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DEATH

MRS. ROBERTA CONEY

Funeral services were held this week for Mrs. Roberta Coney of Bezanson and Grande Prairie who died Jan. 13 at the age of 49.

Rev. D. Waite officiated at St. Paul's United Church in

Grande Prairie.

Mrs. Coney is survived by her husband Edward of Grande Prairie, sons Keith of Bezanson, Ricky of Grande Prairie and Brian of Bezanson; daughters Mrs. E. (Marjory) Robideau of Grande Prairie, Mrs. Ray (Jean) Robideau and Mrs. L. (Faye) Gaboury, both of Bezanson; her mother, Mrs. Stearn of Clairmont; sisters Mrs. L. (June) Koyalic of Bezanson, Mrs. C. (Cherry) Louden and Mrs. W. (Elsie) Adams, both of Edmonton, and Mrs. Joyce Schmidt of Calgary, and 18 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were sons Keith, Rick and Brian, and sons-in-law E. Robideau, Ray Robideau and L. Gaboury. Interment was in

Glen Leslie cemetery.



JAPANESE CHILDREN IN GROVE

Picture In Orange Box Leads To Unusual Japanese Friend

BEZANSON (Staff) - Sherman Robideau of Bezanson has acquired a most unusual penpal.

And even more unusual is the story behind it.

Last Christmas when Saerman's mother, Mrs. Ray Robideau opened a box of Japanese Mandarine oranges, she found a snapshot.

It showed four smiling Japanese children in an orange' grove.

On the back of the picture was written;

"Dear friend - thank you for

taking delivery of a box of oranges, which were produced by exhausting our energy. Please tast with relish completely. Best wishes to you. Sincerely, Yoshiyuki Watanabe."

There was an address -Shobu, Hojo, Ehime Prefecture, Japan.

Sherman, 12, decided to reply to the address, informing Mr. Watanabe his family had indeed tasted the oranges with relish.

GOT ANSWER This month an answer was received from Mr. Watanbe, although a post script on the letter indicates it was written by Uitaka Watanabe, his nephew.

The letter follows:

"I was much surpised and happy to receive a letter from you. Your letter arrive at my house March 15, 1966 and was dated in December. Does it really take so long for a letter to reach Japan from Canada. I am awful sorry I didn't get this letter written any sooner.

"I have a son and a daughter. His name is Hiroshi and her name is Mari. Hiroshi is in the second grade and Mari goes to infant school, Hiroshi is fond of fishing so he go and fish to the river and has much game. Mari play at keeping house with a doll,

"Our village is a quiet one. We grow orange and rice. The orange is called Iyo-Mikan. Iyo-Mikan is quite nice fruits, isn't it? Iyo is old name of Ehime. If you understand Japanese, I will write in Japanese from next time."

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Graber rink first at DeBolt

DeBOLT

Dennis Graber of Valleyview defeated Marv Moore of DeBolt 6-2 last night to win the annual DeBolt men's curling spiel and the York Hotel-DeBolt Hotel trophy.

Twenty-eight rinks took part in the round-the-clock curling that started at 4 p.m.

Friday.

Howard Schwindt of Grande Prairie and Bob Tait, also of the city, finished third and fourth in the first event.

Henry Matoga of Grande Prairie won the second event with an 11-7 win over Dale Stokke of DeBolt. Ken Rice of Grande Prairie was third and Sterling Smith of Clairmont fourth.

Ray Robideau of Bezanson took the third event, with a 10-4 win over Gord McEwan of Grande Prairie. Wayne Bowman of DeBolt was third and Bill Bailey of Valleyview fourth.

AMES — Mrs. Thelma Louise Ames passed away on October 4, 1973 at the age of 75 years.

Mrs. Ames was born at Graham Minnesota, and has been a resident of Bezanson for the past 57 years. She leaves to mourn her passing two sons: Glenn and Irving, Bezanson, one daughter, Mrs. Tom (Veryl) McEwan, Grande Prairie, 10 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, 3 sisters, Mrs. Stella Nellis Bezanson, Mrs. Hattie McFadzen, Bezanson, Mrs. Mabel Hunter, Bezanson, 2 brothers, Ray Robideau and Alex Robideau of Grande Prairie, she was predeceased by her husband George in May of 1966. Funeral services were held October 6 at 2 p.m. from the Oliver Funeral Chapel with Rev. D. Waite of ficiating, interment followed in the Glen Leslie Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Murray McEwen, Gordon McEwen, Alvin McEwen, Lenard Ames, John Perkins and Wade Steinke.

Funeral arrangements were by the Oliver Funeral Home

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Mixed spiel underway

The annual closing mixed curling bonspiel starts tonight and will run nightly through until Friday.

A total of 32 rinks are entered. Here is the opening

draw:

6:30 p.m. — Sinclair vs. B.
Boyd. Paziuk vs. Talbot.
Clarke vs. Ray Robideau
Hennigar vs. C. Turner.
Knoblauch vs. Ron Wolbeck.
Olson vs. Sutherland.

8:30 p.m. — Merlo vs. Johnson. Armstrong vs. Kalmbach. Brown vs. Quinn. Lowe vs. Ireland. Gorman vs. Listoe.

10:30 p.m. — Hurst vs.
Norman Drysdale. Gemmell vs. Ron Bisgrove.
Pennson vs. B. Horte.
Stenberg vs. Larry
Drysdale. Reg Sallows vs.
B. Dunne.

Curling league ready

The 36-rink city commercial curling league launches the first winter activity of the season in Grande Prairie tomorrow.

Three draws — at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. — precede the annual ski show by several hours. And no hockey has yet been played in the Memorial Arena.

There are more than 900 curlers in all leagues operating in Grande Prairie this season. This is about 100 more than the 1973-74 season.

"We could handle more except for the limitations of the facility we now have," a club spokesman said. The rink has six sheets. There is a proposal for a new curling rink, with up to 16 sheets, but

agreement on a suitable site for it has not been reached to this point.

Meanwhile, it was announced that locker rentals at the rink this season will be \$8 each on a first come-first served basis. Cheques should be mailed to Wes Brooks at 9522-87 Ave. Curlers with equipment left in lockers from last season should make immediate arrangements to remove it.

The commercial league draw tomorrow:

12 noon — 1. GP Denture Clinic vs GP Agencies. 2. Rimrock Homes vs. Lorne Nelson. 3. IDB vs Atlantic Richfield. 4, Solheim and Haugen vs York Hotel, 5. Betty Sinclair vs Alberta Wheat Pool, 6. Bank of Nova Scotia vs Dave Grant.

2 p.m. — 1. Peace Country Snack Foods vs Art Wiebe, 2. Northern Bottling vs. Alberta Motor Assoc., 3. Pat's Auto Supply vs. Rene Knoblock, 4. Don Shygera vs. Wm. Shannon and Sons, 5. Waterous Diesel vs. Consolidated Concrete, 6. S.M. Ross vs. McCollough Developments.

4 p.m. — 1. Wapiti Cold Storage vs. Rose Sinclair, 2. Dan's Construction vs. Doug Thornton, 3. Modern Carpetland vs. Ray Robideau, 4. Twin Pines Motel vs. Dick Moore, 5. Cutbank Trucking vs. Marcel Joberty, 6. Prairie Computing vs. Plaza Laundramat.

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Commercial league bonspiel set to go

The Grande Prairie commercial curling league takes over the city rink this weekend, starting tomorrow night, for its annual bonspiel.

There are 34 rinks in the event, which ends Sunday with final draws going at 3 p.m. There is a banquet at the rink at 7:30 p.m. Saturday night.

Here are the opening draws for tomorrow:

6 p.m. Ray Robideau vs. AMA, 2. Rimrock Homes vs. Waterous GM, 3. Costello Equipment vs. Rose Sinclair, 4. IDB vs. GP Agencies, 5. Lawrence Johns vs. Peace Country Snack Foods.

8 p.m.

- McCullough Developments vs. Modern Carpetland,
- Lorne Nelson vs. Cutbank Trucking, 3. Wm. Shannon and Sons vs. Alberta Wheat Pool,
 Doug Thorton vs. Don Shygera, 5. Art Wiebe vs.

Borstad Welding, 6. S.M. Ross vs. Atlantic Richfield.

10 p.m.

1. Dick Moore vs. Pat's Auto Supply, 2. Prairie Computing vs. Wapiti Cold Storage, 3. Dan's Construction vs. Marcel Joberty, 4. Scotia Bank vs. Northern Bottling, 5. GP Denture Clinic vs. Consolidated Concrete, 6. Dave Grant vs. Solheim and Haugen.

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Second event - Skip Al Graham, third Jim Sorensen, second Doug Tosczak, lead Chuck Friedel.



Third event — Skip Ray Robideau, third Doug Clarkson, second Rick Coney, lead Jim Clarkson.

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WENDESDAY, APRIL 2, 1975

GP men's spiel open for the taking

Defending champion Al Delmage of the Northwest Territories won't be back to try and make it two in a row in the 56th annual Grande Prairie men's open curling bonspiel which tomorrow night.

Delmage won the first-event championship a year ago defeating Grande Prairie's Al Graham 7-6 in the final.

Graham will be around looking for another berth in the final but only two other 1974 winners will be back.

Second-event winner Ted Barker of the city and fifthevent champion Ken Hamilton of Grande Prairie will be looking to repeat last year's performance or improve on it.

Not entered this year, or playing under a different name, are third-event winner Art Wiebe who has left the city and fourth-event champion Ed Welsh of Grande Prairie.

In his opening draw Graham has been pitted against Randy Maxwell of Bear Canyon Friday at 10:30 a.m. while in their first games, Barker will meet Ray Robideau tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. and Hamilton takes on Charles Telford at 8 a.m. Friday.

Again this year a total of 64 rinks are entered in the fiveday affair which ends Monday night.

FIVE BIG EVENTS

competing for more than Kelly Shannon. Ted Barker vs. \$3,400 in prizes in the five Ray Robideau.

The events are sponsored by Marcel Joberty. Lee's Sheet Independent Agents, The Herald-Tribune, John Grotkowski. Bill Lit-Modern Paint and Home tleton vs. Miles Marcy. Furnishings and Brown Charles Turner vs. Gerald Brothers. Special prizes are Willis (Beaverlodge). Keith's sponsored by Dyer Tire and Small Engine vs. Gary Grande Prairie Credit Union. Morken.

Friday at 9 p.m., the curlers will break for a social and dance at the rink while on Ltd. vs. Doug Thornton. Ken Saturday a banquet goes at the Elks' Hall beginning at 6 p.m. Following the banquet a calcutta will be held in the rink.

The awards will be presented following Monday's final draw which starts at 8:30 p.m.

Here is the draw:

THURSDAY

6 p.m. - Al Anderson vs. Sam Tissington. Costello Equipment vs. Bill Francis. Shannon and Sons (Sexsmith) vs. Alex Hurst. Al Lakusta vs. Herb Griffiths (Sexsmith). Charlie Friedel vs. Granco Real Estate, Russ Onushko vs. Mel Peters.

8:30 p.m. - Larry Plishka vs. Dyrald Rappell. Lee Merlo vs. Ralph Plested. Dan's Construction vs. Reg Sallows.

Doug Stenburg vs. Gateway The 256 curlers will be Optical Lawrence Johns vs.

> 11 p.m. - Bert Delaney vs. Rentco Metal, Equipment VS. Gordon Insurance Scarlett. Tom Osborne vs.

FRIDAY

8 a.m. - Prairie Computing Hamilton vs. Charles Telford. Gary Mates vs. Vic Krupka. Arnie Jacobson (Wanham) vs. CKYL (Peace River). Dennis Haugli vs. Shannon Doyle. J.B. Insurance vs. Laurie Savill.

10:30 a.m. - Al Graham vs. Randy Maxwell (Bear Canyon). George Wiens vs. Bill Scammell, Harry Schudlo (Sexsmith) vs. Carl Gilmore (Fort St. John). Stu Miller vs. Al Bablitz (Spirit River). Joe Storcer vs. D. Johnson (Dawson Creek). Bob Doerkson Borstad VS. Welding.

1 p.m. - Bill Dunne vs. Wayne Grant (Chetwynd), Archie Shannon (Chetwynd) Beaver Transport VS. (Beaverlodge).

Fenton wins Bezanson spiel

BEZANSON — Helen Fenton of the host Bezanson Curling Club defeated Evelyn Rycroft of Grande Prairie to capture the first event in the ladies' bonspiel last weekend.

The competition started at the Bezanson rink, but warm weather forced it to relocate to the artificial surfaces at DeBolt.

Marie Wilburn of the city

finished third in the first event with Agatha Vavrek of Sexsmith fourth.

Nancy McDonald of Grande
Prairie beat Carol Dorscheid,
also of the city, in the second
event. Rose Ames of Bezanson
was third: Jean Robideau of
the city was fourth.

Bea Fells of the host club dumped Alvina Grove of Grande Prairie in the thirdevent final. Doreen Boyd of the city was third and Wanda Johnson of Wembley was fourth.

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Home rinks take top awards

By JIM WOODS of our staff

Home rinks took top spots in two South Peace women's curling bonspiels over the weekend, with visiting teams placing highly in one and being non-existent in the other. In Wanham, the Allison Sather foursome took the grand challenge. Other members of the rink were second Tara Goote, third Laverne Sather and lead Sandy Bennett.

The Sather rink was followed by Lynn Muehrer of Woking, Wendy Sather and

Betty Young.

The Woking rink of Phyllis Hessler won the second event, followed by Valerie Watt of Rycroft, Darlene Murray of Wanham and Yoland Rouleau of Eaglesham.

Spirit River was represented in the third event as Ruth Kozabeck lead her rink to the top position, followed by Grace Sather, Alice Hall and Peggy Sather, all of Wanham.

In DeBolt, Fay Gaboury skipped her foursome to top spot in the first event. Other members of the rink were Sandy Johnson, Canol Joberty and Jean Robideau.

Isobel Lenes took second place, Fran Morovic third and

Jean Gunby fourth.

Jean Pushor took first in the second event, with Joan McCoy, Linda Sutley and Darlene Owen completing the rink. Second in the event was Terri Matlock, with Hilda Bisgrove third and Dawn Klassens fourth.

Pat Kimble led her rink of Marg Hennigar, Leona Silvaniuk and Gwyn Sedchuk to first place in the third event, followed by Heather Moore, Emy Halterman and Louise Penner.

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Robideau takes county

WEMBLEY Ray Robideau skipped his rink to first place in the first event of the annual County of Grande Prairie bonspiel here yesterday.

The Robideau foursome was followed in the first event by Chester Sorgaard. Ted Balderston and Eleanor

Harrison.

Grant Boyd took first place in the second event, followed by Ted Meen, Jim Murphy and Bob Jingles.

Don Ames captured first place in the third event, with Mary Sutherland placing second, Alvin Nordhagen third and Ron Pfau fourth.

Joberty's long wait ends

By GARY HICKLING of our staff

"It's been a long time," said skip Marcel Joberty after winning the final game to take first place in the Grande Prairie commercial curling league spiel yesterday.

The Joberty rink of third Sandy Johnson, second Ted Balderston, and lead Lyle Molyneaux battled their way along the "A" event of the 36rink spiel to win the Pat's Auto

Supply trophy.

Joberty last won the title "in
1967 or 1968" and has been a
contender for the past few

years.

This year he went right to the top, bumping Harold Palmer's AMA rink out in the semi-finals and then dumping George Wiens 7-1 after six ends in the finals. Wiens took care of Art Currie in the semi-finals but had difficulties with Joberty.

Skip Ron Wolbeck led his rink of third Bob Tait, second Bill McLandress, and lead Dona Wolbeck to the "B" championships and the Steel Industries trophy.

Wolbeck erupted with four points in the fourth end and six in the seventh to force Howard Moeller to concede after seven ends, down 12-4.

Wolbeck downed skip Des Brown's Solheim & Haugen rink to gain a berth in the finals while Moeller knocked out Ray Robideau in the semis.

TIGHTER GAME

The "C" event differed from the rest with both teams running neck and neck in the final game. Although skip Wade Webb's Prairie Computing rink forced an extra end with two in the eighth end, the Nelson Distributor rink bounced back to tally one in the extra end to win the Tom Funnell trophy 6-5.

Skip Lorne Nelson, third Lawrence Johns, second Bob Nelson, and lead Ritchie Nelson downed Nelson Homes to move into the finals while Prairie Computing whipped Chester Stretch.

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Commercial curlers start bonspieling

Thirty two rinks start play tonight in the Grande Prairie commercial curling league bonspiel.

Tonight at 7 p.m. 16 rinks hit the ice for the first draw of the bonspiel. Prairie Computing is pitted against Ritchie Nelson, Dick Moore meets Mike Kaufman, Solheim & Haugen goes against Charlie Friedel, Trumpeter Pontiac meets Jim Dirom, Hi-Low Concrete meets Northern Metallic, Pat Donahue meets Spot Realty, Cutbank Trucking meets Pat's Auto Supply and F.B.D.B. goes against G.P. Music.

The second draw gets underway at 9 p.m. with Peter Biegel against Joe Storcer, Ray Robideau against Grant Boyd, ManuLife against Marcel Joberty, Granco Real Estate against G.P. Music.

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Playdowns will go every evening up to Friday with the finals slated for 9 p.m. A banquet and dance is Friday

night.

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Kimble back to defend women's bonspiel crown

By JERRY SKOWRONSKI of our staff

The Grande Prairie Ladies' Curling Club annual bonspiel gets underway tomorrow and last year's winning rink is again entered.

Pat Kimble rink will attempt to take home the top spot although there have been a couple of changes to her rink.

She faces competition from 11 other rinks, all rated a shot at the title — Rita Boyer, Pat Kimble, Onagh Currie, Shirley Buckler, Betty Fenton, Audrey Hennig, Judy Morgan, Della Thorpe, Lucy Klatchuk, Marg Johns, Gwen Turner and Betty Sinclair.

There will be a social Friday at 8 p.m. The banquet gets underway Saturday at 7 p.m. going to 9 p.m. The Swinging Doors will perform at the dance following the banquet.

Spot Realty will sponsor a

prize for the best costume. Prizes will be awarded to runners-up.

Here is the opening: THURSDAY 7 P.M.

Rita Boyer vs Judy Morgan,
Dawson Creek; Dorothy
Henderson, Hythe vs Velma
Edgecombe; Dorothy
Sawchuk, Beaverlodge vs
Audrey Hennig; Olga Rotar,
Sexsmith vs Alvina Grove;
Della Thorpe vs Lucy Partington, Sexsmith; Lucille
Driver vs Lucy Klatchuk;
Joyce Hawkes vs Shirley
Mates; Ethel Drysdale,
Sexsmith vs Helene Stretch;

THURSDAY 9:15 P.M.

Pat Kimble vs Lucy Lucuk; Helen Ellis vs Dona Wolbeck; Maxine Olson vs. Marion Braumburger, Sexsmith; Joyce Remple vs Betty Sinclair; Shirley Buckler vs Bev Dunne; Miriam Detwiler vs Peggy Johnson; Evelyn Feil vs Bev Walker; Rose Sinclair vs Ann McDougall;

FRIDAY 8 A.M.

Betty Fenton, Edmonton vs
Debbie Tollefson; Marg Johns
vs Susan Balderson, Sexsmith; Vi Miller vs Bonnie
Couturier; Maxine Johnson vs
Jean Hagglund; Gwen Alstad,
Wembley vs Diane Wilson;
Jean Robideau vs Agatha
Vavrek, Sexsmith; Agnes
Hodges vs Audrey Martin;
Gwen Turner vs Trudy
Paszkowski.

FRIDAY 10:15 A.M.

Shirley Talbot, Edmonton vs Myrna Jacques; Juanita Hardan, Slave Lake vs Dianne Gacek; Janny Merwyn, Fort St. John vs Maxine Maxwell; Mrs. Savoy, Whitehorse vs Erna Talbot; Connie Baker vs Doreen Sandboe, LaGlace; Maxine Peters vs Onagh Currie, Stettler; Terry Glens, Whitehorse vs Doreen McDonnell; Cindy Klatchuk, Edmonton vs Ann Moran, Dawson Creek.

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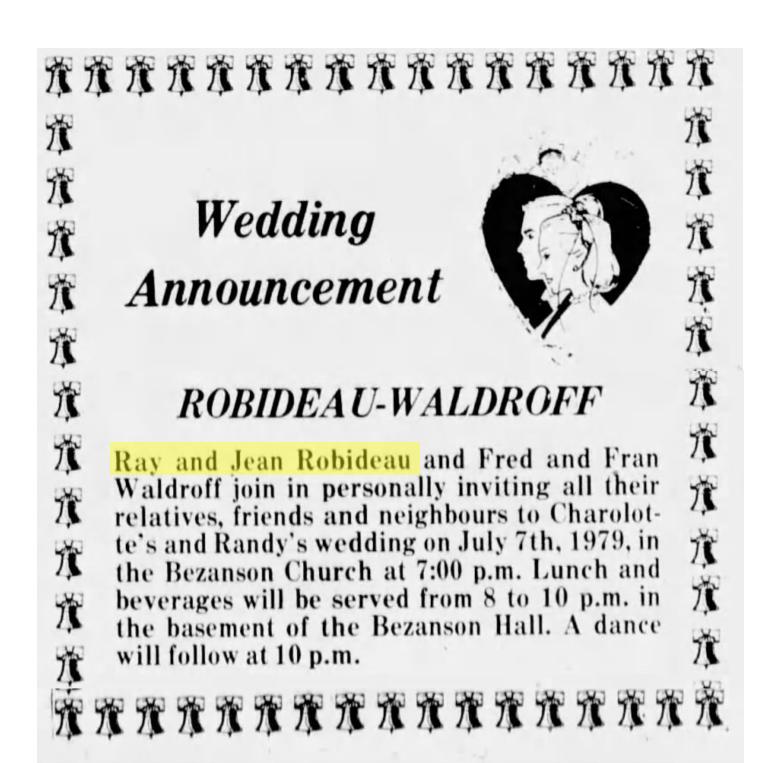
FLORENCE ETHEL GALLANT

Florence Ethel Gallant passed away on Wednesday, March 14, at Bezanson, Alta. at the age of 85. She was born in Minneapolis, Minn. She came to Bezanson in 1917 and married Bud Gallant in 1929.

She is survived by her husband Bud James; son Ray (Jean) Robideau of Grande daughters Mrs. Audrey Newman of Minneapolis, Beatrice (Jim) Fells of Bezanson, Louise (Herman) Kimble of Grande Prairie; brother Kenneth Moberg of Minneapolis; sisters Irene Nickum of Minneapolis, Beatrice Moberg of Minneapolis; 20 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren great-great-grandchildren. She predeceased by her first husband, Ed Robideau, in four brothers and son Bert in 1925.

Funeral service for the late Florence Ethel Gallant will be held at Oliver Funeral Chapel, tomorrow, March 17, at 2:30 p.m. with Pastor Ron Neufeld officiating. Interment to follow in Glen Leslie Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, charity of choice.

Funeral arrangements by Oliver Funeral Chapel, Grande Prairie.



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11th end

By TANKARD TOMMY

SEXSMITH WAS THE SCENE OF THE senior men's provincial playdowns this past weekend. Lloydminster's Dr. Ron Nattress won the right to represent the province with his perfect 5-0 record in the competition. He defeated defending champion Cliff Forry 4-2 Sunday to clinch the title. Bob Rumberger of Stettler was the runner-up. Zone 3 reps Doug Clegg was fifth at 1-4 and George Ouelette failed to win a game.

At the Crestwood club in Edmonton last weekend, Jackie Anderson of St. Albert walked off with the junior ladies' provincial crown. Last year's runner-up Anderson won it with a perfect 5-0 record. Peace Country rep Tracy Tomshak was runner-up this year at 3-2 and Laura Sawchuk finished in a tie for third at 2-3. A very fine showing from the Peace Country representatives.

CALGARY IS BUSILY IN THE midst of preparations for the inaugural Labatt's Brier to be held there March 2-9. Calgary curling hero Paul Gowsell has local residents scrambling for tickets as he joins Saskatchewan's Richard Folk in the quest for the Silver Tankard. Tankard Tommy feels that these two rinks have to be the favorites in the week-long competition. This is Folk's third straight appearance at the Brier and he finished second to Manitoba's Barry Fry last year. Gowsell, on the other hand, has never lost to Folk and Gowsell's colorful manner on ice will certainly add a lot to the cowtown action.

MEANWHILE, IN THE GRANDE PRAIRIE Mixed Bonspiel

this past weekend, the Paul Listoe rink won all the marbles by defeating Garnet Boese in the final game. Second event action had Fred Drysdale defeating Rene Lejeune and Wade Webb defeated D. Hennigar in the third event.

At the Beaverlodge Ladies' Open the fine Grande Prairie rink of Ann McDougall defeated Marie Martin, also of Grande Prairie, in the first event. Second event action saw Jill Iddolis of Beaverlodge win over Joan Oakford of Hythe. Lil Calvert of Beaverlodge won the third event over Bev Walker of Grande Prairie and Vi Atkinson of Beaverlodge defeated Hilda Bisgrove of Grande Prairie in the fourth event.

In the LaGlace Men's it was Ray Gilkyson in the first event with Bert Ehrman taking the second and Simon Haakstad winning the third event.

Bezanson saw Jim Lock win the first event, Ed Nellis winning the second and Ray Robideau taking the third.

Over at Hythe, Orest Pruss won the first event, Dreng Hommy was the victor in the second and Jarvis Shale took the third event. All winners were from Hythe.

BACK IN GRANDE PRAIRIE, FRANK Pistacky has notched another milestone. "Four Foot Frank" as he is commonly called here in town is usually out every night helping with ice-keeping duties and practising his famous four-foot eight. This past week he has thrown over 10,000 rocks for the year. At 40 pounds a rock, that's over 200 tons of granite. Makes me thirsty just thinking about it.

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GP pitchers do well

Grande Prairie horseshoe pitchers were a dominate force at the Grande Prairie Horseshoe Club tournament held at Bear Creek Park Saturday and Sunday.

Local pitchers were involved in wins in six of the 10

events.

Stan Johns of the city won the men's B singles; Allen Croswell took men's C singles; Marg Johns won ladies' A singles; Walter Lappenbush of Bad Heart and Ray Robideau of the city combined to win men's B doubles; Lester Reber and Hugh Reber teamed up to take men's C doubles; and Terry Peters was tops in novice juniors.

Out-of-town winners included Jake Jacobs of High Prairie in men's A singles, Robert Rondeau of Wanham in junior boy's singles; Sybil Wilson of Brooks in ladies' B singles; and Art Foulston of High Prairie

and Jacobs in men's A doubles.

On Aug. 15-16, the horseshoe courts at Dunvegan will play host to a tournament at which the Peace Country men's, ladies' and junior champions will be decided.

There will be categories for all calibre of players. To compete in the championship flight one must be a resident of the Peace Country, be a member of one of the Peace Country clubs and have attended at least three tournaments held in the Peace Country in 1981.

To participate in any of the other categories, one must be a member of one of the Peace Country clubs and be a Peace Country resident. Memberships are \$1

and can be purchased at the courts.

Singles will be played Aug. 15 and doubles Aug. 16.

Curling

• Charlotte Waldroff and her rink won the Clairmont Ladies Bonspiel held on the weekend. Second in the first event was Audrey Lawrance, while Carol Haynes took third and Valerie Wold fourth. Marion Braumberger and her rink won the second event with Bev Walker second, Agatha Vavrek third and Olga Rotar fourth. Winner of the third event was Vivian Balderston with Arlene McNally second, Jean Robideau third and Alice Mehlson fourth.

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Robideau wins Clairmont spiel

By FRAN COMMET

CLAIRMONT — The Clairmont Curling Club held their Closing Mixed Bonspiel on the March 21 weekend. There were many familiar faces and quite a few new faces that vied for a place in the finals. The bonspiel trophies for this bonspiel are sponsored by Bob's Farm Service.

The first place final game was a good one with two family rinks playing off. The first place trophy went to Ray Robideau and his regular Tuesday night square draw rink. His long-time third was his wife, Jean. Son-in-law Rodney Gliege played second and daughter Janice played lead. They played Roy Turner and his rink of daughter Kathy Gervais as third, son-in-law Marcel Brulotte as second and his daughter Susan Brulotte played lead.

Third place in the first event was the Keith Black rink. With Keith was his wife Val. Val injured her leg at the end of their second game and was replaced by her sister-in-law Ruth Black. Dave Rycroft played second and Connie Bouchard started out playing lead but moved up to third after Val was replaced.

Fourth place in the first event was a new rink to Clairmont, the Jock Kelly rink. This rink was skipped by Jerry Hosker. With them were Christine Hosker and Marlene Kelly.

Second event was won by the Phil Voth rink. Phil beat out the Frank Nellis rink. Frank was four down coming home and had the Voth rink watching closely as he threw his last rock in an unsuccessful attempt at a difficult double which would have counted him the winning five. With Phil was his third Pat Voth and the twosome of Jim and Mel Morken. Frank's third was Lois Nellis and Jim and Fran Commet played second and lead.

Third place went to the Don Peterson rink. Sharon Peterson played third and Lionel and Marlene Jones played second and lead respectively.

Fourth place was the Marilyn Wyffels rink. Steve Zimmerman skipped, Marilyn played third, Bill Johnson played second and Muriele Boisvert played lead.

The third event was won by the George Wiens rink. Enid Wagner played third and Mike and Ruby Kaufman played second and lead. They beat out the second place team of Dave Hunter. Mary Hunter played third and Marty Lowny played second with Becky Ottahal playing lead.

Third place went to Harold Anderson and his rink. Lynn Prefontaine played third. Ray Prefontaine played second and Judy Anderson played lead.

The Jerry Johnstone rink took fourth place. His wife Judy played third and Roger and Ruth Black played second and lead.

The wind-up Oyster Spiel goes all this week to finish on April 4. If you get a chance, stop by the rink to watch some very interesting curling.

Clairmont curling season beginning to wind down

By Fran Commet

CLAIRMONT – The Clairmont Curling Club closing mixed bonspiel took place on the March 19 weekend. There were rinks entered from all the nearby communities and also some out-of-town rinks. The furthest-away rink was from Fort Vermilion. Another rink was from Hinton.

The winner for the second year in a row was the Ray Robideau rink entered under the name of Town & Country Tire, with Ray was his wife Jean, daughter Janice and her husband, Rodney. The second-place rink was Jack Robertson's. Third went to Kathy Gervais and fourth was the college rink.

Second event winners were: 1. Greg Durda, 2. Dick Moore, 3. Diane Gacek, 4. Brenda Robinson. The third event was won by the Shirley Calvert rink, second was Dave Rycroft, third Keith Black and fourth Ray Boyer.

The Jake Krause rink was first out.

The winner of the door prize was Ed Zaichkowsky.

This weekend the Oyster Spiel is on. This is the last spiel of the season. The curling club's annual meeting is April 18. All members and interested people are urged to attend.

The Clairmont Seniors Club hosted a bonspiel last week. There were rinks from Sexsmith, Wembley, Grande Prairie and Clairmont.

The first-place team was the Herb Griffiths rink. Curling with Herb was Don Grant, Ritchie McRae and Elmer Valin. The second-place team was the Agatha Vavrek rink. With Agatha was Frank Pisatcky, Fred Roessler and Mary Withers. Third was the John Grotkowsky rink with Jim Morken, Joe Nikolaychuk and Otto Shadeck. Fourth was won by the Dave Thomson rink with Vi Miller, Neil Palmer and John Schwemler.

This was a two-day spiel with a potluck dinner on the Tuesday which was enjoyed very much.

There was a shower held for Norma Harding on March 22 at the Clairmont United Church. Norma will be marrying Alan Cook on April 23 in Clairmont.

I have had some response to the idea of holding a garage sale weekend this spring. The idea is to pick a weekend when everyone in Clairmont who would like to have a garage sale could have one in hopes of drawing better crowds. Give me a call if you have a suggestion.

Best wishes to Dorothy Durda who is now at home after spending some time in the QEII.

City rinks chase provincial titles

Herald-Tribune staff

Four Grande Prairie rinks will begin play in their respective ladies and senior ladies provincial curling championships in Lloydminster tonight at 8:30 p.m.

The Peace Ladies Curling Association's A champion Susan Balderston squares off with Red Deer's Kerri Towers. Balderston, who is backed by Marcy Balderston, Dawna Robinson and Karen Mielke, is currently riding a 9-0 unbeaten streak in playdown action this year.

The other ladies foursome consists of skip Melody Vavrek and her rink of Linda Graber, Joanne Lee and Dianne Wilson. They face hometown Carolyn Revet in opening-round action. Graber fills in for the injured Patti Kimble, who skipped the rink and threw third rocks when the zone playdowns began last month.

The eight-team field in the tripleknockout competition is rounded out by Edmonton's Deb Shermack and last year's world junior champion LaDawn Funk out of Spruce Grove, along with Medicine Hat's Vicki Sjolie and Shannon Getty out of Lethbridge.

Second-round action will go tomorrow at 1 p.m.

In the senior ladies competition – also an eight-team, triple knockout affair – the Swan City and the Peace Country is represented by Lucy Klatch-uk's rink of Louise Giles, Maxine Peters and Emily Dillon along with Faye Gaboury and teammates Agatha Vavrek, Irene Vavrek and Jean Robideau.

Klatchuk will play Edmonton's Joyce Christenson while Gaboury draws Calgary's Cordella Schwengler.

Both competitions will conclude with the C Event finals Sunday night in a 7 p.m. draw. However, if playoffs are necessary, extra draws will be played Monday.

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Shermack defends title

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While Edmonton's Deb Shermack was cruising to a perfect 7-0 record in defending her Alberta ladies curling championship title, Grande Prairie's representatives made little or no impact on the competition in Lloydminster.

Although neither of the Swan City's ladies rinks skipped by Susan Balderston and Melody Vavrek, as well as senior rinks Lucy Klatchuk and Faye Gaboury, were shut out, only Gaboury's team of Agatha Vavrek, Irene Vavrek and Jean Robideau managed two wins – and both of them came in the C Event while the team was on its last life. The seniors were to have declared a champion with playoff games today.

After Balderston and teammates Marcy Balderston, Dawna Robinson and Karen Mielke got out of the gate with an opening-round victory over Red Deer's Kerri Towers Thursday, they let a close game through five ends with Shermack turn into a runaway in the A semis, and they never seemed to recover from it.

Balderston dropped a 9-5 decision to world junior champion LaDawn Funk of Edmonton Friday night, and then were eliminated with an 8-4 loss to Vickie Sjolie Saturday.

Vavrek and teammates Linda Graber, Joanne Lee and Diane Wilson managed one last gasp in the C Event Saturday when they squeaked an 8-7 win over Towers. However, they subsequently bowed out on a 9-5 loss to Funk later in the day.

Meanwhile, Shermack washed away her tears of joy with champagne last night after her rink won the Alberta women's curling championship.

Shermack came from behind to defeat Carolyn Revet of the host Lloydminster club 5-4, in front of 650 fans in the final at the Scott Tournament of Hearts.

"Now I can wake up tomorrow hung over," said Shermack, who plays out of the Shamrock club in Edmonton.

Shermack, a 32-year-old pharmacist, will lead Jackie-Rae Greening, Diane Alexander and Leanne Usher to the Canadian championships in Ottawa, Feb. 24 to March 3.

Alexander was with Shermack when they finished with a 6-5 record in last year's Canadian championships.

"I'm always asking more of myself," Shermack said. Her immediate goal is to reach this year's national playoffs.

"Last year was the first time I'd been in that environment
— with the TV cameras, the microphones, the kids crying in
the arena."

By winning all three event finals against Revet, Shermack averted a playoff this morning.

"I hated to play her again for the third time," said Shermack, who had not defeated Revet in four meetings before the weekend playdowns in Lloydminster, which straddles the Alberta-Saskatchewan boundary.

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Wedding Announcement



Robideau - Meers

Ray and Jean Robideau of Grande Prairie, Alberta, would like to announce the wedding of their daughter, Roberta, to Jim Meers, son of Stan and Carrie Meers of Riondel, B.C., formerly of Fort Nelson, B.C. Wedding to take place on July 28, 1990.

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Balderston, Powell at home in provincials

By DAN TOTH Herald-Tribune staff

Travel arrangements to the Scott Tournament of Hearts Provincial Curling Championship won't be a concern for the Marcy Balderston and Karen Powell rinks. Both represent the host club – Grande Prairie.

The two rinks gained berths on the weekend to the provincial curling championship to be held Feb. 1-4 in the Grande Prairie Curling Club.

Balderston went undefeated through the Peace Ladies Curling Association district playdown Saturday in Peace River.

Balderston displayed her championship form in the opening game of the draw.

She needed to make a cross-house, doubletakeout with her last rock in her opening game to score a deuce and defeat Edith Weaver of Peace River, 9-8.

"In our first game we struggled a bit and the ice was tricky." Balderston said. "But with my last shot we could either try to draw the button to tie the game and go to the extra end without the hammer, or try the double for two. Our team elected to go for the double."

Balderston and her rink of Joanne Morrison, Susan Balderston and Karen Schudlo went on to defeat Powell in the semifinal before defeating Wanda Johnson of Grande Prairie in the A final 9-4 in eight ends.

"In the final, the ice was really heavy, which took the finesse out of the game," Balderston said. "But it was the same for both teams, so we just tried to play through it."

On the B side, Powell put together an 8-4 win against Rhonda Soder of High Level and a

9-3 victory over Kay Savill of High Prairie before downing Johnson 12-10 in the final game Sunday.

Powell counted five in the first end and held an 8-4 lead going into the eighth when she allowed Johnson back into the game.

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"Things were going very well for us going into the eighth end," Powell said. "(Johnson) was laying two so we decided to draw, but I guess I got it a little wide and raised them in for a steal of three and all of a sudden we're only up

In the ninth. Powell was trying to draw against two Johnson rocks in the house but was heavy and Johnson stole two to go up by a point

In the 10th, Powell made an open hit and stayed for two to advance to the Scott Tournament of Hearts along with her rink of Heather Moore, Tina McDonald and Gloria Palinkas.

Powell's last appearance in the provincial championship was in 1987, the year she won the title and went on to finish fifth in Canada.

"It seems like a long time – four years – since we were in the provincials last." Powell said. "We're pretty happy to get the chance to be playing in front of a home crowd."

EXTRA ENDS: The senior ladies district also went in Peace River this weekend, and two Grande Prairie rinks emerged from that playdown as well. Faye Gaboury and teanmates Agatha Vavrek, Irene Vavrek and Jean Robideau captured the A-side berth while Lucy Klatchuk's rink of Gladys Plishka, Mary Norton and Nora Hassell won the B. The senior ladies provincial championship will be in Calgary, Feb 1-4.

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Schulz and Co. know the ropes

By JEFF McCOSHEN Herald-Tribune staff

When you have as much experience as Arnold Schulz's rink, practice doesn't necessarily make perfect.

"We're just kind of going on memory," quips Vic Krupka, who plays second on Schulz's entry in the Alberta senior men's curling playdown.

Schulz, Krupka, third Howard Schwindt and lead Mike Kaufmann left today for the eight-team, tripleknockout playoff which gets underway tomorrow night in Calgary.

All four curlers have made previous trips to a provincial at various levels.

Two years ago Schulz, who lives in Spirit River, skipped a Grande Prairie rink to the provincials in Medicine Hat and in 1973 he was involved with a team that went to the mixed provincials.

Krupka, who is in his second year of senior men's competition, twice advanced to the men's provincials with Ken Hamilton, and Krupka also skipped a Peace Curling Association district mixed winner in 1979.

Schwindt and Kaufmann, though, hold the most bragging rights when it comes to success in senior zone playdowns. Their trip to the districts in Dawson Creek last month marked the ninth time in the past 11 years the twosome has advanced to the district level together.

In 1983 and 1986, the 60-year-old Schwindt got his team to the senior

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men's provincials and on both occassions, those playdowns were hosted by the Peace Country – Dawson Creek in '83 and Fort St. John in '86.

Three years ago, Schulz played third for Schwindt and, after a bit of a break, the two have reunited for this run at a provincial title.

The foursome won three straight games to claim the A-side title at districts. Rue Williams of Fort Nelson, B.C., is the other PCA rep.

The opening draw goes at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Calgary Curling Club.

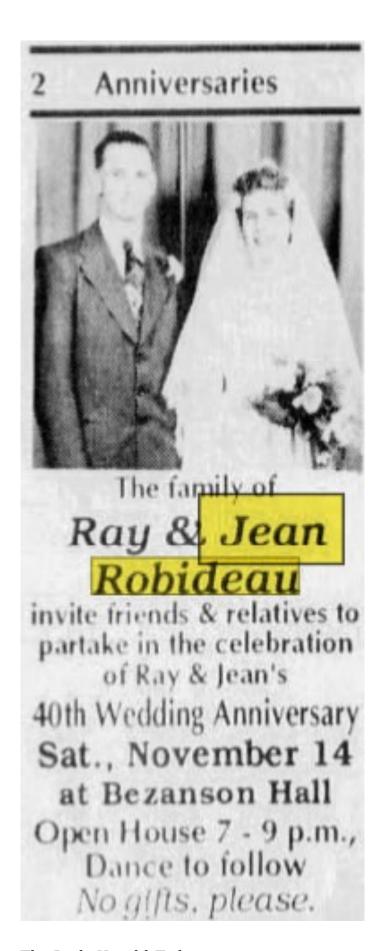
In a switch from last season, the senior men's playdown is being held in conjunction with the senior ladies provincial with two Grande Prairie rinks carrying the PLCA banner.

Plishka, Mary Norton and Nora Hassell form one of the local teams headed south with Faye Gaboury.

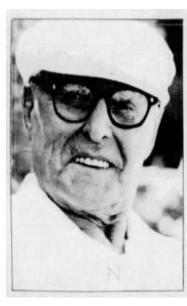
Agatha Vavrek, Irene Vavrek and Jean Robideau joining forces on the other squad.

Last year, the eight senior women's finalists were grouped with the Scott Tournament of Hearts ladies provincial playdown.

EXTRA ENDS: The PCA is defending a provincial title this time around. Last spring, Fort St. John's Bud Hosker won the Alberta senior men's title in Grande Prairie.



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Edward "Ted" Coney, 88, of Grande Prairie

On Thursday, December 3, 1992, Mr. Edward "Ted" Coney, long time resident of Grande Keith (Kay), Faye (Lawrence) Prairie, Alberta, passed away at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Grande Prairie, at age 88.

Edward came from Scotland Fitzsimmons area. He married Roberta Richards in 1932. In 1939 he joined the army, and moved to Calgary with his wife Roberta; his mother Maryfamily until 1946, when they Ann; father James; step-mother moved back to the East Teen; 2 sisters and their Kleskun area, where he farmed husbands: Mary (Alex) Spiden, until retirement. He then and Betty (Clyde) Norton; moved to Grande Prairie, where brother Jim; brother-in-law Telephone 532-2929.

he resided until his passing.

Edward is survived by his loving children: Marjorie Robideau, Jean (Ray) Robideau, Gaboury, Rick (Linda), Brian (special friend Sandi); 25 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; 1 great-greatgrandson; his brother Hugh in 1928, and settled in the (Jennie) Coney of Scotland; many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

He was predeceased by his

Ernie Robideau; and infant son Dean Earl.

Funeral service for the late Edward "Ted" Coney will be held at St. Paul's United Church, Grande Prairie, at 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, December 8, 1992, with Rev. Vern Begalke officiating. Interment to follow in the Glen Leslie Cemetery.

Memorial tributes to the Alzheimer's Society, or the charity of one's choice, would be appreciated by the family.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Oliver Funeral Chapel, Funeral Directors and Licensed Crematorium, Grande Prairie.

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Faye Gaboury, 66

Faye Gaboury, resident of Salmon Arm, British Columbia and former longtime resident of Grande Prairie, Alberta passed away on Monday, January 10, 2005 at the Q.E.II Hospital in Grande Prairie at the age of 66 years.



Faye was born on April 9, 1938 in Grande Prairie. She married Lawrence Gaboury on April 29, 1955.

The couple farmed on the banks of the Smoky River. They followed the B Track Quarter horse racing circuit for numerous years. She was an avid curler and golfer.

She is survived by her husband Lawrence of Grande Prairie, her children; Jim (Lana) Gaboury of Grande Prairie, Carrie (Bill) Hoy of Calgary, Janet (Darrell) Waldner of Bezanson, her grandchildren; Jason, Shalah, Misty, Melanie, Kellie, Crista, Sandi, Chelsie, and Kyle, her great grandchildren; Savannah, Austin, and Ethan, her brothers and sisters: Marj Robideau, Keith (Kay) Coney, Jean (Ray) Robideau, Rick (Linda) Coney, Brian (Sandy) Coney as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Public visitation will be on Friday, January 14, 2005 from 7-8 p.m. from Oliver's Grande Prairie Funeral Chapel (10005-107 Ave.) Grande Prairie.

Funeral service will be held at St. Paul's United Church (10206-100 Ave.) Grande Prairie on Saturday, January 15, 2005 at 1 p.m. with Rev. Vern Begalke officiating.

Interment to follow at the Glen Leslie Cemetery. Lunch will follow the interment service at the Bezanson Golden years Center.

Memorial donations in Faye's memory may be made to the Grande Prairie Curling Club (10127-99th Ave.) Grande Prairie, Alta. T8V 0S1.

Special thanks to Dr. Guhle, the nurses on 3North and friends and family for their support.

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Beatrice Mable Fells



August 25, 1918 - Feb. 9, 2005

Beatrice Mable Fells, longtime resident of Bezanson and Grande Prairie, Alberta passed away peacefully on

February 9, 2005 at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital in Grande Prairie at the age of 86 years, surrounded by family and friends.

Bea was born in Grande Prairie, Alberta to Edwin and Florence Robideau on August 25, 1918.

Bea married Jim Fells December 28, 1936. They homesteaded in the Fitzsimmons area. They moved to Bezanson in 1945, and raised four children.

Bea will be sadly missed by her family; Larry, Bev, Rod, Glenn, Colleen, Tyler and Dallas Fells; Bernice and Cliff Sydbo; Sandy and Keith Seewalt, Carlee, Jason, Ashlee and Austin Bradley; Jody, Dave and Jannell Matwichuk; Lorna, Maygan and Dana Welander; Darcie Dube, Tarri Thompson,

Step-grandchildren; Shirley, Jim, Travis, and Trina Gayes; Joan Sydbo; Shane, Karla, Catlin, Ashlee, and Carl Sydbo; Peggy, George, Jim, Berk, and Sarah Ross; Tracey, Frank, Colten, and Brayden Vant Erve; Marylou, Paul, Ron, Michelle, and Josh Podulsky; Lisa, Roland, Erica, and Lucas Glatz; Shawn Eckstorom,

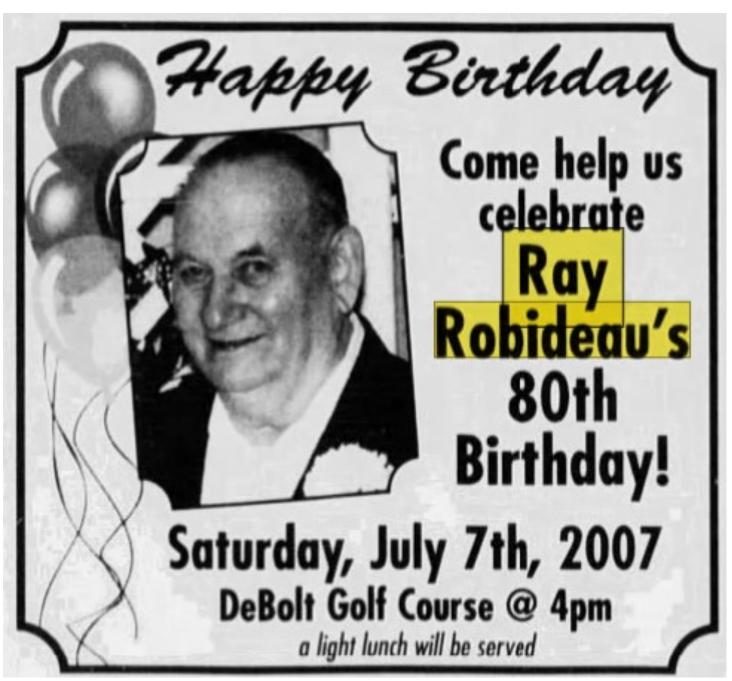
Sister and best friend Louise Kimble, special nephew Melvin Kimble, brother Ray (Jean) Robideau, two special aunts; Maggie, and Peggy Robideau and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Bea was predeceased by her husband Jim, mother Florence, father Edwin, stepfather Bud Gallant, brother Albert, sister Audrey, brothers-in-law Herman and John, three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2005 at 2 p.m. from the Bezanson Community Church in Bezanson with Pastor Lew Wiegel officiating.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Beatrice to the Bezanson Curling Club, c/o The AG Society, Box 189, Bezanson, AB TOH OGO.

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CONEY, Richard Brian, September 27, 1947 - March 3, 2012 With sadness, the family of the late Richard Brian Coney, wish to announce his passing due to cancer at Lion's Gate Hospital in North Vancouver, BC. Brian is survived by his two sons, Darcy (Treena) and Eldon (Sue) and their families; his brother Keith (Kay) Coney; two sisters Marjorie Robideau and Jean (Ray) Robideau and

numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Ted and Roberta Coney, his sister Faye Gaboury and his brother Rick Coney. Prior to his retirement in 2010, Brian was best known for his career in auto sales in Grande Prairie. Retirement allowed him to become closely involved with his two grandchildren whom he loved, Sharayah and Cayden. All have fond memories, including his sense of humor. At Brian's request there is no funeral, however on March 24, 2012 at 3:00pm at the Best Western Hotel & Suites in Grande Prairie, 10745-117 Ave. in the Alexander Forbes Ballroom, there will be a celebration to honor Brian's life. Please RSVP to econey@shaw.ca.

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ROBIDEAU, Jean Patricia - (1934-2013) Jean Patricia Robideau (nee Coney), long-time resident of Grande Prairie and the Crystal Creek area, passed away on November 30, 2013, at the age of 79. Jean was raised in the Fitzsimmons area and attended grades 1 & 2 there before moving to Calgary to attend grades 3-7, then grades 7-8 in the Linsay School, finishing grade 9 in Grande Prairie,

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and completing grade 10 by correspondence. Jean married Ray Robideau on November 19, 1952 at the AllianceChurch in Grande Prairie. They lived numerous places the first seven years even in an 8X10 foot trailer Dad built, until they purchased their 1/4 section 11 miles east of 4 mile corner. They moved the old Fitzsimmons school to the farm and made it their home in 1960. Jean and Ray raised their family and enjoyed the farm life until May 1997, when they sold and moved into Grande Prairie where they reside now. Jean held several jobs over the years to help raise the family. She enjoyed renovating her many investment properties, which she did until she was 70. Jean's many hobbies included curling, golf, music and visiting with many family and friends. Ray and Jean just celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary, and were blessed with many friends and family coming over to visit. Jean is survived by her husband Ray; children Sherman (Kathy), Wendell (Myrna), Chris (Cindy), Trudy (Ron Andres), Debbie (Brent Ferris), Charlotte, Janice (Alan Belyan), and Roberta (Jim Meeres); sister Marj Robideau, brother Keith Coney, sister-in-law Louise Kimble, 19 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren. Jean was pre-deceased by many loved ones. A celebration of Jean's life will be held on Monday, December 9th at 1:30 PM at the Grande Prairie Golden Age Centre. 10222 101 Avenue.

Memorial donations can be made to the charity of one's choice. Care and arrangements entrusted to Bear Creek Funeral Home Grande Prairie 7 8 0 - 8 3 0 - 7 7 4 2

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