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Guest Editorial

Our Future In A Changing Society

In the hustle and bustle of our every day activities too infrequently do we sit back and reflect on matters that may be far more important than our daily accomplishments. It is with this thought in mind that I accepted the invitation to express my views on the relationship between our ethnic group and society as a whole and the role I would like to see our children play. These views are a result of many factors, some of which are that of being a third generation Canadian, being brought up in a home strongly influenced by our heritage and Icelandic background, having had an opportunity of dealing with influential people in the business world, having had the opportunity to work with members of the Icelandic community in various organizations. This in itself gives me no right to expect that my views are those of the community as a whole but it provides a background of knowledge which enables one to make an assessment based on these experiences.

We must understand that our age groups greatly influence our thinking. The older group is influenced by factors such as being born in Iceland, going through the depression, ethnic conflicts of years gone by, and the valuable experience from travelling life's highway. The youngsters of school age and those starting their business career are the product of post war influences, the space age, auto-

mation, and a fast moving world of knowledge. In making our assessment we are at the point in our life span where we are a bridge between these two groups, a link that binds together the youngsters and the senior citizens. Our task then must be to understand, interpret and communicate what role our younger generation wants to play as a good Canadian and members of an ethnic group. This information must be communicated to our senior members who can quite easily get "out of touch" with the junior citizens. By the same token, we must relate to our youngsters the experiences that have helped our senior citizens, who have made such a tremendous contribution to our community and country, and also caution them about the mistakes that have been made, so they will not be repeated.

What was successful in our society three decades ago will not necessarily work today. Hence we must be careful in superimposing influences on our youngsters that could be a detriment rather than an asset, for the passage of time can change an asset to a liability.

Today we are competing for the individual's time with such important factors as entertainment, student studies, business and organized activities. In any competition you must provide something better than your counterpart. You must prove to the individual that you have something to offer

which will go towards fulfilling his social or educational needs. Thirty years ago people had time to spend. Today in our society, time is a valuable commodity, because we are in a society that is basically overorganized, extremely demanding, and moving at a fast pace. Time must be rationed—each one of us has the same amount of it—but use it in different ways. We cannot afford not to use some of it to preserve our heritage—otherwise a very impersonal relationship could exist in fifty years between our ethnic group in Canada and Iceland.

The excellent image our ethnic group has created in our social and business world is one that I have found particularly gratifying in my travels. This is a valuable asset, one that very few if any other ethnic groups have to the degree that Icelanders do. This image is the net result of our deeds, acts, contributions and approach to society as a whole. This must be jealously preserved and nurtured, not only by us but also by our children.

By the year 2,000 what convictions would I like to see firmly implanted in my children? This must include first and foremost a dedication to improving our community and country in a world that has shrunk by an interplanetary space age. This would also include a deep sense of pride for their ethnic background and an understanding of the history and contribution made by their forefathers. I would hope that they in turn would be dedicated to work towards preserving these things for future generations.

If there are aims that are worthwhile then what are we doing today to accomplish them? Not enough in my estimation. What is done is mostly on an individual short term basis rather than the result of a planned long term approach. We are not encouraging our

children to seek out this information; we are not providing a climate of encouraging them to participate in our ethnic endeavours. The majority of organized ethnic activities are slanted and designed to attract the over-fifty group. The programmes, procedures, formats are completely outdated to encourage the younger generation to participate. Many have not changed for a quarter of a century primarily because of a resistance to change by our seniors and partly because of lack of a sense of direction. All is not lost—recently we have heard a voice crying in the wilderness that indicates some people recognize this problem. If we honestly have an interest in preserving our heritage then how better can this be accomplished than through the younger generation. There is a need to reassess our position and make sure that we are contributing something worthwhile for those who will be here to carry on beyond the year 2000.

We must acknowledge the contribution of excellent programmes and projects that dedicated individuals and groups have made such as the establishment of the Icelandic Chair at the University of Manitoba, preservation of our ethnic history through the publication of books and scholarships.

Besides making an evaluation of what is wrong we must be able to suggest some alternatives to correct the situation. These include:

- (a) The preservation of our heritage through our homes and home life is the key. The attitude of the parents in the home will determine if their children will be encouraged to seek out or be taught more about their background. The parents should realize this and understand the future implications of

a positive approach to influencing the attitude of children to preserve our heritage.

- (b) Our ethnic organizations should jointly sponsor, possibly twice per year, functions designed around the family unit, for the purpose of bringing together our children and geared to their age level. This will at least provide a means of communicating with those to whom we entrust the future.
- (c) Establish a junior league, as an arm of an amalgamated ethnic organization, to be organized and operated by our under-twenty-five group, to be financed by the senior clubs. They will have one common aspect, being of Icelandic descent. These programmes will be designed to suit their needs in a changing world but will provide a focal point to learn more about their heritage.
- (d) Establish a far greater number of scholarships – both for travelling to Iceland and for furthering education. To travel is a form of education. The enthusiasm from those who have visited Iceland would indicate this opportunity should be made available to our youngsters. This will create a thirst for learning more about their heritage and in turn should arouse the interest of the members of a junior league.
- (e) Encourage financially the preser-

vation of our history and accomplishments through the publication of newspapers, magazines and books.

- (f) Although our integration through marriage and time will result in few individuals speaking the language, we should encourage short courses in speaking and reading Icelandic. I appreciate that some efforts have been made along these lines but we require greater salesmanship, more advertising, financial sponsorship, to get the desired effects. We seem to have a half apologetic approach to a very important programme. Let's beat the drums and let the community know what we have to offer.

Although it is desirable to have our children understand and speak Icelandic, it is not vital in the long term picture. It is more important that they understand, study, speak with authority on their heritage, about the motherland and the contribution of our ethnic group to society. In the final analysis it really matters not what ethnic group makes a contribution to improving our society, but it is always a source of pride to Icelanders when one of our group is responsible. This encourages us to strive to do our best in order that our children can have this same sense of pride. In our conglomeration of nationalities and backgrounds that make up Canada, we too often lose our identity and become a small spoke in the so-called wheel of progress. Having our ethnic distinction is becoming more of a status symbol, for others recognize the contribution

Icelanders have made and are making in all fields. This contribution stems from an inherent characteristic that we have acquired through heredity, that if we are going to run life's race, there is one goal to aim for and that is to lead all the rest in our chosen fields.

If these thoughts have merit as a goal that we should work towards, then financial resources are required. The main ingredients in accomplishment are the plan, leadership and finances.

Within our community we have financial resources that can be used to preserve our heritage. The owners of these resources can make a great contribution by earmarking them for this purpose.

These rambling thoughts are the result of my experience and my views on our future in a changing society.

J. J. Arnason

To Establish a Leifur Eiriksson Commemorative Trust Fund

For some time there has been an "ad hoc" committee in existence which consists of two representatives of each of the four following organizations: The Icelandic National League, The Icelandic Canadian Club, the Icelandic Day Celebration Committee, and the Canada-Iceland Foundation. This ad hoc committee has had two objectives, one long and one short range. The long range objective is to try to bring about a co-ordination of effort or an amalgamation of the various Icelandic organizations. The short range one is concerned with an Icelandic project, associated with Leifur Eiriksson, as part of Canada's Centennial celebration in 1967.

A meeting of the ad hoc committee to hear a report up to date of discussions on the proposed centennial project was held on Tuesday, June 14, 1966. The full slate of eight representatives attended namely: John A. Arnason, Prof. Haraldur Bessason, Consul G. L. Johannson, J. F. Kristjansson, Hon. W. J. Lindal, QC., Rev P. M.

Petursson, A. J. Thorarinson, Dr. P. H. T. Thorlakson. John J. Arnason. The pro-tem chairman presided and Alex J. Thorarinson was secretary.

The chairman briefly reviewed what had been done at previous meetings and called for a discussion in the course of which Dr. Thorlakson moved seconded by Judge Lindal.

"That a Leifur Eiriksson Commemorative Trust Fund be established."

This was carried unanimously.

Dr. Thorlakson then moved, seconded by Mr. Kristjansson "that the primary minimum objective be \$75,000.00." Carried.

It was decided to enlarge the committee by including The Jon Sigurdson Chapter I.O.D.E., The North American Publishing Co. Ltd., The Icelandic Canadian and the Timarit.

To obtain the approval of the organization it was decided to call a meeting of these organizations to meet in the Winnipeg Clinic, June 28th, at 8 p.m.

THE FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCE- MENT OF SCANDINAVIAN STUDY

and the teaching of Icelandic in North American Universities

I.

As is well known the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study is an academic organization which draws a large portion of its membership from university teachers of Scandinavian languages and literatures in the United States. Also, a fair number of European scholars and a few instructors employed in Canada belong to this Society (its name is commonly abbreviated SASS) and attend with their American colleagues its annual meetings which are held in the month of May at some American university.

This spring the annual meeting of SASS, held at the University of Wisconsin in Madison in the first week of May, marked the end of the fifty-fifth year of the organization's history. The founders of the society held their first meeting in Chicago late in May of 1911. Previously, a few hard working enthusiastic scholars had done a good deal of preparatory work. These men were so successful in arousing interest in their project that when their first meeting was convened some seventy members were registered for the proposed society.

At the first meeting in Chicago Professor G. T. Flom, acting as chairman, announced the appointment of the necessary committees. Among committee members there were such well known scholars as Dr. Henry Goddard Leach, and Dr. Lee M. Hollander, both

of whom are still active in the Scandinavian studies field. It was in keeping with the pioneer spirit that Dr. Hollander should open the fifty-sixth annual meeting of the society this spring with a scholarly address on the origin of the Icelanders, for not only did Dr. Hollander take part in laying the foundation of the SASS, but he was responsible for giving it the name under which scholarly activities in Scandinavian studies have made great progress during the last fifty years.

II.

Among the functions of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study is the publication of a quarterly, a scholarly journal which bears the title *Scandinavian Studies* (formerly *Scandinavian Studies and Notes*). Over the years this publication has offered its readers a considerable variety of articles of academic interest, many of which can be regarded as expanded versions of papers previously read and discussed at the annual meeting of the Society.

Just a cursory glance at *Scandinavian Studies* is enough to convince one that the journal has not neglected the Icelandic area. One could rather say that its editors have given articles on Icelandic, both Modern and Old, a place of prominence.

Any survey of Scandinavian scholarship in North America is bound to in-

clude teaching and lecturing, which is after all, the chief task of most scholars in the various academic disciplines. It is not within the scope of this article to discuss this aspect of the academic work in any detail, but with the readers of this magazine in mind, university courses in Icelandic at North American universities have been selected for further discussion in the following chapter.

III.

When the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study was founded in 1911, courses in Scandinavian languages had already been introduced at various American universities. In the United States Scandinavian languages were first seriously presented as academic subjects in 1869 when the Department of Scandinavian Languages and Literatures was founded at the University of Wisconsin, and a new professorship in North European Languages was announced by Cornell University. The founding of these two academic institutions was motivated in two ways: in 1869 Wisconsin had already become the home of a number of immigrants from Scandinavia. The establishment of a Scandinavian department at the University of Wisconsin was therefore in accordance with a heavy demand from Scandinavian patronage on campus. As a result of this, it became a major function within the department to assist Scandinavian immigrants in fostering and maintaining their cultural heritage. The professorship at Cornell was founded on somewhat different premises since it did not have to meet the demands of communities of Scandinavian immigrants. In the opinion of influential Cornellians the humanistic value of Icelandic alone was sufficient to warrant its inclusion

in the broader field of language study.

The writer of this account is not in a position to determine the relative value of these two motivating elements, but it is in order to quote Professor G. T. Flom's discussion from 1911 of the above mentioned institutions of learning. Professor Flom had this to say:

"The conditions which obtained in these two pioneer institutions (i.e. Cornell and University of Wisconsin) in the two sections of the country at the beginning indicate in general as far as nature of courses offered are concerned the difference that has also since existed between the two sections. In the East the work was fostered by men who were inspired by love of the literature and the learning of Old Iceland, and this emphasis upon the older literature has prevailed in the Scandinavian instruction of the Eastern universities down to the present time. As a result of this Old Norse language and literature has won for itself something like a tradition among Germanic scholars there; its place is as secure as that of Gothic and Old High German in the requirements for a higher degree in Germanics. In the West the point of departure was the modern period, a modern language, and the instructors in charge have in nearly all cases been of Scandinavian nationality. The older period, however, gradually came to receive a larger share of attention in the West, until now (1911) nearly all the institutions also offer Old Norse, and some of them give more instruction in the older periods than is given in any of the eastern schools. And in the eastern group there has been offered an increasing number of courses upon the modern languages and literatures of the Scandinavian North". (SASS, Proceedings Series Vol. I, No 1, p. 15-16).

As one can easily understand American students of Scandinavian descent have had a stronger motivation to study Scandinavian languages than students with other national backgrounds. Some scholars have therefore been concerned, and not without reason, that the slowly vanishing influence of an immigration period which is now a part of the past will eventually weaken the position of Scandinavian languages in American institutions of learning. Since 1940 these same men have anxiously watched an ominous trend which has manifested itself in a steady decline in the number of high school students who have selected a Scandinavian language as one of their subjects. However, an increased interest in Scandinavian language programs, offered by evening schools, has counteracted the above trend somewhat.

About 1950 there was a noticeable decline in the number of university students registered in Scandinavian languages in American universities. Fortunately this situation has improved during the last decade and recently an upsurge of interest has taken place on the academic level. To give one example only, the enrollment in Old Icelandic has in recent years made a 200% forward leap (or from 30 to 90 students). A very recent analysis of Scandinavian language programs in the United States summarizes the situation as follows:

"Even the most objective and conservative analyst would be impelled to express satisfaction with the unprecedented advancement of Scandinavian studies revealed in the most recent enrollment figures. A question that has engaged the authors (i.e. the analysts) since the inception of the surveys (these are surveys carried out once in every five years) has been how the termination of the immigration

period would be reflected in the number and distribution of enrollments in Scandinavian subjects. It was felt that inevitably the interest in Scandinavian studies would shift away from the traditionally Scandinavian communities and away from the lower levels of education. It could only be hoped, of course, that an expected decline at lower levels would be matched by a corresponding increase at university level. This hope has thus far been encouraged beyond all expectation," (Scandinavian Studies Vol. 36, No. 4, p. 306-307).

The following is a brief account of university courses in Icelandic which are currently on the curricula of North American universities and colleges. The names of the instructors are also listed here, when known to the writer of this report.

The University of California at Berkeley offers at least three courses, mainly devoted to Old Icelandic, with Professor Hakon Hamre as instructor. The Scandinavian department at the University of California, Los Angeles offers both Old Icelandic and Advanced Icelandic under the guidance of Professor Erik Wahlgren and Professor Kenneth Chapman. The University of Chicago offers at least three courses which comprise Old Icelandic material, under the direction of Professor Gösta Franzen. It is also of interest to note that this university has been offering instruction in Modern Icelandic under the supervision of Dr. Arni Helgason Consul of Iceland. Columbia University lists Old Icelandic among Scandinavian subjects, a course which is undoubtedly the responsibility of Professor Carl P. Bayersmidt, a noted English translator of Old Icelandic. At Cornell University Vilhjalmur Bjarnar, the Curator of the Fiske-Icelandic Collection, teaches Old Icelandic. Old Ice-

landic is also taught at George Washington University by Professor John G. Allee. Harvard offers a course in Old Icelandic which could be either the responsibility of Professor Theodore M. Anderson or Professor Einar Haugen, both of whom have written extensively on various aspects of both Old and Modern Icelandic. At the University of Illinois Professor Philip M. Mitchell teaches Old Icelandic and courses in Old Icelandic are given at Indiana University in Bloomington under the direction of Professor Foster W. Blaisdell Jr. Professor John C. McGilliard is in charge of the teaching of Old Icelandic at the State University of Iowa. The University of Nebraska has both Modern Icelandic and Old Icelandic with Professor Paul Schach as instructor. Professor George S. Lane is the instructor in Old Icelandic at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C., and Professor Robert A. Fowkes teaches Old Norse at New York University. At the University of North Dakota Professor Richard Beck teaches both Modern Icelandic and Old Icelandic. Rice University at Houston, Texas, offers a course in Germanic Philology of which approximately one-third is devoted to Old Icelandic, and Stanford University has both Old Norse and Advanced Old Norse on its curriculum. Professor Lee M. Hollander teaches Old Icelandic at the University of Texas at Austin, and Professor Walter Johnson is in charge of the Old Icelandic course at the University of Washington in Seattle. Washington State University offers a course in Germanic Civilization, a part of which is undoubtedly devoted to Old Icelandic. The extensive Scandinavian program offered at the University of Wisconsin in Madison under the supervision of Professor Harold Ness, includes both Old Icelandic and

Modern Icelandic: Mr. Ottar Halldorson is presently the instructor of Modern Icelandic. At the University of Minnesota a course in Old Icelandic is given by Professor N. Hasselmo. Yale University has an extensive program in Old Norse and Germanic Philology with Professor Konstantin Reichardt and Professor Herwig G. Zauchenberger as instructors.

It comes as a pleasant surprise that American Colleges have both Modern Icelandic and Old Icelandic on their curricula. The City College in New York offers instruction in conversational Icelandic, with Einar Thorkelsson as instructor. At Concordia College in Moorhead Mrs. Anne G. Schoberg teaches Norse, and Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa offers two courses in Norse with Professor Martha Kleppe as instructor. (For additional information, see Scandinavian Studies, Vol. 36, No. 4, p. 303 ff.)

In Canada instruction in Icelandic has been lately confined to the University of Manitoba where six courses in Icelandic were taught during the last academic session and the University of Toronto where Professor Bekker-Nielsen has aroused considerable interest through his lectures on Old Icelandic. It perhaps augurs well for Icelandic Studies in Canada that this spring two of the papers which were read at the annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study came from Canada. Professor Bekker-Nielsen from the University of Toronto gave a lecture on Codex Scardensis (Skarðsbók), and the compiler of this report read a paper on some aspects of Modern Icelandic. Other papers dealing with Old Icelandic were read by Professor Lee M. Hollander, Professor Foster Blaisdell, Professor Cecil Wood, and Professor Lars Lonnroth. Of fourteen lec-

tures which were delivered in the Language and Literature Section at the 56th annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study seven were devoted to Icelandic language and literature.

Dr. Einar Ólafur Sveinsson from the University of Iceland was a special guest of honour at the annual meeting

this year. On the first evening of the conference he gave a lecture at the Wisconsin Center Auditorium. That lecture, on the Edda poems and Homer, was well attended, and proved to be the highlight of an inspiring and memorable scholarship symposium.

—Haraldur Bessason.



The Canada-Iceland Foundation

AND THE ICELANDIC CANADIAN CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

The Canada-Iceland Foundation and The Icelandic Canadian Club are offering scholarships of from \$100.00 to \$200.00 for the 1966-67 academic term to students showing an interest in Icelandic language and literature who have completed Gr. XII in one of the high schools of Manitoba, and who plan to attend the University of Manitoba or one of its affiliated colleges.

Qualifications will be based primarily on the results of the Department Examinations; but consideration will also be given to qualities of leadership, and to need for financial assistance.

Candidates are hereby invited to send their applications to the undersigned before August 5, 1966, together with a statement of examination results and testimonials from two leaders in the community.

People who read this announcement are asked to bring it to the attention of any worthy candidate.

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Pre-Centennial Canadian News

Centennial Report—1867-1967

by John Fisher

When I took over the job of organizing Canada's biggest celebration in history I ran into a number of pessimists. This is the sort of line they gave me: "Canadians aren't noisy patriots. You'll have a tough job stirring up much flag waving for 1967." Well, some of their facts were correct but the spirit in which those few pessimists presented their views to me was not what I accepted as Canadian. I have travelled enough in this country to know that Canadians really have strong, positive feeling about their country. I could agree with some of the statements by my pessimistic friends if they were in a different context. Canadians are not given to wild demonstrations of patriotism in their own country. Such things can embarrass us. I believe our kind of nationalism is more thoughtful than emotional and that is why I believe so fervently that our Centennial will be a successful and meaningful event in our history.

Yes, we may have difficulty at times deciding what we are, what we are for, and what we are against in the world. But we know what home is and though we may be embarrassed to express it, we love our land. When we are world travelling we are more apt to open up and reveal our inner thoughts. A few years ago I was breakfasting at a small hotel in London, England, and became engaged in conversation with a young

man across the table from me. He was a Canadian working at an airline office in London. With no prodding from me he poured out all his thoughts about home and about Canada.

"I'm not a nationalist" he said. "In fact I'm against nationalism. It causes a lot of trouble in the world. That's what I like about my country. We're not aggressive nationalists." (I'm sure he thought I was an American.) — "But really, mister," he said, "it's hard to describe my feelings about my country." He thought his feeling for his homeland was not just the house he was born in back in Ontario, nor was it necessarily his home town. It was the lake country where he used to go on canoe trips in the summer, the big rushing rivers and the roads that go forever. "I always felt if I wouldn't find a job in Canada I could always go to the north country and trap or hunt—something one couldn't do over here—and at least make a living," he said. He admitted it was just a "fancy of the mind," probably he'd starve—but Canada always gave him a feeling of security, he said. "I always felt that the Rockies or the Gaspé wildernesses were mine, even though I didn't go there every weekend. (I only saw the Rockies once.)" The young man went on, exposing his mind and being very sentimental and patriotic. I thought to my-

self he probably would be far too inhibited and embarrassed to talk like that back home.

From now to 1967 Canadians, as individuals and in groups, large and

small, are finding ways to express their true feelings about Canada. I'll tell you more about these in future reports,

—Canadian Scene.

Report No. 6 — Helicopter Canada

Before the end of this year a full-length Canadian feature film will be released in Great Britain, the United States and other countries. It is certain to encourage people to visit our country during the 1967 Centennial.

The film, called Helicopter Canada, an hour-long Panavista production for wide screens, will be shown in our own cinemas during 1967.

Helicopter Canada is the first full length moving picture feature to be made entirely from a helicopter-in-flight anywhere in the world. It is an exciting coast-to-coast color sweep of Canada—its geography, its wildlife, its people and ways of life. It is being produced by the National Film Board of Canada for and with the aid of the Centennial Commission. Peter Jones is the producer and George Salverson is the script writer. The director-cameraman is Eugene "Jeep" Boyko of the National Film Board staff who had some interesting experiences filming this project across Canada from the open door of a helicopter.

Boyko was born in Saskatoon, has been a dishwasher, shipyard worker, private chauffeur in various parts of the country and he was a country western singer in Saskatoon in 1937 when a broadcaster named Jack Wells tagged him with his nick name, Jeep, after a comic-strip creature. . . .

By means of Jeep Boyko's camera, background narration, dialogue and sound effects, the viewer in the cinema

audience will be making a trip across the country, discovering Canada as though he were in that helicopter. The 'copter, during shooting, was able to get as close to the face of anything as its blades permitted and hovered from six to 600 feet.

Boyko spent more than a year on the filming—a good deal of the time 500 feet up in the air, crash helmet on head, hanging out the side of a French-built turbine helicopter. . . .

In Toronto Boyko hovered a few feet above Nathan Phillips Square for a dramatic view of the new clam-shell city hall. He caught the Old Fort Henry Guard, at Kingston, doing its drill.

The helicopter camera shot the convoluted tubing and towers of a vast oil refinery complex at Edmonton, paddle wheelers, rising new buildings in western cities, the lush North Saskatchewan River Valley. . . .

In Newfoundland the camera made contact with a lighthouse keeper and a ship's skipper seeking guidance into the harbour thus symbolizing the entry of Canada through her most eastern gateway.

The film's viewers will have the sensation of being virtually on the surface of the gorge beneath the Honeymoon Bridge at Niagara Falls, and being on a slow trip straight up the face of the bridal veil falls almost at arm's length.

They will view skiers and mountain climbers, wheat farmers, miners and prospectors, lumbermen, assembly-line productions, football clubs, outdoor activities of various ethnic groups and of the first Canadians—the Indians.

It is noted with interest that the script writer is George Salverson, son of Mr. George Sr. and Laura Goodman Salverson, all of Toronto.

A Citizen Of Canada

Extracts from The Royal Bank of Canada Monthly Letter of March, 1966

To Be a Citizen of Canada is to be a citizen of no mean country. She may be an old-fashioned country in some ways: she has differences of language and economics and perplexities in government: but her foundations are solid and the spires of her many faiths point to the same ideal.

There is something vital and singular about being a citizen of Canada. As J. B. Brebner said in his presidential address to the Canadian Historical Association in 1940: "Canadianism is made up of over three centuries of successful struggle with a recalcitrant environment, of over a century's original and successful political adaptation and inventiveness, and of a kind of conservatism which history has shown can be converted by adversity into stubborn, indomitable will."

We have assembled in Canada the adventurous spirits of numerous races in surroundings favourable to the creation of a great citizenship. They have brought with them vivid ideas and principles a thousand years old. No commonwealth ever wished for more ideal conditions than are provided by the contribution all these people can make toward the good life.

Centennial year offers us the opportunity to mobilize our imagination and our institutions in a vigorous national effort to improve knowledge about citizenship and expand participation in it. This will require commitment, energy and time from every well-disposed person and association, but we must not postpone it or the very undoing of our way of life could begin.

Canada is something we are building. Canadians are on the move. They have been on the move west and north ever since Louis Hébert ploughed that first patch of farm land in the shadow of Port Royal in 1604 and then moved westward in 1623 to plant his seeds in ground that is today the Upper Town of Quebec. We are participating now in space exploration. Canada was the third nation to have a satellite in orbit around the earth.

Canada has developed her thinking, too. This is a nation with its own cultural and political and social identity, and not merely a marginal tribe of French and English adventurers united only by the desire to make a living. Canada's first government, made up

of French and English cabinet ministers, proclaimed in the speech from the throne at the first session of the first parliament that "a new nationality" had come into being. From that time on, people had the opportunity to realize their highest potentialities as citizens of a democratic national state.

But having made ourselves sovereign as a nation we must now behave intelligently as citizens.

The roominess of life

It is a pity that we worry so greatly about our diversity, because it is just this diversity that gives Canada individuality. Out of manifold talents and different ways of looking at things come originality, strength, and a forward-moving spirit. Out of our heritage have come our basic freedoms, our democratic way of life, our art, literature and music. Most important, we have inherited the spirit of challenge, of exploring and pioneering. We are pushing forward on many frontiers, geographical, scientific, cultural and spiritual.

Canadians have always encouraged the newcomer to join them, and have been eager for him to find the roominess of life that Canada offers. This is a land where every man and every woman can find a place in society suited to his or her inclinations and capabilities. It is a country where the ordinary citizen, no matter how humble, has a chance to better his life. But he must accept the spirit of our institutions. It is upon observance of the spirit of the laws and customs by which we live that the worthiness of our citizenship is tested.

Democracy and freedom

Good citizenship is important to those who think that democracy is worth more than a couple of cheers at a patriotic gathering. Citizens in a democracy are free and upright people who take pride in governing themselves and do govern themselves.

Democracy is a spirit, not a law. It provides the environment for bringing out the extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people. Personal effort is of the greatest significance in keeping democracy on the rails and progressing.

Canada's democracy is democracy in a changing society. It is not imprisoned by a rigid constitution that declares: "This is the extent and the limit of freedom which citizens shall enjoy for all time."

Democracy is something learned, not bestowed or legalized or seized. We learn about it by studying or working alongside people who do or say things unusual to us, and by listening sympathetically to people who question some of our assumptions. Without the interchange of ideas the human race would still be sitting in primitive darkness.

Democracy presupposes the right of every minority, even of only one person, to dissent from the opinions of the majority. As George W. Brown wrote in *Canadian Democracy in Action* (J. M. Dent & Sons, Ltd., Toronto, 1947): "Whatever democracy is, it is not government by brute force but by persuasion. It is a sense of fair play, of justice and sportsmanship in the highest sense of that term."

Many roles to play

The citizen has many roles to play on the nation's stage.

He is a good neighbor. As a member of the community he will have real

consideration for the feelings and needs of other people. He will support his institutions, and will give people of another religion or race the same consideration as he expects. He will set apart some of his time and put forth some effort to help his neighbors to make the community a better place to live in. He will take an active part in helping his neighbors to make the government of the community work better.

Sense of responsibility

It is evident, then, that more than the privilege of being inserted on the tax roll is meant by becoming a citizen of Canada. The essence of good citizenship is the acceptance of responsibility, and every citizen is under bond to do his best in caring not only for himself and his family but for society.

Citizenship is not something for passive minds. The lonely person who stands on the side-lines watching the parade, speculating and conjecturing and criticizing and thinking how much better the show might be, is not a citizen, for citizenship demands participation, involvement, and contribution. No man gains a feeling of significance in life if he lives in isolation.

First of all a citizen must do what all good people are expected to do, and then he must do what his own particular position in the world demands of him and puts him in position to do. Pericles, Athenian statesman of the fifth century B.C. said: "We do not allow absorption in our own affairs to

interfere with participation in the city's."

Canada is being enriched every year by the cross-fertilization of many different minds and many different abilities. Citizens are showing how people can be themselves and at the same time be part of the nation and of the human race.

The most conspicuous enterprise of the citizen is that of discovering or creating relationships of sharing, not only the business and government of the land, but space, thought, esteem, dignity and tolerance.

Sense of values

The citizen needs to cultivate sharp witted tests of values, or he will find himself at the mercy of professional purveyors of mistaken theories.

Canadians have reached their present high standing among the peoples of the world by developing discrimination in the quality of things and ideas. If there are people who invoke new ways and praise new systems, they do not go so far as to say that democracy has been tried and found wanting, but only that democracy has been tried and found difficult. The new ways are not said to be better, but easier.

Learning together

People who go through life with granite-like convictions on every subject under the sun lead a cheerless existence. They miss all the fun of ex-

ploring, all the challenge of debating, and all the thrill of finding something

It is natural that people should disagree on some points, but to disagree because of ignorance is deplorable and to disagree because of disinterest is not civil. This is why the Citizenship Branch of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration is charged with promoting greater understanding on the part of all Canadians of the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship. It publishes several books, available from the Queen's Printer, Ottawa, and through Government book stores in several cities, and it encourages groups, agencies and organizations to participate in programmes designed to promote mutual understanding and co-operation among ethnic groups.

A sense of direction

Citizenship gives orientation to life.

Of course, some will say: "all this is counsel of perfection: things are not so simple." Good citizenship can be simple if Canadians will think of it as not something merely legal or intellectual, but something transcending law and reason, something deeply felt, deeply believed, dominant even in our dreams.

Canada exists in terms of each separate citizen of Canada and every person's contribution through active citizenship benefits the nation. The worthy citizen is one who stands upright so that he looks beyond his own toes to get a long and wide view of the good of the whole country. It is upon that good that his own good depends.



Appointed Director of Construction for Manitoba Hydro

John J. Arnason of Winnipeg in April was appointed director of construction for Manitoba Hydro, and in his new position is responsible for organizing a new division in charge of all construction for this provincial crown corporation apart from major generating station additions.

A graduate in 1948 in electrical engineering from the University of Manitoba, Mr. Arnason began his career with the then Manitoba Power Commission in the farm electrification

program, and by 1958 was co-ordinating and methods engineer. When in 1961 the Manitoba Power Commission and Manitoba Hydro Electric Board was amalgamated to become Manitoba Hydro, Mr. Arnason was named field operations manager in charge of district operations in the province.

Mr. Arnason is the son of Mrs. Gudridur Arnason and the late Vilhjalmur Arnason of Gimli. His wife Lilja is the daughter of Mrs. Kristin R. Johnson and the late Bergthor E. Johnson of Winnipeg.

ON TRACK AND FIELD

(Based on an address given at an Icelandic Canadian Club luncheon, February 22, 1966)

by **W. Kristjanson**

Two year ago the Icelandic Canadian Club honored the Falcon hockey team. Olympic champions in 1920. This year, the club honored track and field athletes of Icelandic origin.

The Olympic games were held in Ancient Greece for over one thousand years. Before the contests opened all the competitors and their families, the trainers and the judges swore a solemn oath to keep the competition clean and fair and to give just decisions. The gracefulness and sportsmanship of the contestants and the method of winning were stressed equally with the victory itself.

People in our world today have been and are keenly interested in sports and cherish the ideal of good sportsmanship. Athletes are endowed with qualities we admire: a competitive spirit in the best sense, coordination and skill, determination and stamina.

The early Icelandic immigrants took an active part in sports, including track and field events. In 1879 Sigurdur Antonius took part in a 24-hour "Go-as-you-please", or walking match, covering 132 miles in the 24 hours, wearing leather shoes. In 1880, in a 24-hour "Go-as-you-please", three Icelanders came first, second and third. They were Jon Hordal, Magnus Markusson, and Thorarinn Johnson. Magnus Markusson also distinguished himself in 10 and 25-mile races.

From the beginning of the Icelandic Celebration, in 1890, a program of

track and field events has been a feature of the day.

Well before the First World War the Clemens, Arnason, Palmason trophy was donated for annual competition for the individual championship of the day. Shortly before the war, however, there was a move on the part of several interested persons who were dissatisfied with the general run of prizes offered, to endeavor to raise the competition to a higher level. Active in this move was one of the athletes of the day, Jack Baldwin. Chairman of the new Icelandic Celebration committee in 1913 was Arni Anderson and Honorary Chairman was Thos. H. Johnson. New trophies were donated for annual competition, the Hanson cup for the individual championship and the Oddson Shield for Club competition. The Clemens, Arnason, Palmason trophy had been won permanently by Einar Johnson, in 1913. In the years before the war and for several years after the war, there were numerous entries from the city and from the rural communities. Competition was keen and the standard of performance high.

Mention is now made of some of the more prominent athletes competing at the Icelandic Celebration since the turn of the century.

Svein Sigfusson is pre-eminent among the track and field athletes of recent times. His stature is not merely that of the Icelandic Celebration, or

Manitoba, or Canada, but of the Commonwealth.

To begin with, Svein was the winner of the Hanson cup, emblematic of the individual championship at the Icelandic Celebration, three years in succession, 1934, 1935 and 1936.

He won the grand aggregate at the Scottish sports in Winnipeg six times and was the runner-up four times.

At the Canadian championship meet in 1938 he was the first in the hammer throw and second in four other events.

In 1939, at a Canadian meet in Vancouver, he won the grand aggregate and was slated for the 1940 Olympic games, the games that did not materialize.

In 1949, he was a member of the Canadian team at the British Commonwealth Sports in Australia and placed second in the discus throw.

In 1954, he was named to the All-Canada track and field team as top-ranking in the hammer throw.

Einar Johnson, in his time, was the best all-round athlete competing in the Celebration sports. He would enter in half a dozen events and do well in all of them. He won the Individual championship five times, tied for first place once, and was a close second on yet another occasion. In 1913 he won the Clemens, Arnason, Palmason trophy permanently. Several years later, in 1919, when he won the Hanson cup for the second time, he was first in the 100 yard dash, the 220, the 440, and the hop-step, and placed in the running broad jump. His was truly an iron-man performance.

A. O. (Gusti) Magnusson was one of the best middle distance (1-5 miles) runners in Manitoba in his day. He had a beautiful style, seeming to run without effort — light as a feather on his feet. "He is the most beautiful run-

ner I have ever seen", said the veteran sports enthusiast, Paul Reykdal, who also saw Magnus Markusson run. It is to be remembered that never did Gusti have an opportunity to train and no record of his best times was kept, but he could and did run the five miles under wraps in very nearly the same time as Alfred Shrubbs, the well-known Winnipeg runner before World War One. Paul Reykdal considered Gusti Olympic material in 1916, for the Games that did not take place because of the war.

Bjorgvin Stefansson excelled in the pole vault, the high jump, and the running broad jump. At the Icelandic Celebration in 1912 he tied for the individual championship and he was prominent in the University of Manitoba sports in the years 1911-1914.

At the Manitoba championship meet in 1918 he was first in the running broad jump and was officially credited with second place in the running high, a tie for first in this event being broken only with the toss of a coin.

At the Western Canada Olympic trials in 1919, Bjorgvin won the running high and the running broad, and tied for first in the pole vault. He was unable to proceed to Toronto for the Canadian finals.

Oscar Thorgilson was another prominent all-round athlete and he excelled in several individual events. He competed with credit to himself in the Canadian army sports overseas in 1918 and he won the Hanson Cup in 1920 and 1921. A. W. Morrison, a well-known Winnipeg sports-official, is quoted as saying at one of the Celebration meets when Oscar had won the 440 that it was too bad that the event was closed, for Oscar had broken the Canadian record. In the running broad

Oscar's unofficial record was 23 feet 2½ inches.

Prominent in the Icelandic Celebration sports before the first World War were the brothers Jack and Ben Baldwin.

Jack Baldwin's record in the 100 yards was 10 seconds; thus he was one of the country's best. Siebert, Canadian champion at that time, was no better than a consistent ten second man. Army Howard, of Winnipeg, tied the world's record when he did the 100 yards in 9 3/5 seconds.

Special mention is due to some athletes who have passed on. Kristjan J. Backman was the individual champion at the Icelandic Celebration in 1908, being first to win the Clemens Arnason, Palmason trophy. He was a splendid all-round athlete and his performance in University soccer is still spoken of with admiration by a contemporary. He was also a stellar performer at second base in baseball. In 1909, at the Canadian track and field championship meet, in Winnipeg, Siebert, the Canadian champion sprinter, was entered. Kris was well in the lead in his heat when his spikes caught in the lane tape. Since Kris is reported to have bettered the 10-second mark, this mishap was unfortunate.

Magnus Kelly was prominent in the Icelandic Celebration, university, and army sports. He tied for the Hanson Cup in 1912, and won it in 1914. His record in the hurdles at the University of Manitoba still stood many years later. He was individual champion at the Camp Hughes army sports in 1916, at a time when some 30,000 men were stationed there. Magnus Kelly lost his life in France when his plane and a French plane collided in mid-air.

Baldur Olson and Stefan Bjarnason were both prominent in track events in University of Manitoba sports about

1908, the latter at one meet placing first in the 440, the 880 and the mile.

Returning to more recent times, Stanley Fridfinnson was Manitoba champion sprinter in 1937 and 1938 and Johann Johnson, of Oak Point, was also twice Manitoba champion sprinter.

Reference has been made to Oscar Thorgilson's performances in army sports overseas. Oliver Bjornson was the Canadian representative in the 440 yard relay in the British Isles army championship meet in 1918 and Norman Vestdal was first in the standing broad in a Canadian army meet in 1942.

Others should be mentioned. Stefan (Steve) Holm was a middle distance runner. In 1910, at a T. Eaton Company three mile road race, Steve out-distanced Joe Keeper, Manitoba champion in the ten miles and winner of fourth place in the ten-mile race at the Olympics, in 1912. Julius Jonsson, of Saskatoon, twice won the Saskatchewan championship in the twelve-mile event, in 1909 and 1912. Gudjon Hallson's picture appeared in the Icelandic papers about 1910, with his breast covered with medals. He placed in the Winnipeg Telegram ten-mile road race in 1908, and in 1910 he won the ten-mile race at the Icelandic celebration.

Three time winners of the Individual Championship at the Icelandic Celebration before 1940 have been Svein Sigfusson, and Rognvaldur Petursson, and twice winners in the same period have been Oscar Thorgilson, Edward Thorlakson, L. Anderson, Eric Stefansson (another 10-second man in the sprints), and Stanley Fridfinnson. S. Eyolfson won the cup in 1939 and 1941.

Speaking on the subject of track and field, one would be remiss not to men-

tion the Grettir Athletic Club of Lunda and the Shoal Lake district. "Grettir", formed in 1912, won the club trophy at the Icelandic Celebration for the ten consecutive years, 1914 to 1923, and five times in the '30s, or fifteen times before the Second World War.

Mentioned have been the athletes of yesterday. What of the rising generation in our automobile age? In

amateur sports, generally, there are names that shine, including that of Fred Ingaldson and Herb Olafson, in basketball. Janet Maddin is a rising star on track and field, competing as she does in all-Canadian events in her class.

The achievements of the athletes of yesterday should be a source of inspiration for the athletes of today and tomorrow.

BEHIND THE LAUREL HEDGE

by Fanny G. Brunt

We went to different churches,
When we chased around in play,
Each parent viewed the other
As a sinner gone astray.
They tried to keep us separate
We were warned and guarded well
Against the snares and lures —
That would lead us down to Hell.

They planted English Laurel
Between his house and mine,
We could laugh and talk together,
But never cross that line.
The Laurel sprouts were tiny;
It seemed three years or more,
As they grew tall, and we grew tall
We loved each other more.

Then came a day, the hedge was dense,
Like a solid wall it seemed,
We would sometimes push the leaves apart
And tell the dreams we dreamed.
Those were stolen pleasures,
We were subtle, tricky, sly,
We went to different colleges,
The years went stealing by.

Still our parents visioned sorrow
For us both if we should wed,
So we promised to obey them
And find different mates instead.
Now our college days are over.
Still we're faithful to that pledge,
And each knows the other's waiting
Just behind the laurel hedge.

The Official Opening of the Thorvaldson Building on the U. of Sask. Campus

The official opening of **The Thorvaldson Building** on the 6th of June this year will be recognized as an important event in the history of the University of Saskatchewan. The Thorvaldson Building is impressive both in size and appearance, and it will accommodate The College of Home Economics, The College of Pharmacy, and the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering.

The plaque at the main entrance of the Building bears the following inscription:

THE THORVALDSON BUILDING

This Building is named for
Thorbergur Thorvaldson, C.F.

1919 — 1949

M.A., Ph.D. Sc., LL.D., F.R.S.C.

Head of Department of Chemistry
1910 — 1949

Dean of the College of Graduate
Studies

1946 — 1949

Nineteen hundred and sixty-six

The opening ceremony at the University was attended by numerous Canadian scientists for whom this event marked the beginning of an annual conference.

Among official representatives who had come to the University to attend the function were Hon. Frank L. Bastedo, Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan; Hon. W. R. Thatcher, Premier of Saskatchewan; Mr. G. L. Johannson, Consul General of Iceland to the Prairie Provinces; also the Minister of Education of Saskatchewan and the Mayor of Saskatoon.

Among other special guests were Mrs. Thorbergur Thorvaldson, whose presence was specially recognized by

way of a presentation of flowers, and Dr. Thorvaldson's distinguished nephews Senator G. S. Thorvaldson and Dr. Thorvaldur Johnson LL.D. F.R.S.C., accompanied by their wives.

President H. G. Thode of McMaster University, Hamilton, one of Canada's leading scientists, delivered the main address in which he spoke in high praise of his former teacher and colleague, Dr. Thorvaldson. Dr. Thode emphasized that Dr. Thorvaldson had not only built up his own Department at the University of Saskatchewan to become one of the finest research centres in Canada, but that he had in his capacity as Head of the Department of Chemistry and Dean of Graduate Studies and Vice-President of the University of Saskatchewan made a unique contribution to the University as a whole. Dr. Thode referred to Dr. Thorvaldson's Icelandic origin, his academic training at Harvard and stated that his academic attainments had won him recognition among scientists the world over.

A dedicated scientist and an unassuming man of learning Dr. Thorvaldson was highly thought of by students, colleagues, and all who came to know him. He never publicized his own achievements, but even the most modest of men will receive recognition for work well done, and during his lifetime Dr. Thorvaldson received the highest honours of the academic order. He passed away at the age of 82, only a few months before the official opening of the Thorvaldson Building in Saskatoon. That building is the most impressive monument ever to be dedicated to the Icelandic pioneer spirit in North America. —Haraldur Bessason

EXEMPLARY CO-OPERATION

The two-day conference which Japanese and Chinese Canadians held in Toronto in April was a truly historic conference. Over 100 delegates were present from across Canada and panel discussions took place with equal representation on the platform from each side. The conclusion reached at the end of the conference was that the differences between the two groups in the past must be buried, and a new approach made in a spirit of friendliness and co-operation, based upon a common Canadian citizenship coupled with an awareness of the common Oriental background.

An editorial in the Chinatown News, of Vancouver, (published in English) of April 18th, reads in part as follows:

"There hasn't been any event in recent years that has aroused so much interest as the just concluded Japanese-Chinese-Canadian conference in Toronto on the theme of getting to know each other better. The two-day historic palava took place at the Buddhist Church where more than 100 were in attendance. Already it has been hailed by many as a positive step ushering in a new era of harmony and co-operation between the two communities.

"Mr. Dave Quam, of the Chinese

Canadian Association, noted that today Canadian-born Orientals have no language or culture problems. . . . There was general agreement that at this juncture more effort should be directed at achieving important public offices requiring administrative and decision-making abilities. In short, to become fully integrated, the Oriental Canadian must move into the policy-making environs.

"If this objective is to be achieved, greater co-operation between the two communities is a must. In the words of Mr. Roy Sato, President of the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association, 'our parents and their parents have kept digging each others graves for 75 years. In failing to work together and help each other, we failed to be good citizens. . . .

"We concur with this view and are deeply encouraged by the results of this epoch-making conference. . . .

"The organizers of this meeting are to be congratulated for their wisdom and initiative. They deserve encouragement and support not only from members of our respective communities but from

the public at large as well. For if the exchange of ideas has helped to develop a togetherness among all Canadians, there will soon come a time when no one will worry about their status as full partners in Canada."

In a press despatch the following appears:

"Chinese and Japanese decided to put behind them a century-long record of rivalry in this country and work together to overcome a system which they said made Orientals second-class citizens."

Roy Mah, the editor of Chinatown News, is to be congratulated in placing before us the larger Canadian lesson to

be learned. If these Canadians, whose cousins in the Far East have so tragically and wastefully spilled each other's blood during the centuries and until within the last score of years, are able to get together and settle their differences at the conference table, we can look forward with hope that this will work with problems in the wider Canadian field. If rivalries and jealousies have existed between ethnic groups should even conferences be necessary to settle these differences? One can even go a step farther and ask that if such differences exist within any of the groups, should more be needed than the application of common sense? Our Chinese-Japanese-Canadians are to be congratulated for the example they have set for all Canadians. —W. J. L.

Bergie Thorsteinsson

At a farewell gathering April 28th, E. A. Cote, Deputy Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, paid warm tribute to Bergie Thorsteinsson who, for the past six years, was Chief of the Education Division. On behalf of friends throughout the Department the Deputy Minister presented Mr. Thorsteinsson with a framed replica of the coat of arms of the Northwest Territories in colour and a piece of Eskimo sculpture.

During Mr. Thorsteinsson's term of service, the Deputy Minister noted, great progress had been made throughout the education system in the north, particularly with the construction of additional schools. Mr. Thorsteinsson, when he joined the Department in August 1960, had had extensive ex-

perience in teaching and in education administration. As Chief of the Education Division he was responsible for the development of the educational program in the Northwest Territories and for Eskimo education in Arctic Quebec.

Mr. Thorsteinsson, who hails from British Columbia, is leaving Northern Affairs to take up a position with the Government of British Columbia. Mr. Thorsteinsson taught school in British Columbia and after some years of teaching became a Superintendent of Schools. He was District Superintendent of the districts of University Hill, Delta and Howe Sound, and for two years served as Director of Educational and Vocational Guidance for B. C.

Eric Stefanson, M.P.

To His Excellency
Petur Thorsteinsson
 Ambassador of Iceland to Canada

GREETINGS

To commemorate the occasion of your first visit to Winnipeg, Manitoba in February, 1966, The Icelandic Canadian Club & The Icelandic Canadian are happy to present to you Volumes I-XXIV and subsequent issues of their Magazine. We hope that you will discern the natural blend of the heritage of language and literature of our beloved Motherland with the evolving characteristics and customs of our equally beloved land of our adoption.

Dated at Winnipeg, February 22, 1966

The Icelandic Canadian Club

J. J. Arnason
 President

Olafur Gunnarsson
 Treasurer

The Icelandic Canadian

W. J. Lindal
 Editor-in-Chief

P. J. Johnson
 Business Manager

Presentation to Ambassador
PETUR THORSTEINSSON

At the annual concert of The Icelandic Canadian Club held in the Parish Hall, First Lutheran Church, Winnipeg, on Tuesday, February 22, 1966, a presentation was made to His Excellency Petur Thorsteinsson, Ambassador of Iceland to Canada, on behalf of The Icelandic Canadian Club and The Icelandic Canadian of Volume I to XXIV and subsequent issues of the magazine. The presentation was made by John J. Arnason, President of the Club and Hon. W. J. Lindal, Q.C., Editor-in-Chief of the Magazine.

On the opposite page is a photograph of the presentation greeting which appears immediately before the frontispiece of No. 1 of Volume I of the magazine presented to the Ambassador.

Now that a reference is made to the first number of the magazine it is not out of place to republish the very appropriate poem composed by the late Dr. Sig. Jul. Johannesson for the occasion. It appeared in the inside of the front cover.

HELLO

Hello!—If you hear I am knocking,
 I hope you will open the door:
 “Who are you?”—I knew you would ask me,
 You never have seen me before.
 Who am I?—as yet I am no one
 To somebody hoping to grow.
 Today is my very first birthday.
 I’m starting by saying hello.

“Oh!—What is your mission?” you ask me,
 I’ll tell you with juvenile pride,
 For I am not timid nor bashful;
 Why should I? there’s nothing to hide.
 Believe me: I’m coming to serve you
 As nobody served you before,
 By adding some life to your living—
 I hope you will open the door.



PAUL SIGURDSON PRESENTED WITH KINSMEN "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR" AWARD

Above, Paul Sigurdson of Morden is presented with the annual "Citizen of the Year" award by Jack Duncan of the Kinsmen Club of Morden. Mrs. Sigurdson and Kinsmen president Doug Brunn are pictured to the right. The presentation took place at the 21st birthday party of the local service club. The award has been presented since 1946. In the presentation remarks to Mr. Sigurdson, he was told that he was chosen for the annual award "for his active part in community affairs without seeking personal glory or public honor." Mr. Duncan added that "he has taken a keen interest in the youth of the community through his profession of teaching and in particular the arts, dramatics and literature." Mr. Sigurdson is well known for his part in producing and directing Collegiate plays and operettas. Of the award, Mr. Sigurdson said "I feel humble and at the same time proud of my associations in this community."

—The Morden Times

CHILDREN'S OPERETTA PRESENTED IN MORDEN, MAN.

DE INNOCENTO — an original children's operetta was presented in the Morden Collegiate Auditorium on June 3 and 4 by the Morden Studio Choir. All participants were local children.

The theme of the operetta is one of the basic themes of mankind: the struggle of good and evil. Innocento, a young boy, is left out in the world alone and falls under the spells of the personified seven sins: Evil, Anger, Pride, Lust, Gluttony, Covetousness and

Sloth. Because he is defenceless they try to win his soul. For a while it appears as if they will be successful. They persuade him that he is wicked and he begins to believe it himself. At this point he sings one of the 20 odd original songs of the show:

I'm wicked and I'm mean
And it's delightful
I'm vinegar and spleen
And very blightful—etc.

Fortunately, his mother finds him

and saves him from the wicked life. Innocento emerges a wiser and a sadder boy, as virtue triumphs in the end.

The music was written by Olga Friesen and the libretto by Paul A. Sigurdson of Morden. In September

the operetta will be submitted to the Manitoba Music Educators Association who will submit it to the Centennial Musical Committee for competition.

—The Morden Times

Judge W. J. Lindal serves on the Canadian Pension Committee

The Royal Canadian Legion has for some time past been pressing for a review of the work of the Canadian Pension Commission. In response to this request the Federal Government appointed on September 8, 1965, a committee "to survey the organization and work of the Canadian Pension Commission". This committee is in effect a royal commission but is not so designated, as one commission could not appropriately examine the operation of another commission.

Though not limited in the scope of its report, this committee's function is specifically "to study organization, methods, and procedures used in the adjudication of disability and other pensions paid under the provisions of the Pensions Act, and to study the interpretation by the Commission of such sections of the Pensions Act as it deems should be considered."

The Pensions Act applies to war veterans and members of the peace time military forces of Canada.

The review committee consists of three persons: The Honourable Mr.

Justice Mervyn Wood, a judge of the Court of Appeal of Saskatchewan. Chairman; the Honourable Walter J. Lindal, Q.C., retired Manitoba judge, and Col. G. A. M. Mantel, of Montreal, member of the permanent military forces of Canada.

The committee commenced its sittings in December, 1965, and is expected to complete its work in August. It has held most of its sittings in Ottawa, but some in Toronto and Quebec City. It has heard close to forty briefs already and has held seventy sittings. The Legion submission alone was incorporated in a carefully prepared 136-page brief.

The major emphasis of the Legion submission is directed to the "Benefit of the Doubt" section of the Act and strong emphasis is also placed on "conditions not recorded on enlistment."

It is expected that formal hearings will be completed in June of this year. Already four books of evidence, each about 300 pages of foolscap size pages have been transcribed.

—W. K.

Annual Meeting of the Icelandic Canadian Club

The Annual Meeting of the Icelandic Canadian Club was held on June 6, in the Parish Hall of the First Lutheran Church. For an annual meeting so late in the year the attendance was very good.

The president, John J. Arnason, who is retiring, gave a report which appears below. Reports were heard from the treasurer, Oli G. Bjornson, the constitution chairman, now the President and the chairman of the Program Committee, Axel Vopnfjord.

The chairman of the Magazine Board made a report, which also appears below. The Business Manager of the magazine read a report which showed a net profit of over \$300.00.

Mrs. Lara B. Sigurdson, one of the first presidents of the club was presented with a Life Certificate for service rendered for many years and in many capacities.

The following is the list of officers and the executive committee elected for the ensuing year.

EXECUTIVE — 1966-1967

Past President: John J. Arnason.

President: Leifur Hallgrimson.

Vice-President: B. Sigurdson.

Treasurer: Oliver G. Bjornson.

Secretary: H. J. (Dori) Stefansson.

NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT ICELANDIC CANADIAN CLUB



Leifur Hallgrimson

EXECUTIVE-AT-LARGE

William H. Finnbogason, Lil Eyolfson, G. Eliasson, Doug Stefansson, Axel Vopnfjord.

THE ICELANDIC CANADIAN MAGAZINE BOARD

Prof. Haraldur Bessason, Shirley Bjarnason, Caroline Gunnarsson, Mattie Halldorson, Salome Halldorson, Arnelius Isfeld, Wilhelm Kristjanson, Hon. W. J. Lindal, Kristin Olson, T. O. S. Thorsteinson.

President's Report

We will attempt to cover the year's activities of the Club as clearly and concisely as possible with a minimum of duplication as other chairmen will cover our finances, programmes and legislation in some detail.

The Club was extremely active during the summer months, when most clubs have a recess. Our presentation at Gimli on the Icelandic Celebration Day in the form of a handicraft, art and museum display resulted in a great

deal of work during July. This was one of the most successful ventures undertaken by your club this season and represented a major undertaking. It certainly fitted into our objectives of perpetuating our tradition as far as possible and encouraging the cultural contributions. We estimate that over 2,000 people saw the display and were impressed with it. Our thanks to the convener, Mrs. G. Thorlakson, who did her usual capable job.

At the last annual meeting a resolution was left in the hands of the incoming executive. This resolution stated in brief terms that the Government of Canada should declare a holiday and/or erect a suitable monument or memorial to Leif Ericson as a Canadian Centennial Project. We obtained support for this resolution from the Icelandic National League and The Icelandic Canadian Club. The resolution was forwarded to Rt. Hon. L. B. Pearson, the Prime Minister of Canada, and copies to Hon. P. Martin, Hon. W. M. Benedickson, Hon. M. Lamontagne, Rt. Hon. J. Diefenbaker, Hon. T. C. Douglas, R. Thompson, R. Caouette, Senator Thorvaldson, Eric Stefansson, Hon. D. Roblin, Hon. J. Smallwood, Hon. M. Steinkopf and John Fisher, Centennial Commissioner.

Acknowledgements were received from many including the Prime Minister, R. Thompson, T. Douglas, E. Stefansson. The Prime Minister indicated this was not a feasible thing to do as the practice of the government was never to issue a proclamation unless there was a statutory requirement for them. He also expressed his appreciation for the great contribution made to our country by Canadians of Icelandic origin. Eric Stefansson assisted by presenting a private member's bill for this purpose; however, these private members' bills have a tendency

to die a pre-mature death and no discussion has taken place on Bill C-66.

Progress has been made on improving relations with other clubs in our ethnic group. We have a good working relationship with groups such as the Icelandic Celebration Committee, Winnipeg Chapter of the Icelandic National League and others. One joint presentation was shared with "Frón" during the year.

Your president held informal exploratory discussions with members of other Icelandic organizations to encourage closer working relationships, with the hope of some form of an integration. An "ad hoc" committee was founded to review problems of common interest. An item of common interest is the Centennial and what part, if any, our clubs can play. In discussions with the Centennial Commission representatives, some useful suggestions have been made. The question of whether we should be working towards a 1970 or 1975 programme rather than a 1967 has been discussed. Also, any programmes require considerable financing and this has been a stumbling block in coming up with a concrete programme. A great deal of work is required if we are to take an active part as a club in 1967 celebrations and it may be more practical to work towards a contribution for Manitoba's centennial in 1970.

During the year the Club was involved in nine separate functions in which members could participate. This will be covered in detail by the Programme Chairman, Axel Vopnfjord but we will briefly mention them. These included a display, three programmes of presentations by individuals or groups of individuals, luncheon, concert, one evening of card playing and dancing, annual dinner and dance, Christmas programme for the senior citizens. Hence our work has primar-

ily been one of supplying various social evenings for the entertainment of club members and friends. In general our attendance was good except for two of nine events. Weather conditions in both of these cases played a role in limiting attendance.

During the year we have been concerned about the Club finances. Our activities are restricted in many ways because of our limited membership fees. We propose changes which will be covered in detail in another report. Our sustaining membership fund drive in January was only reasonably successful with slightly under \$400.00 collected. However, when we consider that one donation was for \$100.00, this accounted for more than 25% of what was collected. In any event, it certainly helped us and we have earmarked \$200.00 of this money to be used for our scholarship fund.

This year your Club awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$100.00 to Frederick Dean Anderson of Libau, Manitoba. The Scholarship Committee made this award on the basis of general proficiency and scholastic ability. The Club also decided on helping our older folks by making a \$500.00 contribution over a period of three years towards furnishing a room at the Selkirk Old Folks Home. Of this amount \$200.00 was contributed this year.

During the year one book was added to our library. This was the publication, "The Icelandic People of Manitoba," by W. Kristjanson. Mr. and Mrs. Kristjanson are active members of our Club and we have all enjoyed his book immensely.

Our Social Committee, under the chairmanship of Jona Kristjanson, do an outstanding job all year. They are responsible for the refreshments after each function which are enjoyed by all. Special favours were provided our senior citizens after our "Christmas

Lights Tour" and also for those who attended the dinner and dance. They are the unseen heroes whose role in providing refreshments prevents them from seeing much of our programmes. It certainly is surprising to find that with an absolute minimum of finances at the beginning of the year they turned over \$90.00 to the treasurer at the end of the season.

The Publicity Committee under the chairmanship of T. Skulason took care of the newspaper, radio and special publicity required for our programme.

The Membership Committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. C. Appleby revised and consolidated our membership listing. The total membership is 384. This is a difficult task due to the number of changes each year. Close liaison has been maintained with the Treasurer in order to obtain a listing of members in good standing. Our Treasurer issued proper statements to all concerned and established a format which handles this aspect of our Club in a more businesslike fashion. We hereby acknowledge the excellent work done this year by our Treasurer, O. Björnson. Leo Johnson, our secretary handled efficiently the secretarial duties of the Club.

The greatest need within the Club is to reach out into our community and attract the younger generation. The executive have realized this from the attendance at our meetings. The younger generation is conspicuous by its absence. If we are to progress, we must do a better job in this regard. Our programmes in the future must be designed with this in mind. We certainly recommend to the incoming executive that one or two presentations next year be designed around the family concept and make a special effort to have the teenagers and young adults attend. To do this we must reassess our approach to the year's programmes and

come up with a considerable change in format. This is also important if we are to provide club activities that will attract people to become members and take an active part. The burden seems to fall on the shoulders of the executive. The only time one really feels he is a member of any club is when he can contribute by taking part in its activities. We require more volunteers to work on our various committees from the membership at large.

The members of the executive committee certainly have given of their time and talent during the past year. I would like to express my appreciation for their support, and a special thank you for those who have decided to be relieved of their executive duties. It is always dangerous to identify individ-

iduals when so many are deserving but I would be remiss in my duties if I failed to acknowledge the contribution of Mrs. Jona Kristjanson. She has been active on our executive for many years and has done more than her share in promoting its betterment. If you want your Club to take a different role than has been provided in the past, we suggest you get involved in committee work or speak to the executive. They will welcome your help and suggestions.

It has been a very interesting year for me, serving as your President. The incoming executive are extremely capable and we solicit your support in assisting them to make the Club grow bigger and better.

Report of the Chairman of the Magazine Board

One of the main purposes of The Icelandic Canadian is to interpret the duties of us, Canadians of Icelandic descent. A rare opportunity was given your Editor-in-Chief to do so when he appeared before the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism. The report appeared in the Summer 1965 issue of the magazine. It was reproduced in toto by Iceland Review of Reykjavik and in the German Canadian Business Review of Winnipeg. Favourable comments on that analysis have been received from members of the government of both Canada and Iceland, and from top political men in Quebec.

That report pointed out the twofold duty that rests upon all Canadians of non-English, non-French descent — a duty to Canada, now their homeland and a duty to the cultural inheritance from the land of origin.

As tangible evidence of this duty we have been sending the magazine to members of the Canadian government definitely interested, and to Mr. John Fisher, the Centennial Commissioner and some of his senior officers. The following letter was received from Arthur MacDonald, Senior Editor of the Centennial Commission.

Judge W. J. Lindal
Editor-in-Chief and Chairman of
the Board.

The Icelandic Canadian

788 Wolseley Avenue, Winnipeg 10.

Dear Judge Lindal:

Your decision to publicize our Canadian Centennial via your "Pre-Centennial Canadian News" in your excellent **The Icelandic Canadian** prompts us to consider that perhaps your actions are guided by a broad realization of Samuel Johnson's definition of Law as "... result of human wisdom acting upon human experience for the benefit of all".

May we congratulate and heartily endorse the national spirit demonstrated in your publication.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur MacDonald
Senior Editor

Your Chairman has worked closely with the Canada Ethnic Press Federation which has been amazingly successful in its approaches to the Centennial Commission. It emphasized three main projects and all of them were approved. I have no hesitation in stating that the quality of **The Icelandic Canadian** and the policy it has followed very materially contributed to that success.

In closing I want to emphasize two points. Credit for the success of the magazine goes to the whole Board. The editors work as a closely knit team, each accepting his or her duty without hesitation.

The Icelandic Canadian Club and the magazine it sponsors are also a closely meshed unit in the wider and ampler field. It is neither imagination nor mere hope to say that the one cannot successfully perform its service without the help of the other.

—W. J. Lindal

The Icelandic Canadian Centennial Issue

The **Icelandic Canadian** editorial board has begun plans for a Centennial issue of the **Icelandic Canadian**, to be published in June, 1967.

It is to be hoped that this issue will be a very special one and readers are invited to send in contributions in prose and poetry and pictures, which would be used at the discretion of the editorial board.

A centennial poem would be specially welcomed.

Readers are also invited to send in suggestions regarding subject matter, including the general nature of the issue, special articles, literary features, and pictures.

Contributions and suggestions should be in by February 1, 1967.

W. Kristjanson,
(Convener of the Centennial Issue Committee).

Islendingadagurinn 1966

This summer on August 1st at Gimli the Icelandic Celebration Day Committee will hold its 77th consecutive Icelandic Day celebration. The festivities this year promise to be very interesting indeed, and the committee has plans for a very active not only one day but two days.

On Sunday July 31st, about 2 p.m. there will be a one mile swimming race, one for ladies and one for the men. The committee has obtained the assistance of the Manitoba Swimming Association to help with these races and also, while these races are being held, weather permitting, there will be a water skiing display. Very fine trophies will be presented to the winners of the swimming races.

On Monday, August 1st the day will start with the ever popular parade which has been gaining momentum every year. The parade is of course led and graced by the "Fjallkona" who this year will be Mrs. Jona Kristjansson and her two maids of honour, Miss Ingrid Farewell and Miss Eliasson.

The parade will start at 10 a.m. and proceed from the C.P.R. station down Centre Street. There are many interesting floats and displays including the lovely beauty contestants in bathing suits who will be driven in open convertibles. At the cairn the "Fjallkona" will place the traditional wreath and from there the floats will proceed to the park where the judges will award prizes for the best float.

The junior sports events will commence in the Gimli Park at 11 a.m., D.S.T., followed by the senior sports events during the afternoon. This year a beautiful new trophy, donated by Einar Johnson will be awarded to

the senior lady or man who obtains the largest number of points in the track events. This trophy is truly a handsome addition to the awards presently being offered.

The afternoon program commences at 2 p.m., under the chairmanship of Eric Stefansson, M.P. and several interesting speeches and displays have been planned for your entertainment. — Young girls in Icelandic costumes will dance and there will be a "Glíma" demonstration. Both of these events to take place on a platform where all can see. The Swedish Choir will again sing Icelandic selections and efforts are at present under way to obtain a very popular soloist.

Hardfish imported from Iceland will again be sold at popular prices and the committee advises that Icelandic flags will also be made available.

In the evening commencing at 7 o'clock there will be the customary and everliked singsong in both English and Icelandic. Following this the Beauty Contest will be held in the Dance Pavilion. Each beauty contestant will be presented in turn and the three lucky winners will be awarded prizes. When the sun has set, films will be shown and efforts are presently being made to obtain coloured films of the new island—Surtsey.

Dancing in the Pavilion will end the day to the music of Johnny and his Musical Mates.

A very warm welcome is extended to everyone to attend at Gimli this year and the committee hopes that their hard work will give you both diversified and inspiring entertainment.

SELFLESS SERVICE

Motion made at the annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to the C.N.I.B.

Madam President,
Members and Friends:

It has been entrusted to me today to acknowledge the very fine work of the very fine women who have served as officers of the Women's Auxiliary to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and are at this time retiring from office. This I do with much pleasure.

It was, I believe, in 1931 that Nellie McLung published a book called "Flowers for the Living". Both the book and the title appealed to me, and today I am in the happy position of being able to bestow verbal flowers on those retiring officers who have truly lived for the blind, and in doing so, have tasted the rewards of good living.

To our retiring President, Mrs. W. J. Lindal, I would present orchids, sorry only that they must be imagined. Mrs. Lindal has given her talents to the demanding duties of her responsible office in a most devoted way. She has known the blind personally, at their work, at their social functions and in their homes, sparing herself not at all. She has used her ingenuity to explore new fields and has further developed the old. Our grateful thanks go to Mrs. Lindal — with orchids.

For Mrs. Fred Nickle, our retiring Social Convener, a Spring bouquet

with gav tulips, daffodils, lilacs and freesias symbolizing the many colorful events which were so well organized and so efficiently presented during the year. Like the bouquet, they were varied but always bright and delightful.

I shall not run out of flowers in thanking the other officers who have served us so well but I may run out of time, so from a beautiful bouquet of fragrant, red roses, I shall bestow a perfect bloom on the following:

Mrs. W. Bruce Gunn who was our Treasurer; Mrs. C. A. Mitchell who has been in charge of education and who has handled this responsibility in a most capable manner; Mrs. J. R. McConkey who, as Finance Chairman, directed us wisely through our monetary problems; Mrs. W. A. Bell who in charge of transportation, (a most difficult position) never saved herself so long as her duties were well executed.

To them all—our thanks.

(Mrs.) Annie M. Long

May 5, 1966

Leaving aside all names this tribute is in itself a beautiful flower—in words. May we receive more of them. —A.I.

Receives U. S. Navy Commendation Medal

(The following news item from a Florida paper has been forwarded to The Icelandic Canadian)



Commander John V. Josephson

The Navy Commendation Medal was awarded to Commander John V. Josephson USN, executive officer of Patrol Squadron 5, in a ceremony at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, on August 18, 1965.

In the citation from the Secretary of the Navy, Paul H. Nitze, Commander Josephson was commended for his outstanding performance of duty while serving as a Naval Assistant to the Military Aide to The President of the United States from May 1, 1964 to August 18, 1965.

The citation reads as follows: "During this period Commander Josephson fulfilled a variety of diverse and sensitive assignments with exceptional dedication and skill. Through his resourceful management and over-all supervision of the Presidential yachts, the White House Staff Mess and the Presidential retreat at Camp David, he contributed immeasurably to the unfailing excellence of those units and activities which provide invaluable support to the White House and to the President.

"Additionally he has assisted in coordinating the functions of the White House Emergency plans, plans for the continuity of government and other classified assignments.

"Commander Josephson's participation as White House liaison with the Federal Communications Commission and the National Industry Advisory Committee was instrumental in the successful adoption and implementation of plans for a nationwide emergency broadcast system. His leadership, professional ability, and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

Commander Josephson is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, class of 1949. During the Korean war he served for two years, flying hospital supplies between the United States and Japan. He was then assigned to the Naval Academy, where he served for two years as an Electronics Instructor, and a further two years he served on the Dew Line. From 1963 to 1965 he served as Naval Assistant to the Military Aide to the President of the United States. His most recent posting is Executive Officer of Patrol Squadron 5, USN.

Commander Josephson was born in Deer Lodge, Montana, and is the son of the late Joseph T. Josephson and Clara (nee Hanson) Josephson, the latter of Norwegian descent. His father served in the First World War (see *Hermannabók*, page 248) and he and Jón Ólafsson, poet and journalist, were first cousins.

Commander Josephson is married to the former Miss Mary Allison, of McLean, Virginia. They have two children, Susan, age 15, and Peter, age 12.

—W.K.

ON COMMUNITY SPIRIT

The Saskatoon Star-Phoenix has allotted space on the editorial page under the title "Youth Editorial". Each one is headed by this note:

These youth editorials are intended to give young people a chance to express their views, and adults to read them. The students are grade 12 students, and the views are their own.

The following youth editorial is by **BRUCE THORDARSON**, attending Aden Bowman Collegiate in Saskatoon. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Thordarson of 1413 Cairns Ave. Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

ON COMMUNITY SPIRIT—

Call it community spirit, civic pride, or whatever you want, Saskatoon just does not seem to have much of it. During the past few years, our baseball and hockey teams have received very limited fan support; last year the public voted down certain money by-laws which were essential for the development and expansion of the city: many Saskatonians frequently express an earnest desire to live elsewhere; and now, when preparations for our Diamond Jubilee should be in their final stages, we find that very little has actually been done.

When school spirit drops, as it does occasionally, it is the responsibility of the collegiate's Students' Representative Council to organize activities such as pep rallies and sock hops, which are designed to focus the students' attention on their school. Similarly, when apathy creeps into a community, the onus rests on city council and other interested groups to take steps to remove this lethargy.

An affair such as last summer's Gala Night Under the Stars is an excellent example of the kind of action that council and local service groups should

undertake. Any events that create high interest and bring a large number of people together are bound to foster some community pride. Even today, many Saskatonians still think fondly—and with pride—of the excitement surrounding Lorne Greene's visit and the excellent performances by the various local acts. Surely interested civic groups could stage their own special promotions at various times during the year, just as the Jaycees have done with their annual Fire Festival.

The formation of additional family athletic and social clubs, priced for the average citizen, would also encourage the group participation that is essential if Saskatoon is to develop as a true community and not merely as a collection of individual, indifferent citizens.

In addition to promoting special events and projects, though, it is vital that the community leaders take action to instill in all Saskatonians a genuine civic pride—something that will make us all proud to tell New Yorkers, Parisians, and the rest that we come from Saskatoon.

If such a situation is ever to exist, we must convince ourselves that Saskatoon is not just any ordinary city. For

example, our University Hospital is recognized abroad as one of the very best on the North American continent, and a degree from the University of Saskatchewan is as highly regarded in most parts of the world as one from almost any other university. Unfortunately, we fail to show much interest in such facts. But if a strong publicity program were adopted, perhaps we would begin to recognize the importance of these institutions and would develop a proper pride for them.

Similarly, a distinctively Saskatoon reputation could be developed in other fields. In view of the importance of potash to the future of the community, a full-scale drive advertising Saskatoon as the "Potash Capital of the World" could be launched. Souvenirs and publicity packages could be distributed across the country so that all of Canada, not just Saskatoon, would recog-

nize the vital role our city is to play in the development of this resource. In addition, every attempt should be made to save Pion-Era and to transform this event into a gigantic spectacle worthy of being compared with the Calgary Stampede. With imaginative and diligent management Saskatoon will gain a worthy reputation and will become a source of genuine pride to its citizens.

It would be unwise, however, to delay instituting such programs much longer lest the present apathy become too deeply rooted to be removed. Our Diamond Jubilee year offers us an excellent opportunity to discard our indifference towards Saskatoon and to develop a sincere appreciation of it. If the proper leadership is provided, our best years may not be far away.

—Bruce Thordarson

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1. The marks obtained in Grade XII subjects this year.
2. The Degree Course planned.
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4. References — names of 3 citizens of the applicant's community, one of whom is a school principal or teacher.

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BELLA BELLA

As we gaze across the mile or two of sea-water channel that separates us from the adjoining island, with its steep tree-clad hills rising to the mountains beyond, we often reflect on the chance that brought us to this part of the world—so different from the Red River plain of north-east Manitoba.

To those who read this who may not be aware of our startling change of employment: Last spring we answered an ad in the paper just to see what would result; and the end result of the whole thing was that we both obtained jobs teaching school at the Indian Bay School here in this Indian fishing village situated on Campbell Island, roughly three hundred miles up the British Columbia coast from Vancouver. We teach kindergarten and Grades 5 and 6, respectively. We quit the CBC, gave up the private kindergarten, sold our house and came out here. We settled Ron in an apartment in Winnipeg (along with another University student), to finish his Engineering course at the University of Manitoba. He is due to graduate in the spring.

They call it "Beautiful beautiful" Bella Bella. This is not only the translation for the Italian work but likewise for that of the Bella Bella Indians themselves. The Bella Bella (part of the linguistic stock known as Kwakiutl) originally occupied all of the islands

hereabouts. Now they have almost all moved on to this Indian reserve, and the community is known as Bella Bella. The only white people in the village are the United Church minister, the Pentecostal church minister, the doctors and nurses on the staff of the United Church hospital here, the resident engineer, and of course the teachers (and wives and families of all these). One rather tends to forget this fact when you live here, however, as the villagers (for the most part) do not look or act "Indian" in any way. For the most part, only the older inhabitants speak the native tongue. Everyone is English-speaking, and I should think the majority speak nothing else. Everyone has running water (piped down out of a dam up in the hills), electric lights (the village has its own power plant), and such like obvious amenities of civilization. Except for a couple of trucks owned by the hospital and itinerant labourers employed on construction projects, there is no automobile transportation of any kind, whatever. There is no television of any kind, but radio reception is fairly good at night and in the morning up to about breakfast time. Many other vices of civilization—coca cola, bubble-gum, etc., are likewise present. A lot of teenagers have little walkie-talkie sets that they play with.

So the place is not really primitive, merely isolated. There are no highways

of any kind. Connection with the "outside" world is by aircraft and by boat. There's a small settlement of white people on the adjoining island where British Columbia Packers have a general store and supply depot and also a post office. The former RCAF base—now a repair depot—is also on this island. At the edge of our settlement there is also a general store and post office. The closest town of any consequence is Ocean Falls, a "company" town owned by the Crown Zellerbach Pulp and Paper people. It's about thirty miles away. However, since one can only reach it by plane or boat it's rather inaccessible. We've been there only once. The only longish outing we've taken since we came here was a trip all of the teachers took on a fishing boat we chartered up to Prince Rupert and back to attend an Indian Teachers' convention. This expedition took several days. Prince Rupert is about two hundred miles away.

So what are the distinctive things about Bella Bella? Its beautiful setting

and scenery, of course. And its raised boardwalks (in place of roads and sidewalks). Also the way in which most houses are raised off the ground—built on stilts, as it were. These things are made necessary by the fact that it seems to rain almost continuously for long periods of the year and measures have to be taken to keep everyone "high and dry". I would suppose the annual rainfall is about 125 inches, more or less.

Weather permitting, we're planning to fly out of here at Christmas time down to Vancouver, and from there we hope to go down to California to visit Sharon for three or four days and see our little grandchildren again.

Apart from that, I'm afraid we're stuck here for many months to come. We'd love to be able to visit our friends and have them visit us here in this Indian village, but we must concede that it's a long way off the beaten path. We wish them all a happy holiday season nevertheless.

—Gustaf Kristjanson

Seventieth Wedding Anniversary

Seventy year anniversaries are rare and the Magazine is glad to report the following.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigurdur Solvason who have lived on their farm near Wynyard, Sask., since 1905, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on July 12th, 1965. A large gathering of relatives

and friends attended the celebration at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Solvason are in good health. They have three daughters, two sons, seventeen grandchildren and twenty-two great grandchildren.

Mr. Solvason is 100 years old and Mrs. Solvason is 92.

—Winnipeg Free Press

COMPASSION

Compassion is one of the warmest words in the dictionary. It's probably the word that best describes the heart and deeds of **Winnie Jonasson**, a widowed school teacher who lives on a farm with her children about 14 miles from Arborg, Man.

With her four children, all under the age of 17, Mrs. Jonasson successfully operates the 400-acre farm. They do everything. Mrs. Jonasson and her boys even built a huge barn for the livestock.

There's plenty to keep her busy right at home, but Winnie Jonasson isn't the kind of woman to let work interfere with a project that has gained the admiration of everyone in the Arborg area.

Every morning after she finishes milking the cows, Mrs. Jonasson drives to Arborg to teach the school she founded for the retarded children in the area.

The room, above Tergeson's drug store, is donated free of charge. Joey Tergeson was well known in the Interlake area as a hockey player and one of his children attends the school. But what intrigued me is how a highly successful school which was so badly needed could be started under such humble circumstances.

She Played It By Ear

At a delicious dinner at the charming farm home, prepared and served beautifully by 12-year-old Heather Jonasson, the modest teacher explained how it came about. She has been a school teacher in the area most of her adult life, but there had never been any kind of facilities available for the retarded. The handicapped children just wilted away at home, even though the parents wanted to do something for them.

Three years ago some of the parents decided it was time to act and they advertised for a teacher capable of dealing with the retarded. No one answered. But Mrs. Jonasson decided someone had to do something and she volunteered to organize the school.

"I had to play it by ear since I had never taught retarded youngsters. Luckily, I'm blessed with patience, and gradually the school started to thrive. Boys and girls who never made contact with outsiders seemed to come to life," she said with obvious feeling.

Mrs. Jonasson visited each child at home. It seemed to be a case of love at first sight. The children took to her readily despite their handicaps of being mongoloids, idiots, or in other phases of retardation.

Every Day A Triumph

Classes begin at 9 a.m. for the eight children in the school and ends at 2:30 in the afternoon. Now the little class has been accepted as an established fact by the provincial government which is allowing a grant for each child taught by Mrs. Jonasson.

"I really like it better than regular teaching," Mrs. Jonasson said. "When you teach normal children you expect them to produce. But when I see these

children accomplish things I feel good inside. Every single day there's another little triumph."

There's no doubt the retarded children have made marvellous progress under Mrs. Jonasson's patient methods. They make a great many items which are sold at yearly bazaars, and as the teacher said, "It gives them such pride to know they can do things and actually raise money through their own efforts. Before there was nothing for them."

Mrs. Louisa G. Gislason

Mrs. Louisa G. Gislason, of the town of Morden, Manitoba, will be remembered for her many deeds of kindness, her active participation in several projects and her devotion to her church.

She was keenly interested in all things Icelandic. She had learned her mother tongue as a child and spoke and loved it all her life. She was a member of the Icelandic National League, attended its conventions and took in the various functions which were held. A few years ago she gave The University of Manitoba \$10,000 in memory of her husband, Þorsteinn J. Gislason, to be used to promote the study of Icelandic language and letters. This was but one of the many generous contributions she made to different projects.

Mrs. Gislason was an accomplished pianist and gave instruction on the piano to a number of students in her district. She graduated as a nurse in 1913 from the City and Country Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota.

She had a host of friends. She gave courage in time of distress, encouragement when needed and a pat on the back when deserved. Truly a remarkable person.

Death came in the quiet of the night, February 24, 1966, just after she had attended the final session of The Icelandic National League convention.

She is survived by her son, Louis, his wife and three children, two brothers, Walter and Danny, five sisters, Pauline, Inga, Esther, Grace and Thorun. **Mattie Halldorson.**

Icelandic Man Repairs and Makes Violins



A unique and interesting hobby pleasantly pursued by Kristin Adalstein Grandy, a long time resident of Blaine, Washington U.S.A.

Mr. Grandy makes and repairs violins, which he says are his favorite musical instrument. A small corner of his kitchen in his home on Peace Portal Drive serves as his workshop, and as may be seen in the picture which accompanies this article, he has quite a number of instruments in his care. He has also made a Viola, and a Cello, and

he makes his instruments from the plank up.

Last fall a String Ensemble from Vancouver, B. C., some of whose members are former residents of Winnipeg, Manitoba, came to Blaine and borrowed several of Mr. Grandy's instruments and gave a concert at Stafholt, the Icelandic Old People's Home in Blaine, much to the joy of the residents who never seem to get enough music.

Mr. Grandy studied violin for some time until an unfortunate accident left

him with a partially stiffened wrist. It was then that he conceived the idea of making and repairing his favorite instrument. He made his first violin in 1913, and has some of its parts to this day. He worked on some very old violins and uses mostly imported wood from West Germany for his work. One particular instrument which came to him for repair was all in pieces and had been stored in a pillow case, and some of the feathers from the pillow were imbedded in the varnish. It had been bought by an old time band leader and collector of violins. After repairing the violin, he returned it to the owner shining and intact, with its original seal which, though barely readable, still bore the name "Paganini", a great violinist of Antiquity.

Born in Akra, N. D., Mr. Grandy

came to Blaine with his parents in 1907, and has made his home here ever since that time.

Through the years he has been employed in a number of occupations including railroad bridge building, the lumber and shingle industries, boiler and engine room work, and in the fishing industry. The last ten years before his retirement in 1963, Mr. Grandy was employed as clerk in one of the local hardware stores in Blaine. He plans to continue his interesting hobby indefinitely.

Mr. Grandy's parents, Magnus and Margaret Grandy were born in Iceland. They married in 1894 and moved to Piney, Manitoba, where they made their home until 1907, when they moved to Blaine, Washington. Both are deceased.

APPOINTED HONORARY CONSUL GENERAL

The following announcement has been received from the Embassy of Iceland in Ottawa:

"The Embassy of Iceland has the honor to announce that the Consulate of Iceland in Winnipeg, Manitoba, has been elevated to the status of Consulate General.

Mr. Grettir L. Johannson, former Honorary Consul, has been appointed Honorary Consul General of Iceland in Winnipeg."

The Icelandic Canadian extends congratulations to Grettir L. Johannson, the first Honorary Consul General of Iceland in Canada.



Grettir Johannson
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William Allan Harry Halderson

William Allan Harry Halderson, of Westminster, California, has a brilliant scholastic record. His parents Marvin and Margaret (nee Anderson) Halder-son, both hail from Winnipeg, Man. Marvin Halderson's father who played hockey with the original Vikings and was in the hay business in the Win-nipeg Grain Exchange Building, died a number of years ago. His widow, Valdina, resides with her daughter Emily, and son-in-law Thomas D. Finn-bogason, at 105 Lodge Ave., Winnipeg 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Halderson lived in Prince Albert, Sask., for a while and moved from there to West-minster, California.

In grade nine and ten William won the CKBI award for highest scholastic achievement at Riverside Collegiate, Prince Albert, Sask. In his Junior year at Westminster High School, Calif., he was awarded the National Science Foundation Grant for a summer course

at the University of Utah. In his Senior year at Westminster, he won the Bank of America Award for distinguished achievement in English.

He went on to California State Poly-technic College and for each of his four years there received a State schol- arship. There he majored in Social Science, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in June of 1966.

He has recently been awarded a Na- tional Defense Education Act Fellow- ship to the amount of \$9,750.00, for three years' study towards a doctorate in Political Science in government.

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Joanne Elizabeth Holm

Joanne Elizabeth Holm, a Home Economics student at U. of Manitoba, has been elected president of Alpha Delta Phi Sorority. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Arnold W. Holm of 1220 Wellington Crescent, Winnipeg. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Holm of Lundar, Man.



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Her brother Trevor Douglas Holm graduated in 1963-64 with a Bachelor of Science degree and a certificate in Education, and is at present teaching at Gordon Bell High School.

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WINNER OF MANY AWARDS

Marion Andrea Scrymgeour, daughter of Charles and Valdine Scrymgeour (nee Ingaldson) and granddaughter of Mrs. Violet Ingaldson, graduated from Silver Heights Collegiate in 1963 and the following September, entered the School of Home Economics at the University of Manitoba. After three years at University, she graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Home Economics.

While at the university, she was awarded 3 scholarships—two Icelandic Canadian scholarships plus an Isbister scholarship (for obtaining the second highest average in Home Economics during the '65-'65 school year). Upon graduation, she received two awards: the Home Economics Medal of Merit which is awarded for Scholarship and Personal Qualities plus the Eaton's of Canada award for obtaining the highest standing in one of her subjects. As winner of this award, Marion received a silver tea service.

During her undergraduate year Marion took part in many extra cur-

ricular activities. She was Lady Stick (President) of her faculty in her final year and also received an award for outstanding participation in faculty activities.

Her average in her final year was 78.5%.

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MARGARET JOANN MOORE received her Bachelor of Social Work at the University of British Columbia, in June, 1966. In 1965 she secured her Bachelor of Arts degree at McMaster University at Hamilton, Ontario.

Her brother **David Robert Moore** who graduated in Electrical Engineering from the University of Manitoba in 1963 returned from a two-year training program with A.S.E.A. (Swedish Electric Vastrás), Sweden, June 15. Their parents are Robert and (Sigga Johannson) Moore of Toronto, Ont. —See Icel. Can. Winter 1963.

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ALICE HALL, graduate, Bachelor of Art from United College, 1966. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George and Ruth Hall, Winnipeg. Her maternal grandparents were the late Magnus Petursson and Mrs. Petursson (Ingibjorg Olafsdottir, Johnson) of Big Point, Manitoba.

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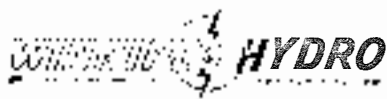
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