

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL EDITION

1989

SERVING

CITY OF FLIN FLON

POPULATION - 7,610

TOWN OF CREIGHTON, SASK.

POPULATION - 1,636

RURAL AREAS

BAKER'S NARROWS - SANDY BAY -

CRANBERRY PORTAGE - PELICAN NARROWS -

DENARE BEACH, SASK.

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Gray MacKenzie, MMP Architects, Winnipeg, Manitoba designed plans for the major renovation project -- installation of complete roof-top electric heating-cooling unit (approx. 4.5 tons) complete with ductwork, isolation and sound controls, temperature controls, diffusers - to provide ventilation heating and cooling to the Main Library. The construction of a ramp at the front entrance to provide handicapped access to the main floor. Also the installation of an inside book return. The expansion of the Archives in the lower level of the library with controlled conditions of heating and humidity. A complete air exchange system, as well as suspended ceilings and inlaid lighting in the Archives and the two Rental rooms. Fireproof doors and frames, painting and carpeting throughout the downstairs level were drafted into the plans.

The contract for the project was awarded to Pace-Greentree Builders Inc. also of Winnipeg. The total cost of the project was \$155,950.92. Cost shared between the City of Flin Flon, the Library and a Community Places Grant.

Donations from the Rotary Club and the Cash Calendar Sales, Town of Creighton, Sask. fund raising project, contributed toward the Library's share of the costs.

Board Members, R.C.M.P. S/Sgt. Bob Munro and City Representative Dick Lyons resigned. Bob to serve a six month peace keeping mission in Namibia, South Africa. Dick accepted a new position in Winnipeg. They were both active, effective Board Members contributing a great deal to the improvement of the Library operations.

Catalogue automation will be high on the agenda for 1990.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Burke.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The unique highlights for 1989 are: the completion of the major renovation project to the library building; and the interesting authors and guest speakers that visited the library and shared their expertise and good humour with us.

The renovations created a certain amount of confusion, mess and inconvenience to our patrons.

The front door was closed for a month during the construction of the ramp and the back door was opened for public use. The book return had to be moved off the front step to the side of the library.

The downstairs level of the library was closed for three months causing some inconvenience to the annual rental groups - they had to cancel scheduled meeting dates and find alternate accommodations. This was due to the expansion of the Archives, the installation of the air exchange system, suspended ceilings, inlaid lighting and the installation of new fire-proof doors and frames. The entire downstairs area received a new coat of paint; also new carpeting throughout.

I can only express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the library patrons and staff for their understanding co-operation during this chaotic time. A big thank you to the Board of Directors for their approval, for their constant support, and best of all their wonderful humour during the renovations.

It would be very remiss of me not to express our gratitude to City Engineer, John Munson and to the General Contractor, Neal Wolf. These two gentlemen were responsible for the progress of the daily work on the project. We also extend our thanks to the Flin Flon Rotary Club for their \$10,000.00 donation towards the renovations.

The Town of Creighton initiated a fund raising project for the library renovations. This project took the form of a 1990 Cash Calendar. For \$30.00 you could purchase a calendar. Draws are made with \$50.00 to \$5,000.00 prizes presented to the winners. The total profit from this project is approximately \$15,000.00. The library sincerely appreciated the work involved and the contribution made toward the cost of the renovations.

The library was granted two positions to hire two students through the Challenge "89" student grant. Bob Hume and Ron Soltis were the first male students employed by the library. They were a welcome addition to the staff during the summer months.

In April the Inter-Universities North program purchased three computer terminals and modems to allow students registered in the Inter Universities North program, remote library access.

Flin Flon, The Pas, and Thompson each received a terminal connecting the libraries to the Brandon University Library. Connie Braun, the I.U.N. Librarian and her assistant, Brandon University, visited Flin Flon December 17th - December 22nd. During this week before Christmas they worked very hard cataloguing the I.U.N. collection to the computer database in Brandon.

The Flin Flon Public Library is also Creighton, Sask.'s Library. This unique arrangement enables the library some awareness of library development in Northern Sask.

The newly founded Northern Saskatchewan Library System has become a reality after three years of consulting with Northern residents and users, and developing appropriate legislation.

This system will link Public Libraries, School and College Libraries together across Northern Saskatchewan, into a co-operative network, while respecting the autonomy of each member library. The system will co-ordinate catalogue maintenance, collection development and inter-library loans services.

Annual funding to operate the system will be provided by the Saskatchewan Provincial Library.

The first Northern Saskatchewan Library Services Fall Workshop was held on October 23-27. The workshop sessions were jointly hosted by the Flin Flon Public Library and R.J.'s Motel in Creighton. 50 people were registered. Jim Blanchard and Georgina Karklin from Public Library Services were in attendance.

Congratulations to Maureen Woods, the Co-ordinator, and her staff for all their hard work in establishing this new library system. Maureen, originally from Regina, Sask., has been based out of La Ronge, Sask., this past two years.

The library signed a contract with The National Film Board of Canada. This new video service is being used by many groups in the community for information and training purposes.

There will be more information regarding the authors and guest speakers in 'Adult Events and Seminars'.

1989 was truly a busy, hectic and rewarding year.
I am still wondering where it went.



Respectfully submitted,
Gretta Redahl.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The community is constantly made aware of the Library; first through a weekly radio report from local station CFAR that tells what is happening during the week - such as: new books, displays, programs, etc.

Secondly, a book report column in the local newspaper, 'The Reminder', along with a corresponding book display in the library every two weeks. A special block or community news column advertises programs or events that are coming up in the future.

The involvement of the Library staff on local committees and organizations also provides an avenue of public awareness for the library in the city and surrounding area.

<u>MEMBERSHIPS</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>NEW MEMBERS</u>	<u>CANCELLATIONS</u>	<u>1989</u>
Resident Family	3,994	3451	22	4,313
Non-Resident	<u>960</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1,041</u>
<u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS</u>	<u>4,954</u>	<u>426</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>5,354</u>

LIBRARY SERVICES

Books supplied regularly on a monthly basis to our senior citizen's in the Northern Lights Manor, Hemlock Lodge, Personal Care Home & Rotary Court.

Promotion, display & sale of local handicrafts.

LOANS

Inter-Library Loan requests
Film Loans
Talking Book Loans
Camera Loan
Video Loan
Large Print Books
Multilingual Service
Reference Materials
Toy Lending
Record Lending

RENTALS

Projector & Screen Rentals
Rotary Room Rental
Photocopying Service
Books (Over 25,000)



THE FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Year Ended December 31, 1989

	<u>1989</u>	<u>1988</u>
Revenue:		
City of Flin Flon - grant	\$ 40,350	\$ 40,350
Town of Creighton - Library board levy	8,500	8,500
Province of Manitoba - operating grant	48,933	49,260
Province of Manitoba - Job Training for Tomorrow		4,330
Province of Manitoba - Archives grant		4,000
Province of Saskatchewan grant	8,500	10,000
Government of Canada - summer student project	5,513	3,479
Copying charges	4,904	4,912
Overdue book fines	1,477	1,127
Rotary room rentals	3,835	2,965
Parking stalls rental	720	1,115
Book sales - net	1,709	2,072
Interest	4,915	4,685
Miscellaneous		505
	<u>129,356</u>	<u>137,300</u>
Expenditures:		
Archives project	86	4,998
Audit	975	935
Bank charges	513	491
Books	20,574	20,691
Continuing education	150	322
Express and delivery	639	447
Furniture and equipment	3,159	8,463
Insurance	1,522	867
Janitorial contract	4,650	4,370
Janitorial supplies	545	605
Magazines and periodicals	1,560	1,890
Maintenance and repairs - building	727	1,138
- equipment	859	990
Membership fees	200	137
Publicity and promotion	739	1,077
Salaries and employee benefits	72,979	67,252
Stationery and library supplies	4,367	3,851
Summer student project	5,520	3,480
Sundry	2,356	1,602
Supplies for copy machine	1,787	1,687
Telephone	865	723
Travel and conference	1,185	752
Toys, records and tapes	2,698	1,850
Utilities	8,520	7,267
	<u>137,175</u>	<u>135,885</u>
Net Revenue (Expenditure) on Operations	\$ <u>(7,819)</u>	\$ <u>1,415</u>

This statement must be read in conjunction with the attached Auditor's Report dated February 2, 1990.

<u>CIRCULATION</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
<u>ADULT</u>		
Adult Non-Fiction	8,071	8,101
Adult Fiction	8,430	7,878
Youth Non-Fiction	291	228
Youth Fiction	1,727	1,481
Large Print	400	466
<u>CHILDREN</u>		
Junior Non-Fiction	2,710	2,456
Junior Fiction	4,890	4,561
Children's Beginner Readers	11,857	10,076
Magazines	684	621
Unaccessioned Paperbacks	5,940	6,888
I.U.N. (Inter-University North)	<u>190</u>	<u>273</u>
<u>SUB TOTAL:</u>	<u>45,190</u>	<u>43,029</u>
Films	2	-
Records)	320	114
Cassettes)	-	63
Talking Books	239	281
Toys	164	177
Inter-Library Loans : Borrowed	395	261
Inter-Library Loans : Lent	66	67
Videos	756	3,783
Vertical Files	126	150
Foreign Language	<u>29</u>	<u>40</u>
<u>TOTALS:</u>	<u>47,287</u>	<u>47,965</u>

<u>LIBRARY HOLDINGS</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>Withdrawn</u>	<u>Added</u>	<u>1989</u>
<u>ADULT BOOKS</u>				
Adult Non-Fiction	8,359	121	400	8,638
Adult Fiction	5,402	148	333	5,587
Youth Non-Fiction	834	114	7	727
Youth Fiction	1,934	815	175	1,294
Unaccessioned Pocket Books	<u>1,698</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>733</u>	<u>2,154</u>
<u>SUB TOTAL:</u>	<u>18,227</u>	<u>1,475</u>	<u>1,648</u>	<u>18,400</u>
<u>CHILDREN'S BOOKS</u>				
Junior Non-Fiction	2,080	143	189	2,126
Junior Fiction	1,787	60	166	1,893
Children's Beginner Readers	<u>2,220</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>213</u>	<u>2,388</u>
<u>SUB-TOTAL:</u>	<u>6,087</u>	<u>248</u>	<u>568</u>	<u>6,407</u>
Books: Downstairs Level	<u>1,979</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,079</u>
<u>TOTALS:</u>	<u>26,293</u>	<u>2,623</u>	<u>2,216</u>	<u>25,886</u>
Newspapers & Periodicals (Combined)	60	-	3	63
Donated	42	-	-	42
Bound Periodicals	80	-	-	80
Film Strips	52	-	-	52
Records & Cassettes	345	1	7	351
Toys	141	6	23	158
Videos	94	4	61	151
Talking Books	13	-	85	98
Vertical File Folders	240	50	-	190
Telephone Directories	72	-	-	72
Government Documents (Headings)	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>
	<u>1,239</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>1,357</u>

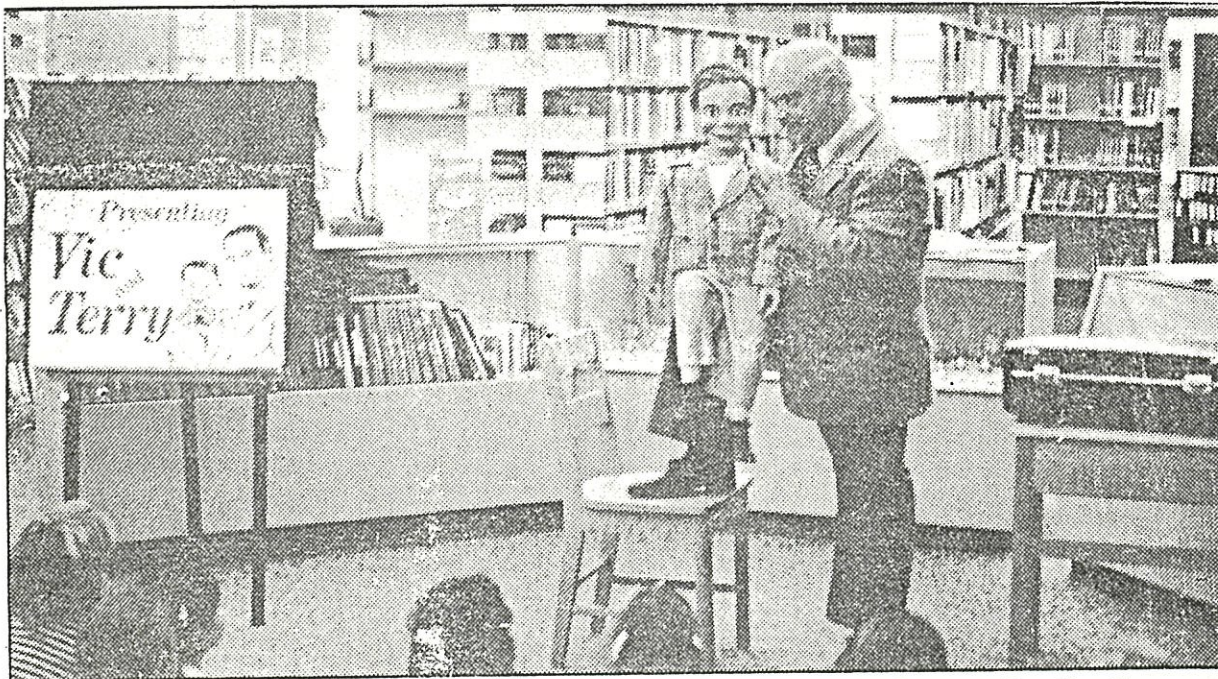
CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Local children's author, Linda Brooks held a reading in the Library on December 10th.

Mrs. Brooks was born in Kirkland Lake, Ontario. She moved to the Creighton area when she was 18. Linda and her husband live year round at their cabin and raise purebred Alaskan Malamute puppies. From Linda's experiences with dogs, sprang the idea for the book "A Dog For Keeps". She has a sequel to "A Dog For Keeps" being considered by Nelson Canada. Linda writes under the pen name of Lynette Tamar Mark.

Phyllis Stadnick, Library Assistant continues to co-ordinate the Children's Story Hour, with the assistance of volunteer helpers, Debbie Bush, Penny Rooks, and Wendy Cone.

Bob Hume, summer student, co-ordinated the summer reading program "The Magic of Summer". The renowned Minnesota ventriloquist visited the library for the official start of the Summer Reading Program. Etienne humoured the children throughout his 45 minute presentation in which he leads the children through a moralistic story of how they should listen and co-operate with their parents.



Ventriloquist, Victor Entiene and Terry, entertain at the Children's Summer Reading Program at the Flin Flon Public Library last week.

Ventriloquist entertains little people

ADULT EVENTS AND SEMINARS

The Library expressed thanks and appreciation to the Flin Flon Writers Guild for the donation of a writing and publishing collection. This collection is proving to be a valuable resource to the library patrons interested in writing.

April

Newfoundland author, columnist and humorist, Ray Guy, said he had never been to Northern Manitoba before, but the rocks and weather reminded him of Newfoundland. The author read passages from a number of his books; drawing most of his humour from the "rough around the edges lifestyle" of people in small isolated communities. Mr. Guy poked fun and instigated waves of laughter describing common and sometimes fictitious happenings in rural Canada. Mr. Guy was touring Northern Manitoba as part of Canada's National Book Festival Author's Tour.

May

Tony German, established author, screenwriter, experienced Naval Officer and businessman, visited Flin Flon in May as part of the tour organized by Esther Ainsworth from the Pukatawagan Elementary School in Northern Manitoba. Mr. German held two sessions with the high school students at Hapnot Collegiate, explaining the long process of writing and sending in manuscripts, being rejected, and rewriting. Mr. German's story-telling began with his family; he began his writing career after his retirement from the Navy in 1966 when he was 50 years old. A great love and fascination with Canadian History creates the setting for most of his stories.

In the evening Mr. German held a reading at the Library - reading from his books "Tom Penny" and "A Breed Apart".

May

Phyllis Stadnick and Gretta Redahl attended the Public Library Services Spring Conference held at the Delta Inn in Winnipeg. Topics discussed were: "Performance Appraisals", facilitated by Enid Butler, Director of volunteers, Misericordia Hospital; "Here Today and Better Tomorrow : Technological Change and Libraries" by Gerry Meek, Chief Librarian, Thunder Bay Public Library; "Strategic Planning" by Colleen Warren, Chief Librarian, Bank of Nova Scotia; "Marketing" by Colleen Warren; "Employee Motivation" by Dr. Terry Jolly, Occupational Health Medical Officer, Federal Government; "Freedom of Information Act : Techniques and Tactics" by Ken Rubin, Information Broker & Community Activist; "Laws, Libraries, and Librarians" by Lois Bewley, Professor, School of Library, Archival and Information Studies, U.B.C.; "The Canadian Children's Book Centre Services" by Kathy Lowinger, Director, Canadian Children's Book Centre; "What's on the Horizon : Changing Education & Employment Structures" by Margaret MacLean, Chairman, Library and Information Studies, Lakehead University; "Current Trends in Canadian Children's Literature" by Kathy Lowinger.

ADULT EVENTS AND SEMINARS CONT.

September

The Northern Library two year meeting was held in Churchill. Of particular interest were the informational session on the Manitoba Library Trustees Association, the Technical Services and Resource Sharing Committee and the Public Library Advisory Board. Clyde MacTavish, Trustee, and Gretta Redahl were in attendance.

September

Jake MacDonald, journalist and fiction writer held an informal workshop on the effective use of dramatic techniques in writing fiction and non-fiction for the Flin Flon Writers Guild and those interested in writing. A public reading in the main library was held in the evening.

October

Dr. Terry Jolly's direct approach to the subject of aging and retirement and his humorous anecdotes were much appreciated, as Dr. Jolly captivated his audience during his seminar on "Philosophy and Tips for a Healthy Retirement". "The art of dying consists of dying young, but as late as possible" was Dr. Jolly's opening statement. He has the ability to liven up what might seem like a dull subject -- he's very entertaining -- the wisdom of what he is saying comes at you through the humour he uses when he speaks. Dr. Jolly was born and raised in Northern Ireland and came to Canada in 1960. He is now employed by the Federal Government as an occupational physician. He is also the president of Manitoba Physicians for Life and a member of numerous medical and religious related boards and councils.

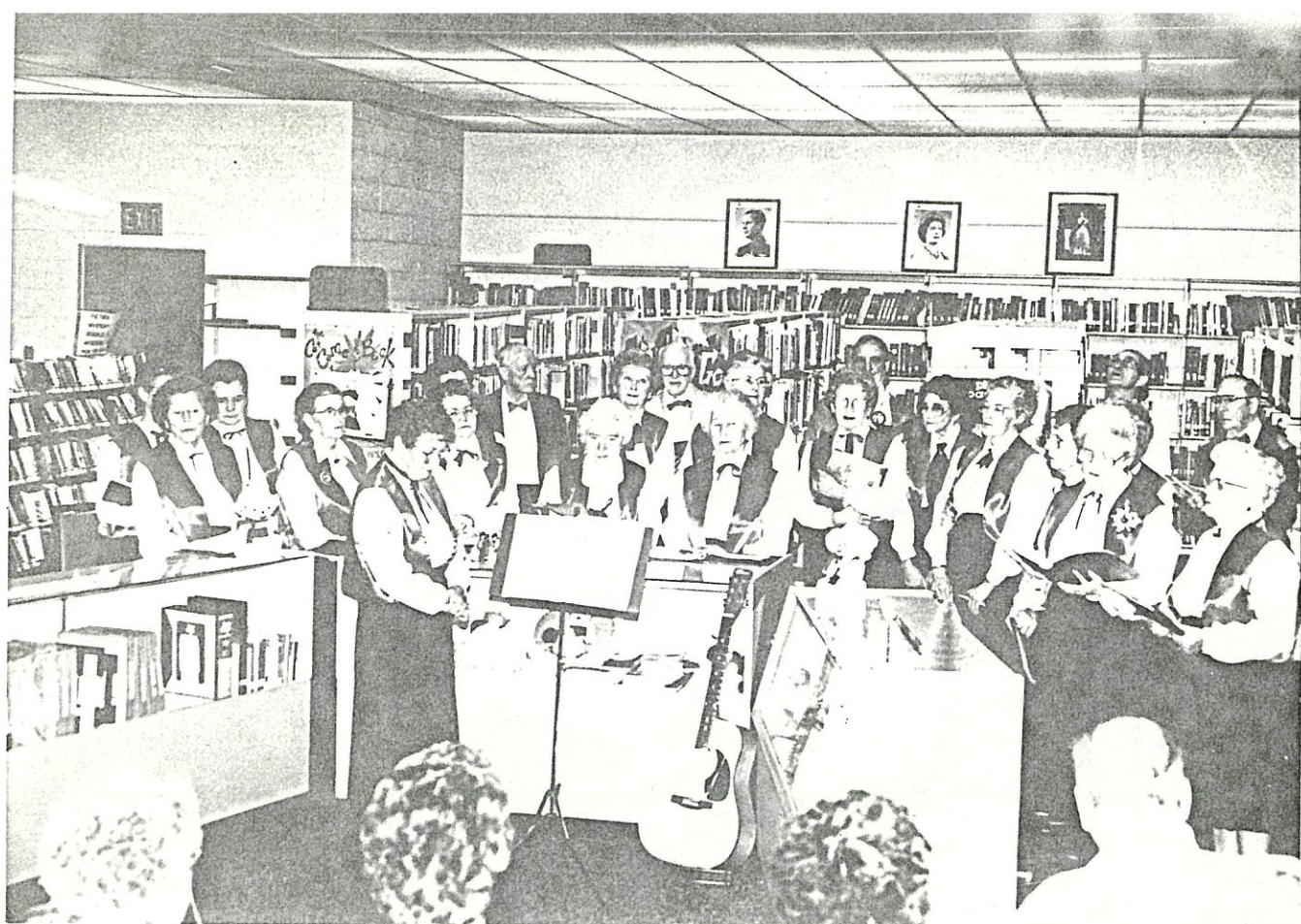
November

J. Michael Bomek, Barrister and Attorney at Law of Ginnell & Co. Law Firm of Flin Flon continued the Flin Flon Public Library Education Series Seminars with a very popular, well attended seminar on "Wills and Estates". The agenda topics were: "What's a Will?", "Who can make a Will?", "Distribution of your estate?", "Special consideration?", Advantages of Having A Will?", "Do I need a lawyer?", "Costs?".

The audience had many questions to ask, and the stimulating dialogue that followed was indeed a learning experience.

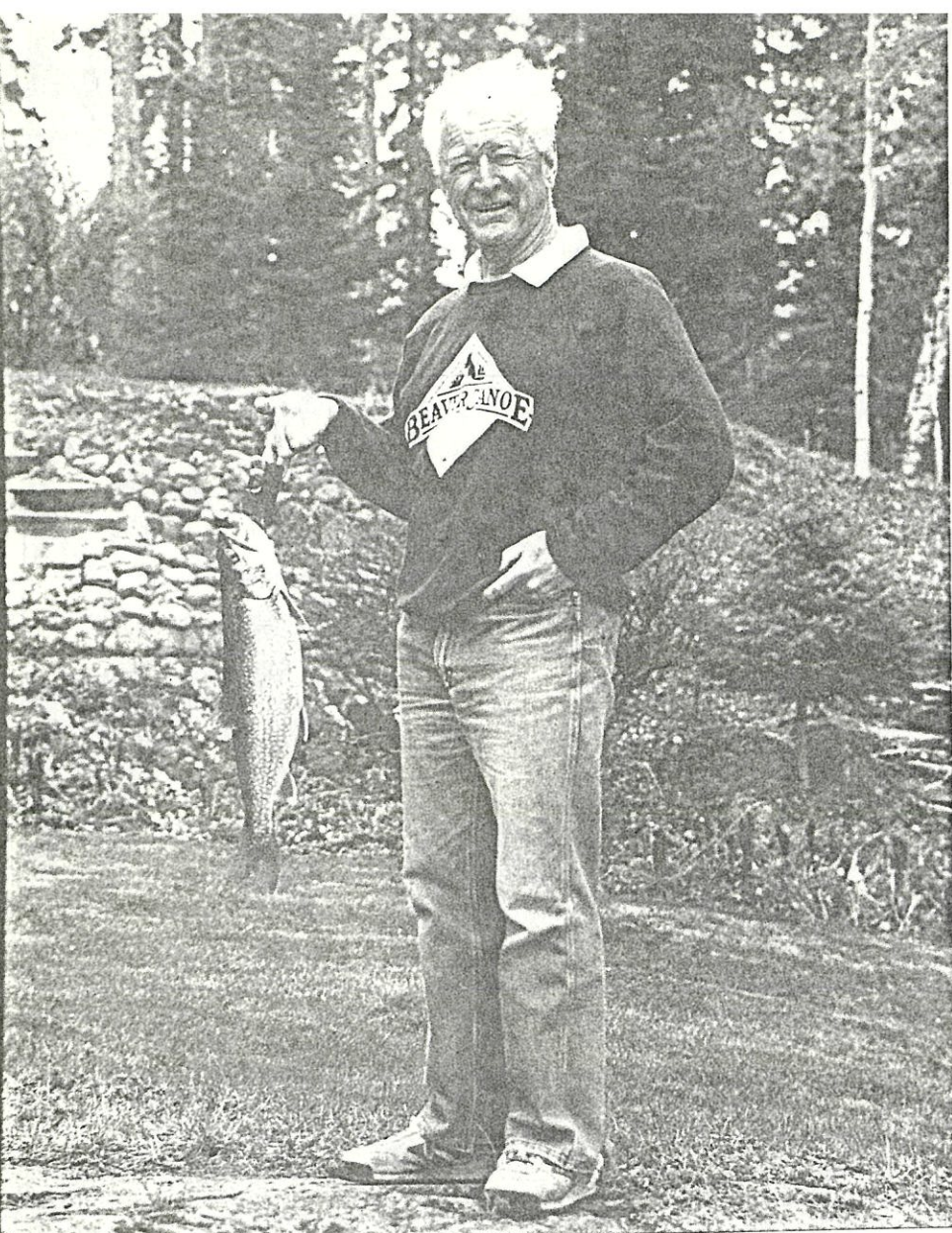
December

The annual Senior's Christmas Party and the Christmas book sale set a special mood for the Christmas spirit once again. We all enjoy this time together, to visit, to sing, and to share the Christmas goodies and refreshments that are donated by the staff for this occassion.

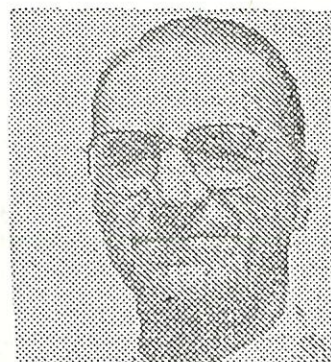


SENIOR CITIZENS'
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY





Tony German enjoying a few hours relaxation in the Flin Flon Area before his return flight to his home in Kingsmere, Old Chelsea, Quebec



Dr. Terry Jolly



Presentation of the Writers' Guild donation to the Library