

First Home And School Meet Held

BEZANSON — The first Home and School meeting of the season was held Thursday night at the school. Nominations of a new executive took place. Officers elected were: president, Lee Snider; vice-president, John Sarmaga; second vice-president, William Maxwell; secretary - treasurer, Mrs. Phyllis Thompson; social convenor, Mrs. Polly Patterson; program committee chairman, Mrs. Charlie Ford; publicity convenor, Mrs. Marie Ames; membership convenor, Mrs. Rose Ames. Among other things discussions were held regarding a shelter belt for the school grounds and a skating rink. Glenn Ames was asked to figure out the approximate cost of the proposed rink. Lunch was served by the teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Coffey and daughter, Ila of New Westminster, B.C. and Mrs. E. Inkman of Agassiz have been visiting with the Ames', the Fords and other relatives.

Donald McArthur of Grande Prairie is staying with his sister, Mrs. Bonnie McLaughlin and attending school here.

Ladies' 'Spiel Ends

BEZANSON (Correspondent) - Due to the very mild weather that greeted the ladies bonspiel over the weekend, it was decided that curling should take place during the night. As a result the ladies curled all Saturday night with the final games ending at noon on Sunday. So it was a group of bleary-eyed ladies that accepted their prizes from Betty Nellis of the prize committee.

Gladys Morrison's rink of Crooked Creek and Debolt took first prize in the first event. Her rink was made up of Gladys Morrison, skip; Grace Dana, third; Ruby Matlock, second and Jean Gunby, lead. Second prize went to Alberta McKee's rink. Third to the rink of Rose Ames. Fourth to the rink of Janet Woolsey.

In the Goodwill event the rink of Mavis Ames took first in a close, hard-fought final game. Other members of her team were Allie Ames, third; Joan Ford, second; and Verna Crowe, lead. Second prize went to Valerie Patterson's rink. Third to Betty Nellis' rink and fourth to Beattie Fells' rink.

The prize to the loser of the highest total score went to the rink of Mavis Ames. This was in a game against the rink of Janet Woolsey in which two extra ends had to be played. The crying towels went to the rink of Shirley Ford.

If there is any ice left the junior high and high school students will be holding their bonspiel this weekend.

Mrs. Alf Moon has returned from a lengthy stay in a hospital in Edmonton. We are pleased to report that she is feeling much better. At the present time Charlie Moon is in Edmonton for medical attention.

The dance held in the Bezanson hall last Friday night was well attended. It was sponsored by the 4-H Beef Club of Grande Prairie. The next dance in the Bezanson Hall will be March 19 sponsored by the Hall Committee.

Six Teachers Work At Bezanson School

BEZANSON (Correspondent)—The teachers of the Bezanson school are principal, W. J. Maxwell, vice - principal, Mrs. Norean Ford, Mrs. Billy Ford, Mrs. Marie Ames, Mrs. Sadie Saramaga, and Mrs. Marjorie Snider.

The bus drivers for the Bezanson school are Gordon Heasler, Mrs. Julia Thompson and Mrs. Rose Ames.

The bus driver from Bezanson to Sexsmith school (public) is Warren Starke. The bus driver from Bezanson to Grande Prairie High School, St. Joe's High School and Vocational School is Jack Laverich and the driver for East Kleskun to Bezanson is David Jobson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jurij Repetowski of Bezanson motored to Edmonton to visit with Mr. and Mrs. James Tebbutt and Mr.

and Mrs. Leon Repetowski. From Edmonton they went to Boyle, Alta., where they visited Mrs. Annie Kudreyneski and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Barranoik. From Boyle they went to Plamondon, Alta., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mishchuck, Mr. and Mrs. Kit Normington and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kamelchuck.

Mr. and Mrs. George Repetowski of Fort St. John have visited Mr. and Mrs. Jurij Repetowski of Bezanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Stemplowski of Grande Prairie were visiting relatives in Bezanson.

Victor Kaleschuck of Edmonton was visiting with relatives in Bezanson and Grande Prairie.

A new telephone line is being installed north of the Bezanson store. The line is under ground.

AT BEZANSON

Students Honored For Efforts

BEZANSON (Correspondent)—The sixth annual awards night at Bezanson school, sponsored by the community's home and school association, saw 24 students honored for academic achievements in the past year.

Winners include Ethel Stark and Karen Ford of grade five; Debbie Ames of grade six; Jim Ames, Ken Ames, Rena Berg, Valerie Berg, Donna Deiderich,

Wanda Ford and Keith Snider, all of grade eight.

Honorable mention students included Cheryl McNally, Eleanor Ford and Gayle Sarmaga, all of grade one; Brenda Dillabough, Curt Snider, Irene Ames and Barry Deiderich, all of grade two; Denise Stark of grade five; Jim Thompson and Shirley Snider of grade six; Terry Ann Robideau of grade seven, and

Dorothy Laverick, Gene Sarmaga and Laurence Thompson, all of grade eight.

Donna and Trudy Deiderich were cited for track and field achievements in the athletic section of the awards night, while Ken and Dennis Ford were noted for hockey achievements.

The championship team from Bezanson, which topped the county meet this year, included Gloria McNally, Dorothy Laverick, Rena Berg, Donna Deiderich, Valerie Berg, Wendy McNally, Bonny Ames, Danny Antonio, Russ Dillabough, Den-

nis Ford, Doug Gaboury, John Hawryluk, Bill Patterson, Don McNally, John Pinsch, Rod McLaughlin, Keith Snider, Laurence Thompson, Gerald Patterson, Tom Laverick, Gary Stark, Gene Sarmaga, Murray Thompson, Janice Thompson, Louise Ames, Laurie Coney and Danny Deiderich.

Mrs. Rose Ames, on behalf of the home and school, presented Laurence Thompson, president of the student union, with a scroll containing honor students' names.

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Drysdale Tops At Bezanson

BEZANSON (Staff) — The Ethel Drysdale rink of Clairmont defeated Bezanson's **Rose Ames** foursome 14-12 to capture first event honors in a 16 rink ladies district bonspiel here on the weekend.

Second event went to Jean Kimble of Bezanson who beat Dorothy LaForge of Clairmont 9-5.

Jean Diemert of Crooked Creek edged the Mavis Ames rink of Bezanson 6-5 to win the third event.

Next action at the Bezanson curling rink is the Men's open bonspiel which is slated for Feb. 20 and continues through the weekend.

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Regarding the noon-hour supervision of pupils by County school teachers, I am sick to death of this modern trend to do less and less for as much or more pay. And then we sit back and wonder why this world is in such a sorry mess. Well it has come to our own doorstep and the more-educated members of our society are setting a very poor example for the rest of the adults trying to make a living and for our youth. You name me one job that hasn't at least one disadvantage to it but the advantages make up for it. If the teachers would only be honest with themselves for one moment they would admit this. So, they don't get an hour off for dinner like most other people,

but then on the other hand, most other people don't get 2 1/2 months holidays, just to name one advantage.

When you choose teaching as a profession, you know what duties are involved and you go into this with your eyes open. So why complain now? I say, earn your money and count your blessings. If you find, though that teaching isn't the profession for you after all, or that you haven't the stamina to do your job as it should be done, then for heaven's sake get off the payroll and off the taxpayers' back.

MRS. ROSE AMES
Beahson

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Bezanson rink wins own spiel

BEZANSON — Bezanson rinks swept the first four positions in the first event in a ladies' bonspiel completed on the weekend.

Nancy McDonald of the host club defeated Helen Fenton to finish first. Beattie Fells was third and Rose Ames fourth.

Emily Schudlo of Sexsmith captured the second event over Diane Wilson of Grande

Prairie. Dawne Klassen of DeBolt was third and Carol Dorscheid of Crystal Creek fourth.

Elvina Grove of Grande Prairie won the third event defeating Evelyn Rycroft, also of the city. Louise Moody and Janet Woolsey, both of Bezanson, finished third and fourth.

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12 Cards of Thanks

WE WISH to thank our children Ken, Debbie & Tom, and all our relatives and friends, who each in their own way made our 25th wedding anniversary celebration such a happy and memorable occasion. Especially appreciated were the relatives from Ontario and B.C. and all the others who travelled many miles just for us.
Rose and Don Ames.

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wedding bells



Mr. and Mrs. John Buitenhuis (nee Debbie Ames) of Grande Prairie — photo by Michael O'Connor.

Couple united in St. Paul's church

A Grande Prairie man and woman exchanged sacred wedding promises in St. Paul's United Church in Grande Prairie May 19.

Debbie Rose, only daughter of Donald and Rose Ames of Bezanson, became the bride of John, son of Jan and Henry Buitenhuis of Kakabeka Falls, Ont.

Debbie's beauty radiated forth as she ascended the aisle on the arm of her father in step to The Wedding March.

Rev. Bob Wallace officiated at the afternoon double-ring candlelight ceremony. Debbie and John each held a small candle to bring light to a large candle to symbolize their union. Rev. Wallace asked the witnesses to be reminded of the sacred ceremony when they see candlelight.

The young couple exchanged rings to symbolize that they had been touched by each other's love.

As the wedding party signed the register, the organist played *You Light Up My Life*.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride was enchanting in an elegant empire waist gown of chiffon featuring sheer bishop sleeves with delicate lace trim and lace cuffs and a high-banded neck of matching lace. Her finger-tip length veil cascaded in layers to meet the semi-train of her dress.

To complete the ensemble, she carried a bouquet of yellow roses entwined with greenery and yellow ribbon.

Debbie's only jewellery was pearl earrings, a gift of the groom.

Maid-of-honor was Janet Crowe, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Irene Buitenhuis, sister of the groom and Kris Leslie, friend of the bride. The attendants wore empire waist dresses of flowered sheer over pastel yellow lining and carried bouquets of yellow roses and white carnations.

The mother of the bride wore a lovely green, full-length gown which was belted at the waist and topped with a corsage of yellow roses. The groom's mother also looked very nice in her ivory gown and sheer jacket which went well with the yellow roses of her corsage.

The groom chose a chocolate brown tuxedo with velvet lapels and a white shirt. Bestman Bert Buitenhuis, brother of the groom, and ushers Tom Ames, brother of the bride, and Ted Lynn, friend of the groom, all wore chocolate brown tuxedos with yellow shirts.

From the church, the wedding party stopped for photographs at the home of Olena Potrobenko, Debbie's maternal grandmother.

A reception followed at the Elk's Hall in Grande Prairie with Bert Buitenhuis as master of ceremonies. Eero Tuuttila, John's brother-in-law, said grace before the guests began their meal.

Mike Potrobenko, Debbie's uncle, proposed the toast to the bride — always "my little sweetheart", he said.

John replied by thanking Rose and Don for their lovely daughter. He also thanked the bridesmaids, the bestman, the ushers, the photographer and everyone who helped with the plans. John proudly presented a Cupid's bow and arrow to Margaret Thibault, a friend they have held "responsible" for introducing them.

John and Debbie cut the beautiful three-tier wedding cake which was baked by Debbie's mother and decorated by Myrt McLaughlin.

After John and Debbie opened their gifts, many more guests gathered at the dance, also in the Elk's Hall. Music was provided by the Swinging Doors.

Out-of-town guests were: Mike and Ruby Potrobenko, Don and Theresa, Port Alberni; Art and May Potrobenko, Reni and Ruben, and Ken Ames, Edmonton; Frank and Margaret Thibault, Mayerthorpe; Jan and Henry Buitenhuis, Anita Buitenhuis, Henrietta Buitenhuis, all of Kakabeka Falls, Ont.; Jenny and Eero Tuuttila, Irene Buitenhuis, Ed Breskelman, Linda Bakker and Sandra Dowswell, all of Thunder Bay, Ont.; Ted Lynn, Midland, Ont.; Pauline Gardy, Toronto; Kris Leslie, Bill and Jenny Rinsma, Peter Johnson, Rhea Vanderzwaag, and Dena Kamphof, all of Calgary, and several guests from Bezanson and surrounding districts.

The newlyweds spent their two-week honeymoon in Florida with a visit to the Bahamas.

They will reside in their new home in Grande Prairie.

Beefs and Bouquets

EQUALITY IS A CONCEPT that flies in the face of true Christianity, Jim Keegstra said at his Red Deer trial yesterday. He said Christianity teaches that God created each person a unique individual worthy of respect for what he does in society, no matter what his race or nationality. His theory is that a group of international Jews are conspiring to replace Christian civilization with a new set of values based on "impossible" equality. Our beef is that Keegstra obviously now seems determined to introduce religious scorn into his defence on a charge of wilfully promoting hatred against Jews. Religion has no connection with the issue. What next? White supremacy?

STOMPEDE FEVER IS about to break on Grande Prairie for the eighth straight year (seventh for the chili cookoff) and everything seems well in hand. A bouquet to Alex McDonald, his GP Western Shows board, all Stompers and people associated with the event in any way for their hard work. And the best of success this weekend!

SMOKER'S BEEF: No sooner did the government announce it was increasing the price of a pack of cigarettes than zippo! Less than 24 hours later it had happened in Grande Prairie, even on current stocks of smokes. Hats off from smokers to those dealers who had the moral fortitude to wait until fresh stocks arrived.

IT'S A GOOD THING the NHL playoffs could wrap up tonight. One gets tired of listening to CFRN's Rod Phillips go through a con-
nption fit just introducing the starting lineups (sponsored yet!) on his broadcasts (CJXX in the city).

THE COMMUNITY, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the local Telephone Pioneers, and not forgetting the media, have received a bouquet from Glenda Olson for helping promote and/or raise \$2,700 in the Mother's Day Carnation



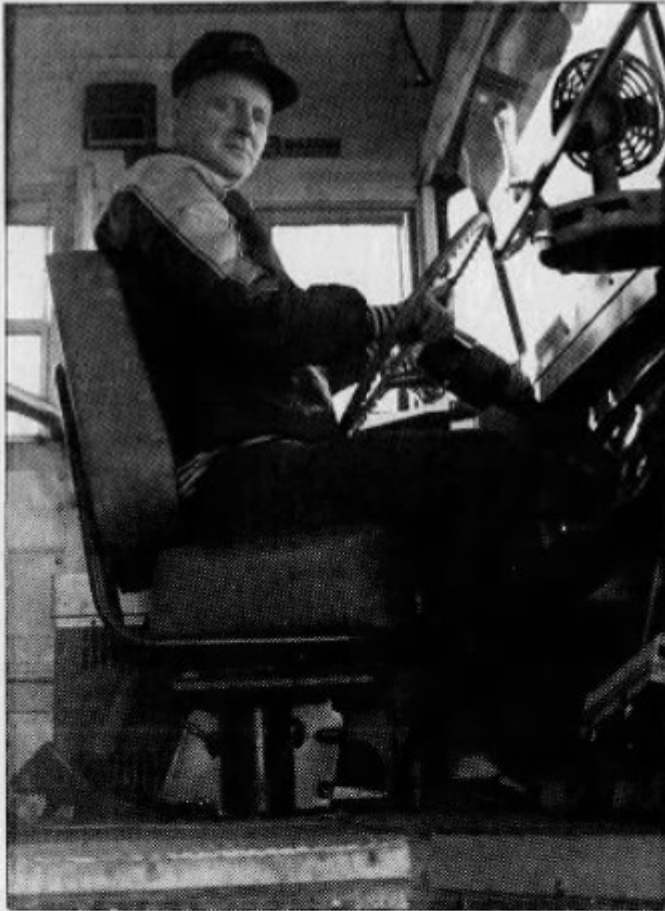
Day campaign for multiple sclerosis.

A BOUQUET AND A BEEF from **Rose Ames** of Bezanson: "A bouquet to the county and caretaker **Ralph Hosker** for beautiful Pipestone Creek Park. Too bad that some people can't stand to see beautiful things and must destroy." She speaks specifically of the Mother Goose nature trail and the destruction of the nursery rhyme characters that mark it. "I hope this will not be a deterrent for this novel idea," she scathingly writes. "The majority, I'm sure, approve it."

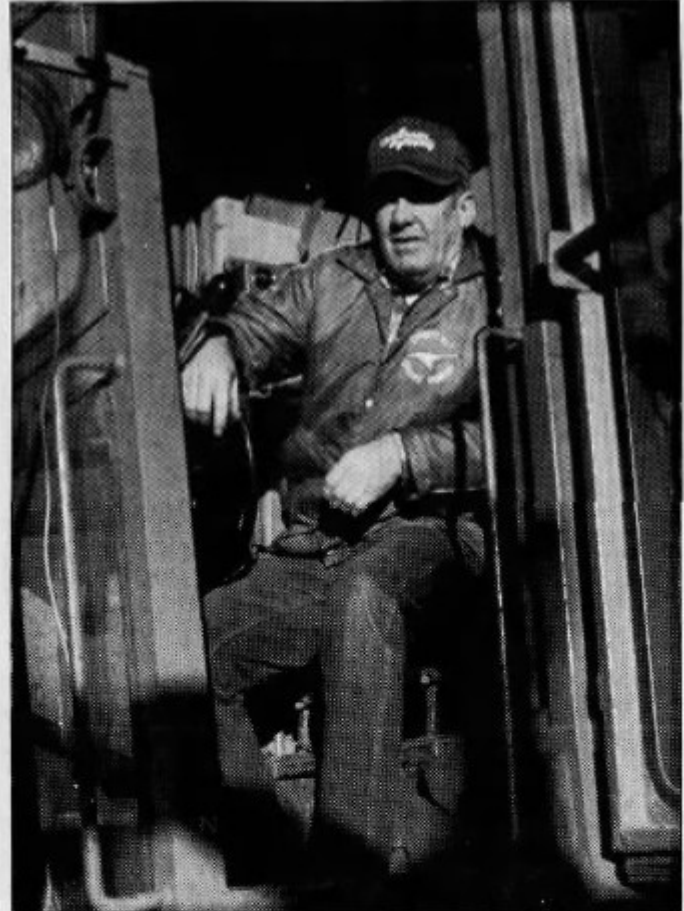
THICK FOG, RUSH HOUR, and heavy traffic combine for dangerous driving conditions. And yet with those three factors existing Wednesday morning, fully one-quarter of all vehicles travelling busy streets, some of which pass through school zones, failed to have their headlights turned on. It was not so much a matter of seeing as of being seen. It is a discourteous let alone a dangerous approach.

THE WEATHERMAN has come in for both beefs and bouquets this week — making some happy because they got rain; upsetting others because the precipitation skipped by them. After the Stompede ends (but before the Highland Games start June 8), a three-dayer would satisfy everyone.

Readers with suggestions for Beefs and Bouquets can drop a line to the Herald-Tribune. We'd like to have your name for any necessary elaboration or clarification.



Don Ames started on school bus in 1959.



Andy McNally had to grade very narrow roads.

Veteran bus drivers wrap it up

By LIZ REES

The two men have a combined total of 51 years of public service in the county that neither would change if they could do it all again.

Don Ames and Andy McNally recently received plaques on their retirement: Ames for his 29 years as a school bus driver, and McNally for his 22 years as a grader operator.

Ames began driving a school bus in Bezanson in 1959. "Our first born-started school that year—I figured it was a good way to get a school bus out there," he says with a reminiscent chuckle.

That was back in the days when the buses only held 15 kids—a far cry from the buses of today that hold 60 kids.

Ames said he can't take all the credit for the years of hard work; his wife Rose did a lot of the driving.

He said he still gets a lot of hellos from the people he used to drive to school. "We knew pretty well everybody on the routes. We ended up driving

the kids of some of the kids we started out driving."

For Andy McNally, the days were long—"sometimes up to 18 hours," and it took ambition to get up at 4 a.m. and clear roads for the early school buses.

He started driving a grader in 1966 when the wage was \$1.75 per hour, he recalls, and the dirt roads were very narrow.

"Sometimes you'd get stuck in a snowbank," laughs McNally. "You'd have to call a tow-truck or shovel yourself out."

"It wasn't until 10 years ago when they put radio phones in the graders. Before that you'd have to walk to a telephone if you happened to get stuck."

After all those years clearing snow, McNally says, he was rewarded with some mild winters. "The winters have been getting better. The last five years have not been nearly as severe."

Retirement hasn't sunk in yet, so the two don't know what road they will travel next. They say perhaps some leisurely travelling is in store. Right now, McNally's going to stay on his Bezanson farm and Ames at his Grande Prairie home.

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**Janet Merilda
(Ames) Hawkes, 78
formerly of Bezanson**

On Tuesday, December 24, 1991, Janet Merilda (Ames) Hawkes passed away suddenly in the hospital at North Bay, Ontario, at age 78.

She was born in Brookdale, Manitoba on July 30, 1913, first-born child of Wilfred Roy and Bella Ames. Her father, mother, and sister Berniece moved to the Bezanson area in 1919. After her mother's death on December 24, 1923, she and her siblings, Berniece, Robert, and Donald moved back to Manitoba to live with their maternal grandparents, Robert and Janet Gillespie of Douglas, before returning in 1930 to their father and his second wife, Beatrice Nichol, at Bezanson.

Janet graduated from the University Hospital in Edmonton in 1935. She worked at the Grande Prairie Municipal Hospital for two years before her marriage to George Hawkes in June, 1937. George was a mining engineer, graduate of the University of Alberta. They spent their working years in the gold mines in Northern Ontario until George's retirement in 1972. At that time they moved to North Bay, where they had lived ever since.

Janet will be remembered for her love of nature and people. In her latter years she was the kingpin in the production of the family tree books of the Gillespie and Ames families.

She leaves to mourn her beloved husband George; son John (Cecile) of Windsor, Ontario and their children: Michael and Glen; daughter Mary Ann Trussler of Toronto, Ontario and her children: Amy and Lamont; her sister Berniece Dorscheid of Grande Prairie; brothers: Robert (Marie) Ames of Bezanson, and Donald (Rose) Ames of Grande Prairie; also numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her mother Bella in 1923; her father Roy in 1968; and step-mother Beatrice in 1980.

Funeral service for the late Janet Hawkes was held at Emmanuel United Church, North Bay, Ontario.

Don Ames

70 Years Today, Nov. 30, 1993



"All my life I've waited for
these last five years.
Retirement - I love it - so
far it's brought no tears
When winter winds are blowin'
Arizona-Nevada, I'm not comin'
'Til my last rock is thrown
Curling ice maker hurry
with the showin'!"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
from the family



Olena Potrebenko, 85, of Grande Prairie

Olena Potrebenko, resident of Mackenzie Place, Grande Prairie, Alberta, and formerly of Woking, Alberta, passed away on Thursday, May 5, 1994.

She was born at in Pozhezhin, near Brest, in Belarus, formerly part of the U.S.S.R, on February 20, 1909.

She married Makar Potrebenko in 1927. They emigrated to Canada in 1928, and worked for farmers in the Lamont and Mundare districts of Al-

berta.

They took up a homestead in Woking, Alberta, in 1930. Surgery in February 1965 left her partially paralysed, so she had to leave her beloved farm.

She then lived in her own home in Grande Prairie for 11 years.

She then lived in Central Park Lodge for five years, and in October 1983 transferred to the Auxiliary Hospital.

When Mackenzie Place opened, she was one of the first patients to move there on April 28, 1986. She lived there until the time of her passing.

Olena is survived by her daughters: **Rose (Donald) Ames** of Grande Prairie, Helen (Earl) Scott of Burnaby, B.C.; sons: Mike (Ruby) of Port Alberni, B.C., and Arthur (Alice) of Mission, B.C.; eight grandchildren: Ken Ames, Debbie (John) Buitenhuis, Tom Ames, Joe (Betsy) Potrebenko, Teresa (Steve) Adam, Don Potrebenko, Reni Potrebenko, and Ruben Potrebenko; five great-grandchildren: Ryan, Angela and Lisa Buitenhuis, Jessica and Shane Adam; and many relatives in Russia.

She was predeceased by one son, Michael, in 1935; and many other relatives in Russia and the United States.

Even though her whole life was that of poverty, pain and at the end,

complete helplessness, she was a "survivor".

A private family funeral will be held by Olena's request.

After cremation, her ashes will be buried beside her son Michael, in the Greenway Cemetery, Rycroft, Alberta.

Arrangements by Oliver Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, Grande Prairie. Telephone 532-2929.

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Chivalry is not dead

In this world of greed and hate and man's inhumanity to man we found some special people. A young man, his wife and small child stopped to help a senior couple about 10 km west of Valleyview on the evening of Sunday, June 19. Fathers Day yet!

We were the senior couple in distress as the alternator in our pick-up decided to call it quits right there and then. The young couple that stopped to help us were from Valleyview. They shall remain anonymous so that everyone will not take advantage of their kind hearts. Instead of arriving at our home at 10 p.m., it was midnight but we and our rig were home safely.

Thanks to a "Good Samaritan". Their kindness was greatly appreciated.

May this life be good to them.

Rose Ames

YOU SAY^N

Government abandoning seniors

I feel for Kathy Doerkson, her father, Norman Moon and the rest of the families who have loved ones in long-term care at the hospital. I think it's time we got off our behinds and helped this family and the many others in similar situations by letting the powers-that-be know that we won't stand for this "no room at the inn" crap. Must we insult our pioneers this way?

Mackenzie Place opened on April 28, 1986 with all the pride and glory of a great accomplishment. Finally, we had a place for our people to live and die in dignity. Four units were built. One unit was never used for the purpose intended. Now only two units and one cluster are open. There are beds available as soon as somebody dies. Heaven forbid if we should open more clusters and there would be one or two beds empty for a day or two. So they are put into acute care at a much greater cost. And you don't get the care you deserve because you are in a place that wasn't meant for long-term care.

No one wants to spend their last days in Mackenzie Place but it

comes to that for many. Our alternatives are the Grande Prairie Care Centre, Valleyview or Hythe or home care. Home care itself costs a great deal having to build ramps, widen doorways, hospital beds etc. Has anyone figured out the cost of all this and what if this poor soul dies shortly after all things have been done? Do you have to take another patient who happens to have no family to help our medical system recoup their expenses?

The MLA's and MPs need to know how you feel. Open more beds and put in more staff but make the last days, weeks, months or even years more comfortable. More highways and recreation facilities will not help us when medical care is needed. Do you want to die with dignity in a place that was meant for you or do you want to be a burden to your family and more than likely leave them with a load of guilt because they couldn't spend enough time or do enough for you?

My Mother, Olena Potrebenko, spent the last 16 years of her life in long-term care. She was even happy some of the time in Mackenzie Place.

Rose Ames,
Grande Prairie

CANDY CANE LANE

Season's bright lights has GPer's glowing

LAURA TESTER
Herald-Tribune staff

Rose Ames likes to think she has a magic address.

She lives on Candy Cane Lane — the street that shimmers, shines and sparkles.

The long-time Christmas tradition in South Patterson has scores of motorists driving by each night to see the glimmering lights and holiday figures.

"It's just a humming," says Ames, a grandmother of three and one of the longest-ever participants on the block.

Ames and her husband Don don't mind having their home on display for all to see. In fact, it wouldn't seem like Christmas without it.

"You feel like you're doing something — like you're contributing something to the community."

On Nov. 30, the couple pulled out the handmade candy canes, Mr. and Mrs. Snowman, and Santa Claus and his reindeer. They grabbed their Christmas lights and off they went outside.

"It was so cold last year, everybody put it off," Rose said.

With less than three days to Christmas Day, there's more people heading out to the 70 Avenue and 95 Street area. A few days ago, a busload of senior citizens took a leisurely drive through.

That's what makes it all the worthwhile, say the couple. The cost of lighting up for a month is no bother.



Candy Cane lane is a Christmas tradition in Grande Prairie. Residents routinely flock to South Patterson to sneak a peek at the decorations.

Staff photo by Randy Vanderveen

"We're not putting ourselves out," Rose said. "We enjoy it. We go out and change bulbs when they burn out."

Candy Cane Lane is a volunteer effort that uses no financial assistance from the city. A few years ago, residents on the block got together

and constructed some Christmas figures in a garage.

Now some people are adding their own creations, including reindeer and messages like Jesus is the Reason for the Season. With the exception of only a couple of houses, the entire block is looking like a

rainbow of lightbulbs. Even surrounding houses are getting into the yearly custom.

Dean Person and his wife Charlene have been dressing up their home for about five years. They added a new handmade piece to the collection this season — Bambi.

"I try to get them up while it's still warm out," Dean said. "On the first weekend in December, people are driving by."

Their satisfaction is bringing a smile to someone's face, especially to a senior or child.

Some passersby may have also

Where to go?



Candy Cane Lane is located in the South Patterson neighborhood along 70 Avenue and 95 Street.

chuckled three years ago when they spotted Audrey Arias' display.

"Santa Claus was on top of the roof and then we lit the fireplace," she said. "People were telling us that Santa Claus was burning. He hasn't been there since."

She too enjoys seeing the senior citizen bus tour. In her front yard are snowmen, wooden candy canes in the tree, and a plastic Santa Claus in the entrance way.

"This year, there hasn't been enough snow to display everything. We have more," Arias said. "To us, it's worth the cost. It's great to see the people with little kids come by — it's part of Christmas."

Jim Lanigan set up an angel, candles, and other holiday symbols outside his home. On some nights, he says, it's been bumper-to-bumper traffic.

"It's good every year," he said. "As in every area, houses change hands and they do what they want to do (for displays)."

He also believes Candy Cane Lane adds some sparkle and life during the Yuletide season.

"I would say, definitely it's worth it," Lanigan said. "People enjoy looking at it, especially the kids."

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Archie Potrebenko, 56, of Lake Erroch, B.C.

Arthur (Archie) Potrebenko passed away suddenly on April 17, 1998 at his home in Lake Erroch, B.C., at the age of 56 years. He was born on March 24, 1942 on the homestead at Woking, Alta.



Archie got his education at Woking, Rycroft, NAIT and the U of A.

He worked on the family farm and also as a surveyor in many places, including the Alberta Resources Railway out of Hinton.

He spent many years as a math and science teacher in Edmonton; water hauling was his last job.

Archie is warmly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Reni and Ruben of Edmonton; former wife, Mary of Edmonton; sister, Rose (Don) Ames of Grande Prairie; brother, Mike (Ruby) of Port Alberni, B.C.; sister, Helen (Earl Scott) of Burnaby, B.C.; long time partner and friend, Alice Starr of Mission, B.C.

He was most recently predeceased by his mother Olena in 1994.

With heartfelt songs and many laughs Archie brought joy to all he met throughout his life.

Cremation has taken place. A private family service was held in Burnaby, B.C., on Friday, April 24, 1998.

Program helps to treasure photos

At the Beaverlodge Library, a useful course, entitled "Memory Albums", is now being offered.

It's a hands-on type course, which deals with the handling and saving of pictures which helps people get their pictures into a more organized and unique format.

Representatives from the "Crafts & More" store of Grande Prairie do the instructing. This useful course is to take place the afternoon of Feb. 27 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Also, at time of writing, there were still a few spaces left in the interesting course on genealogy that is being offered March 20 in the library. Anyone interested in registering for the useful picture course, (\$35/each) or with further questions, on either course, can give the library a call at 354-2569.

Last Saturday, senior citizens from all over the Peace area, including some from Peace River, Dawson Creek, Bonanza, Lake Saskatoon, Silver Valley, Bezanson, Grande Prairie, Valleyview, Wembley, and Beaverlodge, (22 teams in total), joined together for annual Seniors Tournament of Hearts in Lossing Centre.

Taking the championship event was the team of Don Ames, Don

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Matlock, Lillian Rieu and Anita Haight, with the team of Bert Hill, Rose Ames, Lloyd Nergaard, and Elmer Beford taking second. The team of Paul Ashe, Johnny Franks, Anne Belfort and Jean McCarther was third. Taking the four-ender was the team of Marie Close, Ruby Langhoffer, Monica Trudeau and Leona Matlock with good sported seniors Lois Spore, Andy Scarrow, Addie Whittler, Jean Reuekert, and Sten Brelant receiving the booby prizes. Thank-you to all for helping make the tournament a complete success.

On the evening of Feb. 11, the usual good time was had by all as 27 card players took in the monthly cribbage party. Taking first with a low of 17 points was Isabel Clease followed by Glenys Young in second with 23 points, and Vera Hartman, third with 28 points. Thank-you to all in attendance.

Another such evening is to take place Feb. 25 with the game to be Military Whist. Any whist players, interested (\$4/member/\$3/non-member) plan to attend.

Youths tested their speaking talent Feb. 15 as the Beaverlodge 4-H Beef club held their club levels in public speaking with the assistance of judges Bernice Toews, Bea Anderson, Gwen Drabble, Michael Plumridge, Barb Dixon and Bryon Sawchuck. Out of a total of 28 participants top speakers were the following: a) Seniors 1st-Roxanne Lieverse (speech entitled Who Are They?), 2nd-Loretta Lieverse- (The Jury Around Us) b) Juniors 1st-Jody Lieverse (Restricted), 2nd-Mandy Lieverse (Two Wrongs Don't Make A Right). Top place speakers earned themselves the right to carry on to district finals taking place March 28 at the Grande Prairie College. Congratulations to each. Thank-you to the judges, and all in attendance.

In the Leaders Of Tomorrow, a new program designed to help recognize youth involvement in our community, not too much interest has been shown thus far. People with a youth (13-15 and 16-18 yrs.), who they believe would be a

good recipient of the \$100 cash for putting their spare time to good use volunteering, should get their nominations in soon as the deadline is March 1. Anyone with further questions can call the Volunteer Services Bureau at 538-2727.

On Feb. 24, the health council is holding a meeting which is to give the public a chance to provide suggestions and comments regarding the many services such as Healthy Aging-Acute Care services and Acute Geriatric services. It's to take place in the SMEDA building at 10 a.m. sharp. Anyone interested, plan to attend. Anyone with further questions, can give representatives a call at 354-2204 (Betty) or 354-2434 (Ray).

Weather conditions were not bad, enabling a good number of friends and relations to pay their last respects to the late Isabel Perry, sister of renowned Peace artist Euphemia McNaught, last Saturday. Thank-you to the I.O.D.E., the Anglican Church Women for preparing the after team, along with all others who took time to pay last respects to a lady who in her 99 years had to have touched the lives of everyone in some good way.

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Berniece (Ames) Dorscheid 85, of Grande Prairie



Berniece (Ames) Dorscheid passed away on Saturday, March 24, 2001 at the age of 85 years.

Berniece was born near Brookdale, Manitoba on April 1, 1915. At an early age she came with her parents to the Bezanson district.

In 1932 she was married to John (Jack) Dorscheid. From this marriage two sons were born. She resided on the farm at Glen Leslie until 1989 at which time she moved to Heritage Lodge.

Berniece is survived by her children; Larry (Rita), Jerry (Violet) Dorscheid of Glen Leslie and Myrtle (Kay) Innis of Leduc, seven grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, one brother Don (Rose) Ames, three sisters-in-law; Marie Ames, Velma (Vee) Dorscheid and Louella Johnson.

She was predeceased by her husband Jack in 1973, grandson Terry Werner, sister Janet Hawkes, brother Robert Ames, two sisters-in-law and five brothers-in-law.

Memorial service will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. from Oliver's Grande Prairie Funeral Chapel (10005-107 Ave.) Grande Prairie with Rev. Vern Begalke officiating.

Interment of ashes at a later date at Glen Leslie Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Charity Of Ones Choice..

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The Families of
**Don & Rose Ames &
Buster & Polly Patterson**

invite family & friends to help celebrate their
50th Wedding Anniversary

on Saturday, November 3/01
from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

at the Grande Prairie Golden Age Center.

Dance from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

Music by Lamplighters. No gifts please.



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Don Ames, Max Lorenz and Henry Siebert share a laugh as they wait for floor curling to begin Wednesday during Seniors Week. Staff photo by Randy Vanderveen

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