I find that I like it," she said. "The best thing about this place is the history."

Beer garden opens doors

Over 100 people joined in a full day of celebrations on June 26, as one of the only beer gardens in the area opened its doors at the Manoir Hotel in Willow Bunch.

Throughout the day and well into the evening draft beer and hot dogs were given away as patrons listened to the sounds of the Mike Lonky Band. Steak dinners were also given away to lucky winners as door prizes.

"It was a very successful opening and a good night," said hotel owner Randy Sawa. "Everybody ate all day and we were very busy."

Creating the beer garden was Mr. Sawa's idea. It is the first stage in expanding his premises.

The next stage will include knocking out part of the front wall of the hotel and joining the dining area with the beer garden.

According to Mr. Sawa, the expansion came because of the need for more room.

"It will be quite a novelty for the area," he said.

The beer garden is expected to cost between \$10,000 to \$15,000. It includes solid oak booths and an awning which can be rolled away, allowing it to be used all season.

Mr. Sawa came to Willow Bunch nine months ago from Regina because he liked the area and saw potential in the hotel. He feels the beer garden will be a continuing success.

Site chosen for Sr.'s complex

A site has been chosen for a new senior citizens housing complex in Willow Bunch to be constructed in the open field where the Jean Louis Legare plaque now is.

The new complex will have eight housing units. According to Jean Philippon, administrator for Willow Bunch, no plan has

been filed with the town yet for construction.

The senior citizens complex is a joint venture of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and Saskatchewan Housing. Funding will come from the federal government (75 percent), the provincial government (20 percent), and the town (five percent).



Museum caretaker stands next to a statue of the Willow Bunch Giant.

High school reunion planned for '50's students in Aug.

A reunion for all high school students that attended Willow Bunch School from 1950 to 1959 is now being planned to co-incide with the holiday weekend at the beginning of August.

The special event, the first of its kind for the school, is being organized through the joint efforts of the Willow Bunch Kinsmen and the Museum Society.

The weekend will begin on July 30, with a wine and cheese party at the school from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

On Saturday morning, August 1, the Museum Society will sponsor a pancake brunch at the museum. Beginning at 10 a.m., the brunch will run to 1 p.m.

Saturday evening a gala barbeque supper will be held at the parish hall, courtesy of the Kinsmen.

It will run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Later that evening a social event will be held for all former students at the Parish Hall from 9 p.m. to midnight.

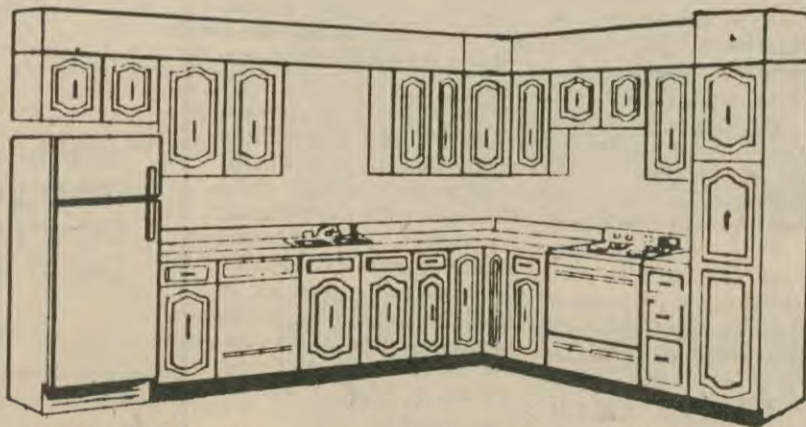
The weekend festivities will rap up Sunday morning at Jean Louis Legare Regional Park, where a barbeque will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Co-op downs Credit Union

In an action-packed, hard-hitting game Coronach Co-op trounced Coronach Credit Union 18-8 on July 12.

The slow pitch exhibition game was played at the Exhibition Grounds to a frenzied crowd which thor-

oughly enjoyed the various pitchers' styles of throwing the ball by tossing it in the air and having it land on the home plate.

The presence of a dog on the field was a cause for concern as people thought it would constitute an extra player.



In an action packed game the Coronach Co-op squared off against the Coronach Credit Union.

Town to spray for aphid control

Coronach town council has decided to spray all trees on town property to aphids in order to prevent a growth of insects from spreading and harming the trees.

The town also purchased a Case 1690 tractor from Happy Farmer Equipment of Assiniboia for \$21,500. The provision is that there would be a one year warranty included with the purchase.

Owen Mickleborough presented the budget for the recreation board. He pointed out that amateur sports in Coronach would not receive any funding out of the \$12,000 budget as they had not presented any financial report to the recreation board.

Mr. Mickleborough said the board is still waiting for \$3,300 from the RM of Hart Butte and the budget allocations to various groups would have to be trimmed if they did not receive it.

In other business council informed Bob Gershaw of

Girous Bros. Construction that no decision would be made until a later date regarding his company's tender for the town water line.

A preliminary estimated cost of the park project was set at \$100,000, with \$25,000 being designated to develop facilities on Cookson Reservoir at a latter date.

Construction is now in progress for a sign at the cemetery.

At the July 13 council meeting the Coronach town council decided to provide water and sewer services to the information booth for a washroom to be installed. They felt it would be their contribution if the Chamber of Commerce would bear the cost of installation.

Council also authorized the purchase of a Jacuzzi pump from Sask. Power for \$1,500. The pump will be used in the well to pump water up to the water treatment plant.

Environment report

An updated registry, listing projects submitted to Saskatchewan Environment for environmental impact assessment is again available at selected libraries in the province.

The current registry lists projects handled by the Environmental Assessment Secretariat. In the first quarter, covering the period January 1 to March 31, 1982, environmental impact assessments were carried out for 24 projects. Thirteen project proposals were screened to determine the need for an environmental impact

assessment, of which seven project proposals did not require an assessment. In addition, four projects had been placed in abeyance with three other projects being deferred.

The registry is updated quarterly and is available at the Regina and Saskatoon public and university libraries, the provincial, legislative, Saskatchewan Environment and Environment Canada libraries in Regina, La Ronge public library and the J.M. Cuelenaere library in Prince Albert.

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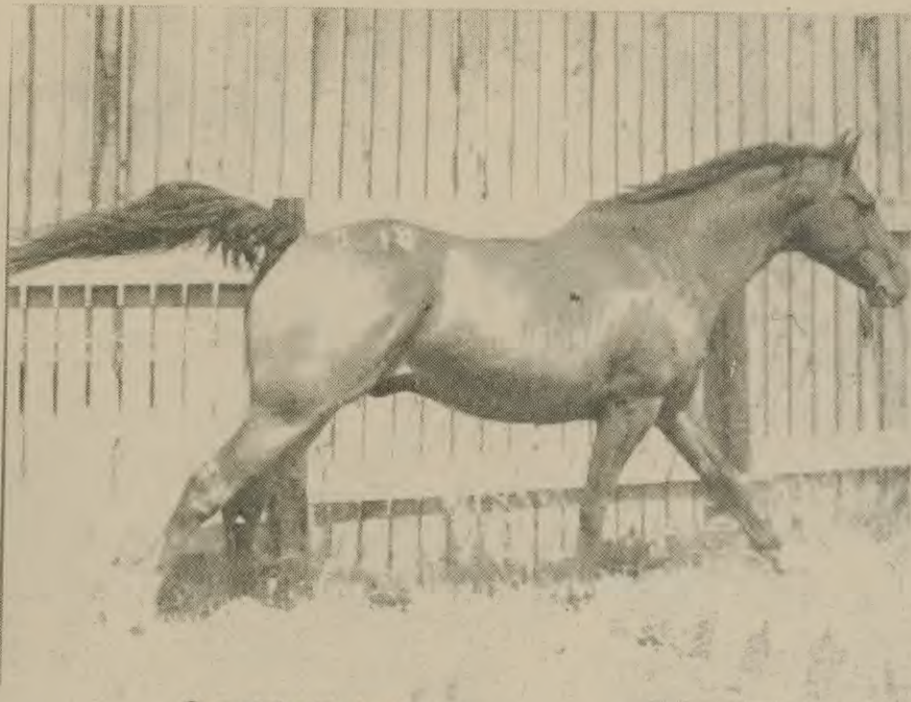
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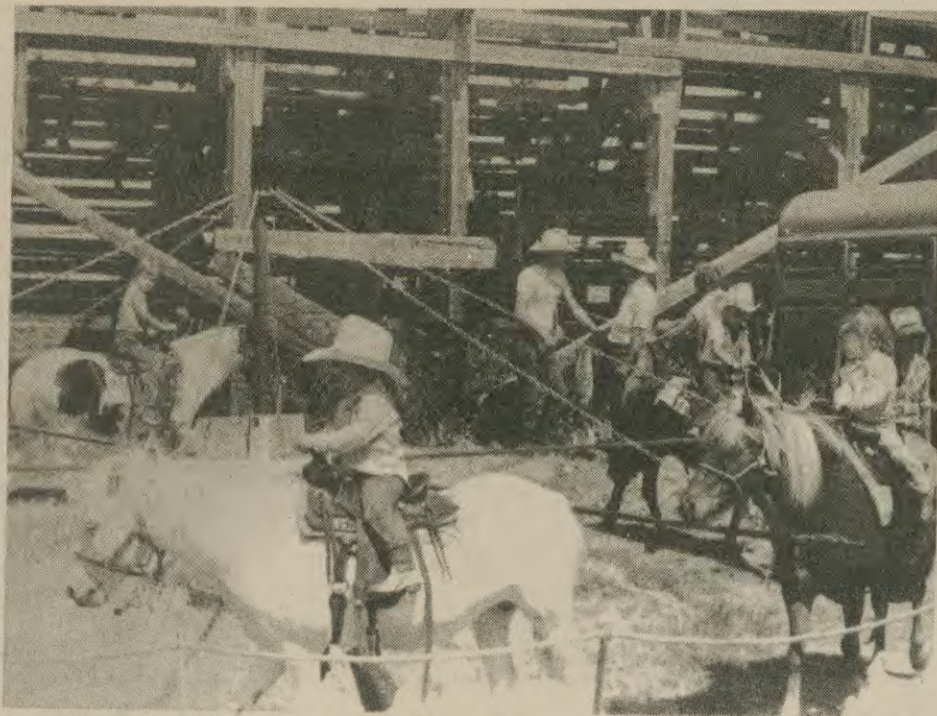
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One of the Rodeo horses



Future stars

Rodeo

Many at Wood Mtn. annual stampede

By Jeff Rosen
Reporter News Editor

The 92nd annual Wood Mountain Sports Day and Stampede amidst last weekend's baseball games, cotten candy and a spectacular rodeo.

The Stampede started Friday evening when 140 people came out to hear the music of White Lightning.

Saturday began with a hearty pancake breakfast. Later that day teams squared off as a little league baseball tournament was held.

In the evening the rodeo events started and following them a slightly larger crowd came out again to listen to White Lightning.

Sunday afternoon featured the finals in the rodeo events.

According to Richard Law, from Osoyoos, BC, there were more people at this year's stampede than last year's. As an employee of Okanagan Fresh Fruit, Mr. Law has been selling fruit at the stampede for the past four years. He said business was very good this year.

As part of this year's stampede a special tribute was paid to Jim Lethbridge. Mr. Lethbridge, who died earlier this year, was one of the pioneer settlers in the Wood Mountain area. After spending 20 years on the rodeo circuit, he stepped down to become a judge. An accomplished leatherworker, his saddles are on display in the Wood Mountain Museum in the park.

In the rodeo events Dwayne Daines of Innisfail Alta., won th saddle bronc competition.

His 79 points brought him \$529.20 while John Smith of Rimbey, Alta., picked up \$396.90 for two fewer points. Pat Klassen, of Big Stone, Sask., and Mel Coleman of Pierceland, Sask., tied for fourth land, Sask, tied for third at 71 for \$198.48.

Don McLeod of Brandon, Man. and Billy Laye of Strathmore, Alta. tied with 73 points to earn \$452.76 each. Peter Newberry, of Clinton BC, scored 70 points for third and \$258.72

In the bull riding Don Johansen of Strathmore scored 83 for \$599.76, followed by Tim Wilson of Gleichen, Alta and Bruce Johansen of Strathmore both with 76 for \$374.85.

Bruce Robinson, of Sundree, Alta., and Barney Barnson of Calgary, led in calf roping with a time of 10.6 seconds for \$463.05, followed by Bill Ogle, of Wood Mountain, 11.0, \$264.60.

Steer wrestling honors went to Kent Butterfield, of Ponoka, Alta., in 5.2 seconds for \$482.16. He was followed by Lee Lascosky, of Viking, Alta., in 8.9, \$361.62, and Mel Coleman, of Pierceland, in 9.3, \$241.08.

In the ladies barrel racing, Gina Hines, of Lethbridge, Alta., placed first in 17.8 for \$409.84, followed by Patti McPeak, of Nanton, Alta., 17.9, \$313.40, and Marcie Thompson, of Strathmore, 18.0, \$216.97.

Guy Shapka, of Spruceview, Alta., took the novice saddle bronc competition with a score of 76 for \$264.60. Three men tied for next spot — Gordon McKie, of Kinsella, Alta., Kelly Anderson, of Hanna, Alta., and Larry Pearl, of Red Deer, Alta. — with scores of 67 for prizes of \$132.30.



Opening parade



The bronc won this one



One of the Rodeo stars

Man unhurt in rodeo mishap

A momentary mishap was the only blemish on an otherwise perfect day at the Wood Mountain Stampede last Sunday when a riderless horse broke through the barrier fence.

The incident occurred during the second event of the day during the bareback riding competition. An uncontrolled horse ran into the fence separating the audience from the field.

Caught in the wire fence, the horse pushed on,

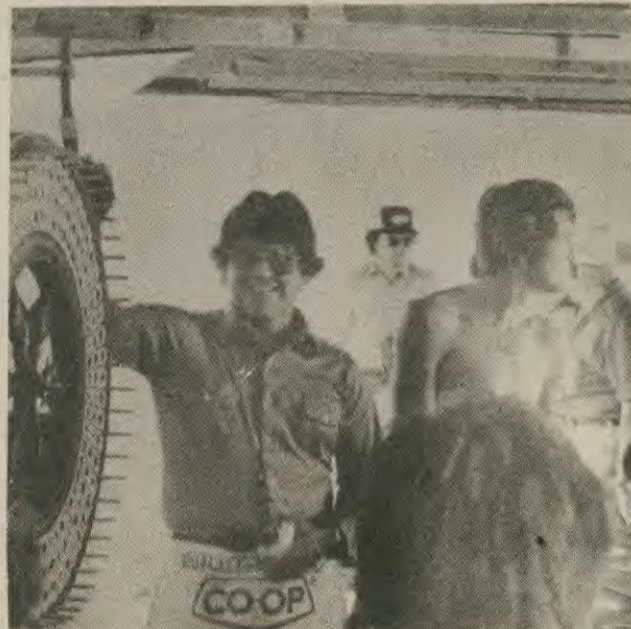
breaking through and stepped on spectator Lonnie Harden of Fir Mountain, who was videotaping the event. Grabbing his equipment, Mr. Harden escaped with only a broken wrist watch.

"I didn't have time to be afraid," he said. "I just wanted to get the hell out of there."

After a few minutes the wild horse was captured by stampede officials and the audience calmed down again.



Clowning around



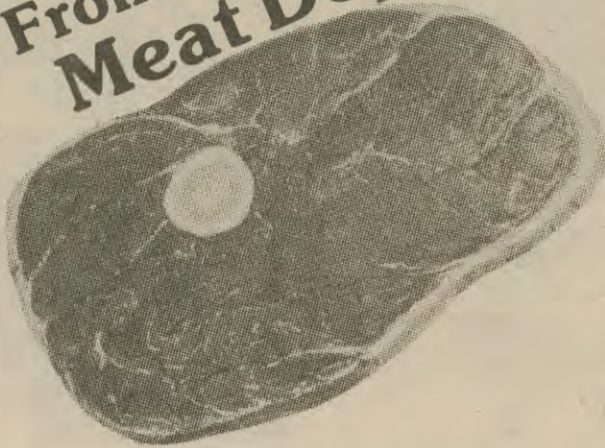
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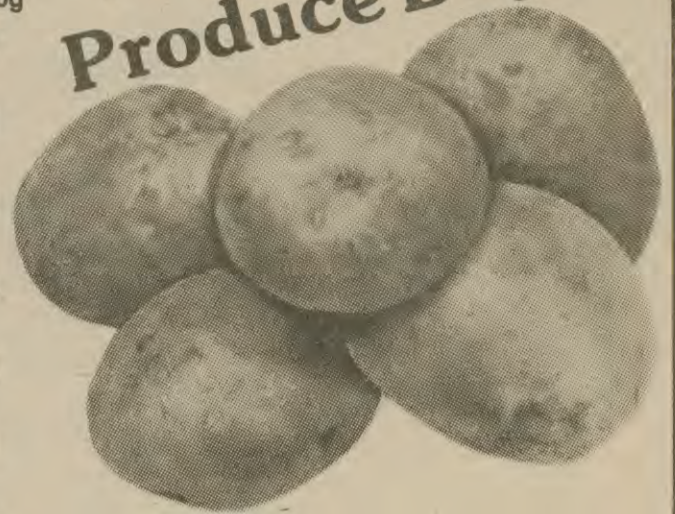
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