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NOMINATIONS CLOSE TODAY

Nominations for candidates in the forthcoming July 4th Territorial Election close at 2 o'clock today in all electoral districts in the N.W.T.

As we went to press, no one in the Electoral District of Mackenzie South has declared himself. Robert Porritt of Hay River, appears certain to run for reelection in Fort Smith, still no definite commitment by several potential candidates. Mackenzie North looks to have garnered at least five candidates to date, Mackenzie River has not reported anyone having filed nomination papers as yet..while Mackenzie Delta's lone candidate thus far.

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WHOOOPER EGGS GO TO MARYLAND

Story by Darrell Eagles
(Canadian Wildlife Service)

On Friday the world's 43 surviving wild whooping cranes were eased a giant step away from possible extinction with the aid of a clutch of lowly hot water bottles.

A helicopter-borne team of Canadian and U.S. wildlife biologists picked up 6 whooping crane eggs from the birds' only known nesting grounds in Wood Buffalo National Park and brought them to Fort Smith in portable incubators warmed by hot water bottles. One of the eggs was beginning to pip and the egg is expected to hatch within three days.

In Fort Smith, the eggs were transferred to an electric incubator fitted with devices to sound an alarm at the slightest temperature fluctuation. Saturday the eggs were enroute to an experimental rearing station at Patuxent, Maryland, where they will be hatched in incubators. A captive propagating flock will be built up and offspring released to bolster the wild population. Experiments have been conducted with sandhill cranes to develop incubation and handling techniques. Survival of young whooping cranes has been found to be poor in wet years and the International Migratory Bird Committee decided to salvage some of the eggs that would be lost anyway.

Canadian Wildlife Service biologist, Ernie Kuyt, of Fort Smith waded from the helicopter through hip-deep water barely free of ice and across unpredictable mats of submerged, half frozen decayed vegetation to six nests. Whooping cranes lay a clutch of (SEE PAGE 3)

SIMON WAQUAN GETS NSO. POSTING

Appointment of Simon J. Waquan, former Chief of the Fort Smith-Fitzgerald Indian Band, as a northern service officer was announced last week. Mr. Waquan, 27, is the first Indian ever to hold this post.

Three other new Northern Service officers were chosen from some 200 applicants and fresh from a 6 months training course conducted by the Northern Development Department.

Northern Development Officers are responsible for co-ordination of all departmental activities in their areas.

Mr. Waquan will be leaving shortly to take up his post in the settlement of Fort Rae.

IAN & SYLVIA SING TONIGHT

Reserve ticket sales for tonight's performance by Ian and Sylvia Tyson sold briskly over the weekend, and a sell-out crowd is expected by the time the curtain raises at the J.B.T. School Auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock.

The Government of the NWT in conjunction with "Festival Canada" and the local Centennial Committee are responsible for the northern tour of this famous folk-singing team.

TOWN OF FORT SMITH, N.W.T. INVITATION TO TENDER

Local contractors are invited to tender for the renovation of the Town Office area in the Fire Hall, Town of Fort Smith.

Plans may be obtained from the office of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Closing date for tenders is 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 20, 1967.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Ray E. Schmidt,
Secretary-Treasurer.

In and around FORT SMITH



and MRS. JOE WILLIAMS. Mr. & Mrs. Smith carried on from Hay River to destination Maritimes, Truro, N.S. etc.... Others also to Hay River for the royal visit, or on business were K.W. HAWKINS, administrator of the Mackenzie ..MRS BC GILLIE and daughters Susan and Margaret..MR and MRS BOB STEWART, and JIM BENTLEY...MRS JACK TAYLOR returned home from Edmonton with MRS ED OLSON.Both ladies had been out for brief visits...LEN BISHOP, equip-
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LOCAL NOTE (continued)

ment supervisor, IAND, from Ottawa, was into Fort Smith for several days...MRS NOEL ASSELTINE also in town in connection with her shop, Jacquelyne's...

Understand that the Legion KLONDIKE NITE was a huge success, with practically everybody getting into the spirit of the thing by donning Klondike garb. The Can-Can girls, led by Mrs. Ray Charleton, wowed the crowd. Mrs. Charleton also won the first prize for her costume as the dancing lady, while DUNSTAN MURPHY saloon-keeper costume won him the prize in the men's category. The games were a roaring success with money going down the drain Klondike dyle. Mrs. Joe Williams must be credited with teaching the Can-Can girls their spirited numbers...

LEGION BINGO WINNERS last week were Val KAESER and Mrs. Bill DANIELS who shared the jackpot of nearly \$50... ..The beautiful weather of last week has sent everyone out in one direction.To Pine Lake..former cabins of Herb Driechel and Dick Pennyfather have been purchased by BOB WALTERS and PETER BOLDT respectively..

The Doctors Uygur will leave for their new posting at Inuvik on June 16th..We're indeed sorry to see such a fine team go...Clinic wise, Dr. Powell of Yellowknife will extend his practice into Fort Smith, and two doctors, by arrangement with Dr. Powell will begin private practice in the next little while. Dr. Wilbush is scheduled to come in on Wednesday..This is of course spells the end of the government operation. MR. TURNBULL, architect-engineer with the Dep't of Public Works from Ottawa was in town last week looking over possible sites for the construction of the new hospital slated for construction about three years from now. Meetings with the town officials and Bishop Piche favored a site south of the Cathedral, on 7 acres, for a proposed 32-bed hospital for the community...

Anyone thinking of jaunting along the Highway to Pine Point will be happy to know that a new hotel, THE PINE POINT HOTEL will be opening in the next few days..

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Local NOTE

The Royal Visit of Princess Alexandra to Hay River attracted a number of Fort Smith residents last week.. Amongst those getting a good look at the Princess and her husband Angus Ogilvy were MRS WAYNE SMITH, and two sons,

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WHOOPEES EGGS (continued from front page)

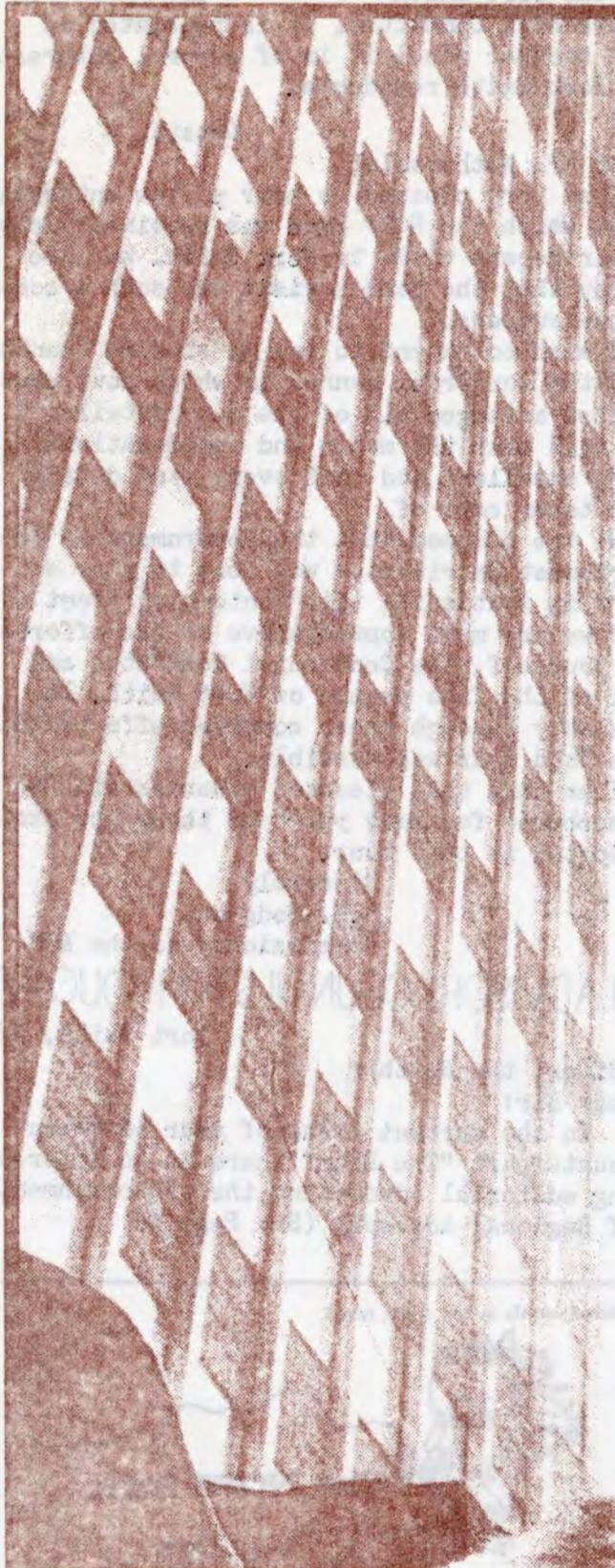
two eggs, but only one egg was removed from each nest.

Dr. Raymond Erikson, assistant director in charge of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Research Station at Patuxent, Maryland accompanied Mr. Kuyt on the flight. Glen Smart, supervisory biologist in the propagation section at Patuxent accompanied Mr. Kuyt on the flight to the last three nests.

On each pick-up, the helicopter approached the nest gradually and the nesting pair of whooping cranes moved away from the nest area. One of the parents is always in attendance at

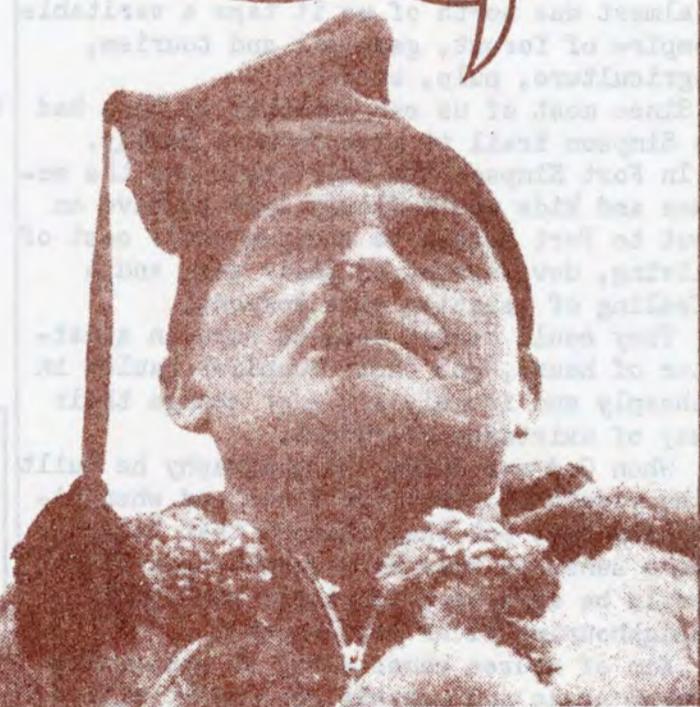
at the nest, and there was concern that the disturbance caused by the helicopter might cause the cranes to desert the nest permanently. However, a late afternoon flight by Mr. Kuyt confirmed that adults were attending every nest. The jubilation of the biologists was heightened by the discovery of a previously unrecorded nest. This brings the total of plotted nests to 8.

On both egg pick-up flights an over-flight in a fixed wing aircraft was made to warn the biologists in the helicopter of any cranes flying into the area. Observers in the fixed wing aircraft were (SEE PAGE 8)



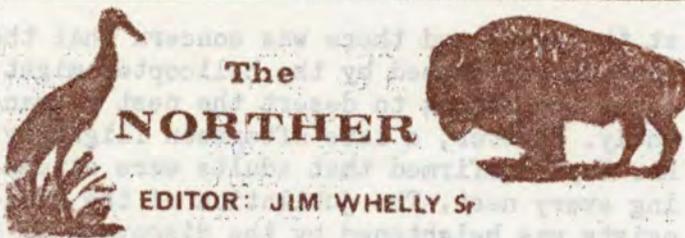
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A Ft Nelson-Simpson Link

A couple of weeks ago Arthur Laing, Minister of Northern Development said in Edmonton, that if B.C. was ready to build a road north from Fort Nelson, B.C. the federal government would be interested in building a road south from Fort Simpson, NWT to meet it.

While a definite commitment has been made in the way of giving Fort Simpson an all weather outlet to yon outside world - that is the extension of the Mackenzie Highway northward to that settlement-nothing, (at least to our knowledge) was mentioned about a Fort Nelson-Simpson link to the 3-man fact finding committee on roads priority that passed through the north many weeks ago.

We have to admit this little proposal caught us off guard. Seems like a good bet that could germinate right under our noses. Here's what Bob Angus, oft times violent and outspoken editor of the Fort Nelson News says to back up the idea.

"It's like watching cement crack to see the way the federal government effects the development of the North.

They vacillate between roads to resources and let's do nothing. It's slow in acting stupid in thinking and irritating in smugness.

One of the latest efforts that we are pushing for is a road from Fort Nelson to Fort Simpson.

almost due north of us it taps a veritable empire of forest, gas, oil and tourism, agriculture, pulp, etc.

Since most of us can remember we have had a Simpson trail it goes nowhere really.

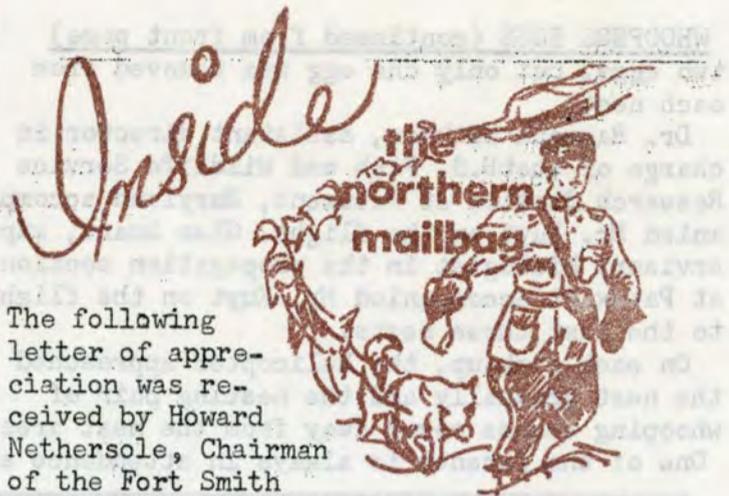
In Fort Simpson the boys there and the women and kids would dearly love to have an out to Fort Nelson to cheapen their cost of living, development of their town and a feeling of relation with someone.

They could barrel down to here in a matter of hours, get their supplies hauled in cheaply and freshly and just change their way of existence overnight.

When God was doing the geography he built the rivers to serve the areas and when pioneers came out they thought that being some sense in this arrangement that they would be able to communicate with their neighbouring river settlements.

Man of course comes along in exploiting these areas and yet his government will not yield in spite of the wealth pouring into them to supply the necessary communication to markets, outlets and the source of supplies.

Government sets the condition for operating in the south where the voters are quite nicely - but in the north where the development and riches (SEE PAGE 5)



The following letter of appreciation was received by Howard Nethersole, Chairman of the Fort Smith Centennial Committee. It is reprinted in the Norther since it is of general interest to Fort Smith residents.

Ottawa, 4

Dear Mr. Nethersole;

I am very pleased to hear of the enthusiasm with which the RCMP Band was received during their recent visit to Fort Smith. We are happy that the Band's visit was such a complete success.

I wish to extend to you my sincere thanks for the wonderful manner in which your committee arranged all of the many details. I am told that the meals and accommodations were excellent and that every last detail was taken care of.

We are pleased that the Government of the Northwest Territories was able to play a part in initiating this Centennial Event and we are most appreciative of the efforts of yourself, the Centennial Committee and all of the fine people of Fort Smith. It was only through these combined efforts that the Band Tour was possible.

I am sure that pleasant memories will be remembered for many years by those who participated in this tour.

Sincerely,
S.M. Hodgson,
Commissioner of the NWT

ON ADVISORY COUNCILS FOR EDUCATION

Fort Smith, NWT

Editor, the Norther

Dear Sir:

In the current issue of your northern counterpart "The Drum" there is an interesting editorial advocating the establishment of Regional Advisory (See Page 5)

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and lucrative takes for a country to operate he takes no notice.

This condition can no longer go on. Nor can petty politics of federal provincial and federal elected members or cabinet minister be tolerated at the cost of even surviving.

We call for B.C. and Ottawa, probably Laing and Gagliardi to meet to get on with this road from Nelson to Simpson and if necessary, get Alberta's Gordon Taylor to mediate the talks and with them get action.

Two things must be done: the bloody highway paved to Fort Nelson and a connection road road pushed on to Simpson. Get together boys, and get on with the job."

And now that we think upon this, we wonder why the federal government hasn't jumped in to this up to its knees already. It stands to gain much more than just the good grace of two happy communities. It stands to gain a barrellfull of money from an area where the oil and gas reserves is so fantastic the whole petroleum industry is quaking with wonder.

NORTHERN MAILBAG (continued from Page 4)

Councils on Education in the N.W.T. The purpose of such Councils is to promote greater understanding between parents and teachers, better understanding of our educational curriculum and to give the people of the North a voice in the administration of our educational system. Considering the "exceptional" year just concluded by our school in Fort Smith, this proposal should be of interest to the readers of your columns.

A recent series of articles in Macleans Magazine pointed out that only 10% of the teachers in Canadian Schools were considered competent to carry out their professional duties. At the present time in the Mackenzie District, any parent or others who object to the incompetency of some of the other 90% are forced to take their case to the highest possible authority to obtain redress for incidents which could normally be handled by anyone capable of administering an outhouse.

When such action is taken, the parent or others who dare to criticize the present administration, are publicly attacked by inuendo by professional windbags, who take care to speak from platforms when there is no danger of rebuttal or the facts of the case being presented.

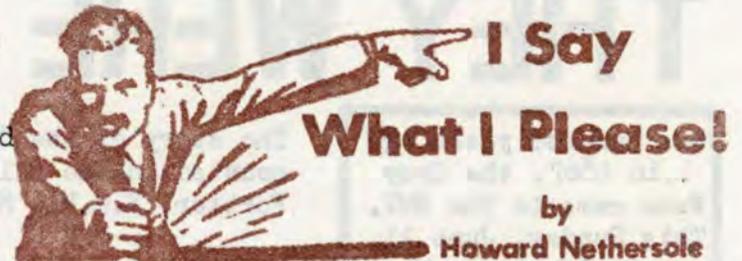
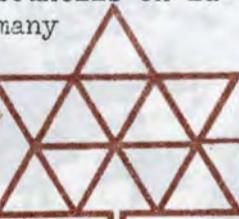
By all means let us do all we can to further this ideal of Regional Councils on Education for the sake of our many

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Centennial Brief

It's not likely the Centennial Voyageur Canoe Paddlers hitting out for Expo will get fat, but they'll certainly be eating enough to fill an army enroute..it's estimated that the 10 teams of paddlers on the big canoe trip will consume 30,000 eggs, 2½ tons of bacon, 60,000 pancakes, 10,000 quarts of milk, half a ton of honey, 6 tons of steaks, 2½ tons of spuds, 5,000 loaves of bread and 1½ tons of butter.

A far cry from 1867.



by

Howard Nethersole

A BOUQUET FOR THE NEW CFYK

It's a funny thing, you know, how things have changed over the years on our CBC network. I'll bet most of you readers have noticed this too.

Going back to a couple of years ago, to the time when the Northern Affairs Parliamentary Committee winged in to Fort Smith to take a look, I can recall how some residents were not very pleased with the CBC's performance, and said so. At the public meeting, held in the Cathedral Basement, some of the CBC's top brass were sitting in on the proceedings not dreaming that before the night was out, realities would have to be faced. Questions, answers, beefs and bouquets were being thrown around as if they were going out of style, then the matter of the radio service which we in the Mackenzie area were getting, came up for discussion. There were complaints about the inadequate news coverage, the weather reports, the this and the that. The CBC's representative tried valiantly to stem the tide, but it was no use. ..there was general agreement that the Mackenzie network was not living up to what was expected of them. The C.B.C. was crunched!

But my, how things have improved since those dull, dark times. These days, under acting manager Barry Kelsey, the station seems to be swinging with the people at last. A news producer, Bill Mayer, has come on staff, and he is doing a heck of a good job in the dissemination of the news, particularly that concerning the Northwest Territories. Radio listeners are now treated to Northern News twice daily, and as a result of this, it isn't as stale as it used to be. In fact, more often than not, the news is almost instant. This is of course, partly due to some very look-alive correspondents out in the field.

But news alone doesn't make a radio station, and it is certainly good to see an improvement in the other programs too. Pat Reilly is really handling himself very well, and the same goes for Ted Woods. Then there are programs in the various native tongues which are appearing more frequently than ever before, and this is good. But in the rush we shouldn't forget the technicians. Without them, we wouldn't hear a thing on the radio, and they are doing a great job behind the scenes.

Just look at the coverage we received during the visit of Princess Alexandra to Yellowknife last week. The whole team of announcers did what I would consider a top class effort. More particularly, I was impressed with that Yellowknife "old-timer", youthful looking, velvet-voiced Kay Vaydik!..she gave a most complete description of the Colour Party while the Princess was at the Yellowknife airport. No detail was too minor, and we got a full picture of the goings-on.

Unlike over in Whitehorse, CFYK utilized the services of only the local staff to cover the Princess' visit. This in itself speaks

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THEY WERE HEROINES-

One hundred years ago ..in 1867, the Grey Nuns came to the NWT. This Sunday, June 11, ceremonies to mark the centenary of the Grey Nuns' arrival at Fort Providence will be held in Fort Smith. A high mass will be held Sunday morning, followed by a banquet. In the evening, a program of centenary observances has been planned. Scores of visiting clergy, and members of the order will be present for the occasion.

The story of the Grey Nuns journey to Fort Providence is recounted in the following article, written by Sister Paulette Fortier, S.G.M., Matron, of Breynat Hall, in Fort Smith, NWT.

This is the story of valiant women journeying into the far North to devote their lives to Christ's isolated ones. An epic, which, 100 years ago, was lived by five Grey Nuns of Montreal and which has had a tremendous impact on the lives of the people of our Canadian North this past century.

In our days of fast moving, jet flying, it is difficult to realize the meaning of that journey into the great lone land of 1867..the modern traveller has no idea of the anxieties, the inconveniences, the humiliations, the disappointments, the accidents and injuries, the sufferings of all sorts, and the many tears of those who passed of old through the rivers, the rapids, the immense and silent prairies, the woods and the mountains, which are now simply a feast for his eyes. The modern tourist travels in approximately two days the 2,200 miles, which took the Sisters four months to cover.

Here is the true and lofty tale of those self-sacrificing Nuns who joyfully answered the call to devote their lives to the Indians of the far North.

It all began a little over 100 years ago. It was in 1861, visiting his missionaries in the far North, Bishop Grandin, OMI, first Bishop of St. Albert, Alberta, which then included the present district of the Mackenzie, with the vision of a Francis Xavier, viewed the fields that were white, ready for the harvest. He turned, and saw the reapers and the gleaners. The fields were too vast, the golden grain, the souls, were too numerous. He must add other hands to his staff, hands to care for the little ones, the sick and the aged. Having seen the splendid work of the Grey Nuns at St. Boniface, Manitoba, his hope became a determination. The Nuns would come to the North Pole.

His memory began to work and it drew him back over the lakes, rivers, swamps, bush. Unconsciously he rubbed his shoulder where

the tow line had burned into his skin. He ran his hand across the back of his neck and felt the welts and boils where the bull-dog flies and mosquitoes had drilled for blood! The howling dogs outside recalled 50 below zero in a log shack! He shuddered, looked at the rough walls of his cabin, at the caked mud in the chinks he had troweled with his own hands. Could Nuns come over the trail he had travelled, suffer the hardships he endured and live the life he was living? It seemed too great a sacrifice to ask of those zealous ladies. There were no doubts in his mind that if he asked for their generosity, their selflessness, they would traverse the prairies to Red River starving, fighting mosquitoes, mud, rain and fatigue, travelling behind oxen for days on end. If God had blessed the trials and labours of the pioneers of 1844, who travelled only to St. Boniface, and He did, surely He would not withhold His grace and assistance from other Sisters who were to sacrifice their lives in His service helping (See page 7)

PHOTO BELOW: Mother Martin, as she arrived for a visit to Fort Providence. (Aug. 1943) and welcomed by Fr. P. Michel, and several sisters from the Mission.



THEY WERE HEROINES (continued from Page 6)
the missionaries far beyond!

With this hope in his heart, the old Bishop went to Montreal in search of Sisters who would offer themselves, their lives, to work in the Master's sub-zero vineyard. He found them among the Grey Nuns of Montreal. Of the many who answered the call, five were chose, and joyfully undertook the daring venture to help God's children in the trackless wilderness.

On September 17, 1866 they left their Mother House, their relatives, the little children, wistful old people, peaceful and contented patients to face Indians, rough pioneers, a host of unknown dangers..a breathtaking adventure indeed ..and they never regretted it!

On their journey westward, they passed through the United States as far as St. Paul Minn., where the comforts of the trip ended. 500 miles of prairies, muskeg, and creeks. 500 miles of lies, mosquitoes, clay mud and rain. The stage-coach over this wild country was a Red River cart drawn by oxen and pushed by the passengers, when bogged in the mud. Thus they covered those 500 miles to St. Boniface in..and behind..the Red River Cart.

On sections of prairie and over muskegs the soil would be chewed so badly by one passing that new roads were made on each trip. Ordinary mud is provoking, but clay mud is devilish! Ordinary mud cuts down speed but clay-mud sucked at the oxen's feet, at the cart wheels, at the driver's feet, at the sister's feet. When the sun neared the window sill of the horizon at even-tide, the poor sisters would be so tired their tanned faces turned white from sheer exhaustion.

September was leaning (See page 8)

PHOTO RIGHT: (taken in 1890) Mother Ward in front of the Sister's residence in Fort Providence. Brother Oliver is to the left of centre.



Inuvik INKLINGS

by Pat Jordan

The ice in the Delta has finally moved. The first shifting was recorded at 7 minutes 2 seconds past 11 A.M., on May 25th. The Volunteer Fire Brigade was won by Miss Elizabeth Hansen, whose guess was a mere 4 minutes off the actual time. She won \$100. Little movement however had been recorded up to May 31st. Reindeer Air Service already has a float aircraft operating out of open water beside the ice

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Big news of the week broke on May 23. In a wire to Inuit Co-op President, Roland Shingatok, Northern Development minister Arthur Laing announced that the Department will install an econo-utilidor to the Co-op Hill area this summer. The service will cost the homeowners \$10 monthly, with capital cost being borne by the Crown. Interior fixtures must be installed by the owner. If the experiment proves successful, the Minister stated he was willing to enter negotiations with a view to servicing all of West Inuvik in the near future. The news was greeted with a sigh of relief, and a feeling of having ascended the Matterhorn. Without doubt, the Department Of I.A.N.D. has been badly singed..when the pain became unbearable, they moved with unaccustomed speed!

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Yet as servicing reaches to the Co-op area (NEXT COLUMN)

a disturbing trend has begun. Three families, original builders in the co-operative, have left Inuvik for outlying settlements. They are Eskimo families who accomplished much during their time in Inuvik. Yet they pulled out. Why? Is it the beginning of a movement to reject Inuvik by those who were to "benefit" from its establishment?

Financial problems were given as the reason for leaving. Perhaps this was the most immediate reason. However, I'm inclined to think this trend is more involved than that. I suppose only future actions will disclose an answer to the dilemma.

Simpson SHORELINES

by Helena Folliott

Summer was short. Last week it snowed again! If the Mackenzie does not make up its mind to go out soon, it may as well not bother!..the horizon to the South is still very white.

...The M.D. and Irene Shirt made their monthly visits to Liard, Wrigley, and Nahanni, including an emergency flight from Liard to Yellowknife.

...Every trapper is (SEE PAGE 12)



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Westward and Northward...a 910 mile journey that would bring them to Fort Providence, N.W.T., in the heart of the frozen North. But only after endless portages and shooting dangerous rapids in a frail canoe. The same weather conditions, the same difficulties were encountered along the trail and it was only on August 27th that at last, the five Sisters reached the strange, though longed-for land, their new country, their new home!

Here, their duties and labours were varied and difficult, increased by the language barrier...the Indians spoke only Slavey. But hardest of all was that of keeping up their optimism.

Northern Canada of 1867 was quiet. Mining had not been born and white trappers confined their lines to lower Canada. Indians ruled the Mackenzie country north of the 60th parallel, living almost entirely on caribou, rabbits and fish.

The country, the ever-changing temperature, the cold North winds, the poor loghouse, the native food, the strange customs of the inhabitants, and the solitude of the place...these were the clouds of depression ever trying to curtain the sun of happiness in the little community.

But Divine Providence watched over them in a most special way, and has blessed all their works, which are the works of the Sisters of Charity indeed.

Being completely divorced from the outside world by thousands of miles from civilization, those zealous, self-sacrificing Grey Nuns left a heritage of undaunted virtues especially their charity, to inspire the Grey Nuns of yesterday and those of today with courage and devotion in their services to humanity: the care of the sick, the instruction of the young, the care of the aged in a new North such as we find it 100 years later.

Here ends the story of a successful "rendez-vous" with the people of the far North in 1867.

PRINCESS ENTRANCED BY NORTH

Yellowknife and Hay River tasted royalty last week when Princess Alexandra and her husband Angus Ogilvy paid a two day visit to the Territories.

"We were full of curiosity. Neither of us have ever been so far North. We were entranced by all that has been achieved in so short a span of time. We wish you all success in the future development of your country," she said at a dinner party hosted by the Commissioner of the NWT Stu Hodgson.

While in Yellowknife, she visited the town Hall, the new Stanton Yellowknife Hospital, Akaitcho Hall. She and her husband were also guests of honor at a dinner party given by the Minister of Northern Development, Arthur Laing, who accompanied the Royal couple on their Northern Tour.

Mayor Kaeser of Fort Smith presented the Princess with a carved "driftwood" fish, made by Wilf McNeil, and Mr. Ogilvy was given a pair of hand carved cuff links. The couple visited Hay River, where the Princess opened an elementary school named after her.

I SAY WHAT I PLEASE (continued)

speaks volumes and those of us who couldn't make it over to the Capital, had no difficulty in following the royal tour via the radio, with the special help of these very capable announcers.

To the staff at CFYK, I say well done, --and keep up the good work!

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THEY WERE HEROINES. (continued from Page 7)

toward October and the Autumn winds had begun under the prairie sky. At night they drove the dampness into ones bones. With warm blankets, and windbreakers they would have been bearable, but the Sisters had only wet clothes and wet blankets to sleep in during many of their nights on the road. When the country was dry, they would spread their blankets in the sun and manage to get a few nights of good warm sleep each week.

Unfortunately we have no record of the time it took to cover this 500 miles. Several estimates from old timers say at least 8 to 10 weeks. Our records tell us simply "The missionary Sisters spent the Winter of '66-67 very happily with their Sisters at St. Boniface."

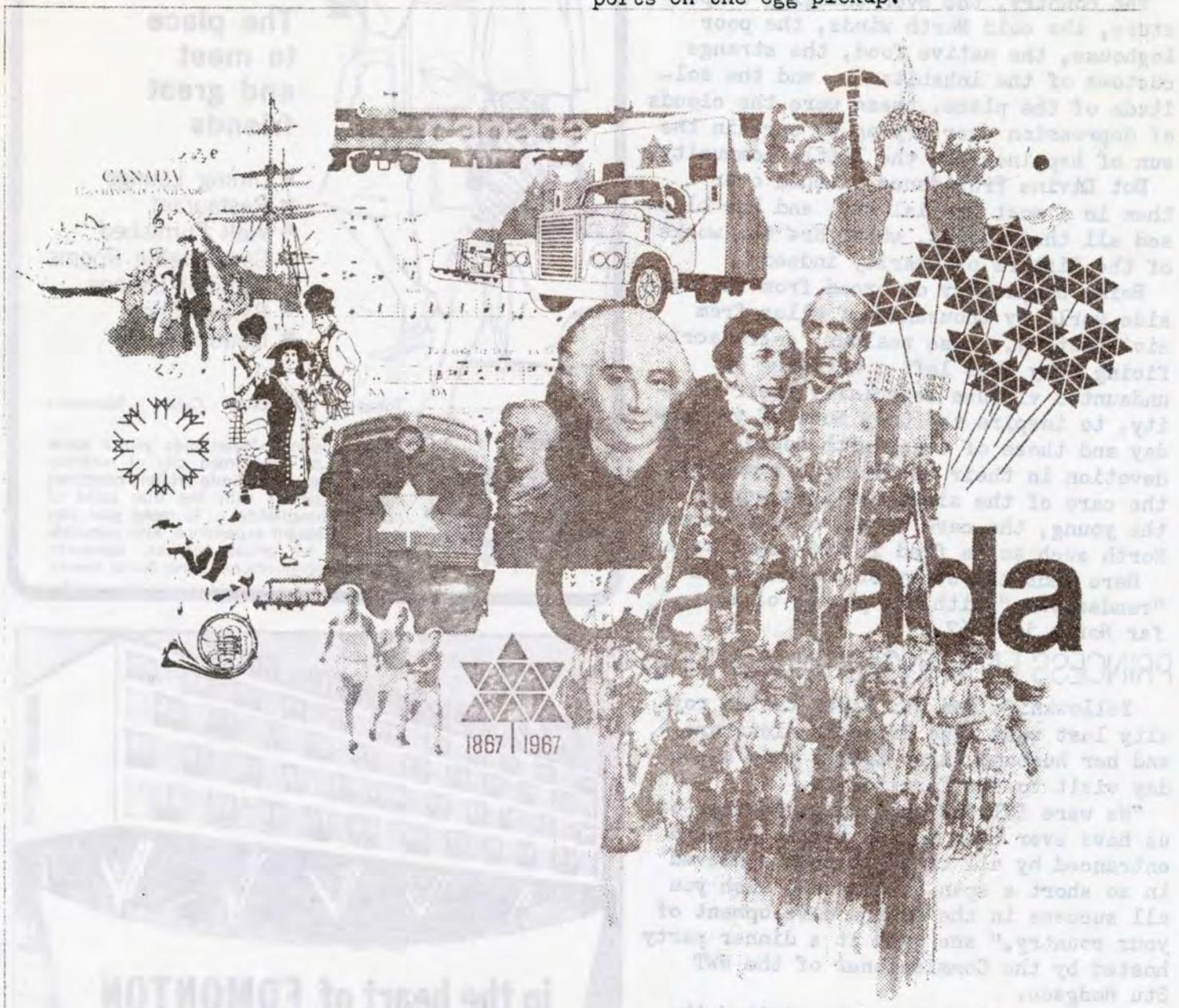
At the risk of their lives, enduring indescribable hardships and privations, the Sisters left St. Boniface June 8th, 1867 to continue their march (See Page 9)

WHOOPEERS EGGS (continued from Page 5)

Ronald MacKay, supervisor of Operations in the Canada Wildlife Service's western regional headquarters in Edmonton, and Darrell Eagles, head of the Service's Editorial and Information Section in Ottawa.

The biologists were depending on the skill of both pilots for quick evasive action if any of the cranes flew into the area. The pilot of the helicopter was Roger Sexty of Foothills Aviation at Fort Smith, and the pilot of the fixed-wing aircraft was George Hart of Courier Flights Ltd, at Fort Chipewyan.

Dr. David A. Munro, director of the Canadian Wildlife Service, Mr. John Gottschalk, director of the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, and Mr. Ernest Cote, Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, all members of the International Migratory Bird Committee were meeting in Ottawa, at the time, and awaited progress reports on the egg pickup.



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TERRITORIAL Sports

by Frank Goodman

LIONS HONOR SPORTSMEN

A Sportsman and heart, and an educator of children, DARRYL CLARKSON, physical education instructor at the J.B.T. School was named on Wednesday night, Fort Smith "Sportsman of the Year". Mr. Clarkson could not find words to express his surprise and gratitude at the Lion's choice.

Mr. Clarkson came to Fort Smith with his family in 1961 from New Brunswick. Except for 1964, when Mr. Clarkson returned east for a term at University, he has been active on the scene, and behind the scenes instilling skill and good sportsmanship in all fields. He has coached both girls' and boys' basketball, and chalked up top place for the boys for three years. One year he led them to the Northern Alberta Championship victory.

Mr. Bill Applewhite praised him as a "quiet man who lives by the Sportsman's Code and is concerned with Community Sports". Lion President Gord Aumond presented Mr. Clarkson with the Sportsman's plaque, Mr. Clarkson replied that he had great satisfaction in working with young people, and felt that the Territories were only just becoming recognized in sports circles in Canada. He hoped his contribution would be a help towards this goal.

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Fort the third time, Rabbi Lewis Ginsberg proved to be a superb speaker. The Rabbi, a one-time American sportswriter and journalist is now prominent in Edmonton sports circles. He surprised his audience with a rundown of Canadian sports achievements in their 100 years of Confederation. His history dated back to 1906 during the Tommy Burns era..the first Canadian to hold the Heavyweight Championship title of the world. In 1907, Tommy Longboat, an Ontario Indian ran the world's fastest marathon..and Doug Hepburn, born a cripple, but became the heavyweight lifting champion of the world. He noted that Canada had indeed produced many heroes and thrilling sports highlights..and is about to repeat the greatness in athletic prowess in 10 years time.

Dutch Van Deelen, referee at the Vienna World Hockey Championships last winter, spoke briefly on difference in refereeing Canadian hockey and world Championship hockey. He said there were certain "language barriers" and "political implications" in the world games, and that European coaches lack the skating

(NEXT COLUMN)

ability to be on the spot for many calls while trying to reach perfection in game calling. He suggested a set of standardized rules sending a team of officials rather than one delegate; 3 officials per game and an overseas exchange of referees. Dutch's speech was like he said he should be..a mini skirt..short enough to hold attention, long enough to cover the point of contention. It was most enjoyable and informative.

Ray Jaunch gave a rundown on what the Edmonton Eskimos have done in the off-season. A better year is foreseen with many gaps being filled.

General Manager of the Calgary Stampeders, Roger Lehews has been in football for 28 years. He was confident that the desire to win would be shown in the upcoming season as Calgary had the players to win. He feared only one thing-that the Russians would learn how to play football.

Making his debut on the banquet circuit, was Gary Gooper, outdoor Editor for the Edmonton Journal. He was here to write about what he saw and was sure of the good fishing prospects for tourists.

Peter Chapman, representing Labatts, was M.C. for the Lion's Dinner. The usual battery of jokes flew around adding spice to the speeches.

A film of how Father Bauer's hockey team prepared for and handed the Russians a 5-4 defeat in Winnipeg this past winter was very enjoyable.

The winner of the fishing trip with the guests was Ron Coleman. Unfortunately, no charter plane was available, and the guests pulled their catch from Salt River.

It was an excellent show, Lions!

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SUMMER SPORTS IN SWING

Good weather last week brought our the Men's and Women's League into the field for practices. Insufficient regular players in the Alky's ranks leave the men's league with four teams.

Little League play is also on the move, and the first game is scheduled for June 8th.

Otto Schubert, tennis instructor, has been battling mosquitoes at the R.C.M.P. courts giving lessons.

The pickerel and jack are in many a frypan..and if the mosquitoes don't get you first, they're sitting ready to bite!

NORTHERN MAILBAG (continued from Page 5)

fine teachers and those parents who care about the treatment their children receive at school.

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SIMPSON'S SHORELINES (cont.)

out for their beavers and muskrat, bring them back in plenty. ...WELCOME to the new nurse in from Quebec, and Murray Setzer working for NCP. also to Sr. Lemire returns after visits to Montreal and Regina. OUT, Sr. Rouleau to Expo, and Zeke Leduc to Edmonton.

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SIMPSON'S SHORELINES (cont) actor's award at the NWT Drama Festival in Yellowknife ..ACCIDENT: Otto Kufeldt sustained twisted cartilage in a recent softball game.

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NOMINATIONS (continued)

is former councillor Lyle Trimble. In the Central Arctic, Bob Williamson so far will be opposed by Ray Mercer, while in the Eastern and Western Arctic former councillors Simonie and Duncan Pryde are expected to seek re-election.

BARGE LAUNCHING DATE SET

The Centennial barge, painted white with the Centennial symbol on the side, will be officially launched June 15. The sailing date for its trip down the Mackenzie River will be decided on the condition, ice-wise of the route to Tuktoyaktuk. Members of the territorial government, the centennial commission and the outside press will be present at the official launching in Hay River.

MANY SPECIAL GUESTS TO ATTEND CENTENARY

Outstanding event of the program of centenary observances Sunday June 11, of the coming of the Grey Nuns to the North will be the solemn pontifical mass to be celebrated by his Excellency Bishop Paul Piche, OMI.

Among the guest of honor will be the Very Rev. Mother G. Leduc, superior general of the Grey Nuns of Montreal, Rev. Mother Elie, assistant general, many present and former provincials, superiors and sisters, several bishops, and numerous priests, and brothers as well as government representatives, Bud Orange, MP for the NWT, and NWT Commissioner Stu Hodgson. The evening program will be a colorful recollection in song, word, picture and drama of the historic journey of the 5 sisters to the North in 1867.

NOTICE

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Local NOTE

..Action a-plenty around the Fort Smith airport last Wednesday when 200 acres of swamp spruce went up in flames. All fire fighting equipment available was rushed to the scene, confining the fire after about 4 hours...Once again we bid welcome to the John Hughes family who arrived in Fort Smith recently from FROBISHER BAY, and not Sydney Scotia as in last week's Norther!

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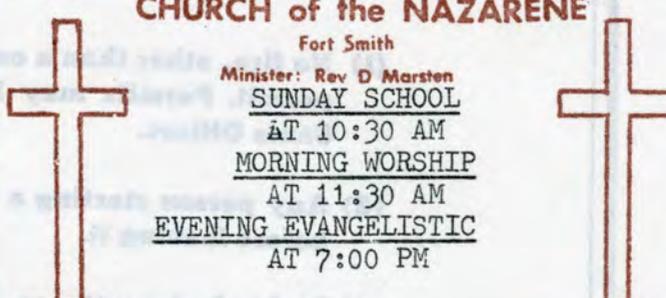
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