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## Layoffs Rise In U.S. Firms

Auto Industry Bearing Brunt Of Recession

Layoffs increased sharply Friday in several sectors of the United States economy as auto and auto-related industries continued among the hardest hit by the recession.

## Cannot Delay Games

AMSTERDAM (Reuter) — The International Olympic Committee (IOC) said today the 1976 Summer Games, planned for Montreal, must take place on schedule.

The committee made the declaration in a communique issued after a meeting here between Lord Killanan, president of the IOC, and two vice-presidents, Willy Deume of West Germany and Herman van Karnebeek of the Netherlands.

"The Games must take place on the schedule dates," the brief communique said.

A spokesman for the organizing committee for the Games said in Montreal Friday that Lord Killanan had assured the committee that the IOC had no intention of pulling the games out of Montreal because of a strike that has held up construction of games facilities.

The strike led to speculation that the Games might be cancelled or held in other facilities if the stoppage were not settled soon.

Lord Killanan told reporters the IOC has received no offers from cities wanting to replace Montreal as the summer host, despite reports that bids had been received from the West German city of Dusseldorf and from the Shah of Iran.

Montreal remains the site, he said.

However, while the IOC statement said the Games must take place on schedule, it did not say they must be held in Montreal.

It said the Montreal organizing committee presented a progress report to the IOC and

## Strike Halts Coin Work

By VIC PARSONS

OTTAWA (CP) — Coin production in the country was completely stalled Friday as a strike by 550 employees of the Royal Canadian Mint continued into its second day.

The employees, located in Ottawa, Hull, Que., and Winnipeg, began their walkout Thursday afternoon after the failure of mediation efforts by federal mediator Henry Bartebach.

The strike has brought to a halt production of coins for domestic use, the production of specially-minted Olympic coins designed to raise money for the 1976 games in Montreal, and minting of coins for foreign clients.

Several hundred workers held a mass demonstration in front of the mint headquarters in Ottawa Friday to back their demands.

The union wants a 22-per-cent pay raise in the first year of a two-year agreement and a similar increase in the second year. The latest offer in mediation from the mint, a Crown corporation, was for a 10-per-cent and eight-per-cent raise respectively in each year of a two-year contract.

Average hourly wages for the employees are now \$4.00.

The staff at the mint has virtually doubled in the last year, partly due to a domestic coin shortage and partly because of the Olympic coin program. About 250 employees are directly engaged in the minting of the Olympic coins and their wage costs are subtracted from revenues of sales of the coins.

In another development Friday, Postmaster-General Bryce

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## Govt. Backs Railways' Freight Rate Appeal

OTTAWA (CP) — The railways have been granted permission to appeal a Canadian transport commission freight rate ruling after the federal justice department surprised a court hearing by supporting the railway demand.

The Federal Court of Appeal set Jan. 24 to hear the railways' appeal of a transport commission decision granting them about half the rate increase they sought last week.

Gordon Blair, representing the provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, told the court he was astounded that the justice department should intervene to "enforce a particular interpretation" of railway law.

Outside the court, some experienced observers said they were amazed the department would step in to question a federal agency ruling, the transport commission, in such a case.

Andre Garneau, a justice department lawyer, said the Federal Court should grant permission to appeal because there is an "arguable case" against the commission ruling.

The railways said the commission had no legal authority to make its decision.

The commission last week granted the railways about half the 25-per-cent increase in general commodity rates that they sought effective Jan. 1. The commission postponed to March 1 the remaining increase to allow further negotiation between the railways and the provinces.

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## Speed Pledged On U.S. Tax Cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford has won a pledge from top members of the United States Congress to act quickly on a recession-fighting tax cut of about \$15 billion.

Representative Al Ullman (Dem. Ore.) expected to become chairman in the new Congress of the committee that initiates all tax legislation, told reporters after a Friday night conference with Ford:

"I think we have the ingredients for fast action to get relief to the American people."

Ford outlined his tax cut plan to Ullman and called Republican congressional leaders to the White House today for a similar preview of legislation he will propose next week.

Ullman said Ford's plan "encompasses much of what I support."

He would not disclose the

president's proposals, but said they were "in some ways wider in scope than I had anticipated."

Ullman indicated he and Ford were not in agreement on implementation of a tax cut but were close to an accord "on net impact" — the total dollar amount involved.

Administration sources have said that figure is about \$15 billion.

Ullman said he is not enthusiastic about an idea that Ford has been considering — to achieve the reduction by sending tax rebates for 1974 to taxpayers. It was uncertain whether this feature would survive when the president puts the finishing touches on his recommendations for pumping money into the hands of consumers in order to spur the

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## Twisters Kill 13

McCOMB, Miss. (AP) — A series of deadly tornadoes that swooped down out of a fast-moving storm in the southern United States have left at least 13 persons known dead, 200 injured and patches of destruction in four states.

The wonder of it was that more were not killed by the swirling winds which struck Friday.

For instance, a twister smashed into an elementary school here while 300 pupils crouched in the hallways, but the most serious injury was a broken leg.

Another tornado ripped the roof from a school gym in Opelousas, La., while 600 youngsters cowered on the floor. The only injuries were a few bruises.

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## Great Hall Open Sunday

Some have said it will be Winnipeg's second 100 years, will be a wide assortment of local performing talent.

With the official opening ceremony over, the convention centre will brace for a four-day gala extravaganza opening, from Jan. 15 to 18, presented by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and the du Maurier Council for the Performing Arts.

Discotheques and casinos will be operating from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. on the first floor while musical shows — including a rock 'n' roll group, Henry Mancini and the Winnipeg Symphony, the Irish Rovers, country singers Marty Robbins and Ferlin Husky — will be presented on the third floor each of the four evenings, with CBC-TV performer Fred Davis as host.

Everything depends, of course, on the effects of today's blizzard. So far, the show was scheduled to go ahead.

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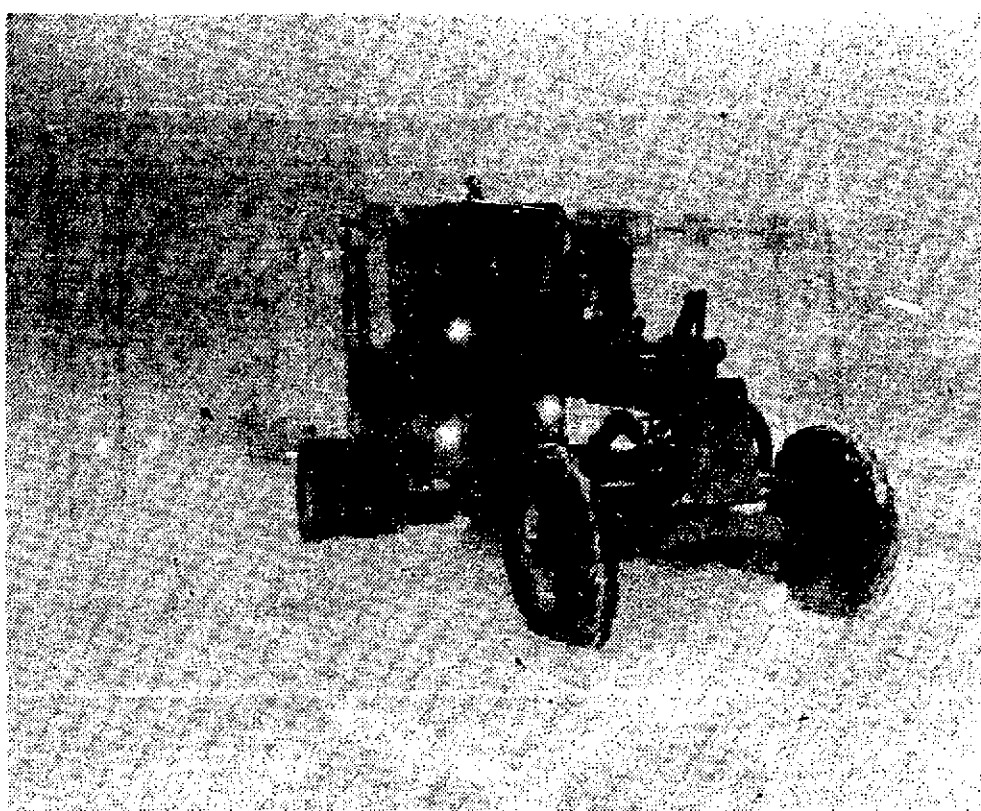
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# One Man Dead In Blizzard; Hundreds Isolated In Snow



Snowplows faced almost impossible odds at Portage Avenue and Main Street early Saturday — as soon as the roadways were cleared, the wind would cover them in again with blowing snow.

## Storm Prompts Stay-Home Warning; Wind Chill Skids To 70-80 Below

Southern Manitoba was in the midst of a blizzard this morning that had all the earmarks of rivaling the famous storm of March 4, 1966. Today's storm had already taken one life at presstime. People who reached work in downtown Winnipeg were making hotel reservations in case they couldn't get home again.

Officials had a two-word warning for everyone, city and country folk alike: Stay home. But hundreds of motorists were already stranded in their automobiles both within Winnipeg and out on the highways.

A blizzard warning was in effect overnight and this morning for Winnipeg, Brandon, Dauphin, Bissett, Gull Lake, Interlake, Berens River, Red River, Dauphin and Winnipegosis regions.

At 6 a.m. today, visibility was near zero, the temperature was 10 below zero and the wind was gusting to 55 miles an hour. The wind chill factor was at 70 to 80 below later in the morning.

Snow was still falling at 6 a.m. but by 8 a.m. in Winnipeg, it was pretty well a matter of blowing snow. About an inch had fallen, adding to yesterday's accumulation.

At 9:30 a.m. all snowplows were ordered off the highways until the high winds drop.

Joseph Richard Johnson, 53, of 960 Elizabeth Road, St. Boniface, who was working at the Canadian National Railways Symington yards last night died when a train engine struck him.

A St. Boniface police department spokesman said Mr. Johnson was sweeping snow from a switching device when a train engine was backing up and he wound up under the engine.

The accident occurred at about 11:20 p.m. Mr. Johnson was dead at St. Boniface Hospital at 12:01 a.m.

More than 100 cars were reported in the ditch between Winnipeg and Brandon — more than 50 of them between Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie.

A cottage owner at Grand Beach, Man., was among those stranded in their homes across southern Manitoba. He had telephoned the RCMP that he had acute appendicitis and had to get to hospital.

Today's forecast was for light snow and blowing snow, a northwest wind as high as 55 m.p.h. and the temperature steady at about five below or 10 below. The overnight low is expected to be 15 below.

For tomorrow, the Winnipeg weather office forecast occasional light snow, a northwest wind at 30 to 40 and lower temperatures.

In the famous March 4, 1966, storm, the wind blew up to 70 m.p.h. and the temperature dropped to 40 below.

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## ONE-HALF PER CENT DROP

# Bank Lowers Loan Rate

By BUD JORGENSEN

OTTAWA (CP) — Federal authorities have given the signal that they believe the cost of borrowing money should drop. The Bank of Canada is lowering its rate for loans to chartered banks to 8½ per cent from 8¾ beginning Monday.

The retail banks seldom borrow from the federal bank but changes in the central bank tend to influence shifts in borrowing costs.

The announcement Friday follows a series of rate changes in the United States and R. W. Lawson, senior deputy governor of the Bank of Canada, said there were the same influences here pushing down interest rates.

The statement from Gerald Bouey, the bank governor, said the reduction followed a decline in recent weeks in short-term interest rates.

Earlier this week some large U.S. banks cut their prime lending rate to the 10- to 10¼-per-cent range. This is the rate charged by retail banks for loans to their most credit-worthy corporate customers.

The prime rate charged here by the major chartered banks is 11 per cent. The rate change by the central bank along with changes in rates in the U.S. and elsewhere creates pressure to reduce this rate.

Changes in other rates generally follow prime rate —Continued—  
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## India Resents U.S. Move

NEW DELHI (Special-APF) — India has expressed its resentment at the reported dispatch of U.S. task force to the Indian Ocean.

A foreign office spokesman here made the Indian stand clear by recalling what he called his government's "often stated policy towards such developments."

He was commenting on a Washington press report that "a powerful navy carrier task force" was now on its way to the Indian Ocean.

According to the report the six-ship force was led by the nuclear-powered carrier Enterprise.

## Divorce Aid Firms Forced To Close

By RITCHIE GAGE

Free Press Courts Reporter

Two Winnipeg divorce aid businesses have closed under the threat of legal action by the Law Society of Manitoba.

Harold Stubbs, secretary of the society, said in an interview Friday that the society believes the two operations were giving legal advice contrary to Section 48 of the Law Society Act.

Letters were sent to DAC Holdings, 894 St. James Street, Suite 204, St. James-Assiniboia, and National Family Services, 665 Selkirk Avenue, asking them to desist. The alternative, Mr. Stubbs said, was a civil lawsuit.

He said that under the Law Society Act only people who have been called to the bar can give legal advice.

He said that the society had been watching the operations for some time and that they had been in business for about one year.

"We decided to take action when we received several complaints about advice given to clients."

The paralegal operations were allegedly giving legal advice that was causing clients to run afoul of the law.

The divorce service was charging about \$100 for telling clients how to fill out the forms required to be filed in Court of Queen's Bench, Mr. Stubbs said.

He said that it was legal for people to act on their own behalf in a divorce case but no

one else but a lawyer could act on their behalf and get paid. He said the cost of getting a divorce through a lawyer begins at about \$400 and rises to \$800 or more if a lot of work is involved.

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## Extra Auto Premium

Manitoba motorists who take their cars outside the province for more than 60 consecutive days may have to pay a surcharge for autopac coverage, depending on where they go.

J. O. Dutton, general manager of the Manitoba public insurance corporation, said Friday the surcharge may be imposed to prevent drivers from taking advantage of autopac's low rates.

He said there have been cases where people with cars registered and insured in Manitoba have lived in California for a year, where insurance —Continued—  
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## Fast Action Pledged

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sagging U.S. economy.

Ford's labor-management committee, representing big labor and big business, was unanimous in urging the \$15 billion cut. It called for a \$70 tax credit for each exemption plus a five-per-cent reduction in tax, with a ceiling of \$375 per return.

John Dunlop, committee co-ordinator, told reporters the committee favored a tax cut extending over all of 1975 rather than the one-shot rebate Ford was considering.

The labor-management committee also recommended that an investment tax credit rate designed to encourage business modernization and expansion be boosted to 12 per cent across the board. The rate now is seven per cent for most industries and four per cent for public utilities.

Meanwhile, one of the main ingredients of the recession — unemployment — was emphasized on three fronts.

The Ford Motor Co. announced shutdowns at 17 assembly plants and five component facilities for all of next week. The production cuts bring Ford's layoff toll for the week to 85,175, including 52,525 temporary and 32,650 indefinite layoffs.

In Atlanta, Ga., several thousand persons showed up to apply for 225 new public service jobs, causing a brief stampede.

And in Washington, the labor department released figures showing the largest two-month decline in nonfarm payroll jobs since 1945.

## Layoffs Rising In U.S.

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England Telephone Co. has been scheduled for Feb. 1. The telephone workers union says it will seek a court order to block the layoff.

New England Telephone employs about 48,600 workers.

Citing the continued slump in consumer spending and housing, home appliance manufacturer Maytag Co. said it will lay off on Jan. 20 some 450 employees, mostly in production. Maytag employs about 4,000.

Forty workers at Acushnet Co.'s rubber division in New Bedford, Mass., have lost their jobs, bringing the total number of layoffs at that plant to 300 since the recession began to force cuts.

Acushnet is the largest industrial employer in New Bedford, a city where the jobless rate now has climbed to more than 12 per cent.

The employees of the Great Lakes Express Inc., one of the biggest U.S. trucking companies, have agreed to take a 20-per-cent cut in pay until April to avoid layoffs at its Buffalo, N.Y., terminal.

The cut in pay might average \$60 an employee a week, the company said.

The Western Electric Co., citing a dwindling demand for its telephone switching equipment, announced it will close its Columbia River, Wash., plant May 1, throwing 720 persons out of work.

The firm laid off about 150 employees effective immediately and said the remaining 570 would be gone by May 1. The other 90 will be transferred to other Western Electric plants.

The plant makes equipment for the Bell System.

## One Dead In City Blizzard

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m.p.h. and 14 inches of snow fell.

The Winnipeg weather office says a storm is a blizzard when the following conditions occur simultaneously with blowing, falling or drifting snow:

- Winds of 25 m.p.h. or more.
- Visibility of half a mile or less.
- Temperature 10 above or lower.

• These conditions persist for at least six hours.

Here's how the blizzard was affecting the Winnipeg area and environs early today:

• The RCMP was advising motorists to stay off the highways and city police said that if motorists did have to drive within the city limits that they should form car pools and keep off side streets.

• Winnipeg's International Airport was shut down. Officials said it would not reopen until at least 6 p.m.

• Taxi service was virtually non-existent with many cab drivers themselves stranded.

• Bus service was sporadic and operating only in some areas of the city and on some portions of the regular routes.

• St. James Bridge was blocked at 6:30 a.m. by stalled vehicles.

• Police asked that all snowmobiles be kept off the streets.

• Power was off in Sanford, Man., but functioning in most other areas.

• The Winnipeg fire department reported no major fires overnight but many firemen were stranded in their homes.

• Virtually all events scheduled for today — including the Nancy Greene Ski League — were cancelled.

• Major Winnipeg dairies cancelled home delivery of milk today but hoped to get supplies to retail stores by tomorrow at the latest.

• Greyhound buses weren't running in Manitoba.

• CN trains were operating.

• Many Winnipeg retail stores weren't opening today. The Hudson's Bay Company hoped to have its store open by 11 a.m.

• All classes and festivals scheduled for the University of Manitoba today were cancelled. Classes were also cancelled at the University of Winnipeg.

Towing services reported a very busy night though, by 7:30 a.m., some were taking their trucks off the roads because of the bad weather. Equipment was freezing up.

A spokesman at McArthur's 7 Oaks Towing Service said that only two of the firm's 22 trucks were still running this morning. The firm had handled more than 200 calls, mostly for assisting motorists whose cars were stuck though there was some towing work and the odd battery boost.

One spokesman said there wasn't much chance of further towing assistance until the blizzard started to clear.

Many streets were blocked this morning by drifts and stranded vehicles. Snowplows were working around the clock but were hampered by the high wind and stranded cars.

Police asked snowmobiles to keep off city streets, but to help in outlying areas.

The cancellation of flights at Winnipeg International Airport will be in effect until 6 p.m. today or until snow-clearing equipment can get out.

A spokesman said flights were coming in and leaving up to about 4 a.m. when conditions began deteriorating.

CN reported the transcontinental train would be four hours late arriving and was scheduled to depart around noon. The train to the north was delayed this morning, though the train to Thunder Bay was expected to leave on schedule.

Greyhound Bus Lines reported that nothing was coming in or departing. The southbound bus to the U.S. was cancelled.

The 6:30 a.m. bus to Western Canada didn't depart. The last bus to leave the depot at midnight turned back to Winnipeg when it reached Headingley.

Seventy-five to 100 people were stranded at the airport this morning and, with no cabs available, there was no telling when they'd get out.

The cause of all this bad weather was a low that moved almost directly northward from the central, northern United States.

It has brought with it winds gusting from the northwest at 38 to 48 m.p.h. At 7:30 a.m. the Winnipeg temperature was 10 degrees below zero.

A weather office spokesman said it was likely that winds gusting up to 60 miles an hour would hit Winnipeg this morning. Gusts up to 36 miles an hour had been recorded already.

The storm dropped only about an inch of snow overnight, bringing the total for the winter to nearly 4½ inches so far. Light snow combined with the high wind resulted in zero visibility in many regions.

Barometric pressure was continuing to fall, the spokesman said.

The storm was expected to enter northwest Ontario this morning and also to move into northern Manitoba. There was a possibility a blizzard warning might be issued for the north later today.

This morning, The Pas had a strong wind, light snow and one-mile visibility. Lynn Lake and Thompson reported similar conditions. Churchill was cloudy.

The strong wind, colder weather and light snow are expected tomorrow in the southern areas. Indications are it will likely be clear and very cold Monday, the forecaster said.

The power failure in Sanford, about 20 miles southwest of Winnipeg, occurred at about 5 a.m. because of a fault in a transmission line, a Manitoba Hydro spokesman said.

Crews had been sent out to check the line but visibility was so poor that little could be done this morning. About 450 customers were affected.

The spokesman said that, except for calls from isolated rural customers, power was not interrupted in other Manitoba communities.

One driver, stranded in his automobile, called the windy snowy conditions "a whiteout." He said waiting in a stalled car, as police had advised, was scary. "You're worried, constantly, that someone is going to plow into you."

The RCMP in Winnipeg who warned all motorists to stay off highways outside the city this morning, said "Anyone who makes it through this is just plain lucky."

Here are a few more weather highlights:

• There was no Dial-a-bus service.

• Damage was reported to small private aircraft blown against buildings at the airport.

• Funerals were being postponed until Monday.

• An entire hockey team and several curlers were stranded overnight in the school gym at St. Pierre, Man.

• Radio announcers warned that because of the wind-chill factor, all small domestic animals should be kept indoors.

• The Winnipeg weather office reported that the situation will deteriorate before it improves.

## Toll Rises

BANGKOK (Reuters) — More than 120 persons have died and 60 are missing in floods which followed heavy rains last week in southern Thailand, an interior ministry spokesman. Rescue operations are continuing but communications with the affected areas remain severed, the spokesman said.



Dr. Robert Nero drove 400 miles last week-end seeking a great grey owl. Friday, one of the rare birds flew into Winnipeg and found him. The largest owl in over-all dimensions, with a five-foot wingspan, it weighs only two pounds. This adult male was first sighted on Dorchester Avenue. The birds have no fear of man, and thus are in danger in a populated area where people could readily molest them. This bird was released in eastern Manitoba Saturday morning.

## Coin Work Halted

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Mackasey, minister responsible for the Olympic coin program, said orders for the third series of the special coins would be taken beginning Jan. 20 as originally planned.

But the coins will not be sent to buyers until the labor dispute is settled and there is sure to be no interruption in coin production, he said.

The coin sales, both here and abroad, are expected to raise as much as \$250 million for the games.

Peter Prince, president of the Public Service Alliance local which represents the employees, said the Olympic program was behind schedule and that the situation would put pressure on the mint to settle.

Mr. Prince said several major issues besides pay were unresolved.

The mint wants to take away a paid holiday, Easter Monday, and a paid lunch hour

## Cannot Delay Games

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the international federations in Vienna last October, but had since encountered "several difficulties."

"The IOC is assisting the organizing committee to find an acceptable solution. The organizing committee will be reporting in Europe to the IOC president and vice-president as soon as possible," it said.

"The IOC members and international federations and the national Olympic committee will be informed as rapidly as possible of developments."

## Mine Accident Kills Man, 18

A man from Thompson, Man., died as the result of a mining accident in Thompson Friday night.

The RCMP at Thompson said the man, Stewart Casement, 48, was working in the Inco mine when the accident occurred at about 7:20 p.m.

## Bank Lowers Rate

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changes but sometimes there is a lag of a few weeks to several months, particularly for such slow-to-change rates as mortgage rates.

The statement from Mr. Bouey said the bank rate cut from peaks of last summer was considered consistent with economic developments.

The bank rate peaked at a record 9½ per cent last July and the rate was lowered to 8½ per cent in November. In April, 1973, the rate was 4½ per cent — where it had been since October, 1971 — and it was boosted to the record peak in a series of changes.

In recent months the central bank has been restrictive in its policies by attempting to hold down the amount of money in circulation.

A reduction in the bank rate is considered a move to stimulate lending activity. Some economists believe too much stimulation by central banks is a major factor in the current

round of high inflation rates. Concerning inflation, the statement from Mr. Bouey said that "rising costs rather than demand pressures are clearly now the main driving force, and that the prospects for a moderation of the rate of price increase in the period ahead depend heavily on moderation of cost increases."

Mr. Lawson said wage rate gains and higher oil costs were two of the main cost increases now affecting inflation rates. Demand pressures refer to a situation where the amount of money in circulation exceeds the value of goods people want to buy.

## Divorce Aid Firms Closed

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"People don't realize that divorce laws are complicated and when there is property and children involved, that it is not an area to be left to the amateurs."

Mr. Stubbs said the divorce aid centres were doing more than just assisting people with documents. "They were giving people wrong legal advice that was causing people to get themselves into trouble."

"Some of the Queen's Bench judges were accommodating these personally prepared divorces but they couldn't do that indefinitely."

Sam Malamud, a lawyer with Legal Aid Manitoba, said the services were taking money from people who qualified for free legal services.

"They were taking money from the people who really didn't know their rights. All the people that I have spoken to qualified for legal aid."

He said the centres were advising people on what grounds they could get a divorce.

"A person seeking a divorce went to either of the two centres and told them their story. One of the people would assess the case as being cruelty and the person would proceed."

"Many times this assessment would be wrong and the person seeking the divorce led off on the wrong foot."

"The price of the advice and typing was \$89.50 but that was just the surface price. By nature of the service it cost the person up to \$60 more because of other documents that had to be obtained."

He said that complicated divorces call for the services of a lawyer but in simple divorces a person could ask for legal aid advice before proceeding on his own.

He said that some couples could come to their own agreement or with the help of someone they knew and trusted.

"But before anyone proceeds with a divorce on their own behalf they should have legal advice beforehand to know where they stand."

"You can get into a mess if you don't know what you're doing. Some cases such as a long separation can be handled by the parties involved."

"However, where there is property, children and high emotion involved, the full experience and cost of a qualified lawyer is needed."

## Extra Automobile Premium

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rates are considerably higher because of the greater risk.

He said this is unfair to other Manitoba motorists, who are required to subsidize the traveller.

However, Mr. Dutton stressed that surcharges would be imposed only when vehicles are taken into high-risk areas for long periods.

For example, he said a small surcharge might be imposed for extended travel in New York City or Montreal, but not in Regina or Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Mr. Dutton said the extra premium will range from \$5 to \$15 generally, depending on the city visited. He said the amount could increase with a greater time period and in a higher-risk area.

Surcharges are still to be approved by the provincial cabinet, but this is expected before 1975 autopac rates become effective March 1, he said.

An insurance company spokesman said earlier Friday the surcharges will mean a 50 to 100 per cent increase in autopac costs to drivers spending more than 60 days outside provincial boundaries.

Quoting from an autopac rate chart, the spokesman said autopac plans to levy a surcharge equal to 50 per cent of the Winnipeg rate on drivers who spend more than 60 days in other provinces, and double the Winnipeg rate on those who spend more than 60 days in the U.S.

Mr. Dutton said the higher surcharges will be imposed only when motorists live for extended periods in cities considered high-risk areas.

If motorists were forced to insure their vehicles in these high-risk areas, he said, it would still cost them considerably more than their basic autopac coverage and any surcharge.

## Eddystone Man Killed In Crash

A man from Eddystone, Man., was killed about 11:30 a.m. Friday in a two-vehicle accident on Provincial Road 235, about six miles east of Ste. Rose du Lac.

Dead is Donald Erlendur Erlendson, 40.

He was driving west behind a government snowplow, and attempted to pass in poor visibility, a Royal Canadian Mounted Police spokesman said.

His half-ton truck was struck by an eastbound semi-trailer tanker owned by Federated Co-operatives of Regina and driven by Raymond Howie, 51, of Regina. Mr. Howie was taken to hospital in Ste. Rose du Lac.

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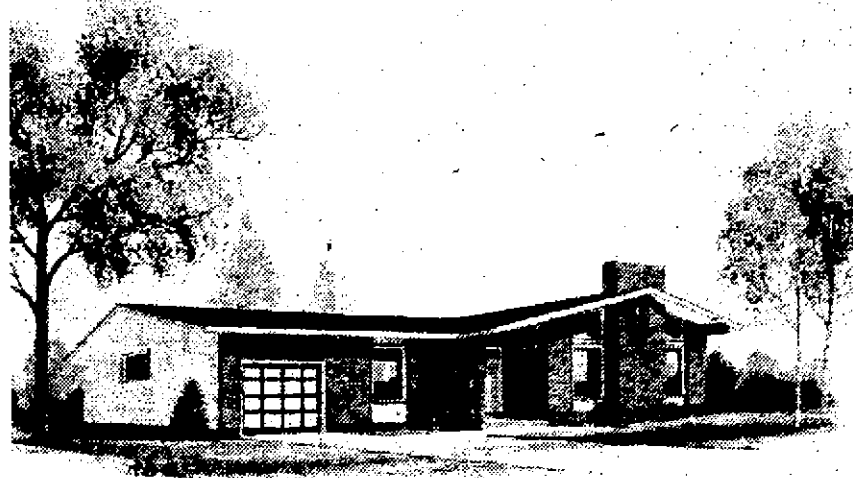
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# MANITOBA DIGS IN TO DIG OUT



Skiing, shovelling, snowmobiling and planning were part of the weekend's activities as a fierce blizzard paralyzed the province for almost



24 hours. Skiers took to newly-covered trails. Hundreds of vehicles were snowed in. Snowmobiles were allowed on city streets until 6 p.m. Sunday.



Winnipeg police set up a central command post to co-ordinate the massive effort to help Winnipeg residents affected by the storm. Insp. Harold



— Photos By Jack Ablett and Jim Haggarty  
Perry, Acting Staff Inspector W. A. Shefchyk and Assistant Deputy Chief F. A. Mueller helped handle the emergency calls.

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## \$1 Million Cleanup Seen

### Works Commissioner Says Mammoth Job Expected To Take About A Week

By PAUL PIHICHYN and RON CAMPBELL  
Free Press Urban Reporters  
The cost of clearing Winnipeg streets following the weekend blizzard could reach \$1 million by the time the mammoth cleaning job is finished sometime Tuesday, civic officials estimate.  
An army of snow plows, graders, bulldozers and front-

end loaders began their all-out assault early Sunday on the thousands of tons of snow that covered the city. By noon Sunday, most major streets were open and the transit system had begun operations again. Buses had been taken off the streets at 3 p.m. Saturday.  
Works and operations commissioner Nick Diakiv told a meeting of the civic works



It may cost \$1 million to clear city streets

## Storm Claims Four

By BARRY MULLIN  
Free Press Staff Writer  
Manitoba returned to near-normal winter working and living conditions Monday as a massive co-operative cleanup effort continued following the fierce killer blizzard that ripped through the province Saturday and, in some parts, Sunday.  
Near the centre of a 2,000-mile wide storm front, southern Manitoba felt the brunt of the storm that contributed to the deaths of four Manitobans, an adhesive.

stranded hundreds and plugged highways and streets with huge drifts packed solid by strong north winds.  
The blizzard—accompanied by up to 7½ inches of snow and winds that peaked at 64 m.p.h. in Brandon—forced most all businesses to close, halted all traffic with the exception of snowmobiles and emergency vehicles and created countless emergency situations.  
As usual, adversity proved the deaths of four Manitobans, an adhesive.

### Thousands Pitch In

Thousands of people rallied late Saturday and Sunday to deliver medicine to the sick, food to the handicapped and elderly and to help the hundreds of people snowed in or affected by power failures.  
"It was beautiful, just beautiful, the way people respond in situations like this," a Winnipeg police officer said as he manned a police command post set up Saturday in the Public Safety Building.  
"Too bad this kind of spirit can't be shown all the time," he added.  
The storm, which came close to rivaling the now-famous March 4, 1966, blizzard, directly caused power failures in six Manitoba communities and created an emergency situation in Brandon.  
In Winnipeg a 60-man volunteer force from the citizen band radio organization provided stalwart delivery service and emergency help at the storm's peak late Saturday.

### Mercy Missions

A few of the mercy missions included the delivery of pills for a woman with a heart condition; a grocery delivery by dog sled in Fort Garry and the delivery by snowmobile of a pregnant woman in labor to Grace Hospital in St. James-Assiniboia.  
Storm warnings went out early Saturday and by early morning it was evident to most Manitobans that the province was in for a big blow.  
Businesses in Winnipeg saw Avenue, participated in the citizen band effort. In a phone interview, he said he was on call as a volunteer for 20 hours.  
Mr. Jowett drove a van and made many deliveries of medicine. He answered an emergency call and delivered nitroglycerine capsules to a 76-year-old woman with a heart condition, who had been whisked by 60 m.p.h. winds made travel impossible.  
Special permission was given for the use of snowmobiles on Winnipeg streets Saturday and the order was in force until 6 p.m. Sunday.

### Airport Closed 34 Hours

The Winnipeg International Airport closed at 6 a.m. Saturday and wasn't opened until a 4 p.m. Sunday after much circling.  
Greyhound and Grey Goose bus services ground to a halt and stranded travellers took refuge in downtown hotels or simply waited out the storm at the bus depot.  
The storm also cancelled numerous events including the opening of the Winnipeg Convention Centre, the Playhouse Theatre's production of The Boyfriend, the George Hamilton IV show and Sunday's World Hockey Association game between the Winnipeg Jets and the Indianapolis

committee Monday that all of the major streets in the city had been cleared by 7 a.m. this morning, the transit system was back to full operation, and 65 per cent of the residential streets had been opened.  
He said trucks will begin hauling away snow Monday night and that the total cleanup job should be finished in about a week.  
He confirmed that the cleanup costs will be about \$1 million and said manpower costs alone are about \$90,000 a day.  
Coun. Florence Pierce (ICEC-St. Vital) said civic workers called in to clear snow are probably happy because the storm hit on a weekend and they get paid at the double time rate.  
In all, more than 200 pieces of equipment and about 350 to 400 men were involved in the

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## Hopes Dim In Rhodesia

SALISBURY (Reuter)—Hopes for an imminent settlement of the differences between whites and blacks in Rhodesia dimmed Sunday when the leading black political organization said it will boycott a proposed constitutional conference until the white-minority government meets its demands.  
The African National Council (ANC) announced after a meeting of its policy-making committee that it will not attend the conference unless the government meets eight conditions, including the release of all political detainees, a general amnesty for those considered to have committed political crimes and the creation of conditions for free political activity.  
The ANC statement followed a Rhodesian Broadcasting Corp. broadcast Saturday night which quoted government sources as saying the administration of Prime Minister Ian Smith has no plans to hand over power to the country's black majority and will never "sell out the white man."  
The two statements indicated there is still a wide gap between the two sides and dimmed the hopes raised last year when a constitutional conference—with the aim of increasing black participation in government in exchange for an end to black nationalist guerrilla warfare—was held in London.

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## Death Toll Six

Two boys who died in a fire were among six Manitobans killed in accidents during the weekend, at least four of them related to the blizzard.

Dead are:

- Curtis Daniel Bone, 9, of Reedy Creek, Man.
- Richard Miles Davey, 15, also of Reedy Creek.
- Joseph Richard Johnson, 58, of 960 Elizabeth Road, St. Boniface.
- Stewart Casement, 48, of Thompson, Man.
- Donald Erlendson, 40, of Ed-dystone, Man.

The identity of a St. Boniface man, 63, who suffered a heart attack while shovelling snow, was being withheld by police until next of kin could be notified.

Snow-filled roads hindered police in arriving at a home near Reedy Creek, about 45 miles southeast of Dauphin, Man. where the Bone and

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## Police Say Response To Storm Fantastic

By JOHN HAMPLE  
Free Press Staff Writer  
Winnipeg's community spirit isn't dead.

It just takes a good storm like Saturday's fierce blizzard to stir community spirit into action.

The storm Saturday aroused that usually dormant public togetherness and whipped it into a spirit that pioneer forefathers would have envied.

The spirit ranged from a 60-man volunteer force from the citizen band radio organization equipped with snowmobiles and four-wheel drive vehicles to youngsters helping the elderly shovel snow-filled walkways.

It ranged from a mercy mission for a pregnant woman to Ken Stewart and his Malamutes delivering groceries to a Fort Garry family by dogsled.

A police spokesman said volunteer response to the blizzard was "fantastic," as hundreds of people all over the city went to the store for elderly neighbors, pushed stalled and stuck cars, and gave their phone numbers to a local radio station, which broadcast the numbers for anybody in need of assistance.

Al Rutherford, 27, of St. James-Assiniboia, gave his number to CJOB around noon. By 1 p.m., Mr. Rutherford had taken a woman in labor to the Grace Hospital by snowmobile.

Citizen band radio people volunteered their resources to police. They included about 50 snowmobiles, and several radio-equipped heavy vehicles that could make it through the snow-filled streets.

Lloyd Jowett, 28, of 499 War-

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Snow-encrusted cattle stand in a small feed lot on the farm of Ernie Cavers, five miles south of La Riviere, Man., Sunday afternoon. The Cavers family was one of several evacuated from

the area during the storm because of power shortages. Mr. Cavers was able to return to the farm later with feed for the animals. Please see Page 2 for rural storm roundup.

## Police Kill Defiant Baron

MONTAUBAN, France (AP)—Baron Jean-Louis de Portal, 22, died in Montauban hospital Sunday of injuries he suffered in a police assault on his family's ancestral chateau.  
De Portal had been barricaded in the 30-room chateau La Fumade for nearly two years with his mother and sister and the body of his father, Baron Leonce de Portal, who died in 1973.  
Jean-Louis was shot in the

abdomen through a closed wooden door early Saturday while resisting police entering the chateau to end the long siege. Police said the assault was ordered after Jean-Louis shot and slightly wounded two farm workers ploughing in a field on the 380-acre estate.  
His mother, Baroness Anna-Marie de Portal, 50, and his sister, Marie-Agnes, 23, were brought to the hospital after Jean-Louis died.

Police said the two were placed in psychiatric care. They were earlier charged with resisting the police and spent the night in nearby Toulouse prison.

Jean-Louis was the last male descendant of a navy minister under King Louis XVIII.

Baron Leonce lost control of the estate shortly before his death, when it was sold for about one-eighth its true value at a public auction held to

meet tax bills and other debts. His family lost a long court fight against the sale and the three barricaded themselves in the austere chateau in defiance of an eviction order.

To symbolize her defiance of the authorities, the baroness rejected official permission to bury Baron Leonce on the estate and instead sealed his body in a lead coffin and kept

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## What's In A Name?

BROWNSVILLE, Ky. (AP) — jokes, snide remarks and — John Dean, a Brownsville lawyer, was hearing a lot of himself.

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## Rural Manitoba Emerges From Blizzard In Fair Shape

By DEBBIE LYON  
Free Press Staff Writer

Rural Manitoba appeared to come through the weekend blizzard in fair shape as a spot-check of RCMP offices, radio stations and residents Sunday produced comments of "no problems" and "everything's quiet and smooth."

Not everything was quiet and smooth Friday evening and Saturday though as RCMP officers had to contend with stranded vehicles.

In Sanford, Man., 15 miles southeast of Winnipeg, about 150 people were trapped in the Committee Hotel run by Alvin Klaus and his wife. They and the residents of the area were without power for about 10 hours Saturday.

In St. Pierre, another community about 30 miles south of the city, nearly 100 people who descended on the community for the St. Pierre annual bonspiel found themselves trapped there after curling Friday.

The community also helped out a Landmark junior hockey team stuck in St. Pierre Friday.

Whittemouth RCMP reported some people were trapped, but safe, Sunday at Camp Nutimik. Two busloads of skiers were also trapped in the Big Whiteshell Lake area. They too were safe. Snow plows were working in the areas to open up the roads for these people.

Besides the larger, concentrated areas in the province that suffered power cuts, individual farms lost their lines. A spokesman in the RCMP office in Boissevain noted there were several homes in the area which had suffered power losses. By Sunday afternoon most had their power restored.

In the Altona area, farmer Peter Penner lost his barn and some cattle in a fire. There was an appeal out to those who could donate some feed for the surviving animals.

There was no definite word from those contacted about the opening of schools in the rural areas.

Areas contacted included Sanford, St. Pierre and Altona to the south of Winnipeg; Dauphin and Swan Lake northwest of the city; Neepawa and Virden to the west; Melita in the southwestern corner of the province; Arborg in the Interlake and Whittemouth to the east.

Mr. Klaus said in a telephone interview Sunday afternoon that most of those who stayed in his hotel Friday and Saturday had left.

The group included a school sports team and two other busloads of people plus those who were travelling the highways and stranded in the town.

Some people stayed in the buses and commuted between them and the hotel. Others slept in the seven guest rooms, the beverage room and the cafeteria.

The temperature went down to about 45 degrees in the hotel during the power break, Mr. Klaus said. Maiters weren't helped by the wind, which blew the main front door off the hotel.

Food wasn't a problem as Mr. Klaus had received a supply Friday and the hotel had a propane stove.

"It wasn't as bad as we thought it would be," he said. "There were no casualties..."

although one man froze his wrists badly when he walked in from his car...

"We've had situations like this before... about three times a winter here... But this is the worst one we've ever had."

"I'm sure we'll have a good sleep tonight though."

Monday brings further problems for Mr. Klaus. One is the shortfall in water in the area. The town has no water works. Its water is hauled from Winnipeg. And, its wastage must also be hauled away.

He'll also have to replace the fuel oil store in his basement which he used to help fuel the buses. All the buses were left running and by Sunday they were very short of fuel.

At St. Pierre, the RCMP reported quite a few motorists were stranded at local farm houses between the town and Winnipeg.

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## B.C. Snow Becomes Slush

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Warmer temperatures Sunday turned much of the week-end snowfall in southern British Columbia into dirty slush as major highways reopened and traffic began moving amid fears of snowslides in mountain passes.

A low pressure system, which hit the west coast of Vancouver Island about noon Saturday, dumped up to two feet of snow in some areas.

Alfred Wayne Perry, 46, of North Vancouver was killed Sunday when his car swerved into a concrete abutment on Highway 99. No other traffic fatalities were reported as a result of the storm, but there were scores of minor accidents.

Public forecaster Tom Gigliotti said the southern part of the province can expect temperatures in the low 30s and 40s with some sunny breaks today.

The Trans-Canada Highway in the Fraser Canyon, the Hope-Princeton Highway and Highway 99 from Vancouver to Squamish and Whistler Mountain were all closed Saturday and Sunday as up to two feet of snow with ice made driving treacherous.

Most were reopened at least partially Sunday. In Vancouver, residents faced about seven inches of snow dumped during Saturday's storm.

Both the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National railways experienced delays in the Fraser Canyon as snow plows cleared tracks.

The CP Rail mainline was cleared Sunday afternoon.

In Nanaimo on Vancouver Island, where 16 inches fell on a base of 10 inches, an RCMP spokesman said traffic was slow but roads were clearing.

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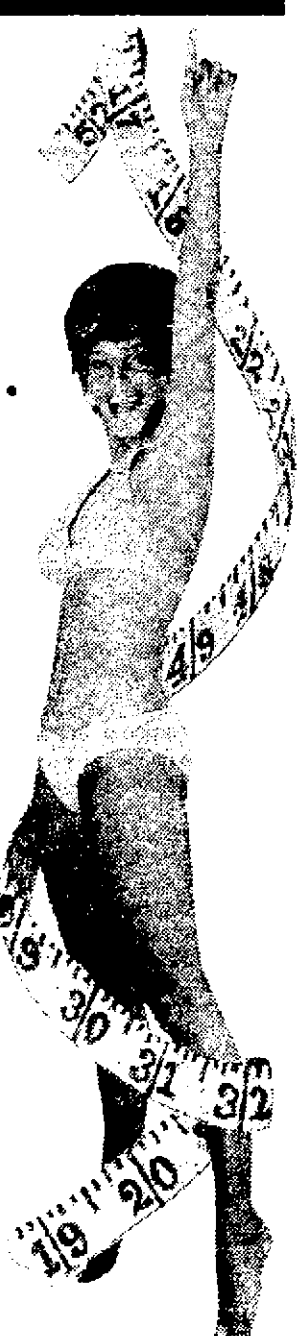
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# Memories Of '66 Blizzard Revived

There's nothing like a blizzard to bring back memories of major storms of the past. And when Winnipeggers think of storms, they immediately go back to March 4, 1966, one of the most infamous Fridays in the city's history.

That was the day Winnipeg was covered from top to bottom by 14 inches of snow — the worst storm the city had ever seen.

It took just 14 hours that March day to bring Winnipeg to its knees in much the same way that it did this time.

But while this weekend's weather was the worst the city has had since 1966, the blizzard just experienced wasn't in the same league as the big one.

There was less snow and the winds weren't as strong this time, but the storm did last longer and covered a much wider area.

Winnipeg experienced 7 1/2 inches of snow from late Friday until early Sunday, compared to 14 inches in 14 hours on March 4, 1966.

The highest winds recorded here this time were 60 miles an hour. In 1966, they hit 70 miles an hour.

The timing of the 1966 storm was also different. The storm peaked during mid-afternoon on a Friday, stranding workers and shoppers where they were.

This weekend, most people were safely at home when the storm struck early Saturday. Because stores didn't open, there was no repeat of the customers sleeping on the beds in the furniture department at Eaton's the way they did in 1966.

Because it was a weekend, schools weren't forced to close because of the weather, as they did in 1966.

The 1966 storm was isolated in comparison to this weekend's effort. It blew into the

Winnipeg area from the southwest and most other areas of Manitoba weren't affected.

This weekend, almost all of southern Manitoba and Saskatchewan felt the brunt of the storm. It was carried on a weather front that was 2,000 miles long, according to the weather office.

The 1966 storm came at the tail end of winter, a winter which had already seen an above-normal snowfall. The extra 14 inches increased the threat of flooding in the city and, because the floodway wasn't in operation, there was real concern about severe floods in the spring.

This year, snowfall has been below average and, even with the 7 1/2 inches Winnipeg received over the weekend, the snow accumulation is still no greater than normal for this time of year.

Because the 1966 storm occurred in March, the temperatures during and after the storm were higher than they were this weekend. Two days after the storm, the temperatures were in the high 20s and low 30s and the spring thaw was underway.

The prospect now is for some real January weather in Winnipeg. Temperatures are expected to be around the seasonal 15 to 20 degrees below mark.

Even though the 1966 storm dumped nearly twice as much snow on the city as felt this weekend, the clean up costs are expected to be similar.

It cost about \$1 million to clear snow from city streets after the 1966 storm and civic officials are estimating the price tag for this storm will also be about \$1 million.

It does say something about the effects of inflation over nine years.

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## They Showed Courage

Stories of courage and endurance during the blizzard that swept across Manitoba during the weekend were coming to light Monday.

Three stories of Manitobans who endured hardship at the hands of mother nature and persevered involve a teen-ager motorist who froze his hands and feet during a 2 1/2-mile hike for help and two families who survived lengthy terrifying hours trapped in stalled cars.

Bruce Shellenberg, 19, of Letellier, Man., was reported in "comparatively comfortable" condition in Altona Hospital with badly frost-bitten hands and feet.

Mr. Shellenberg is credited with saving 13 lives after he walked to Letellier near the United States border wearing a light jacket and no head or hand gear to get help for stranded motorists on Highway 75.

Garth Currie, his wife and three children, survived 36 hours trapped in their car near Sperling, Man., after they were involved in an accident with a truck Friday night. The truck drove away leaving the Currie family stranded.

"We did a little bit of praying and burned everything we could... the seats... clothes we had bought that day in Winnipeg," said Mr. Currie who operates Manitoba Live-stock Sales at Manitou, about 75 miles southwest of Winnipeg.

Story-telling, cuddling and burning packs of disposable diapers helped two women and five children pass seven terrifying hours while trapped in a stalled car less than 500 yards from help Saturday morning.

Margaret Berry, 28, her four children and Rita Chisholm and her four-year-old daughter, burned strips of disposable diapers in a pop can in the front seat as they waited for Mr. Berry's husband, Wayne, to find the stranded car.

Mr. Berry's car ran out of gas near the Headingley weight scales and he went to seek help. He couldn't find it in the blinding snow as 60 m.p.h. winds reduced visibility to nil.

The Berry family and travelling companion were rescued about 3 p.m. Saturday. They suffered some minor frostbite.

Mr. Currie said a truck backed into them about 10 p.m. Saturday forcing them off the highway.

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## Convention Centre Opening Delayed

By PAUL PIHICHYN  
Free Press Urban Reporter

After waiting more than four years for the opening of the Winnipeg convention centre, city residents have been forced to wait two more days because of the weekend blizzard.

Plans for the official opening ceremonies scheduled for Sunday night were postponed late Saturday when it became apparent that weather conditions would make it impossible to proceed.

The opening has been rescheduled for Tuesday night. The blizzard also forced the cancellation of virtually all recreation and entertainment events in the city, and most businesses, especially those in the downtown area, remained closed Saturday.

Both Eatons and the Bay department stores remained closed all day Saturday when neither employees nor customers were able to make it downtown.

There was also the fear that if people did make it to the stores, they would become stranded there.

Spokesmen said the stores would be open for business as usual Monday morning.

Sears and most other stores in the Polo Park shopping centre were also closed Saturday, as were stores at the city's other major shopping centres.

Major food supermarkets that had opened for business Saturday morning closed their doors at 3 p.m. so that employees would be able to get home.

Many were open Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. so that people who couldn't get their regular food shopping done Saturday would be able to fill their empty cupboards.

A spokesman for the Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization said provincial government regulations restricting retail selling on Sunday had been suspended because of the weather situation.

Some government liquor stores that had opened Saturday morning closed early in the afternoon, and with most hotel beer vendors closed because of the weather, many football fans had a dry afternoon while watching the Super Bowl game on television Sunday afternoon.

Movie theatres in the city were closed Saturday and Sunday, but operators said they would be open for business Monday.

Manitoba Theatre Centre postponed Saturday and Sunday performances of its current production, *The Boy Friend*, and a George Hamilton IV concert at the Playhouse Theatre Saturday night was also cancelled.

A Winnipeg Jets hockey game at the Winnipeg Arena Sunday night against the Indianapolis Racers was postponed and will be re-scheduled later in the season.

Most church services and religious activities in Winnipeg Sunday were cancelled. A number of weddings and funerals that had been scheduled for Saturday were also postponed.

About 5,000 people had been invited to the convention centre opening Sunday night. However, late Saturday organizers decided to postpone the opening until Tuesday because of uncertainty about the weather.

The program was to include a concert of ethnic dancing and singing involving 1,600 to 1,800 performers. One convention centre official said Saturday rehearsals for these performers were cancelled and that it would be impossible to stage the show Sunday even if the weather cleared.

Public tours of the \$25 mil-

lion centre that had been scheduled to begin Monday have been put off until later in the week.

The tours will be held between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, a spokesman said.

Celebrations '75, the first public function at the convention centre, will take place on schedule on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

The event features performances by the rock groups Rare Earth and Rush, an appearance by Henry Mancini, a concert by the Irish Rovers, and another show featuring country music singer Marty Robbins.

All City of Winnipeg recreation programs, including swimming, skating and hockey, were cancelled on Saturday and only a few programs took place Sunday.

YMCA and YWCA activities

were called off, and activity ceased at most of the city's curling clubs over the weekend.

Restaurants and beverage and dining rooms in hotels were, for the most part, closed over the weekend.

A few corner grocery and convenience stores remained open Saturday and Sunday. Some were open all night because employees and operators couldn't get home.

Most drug stores were closed; however, arrangements were made for emergency medical supplies through the police department or the Emergency Measures Organization.

Indications Sunday afternoon were that most businesses, services, and operations that had been suspended over the weekend would be back to normal by Monday.

## Bushnell Home Burns, Leaves 15 Homeless In 15 Below

By ESTHER TENNENHOUSE  
Free Press Staff Writer

A fire at 303-305 Bushnell Street left 15 people homeless in 15 degree below temperatures Sunday.

Five adults and seven children, including a 10-month-old baby were forced into the street when fire struck the two-family house at 5:50 p.m. Sunday. Three other children weren't home when the fire broke out.

Damage is estimated at \$26,000, a fire department spokesman said.

Flames damaged the roof, walls and contents of the second floor and the first floor ceiling of the older style frame duplex.

The blaze caused by children playing with matches at 305 Bushnell, was under control 45 minutes after the first alarm.

Olivia, a 3-year-old girl and a seven-year-old girl and three other children, a 15-year-old girl and two young boys were away from home at the time.

The mother of six said the family attempted to carry water up to the second floor but could not reach the room. Three-year-old Karen later said the five-year-old had been

playing with matches upstairs, Mrs. Sumner said.

Mrs. Sumner said that none of the contents lost which were valued at \$4,000, had been insured.

Robert Vandale, of 303 Bushnell said he, his wife and three children abandoned the house after he looked outside and saw flames coming from the second floor next door.

The fire burned through the wall separating the two residences. Damage to the contents of the Vandale home was estimated at \$2,000.

Mrs. Vandale, an employee of the City of Winnipeg sanitation department, said that, although some of the furniture was insured, much of the family clothing was destroyed.

The children, two girls eight and 10 years old, and a younger boy fled partially clothed. Paul Jr., 7, who was rushed out in a warm coat, but shirtless, also lost his glasses.

Mrs. Vandale said the family, which sought temporary shelter with a neighbor, will be staying at his mother's house.

The Sumner family also will go to a relative, Mrs. Sumner said.

Firemen attending the fire were accompanied by a four-wheel drive army vehicle. A fire department spokesman said army vehicles were in service at 15 fire stations

across the city Sunday to help fire trucks get through the snowdrifts. However, fire equipment in a garage to get through the snow Sunday without their assistance, he said.

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## 600 Emergencies Handled By EMO

Transporting nurses and doctors to hospitals, evacuating elderly citizens from a frozen-out building and bringing food and drugs to stranded motorists were among more than 600 actions directed by the Emergency Measures Organization, a Manitoba government spokesman said Sunday.

About 1,000 telephone calls were received by EMO between 10:30 a.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, the busiest period, and action was taken on about 600, the spokesman said.

About 40 snowmobile operators were giving assistance at various times during the storm, many driving until they were exhausted or until their machines broke down.

The volunteers helped transport about 200 nurses and some doctors to Winnipeg hospitals Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Saturday afternoon, EMO made arrangements to evacuate 24 senior citizens from 123 Matheson Avenue when the building cooled because of a fault in the heating system which couldn't be immediately repaired.

The old people were given temporary shelter after being transported by fire department rescue vehicles, preceded by provincial government snow removal vehicles.

In its operations, EMO maintained communications with the Winnipeg police department, enabling an interchange of assistance to blizzard callers.

Jack Miller, EMO co-ordinator, said top priority was given to emergencies involving medical situations and getting food to infants, the elderly and the handicapped.

An EMO spokesman said between 80 and 100 troops of the

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry battalion were involved in EMO operations.

Among activities, the troops moved heavy vehicles to 15 fire stations in the city to break trails for trucks in case of fire.

Two military helicopters from Portage la Prairie Patrol Highways around Winnipeg to check for stalled vehicles with people needing attention.

The air reconnaissance began 9:30 a.m. and was called off at 2 p.m. when no emergency situations were spotted.

Many of the other activities directed by EMO, however, concerned getting medical supplies during Saturday's storm to patients requiring drugs, such as insulin, or taking patients to hospitals for dialysis treatments. Rescuing stranded motorists was common during the blizzard.

Response to requests for assistance with snowmobiles and other vehicles was fantastic, said EMO co-ordinator Miller.

## Schools Open But Transportation Limited

All public schools were scheduled to open in Winnipeg Monday but transportation for students was expected to be sporadic.

A spokesman for the Winnipeg school division said it had decided to keep its buses off the road until streets are cleared.

Spokesmen for the Trans-Canada-Springfield and Seven Oaks divisions said bus services in those areas would be limited.

In St. Vital, St. Boniface, Assiniboine South and Norwood divisions, bus transportation would depend on local street conditions, spokesmen said.

No decision had been made on bus service in the River East, St. James-Assiniboia and Fort Garry school divisions.

The University of Winnipeg and University of Manitoba were also holding classes.

Police at the University of Manitoba said snow plows couldn't get past many stranded vehicles on campus Sunday, slowing down the clean-up operation, but that most parking lots would be open Monday.

The university, however, was

urging students to take the bus to classes Monday morning to avoid overcrowding the limited parking available on the Fort Garry campus.

Some classes at Red River Community College were cancelled Monday morning, but things were expected to be back to normal by the afternoon.

## Dog Saves Baby Girl From Fire

By DENNIS HRYCIUK  
Free Press Staff Writer

A family pet saved the life of a two-year old girl before losing his own life in a fire which broke out in a St. Vital home in the midst of Saturday's blizzard.

"Our dog brought the baby to the door. We couldn't have gone into the house because of the smoke," said Diane Ducharme, mother of 2-year-old Sandra Lee.

The fire at 3 Norman Avenue began about 1:50 p.m.

"He (the dog) went back into the house. I called for him, but he didn't come out," said John Ducharme, father of the girl.

"Maybe he thought I was in the house. I usually sleep day after night at that time of day," Mr. Ducharme said. The dog was a 2-year-old German shepherd, the same age as Mr. Ducharme's daughter.

Mrs. Ducharme said in a telephone interview she and her husband had been temporarily out of the house Saturday. When her husband went to bed, he opened the door, he saw smoke pouring out.

When fire fighters arrived, Mrs. Ducharme and her daughter were taken to St. Boniface hospital. Sandra Lee was treated for smoke inhalation and released.

The Ducharme family Sunday afternoon was at the home of Donna Murphy, 200 Ronald Street, Suite 805, to pick up donations of generous citizens.

Mrs. Murphy had turned her apartment in St. James-Assiniboia into a reception area for gifts to the fire victims, after calling a radio station and sending her two children to neighbours with requests for help.

"I can't get over how fantastic people are. They deserve a big thank you," said Mrs. Murphy.

"The response has been marvelous. You can't move in here — there's so much," she

said of the food, clothing and furniture worth more than a hundred Winnipeggers had brought to her apartment.

People had donated boxes of canned goods, sets of dishes, a table and chairs, a chest-of-drawers, clothing and many other items, Mrs. Murphy said.

Mrs. Ducharme said later her family had lost everything in the fire at their rented house.

A fire department spokesman said about \$10,500 damage was caused to the home and its contents. Faulty wiring was suspected as the cause of the fire, the spokesman said.

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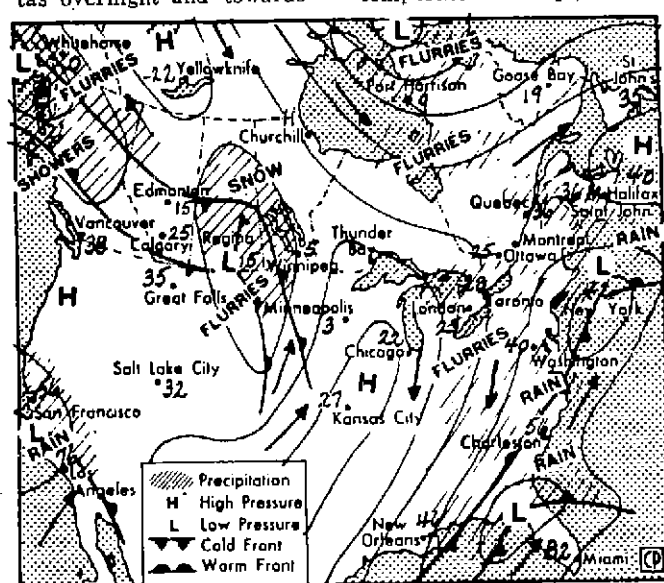
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## Weather Report

MORNING BULLETIN  
For The Prairie Provinces

Temperatures ranged widely from east to west this morning with locations in Manitoba reporting overnight temperatures of 20 below and southern Alberta reported temperatures of 20 to 25 above. The sharp contrast of temperatures occurred across a disturbance which will slip southeastward through Saskatchewan into the Dakotas overnight and towards

the Great Lakes Tuesday. Cloud and light snow accompanying this disturbance will slip through Saskatchewan today and into Manitoba overnight and Tuesday. Colder air will slump southward through Alberta in the wake of a disturbance. Elsewhere little change in temperature is in sight. (Figures on the map indicate expected high temperatures today.)



FORECAST		
For Winnipeg, Bissett, Interlake and Red River regions: Sunny today. A few cloudy periods tonight and Tuesday. Low tonight, 15 to 20 below; high Tuesday, near zero.		

WINNIPEG TEMPERATURE COMPARISONS		
	Max.	Min.
Jan. 10	26	6
Jan. 11	6	-12
Jan. 12	-5	-15
Last Year	12	-24
Normal	7	-12

Highest on Record 37 in 1928  
Lowest on Record -41 in 1916  
Total Nov. 1 to Jan. 13, 1.62 inches; normal 2.42 inches.

TEMPERATURES  
Following are high temperatures recorded yesterday: precipitation for the 24-hour period which ended at 6 a.m. today, and day; low temperatures for the 12-hour period which 6 a.m. today:

	Max.	Min.	Pre.
Vancouver	48	34	30
Calgary	34	17	...
Edmonton	24	-1	04
Regina	-1	-12	08
Brandon	4	9	05
Phoenix	-10	-38	...
The Pas	-13	-22	...
Winnipeg	-5	-17	...
Kenora	-7	-23	...
Ottawa	37	24	...
Toronto	33	18	...
Montreal	39	28	Tr
Halifax	56	35	30
Chicago	12	2	...
Los Angeles	61	27	...
San Francisco	71	54	...
Minneapolis	-1	-8	...
New York	60	37	...
Boston	61	27	...
Phoenix	58	36	...
Athens	52	43	...
Rome	46	37	...
Berlin	52	46	...
Amsterdam	46	37	...
Brussels	46	39	...
Madrid	50	37	...
Moscow	25	23	...
Stockholm	27	20	...
Tokyo	49	30	...
Hong Kong	48	59	...

## Snowstorm Brings Out Striking Urge In Some

The weekend blizzard may have established a striking style unique to Winnipeg.

One storm-bound resident was reported seen taking a quick and naked roll in the snow at St. Anne's Road and Ferwood Avenue in St. Vital Saturday.

The tale, telephoned into a local radio station, remains unconfirmed. But it was not the only one.

A man wearing only underwear

brown paper bag over his head ran up Balmoral Street and dashed around the bus stop sign on Mostyn Place Saturday, a reliable source says.

He was out for about two minutes before disappearing into a nearby apartment on Spence Street.

"You could see him getting colder as he was running," the impressed spectator said later.

Temperatures dipped to 11 below Saturday.



# 4 Deaths Related To Storm

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Racers. The massive system that brought the snow and high winds moved into the province late Friday and continued to build in intensity until about 5 p.m. Saturday.

Winnipeg recorded 7½ inches of snow from Friday night until early Sunday. Winds gusted up to 60 m.p.h. Saturday afternoon. The temperature was 10 below at the time.

Brandon was the hardest hit centre as the winds reached 64 m.p.h. about 5 p.m. and the wind chill factor at the time was more than 100 below.

The storm system began moving out of Manitoba and northwestern Ontario on a northerly course late Saturday. Sunday it was bringing snow, high winds and low visibility to Gillam and Churchill in northern Manitoba.

Another storm system is moving slowly into Manitoba but, the forecaster said Sunday, "it won't compare with Saturday's blast."

Winds will be from the south today at about 15 m.p.h. Some light snow is expected. Highs will be near five above. Lows tonight will be near 15 below.

The Fort Frances and Dryden areas of northwestern Ontario were the hardest hit Saturday as up to 17 inches of snow accompanied by high winds swept that portion of Ontario.

Six people, four 15-year-old boys and two 18-year-olds, were rescued during the storm after they became stranded.

Winnipeg police reported a relatively accident and crime free weekend due mainly to the weather conditions.

One break-in was reported and one house fire in St. Vital left a family pet dead and three people homeless.

Rural Manitoba had its share of problems as farmers ran into difficulties feeding livestock.

Jim Knight, who farms at MacDonald near Portage la Prairie, said he couldn't see the barn when he went to feed his 100 head of cattle Saturday morning.

He said the animals were staying pretty close to shelter in the high winds and driving snow.

Manitoba recorded four fatalities related to the blizzard.

Snow-plugged roads hampered rescue operations as two boys died in a house fire near Reedy Creek, 45 miles south-east of Dauphin, Man.

An unidentified 63-year-old St. Boniface man died Saturday after he suffered a heart attack while shovelling snow and a railroad switcher was killed Friday night when struck by an engine as he swept snow from a switching device.

Power failures added to the discomfort of the storm for an estimated 2,000 Manitoba Hydro customers. Power outages occurred at Sanford, Amaranth, Gladstone, Plumus, Brandon and in the Headingley area.

The longest power interruption was at the White Horse Plains Trailer Park west of Headingley. It lasted 14 hours from 5 p.m. Saturday to 7 a.m. Sunday.

John Krueger, his wife and two children, spent the night with a neighbor who had electricity in the trailer park.

Mr. Krueger said only half the 65 to 70 mobile homes were affected and water works in about 20 units froze up.

Mr. Krueger helped shovel out neighbors' doorways from drifts that all but covered doors. Trailer residents were making arrangements to have snow blowing equipment to clear up the trailer park late Sunday.

Several mobile home communities reported some frozen pipes and furnaces off.

The Downs Village Mobile Home Community had some plumbing problems but the troubles were restricted to a few families.

The city's water works department reported several minor watermain breaks Saturday and Sunday. Two of consequence were reported on Kildare Avenue in Transcona between Denver Avenue and Wabasha Street and Townsend Avenue in Fort Garry between Silverstone and Aurora avenues.

Manitoba Telephone System said congestion on certain exchanges occurred as a result of Saturday's storm.

"Too many people making too many calls," a telephone official said about the only major problem experienced by the utility during the weekend.

Some rural lines were reported damaged by the high winds. Some of the area affected were Somerset, Miami, Snowflake, Manitou, Crystal City, Boissevain, Russell, Roblin and San Clara.

Many employees at city hospitals, public utilities and in necessary government posts worked round-the-clock Saturday to man shifts because replacement workers couldn't make it through blocked streets.

All Winnipeg public schools were expected to be open as usual Monday morning, but transportation for some pupils was to have been sporadic because of still-plugged roads and streets.

In some areas, bus transportation was to depend on street conditions.

The University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba were holding classes as usual.

Iain Grieve, public relations director for autopac, said the public insurance corporation wouldn't know the number of claims that resulted from the storm until Monday.

However, a worker at the United Towing compound, which handles autopac claims, said the calls this weekend were "nothing above average."

Hospitals handled the situation with ease in Winnipeg.

St. Boniface Hospital reported five babies and their mothers doing fine.

All were born during the storm and two of the mothers were brought in by police escort Saturday.

The General Centre also reported five babies born during the storm and the Grace Hospital, reported that a woman brought in by snowmobile Saturday was in labor.

Major chain food stores which closed early Saturday were open for three hours Sunday afternoon and they reported doing a landslide business as Winnipeggers caught up on the weekly grocery list.

Winnipeg radio stations played a large role in bringing storm coverage to anxious listeners Saturday and Sunday.

Radio station CJOJ received and relayed hundreds of calls. About 25 people, including nine reporters and six announcers, provided storm news round-the-clock.

CBC kept a number of reporters on duty overnight Saturday and they provided up-to-date storm information for listeners.

Deliveries of The Free Press, delayed Saturday by the blizzard, were handled Sunday by carrier boys who battled snowdrifts on plugged sidewalks and private walks to get the papers to readers.

Winnipeg police were lavish in their praise for snowmobilers who generously contributed with time and, in some cases, money to help needy citizens during the peak and dying hours of the storm.

## Death Toll Six

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Davey boys died when fire destroyed the home Saturday morning.

A Dauphin RCMP spokesman said by the time they arrived the house had burned to the ground.

The boys were foster children in the home of Van Anderson and his wife and granddaughter, who were able to flee the two-storey structure when fire broke out about 6:30 a.m. Saturday.

Police said the boys were caught in the upper story of the home and died due to smoke inhalation.

The Anderson family survivors were taken to St. Rose du Lac, Man. hospital and released shortly afterwards.

The St. Boniface man, who was shovelling snow at his home, suffered a heart attack and collapsed. He was taken to St. Boniface Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

In another accident related to the blizzard, Mr. Johnson, who was working at the Canadian National Railways Symington yards Friday night, died when a train engine struck him.

A St. Boniface police department spokesman said Mr. Johnson was sweeping snow from a switching device when a train engine was backing up, and he wound up under the locomotive.

The accident occurred at about 11:20 p.m. Friday. Mr. Johnson was pronounced dead at St. Boniface Hospital at 12:01 a.m. Saturday.

A death not related to the storm occurred Friday when Mr. Casement, working in the Inco mine in Thompson, was killed after being crushed under a train in the mine.

RCMP in Winnipeg said the train apparently slid forward while Mr. Casement was under the device to grease it. The accident occurred at 7:20 p.m.

In an earlier two-vehicle accident near Dauphin, Mr. Erlendson was killed when his half-ton truck was in collision with a loaded fuel truck driven by Ray Howie, 51, of Regina.

The collision occurred at 11:30 a.m. Friday on provincial road 235, about 25 miles southeast of Dauphin, an RCMP spokesman said.

Mr. Erlendson was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital in St. Rose du Lac. Mr. Howie, the other driver, was also taken to hospital, where he was detained for undetermined injuries.

## LIFETIME INCOME

NEW YORK — An average American starting work today has a prospect of about \$150,000 as a lifetime income, figuring on the basis of about a working span of some 40 years.



Free Press delivery boy David Hall of 92 Niagara Street slogged through waist-high snow drifts Sunday to deliver Saturday's paper. Doug Nicholson, Free Press circulation manager, said the carriers did a tremendous job under the deplorable conditions caused by Saturday's blizzard. He said some carriers had to poke the papers into snow banks because they couldn't reach the front doors of their subscribers. Rural subscribers will get their Saturday paper with Monday deliveries, he said.

## Response Termed Fantastic

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two days before.

"I got the call over the air. A doctor had called, and said the lady needed her prescription right away," he said.

Mr. Jovett picked up the medicine from a Notre Dame Avenue pharmacist, and delivered it to the woman's home. It took him only 20 minutes from the time he got the message to complete the delivery.

"We tried to help everybody we could," Mr. Jovett said.

That attitude seemed to characterize the many acts of community spirit that occurred throughout the blizzard.

Off-duty police constable Jeff Maw, 26, kept a list of volunteers' phone numbers as they were broadcast. He listed the volunteers by area, and provided a referral service to callers.

"Sometimes it's enough just to give the people a friendly word," he said. Mr. Maw comforted several people who phoned him, distraught because they didn't know the whereabouts of friends or relatives during the blizzard.

A Beresford Avenue family offered to billet Winnipeg Transit employees in three homes if the employees were stranded at the Osborne Street garage, and said they would deliver milk and bread to elderly citizens in their neighborhood.

George Richardson, 35, of 35 Dickens Drive, St. James-Assiniboia, offered to help police on his snowmobile. The police asked him to head out toward Headingley to rescue motorists stranded along the Trans-Canada Highway.

Mr. Richardson said he went out, but had to turn back. "I couldn't see five feet in front of me."

City Councillor Michael Ruta organized a 20-man effort in East Kildonan. Councillor Ruta's force of volunteers attended to a dog bite victim, elderly citizens in need of food, a pregnant woman and motorists in difficulty.

He said, "We'll keep going as long as we're needed." He organized a snow-clearing operation once the wind died down.

Children took part in the spontaneous volunteer force, too. Two young brothers, Shawn and Sherman Chartrand, relayed messages in north Winnipeg.

Larry Storey, 15, said his mother suggested he lend a hand. Larry went to the store for an elderly neighbor.

A 12-year-old Elmwood boy escorted two little girls to a pharmacy to get a prescription. His mother said he went to ensure that the girls made it back home.

Mr. McLeod took milk to several mothers of small children in the west end. He owns a 1959 Chevrolet truck that "runs like a son-of-a-gun," his wife said, and so was able to make it through the drifts of snow that blocked most Winnipeg streets.

The Skrypnik family's home in West Kildonan became a dairy product depot during the weekend. The milkman was unable to move his truck, and left it.

It was full of dairy products. Mr. Skrypnik phoned Silverwood's Dairy at 2 p.m. and offered to move the produce into

his house to prevent it from freezing, and Silverwood's accepted his offer.

Howard Skrypnik, 20, and his brother Steve, 17, carried 60 cartons of milk, butter and cottage cheese into their home. CJOJ relayed the message that milk was available there.

Howard, a student at the University of Manitoba, said in a phone interview Sunday, "We'd only just got started moving the stuff, and already people were flocking to the truck."

"It took us two hours to get it into the house. At first, we collected money for Silverwood's, but the dairy products were all over the house, so we started giving it away."

Howard estimated about 200 people came to the house Saturday, a few arriving on skis. He said 40 had been there Sunday by noon.

"A few have stayed for coffee, but most were just happy to get milk and get back home," he said.

The volunteers and helpers interviewed demeaned their activities, and stressed that their service was nothing out of the ordinary.

Ken Yeates, of north Winnipeg, took grocery lists from four families, including an elderly couple that lives across the lane from him. "I don't see that anybody should make a big deal about it — hundreds and hundreds of people all over the city are doing the same thing."

He said helping neighbors was usual in his area. "Around here we help each other." He planned to borrow his elderly neighbor's snow-blower when the blizzard let up.

Only one volunteer interviewed said he'd received a few crank calls.

## Redford, Streisand Popular

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Robert Redford and Barbara Streisand have been named the world's most popular film stars in 1974, a poll conducted for the Hollywood Foreign Press Association by Reuters News Agency showed.

It was the third time Miss Streisand had topped the poll and the first for Redford.

Both will receive Golden Globe awards as world film favorites at the association's award ceremonies here Jan. 25.

The poll was based on box office returns and other statistics from 65 countries.

OSLO (AP) — Comedian Charles Chaplin, who was knighted by Queen Elizabeth of England last week, will have a statue erected in his honor in Oslo.

ESCONDIDO, Calif. (AP) — Former rodeo champion Casey Tibbs, in hospital with broken ribs and a collapsed lung after being dragged and kicked by a horse, has been taken off the serious list.

## \$1 Million Cleanup Seen

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cleanup operations, Councillor Bernie Wolfe, the deputy mayor, said Sunday.

Senior civic servants in the works and operations, police and fire departments were on 24-hour call Saturday and Sunday, most of them billeted at hotels around the civic centre, said Mr. Diakiw in an interview Sunday.

Snow removal equipment operators working for the city also were on duty around the clock, working eight-hour shifts, and longer, some going off duty at 3 a.m. Sunday and back at work at daylight, he said.

Mr. Diakiw said they were billeted at points where they would have no problems getting back to their equipment again.

Throughout the storm-fighting effort, a control centre was maintained in the sixth-floor works and operations department office in the civic centre administration building.

The civic operations co-ordinating committee, responsible for co-ordinating the city's storm-fighting efforts and provision of essential and emergency services, met in a second-floor conference room in the administration building at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday and for a third and final time at 9 a.m. Sunday.

This 21-member group includes Coun. Wolfe, works and operations committee chairman Coun. Gerry Mercier (Independent Citizens Election Committee — Fort Garry), Mr. Diakiw, works and operations director Bill Finnogason and senior police, fire and utilities personnel.

After the Sunday meeting, Mr. Diakiw and Mr. Finnogason took to a helicopter to view from the air the snow-clearing job that awaited the works and operations department personnel in the city.

The snow-clearing job in the city won't be completed until late Monday or early Tuesday, Mr. Diakiw said.

Winnipeg transit officials said buses began bogging down around noon Saturday, as the winds increased and the fury of the storm intensified.

It became impossible for drivers to continue on their routes; streets were becoming heavily clogged with snow and visibility was down to zero.

The decision was made to pull the buses off the streets by 3 p.m.

The problem was made worse because many of the older buses were breaking down in the extreme cold. The wind chill factor was registering colder than 80 degrees below.

"Brakes were failing, heaters weren't working, and engines were stalling," one transit official said.

No buses moved in the city for more than 18 hours.

After 9 a.m. Sunday, the first buses left transit garages. At first they were used exclusively to pick up bus drivers and take them to the garages so that transit service could begin again.

At noon Sunday, transit reported the system was at almost full operation on a regular Sunday-holiday schedule, although many of the suburban feeder services weren't operational because residential streets, which these buses use, hadn't been cleared.

Coun. Wolfe said the system would be in full operation Monday morning and that transit officials were expecting a heavier than normal passenger load because many people who usually drive their own cars to work would be forced to take the bus.

The city has established priorities for its snow clearing operation, and because lanes and sidewalks are at the bottom of the priority list, officials didn't believe most motorists would be able to get their cars out by Monday morning.

First, the regional streets were being cleared — the major traffic arteries of the city — then residential streets, bus routes, and then lanes and sidewalks.

Coun. Wolfe said Sunday that the most difficult areas to get to were the outlying stretches of city thoroughfares, such as Grant Avenue west of Royal Road, or St. Anne's Road and St. Mary's Road near the Perimeter Highway.

The wind and snow whipped up into a blizzard in the city around 3 a.m. Saturday, continued all day and into Saturday night, causing eight to 10-foot drifts in some parts and near-zero visibility by mid-morning Saturday. A total of 7½ inches of snow fell, and winds were gusting up to 60 m.p.h. between 3 and 5 p.m. Saturday.

Winnipeg police chief Norman Stewart said Sunday that he was out for a short while in a police car Saturday and couldn't see 10 feet in front of the vehicle.

He and deputy chief Ray Wilson stayed at a downtown hotel Saturday night, with easy access to the Public Safety Building.

Chief Stewart said many policemen bedded down for the night in the bunks of the cells in the fourth-floor Public Safety Building city jail — in separate cages from the prisoners, of course.

At least it was warm up there, the chief said, and joked that he would have to remember to lay in some liquor at the police station for such occasions.

During the storm, when it was impossible to use cruisers and motorcycles to get around, the police used a 12-seat Bombardier to handle emergencies.

The vehicle, brand-new was unceremoniously at Brooks Equipment Ltd. and loaned to the police department for the occasion, Chief Stewart said.

The chief told the committee Sunday morning he was amazed at the number of kidney dialysis cases that needed to be taken to hospital for regular treatment.

Every emergency was handled without a hitch, Coun. Wolfe said. He had high praise for the calm, efficient handling of the storm crisis by Mr. Diakiw, Mr. Finnogason and other civic workers.

"I remember the days when he played quarterback at St. John's Tech," Coun. Wolfe said of Mr. Diakiw, "and he handled this situation coolly and efficiently — just like a quarterback."

In turn, Mr. Diakiw had praise for Coun. Wolfe and Coun. Mercier for keeping themselves available throughout the emergency, providing direct co-operation between the political and administrative arms of city government when decision on handling the storm had to be taken.

Coun. Wolfe also praised Chief Stewart and his men for the emergency services they provided and commended the chief for initiating the opening of Safeway and Dominion supermarkets around the city between 1 and 4 p.m. Sunday, and Economart from noon to 4 p.m.

Those in control of the storm-fighting efforts, represented by the civic operations co-ordinating committee, were veterans of the epic March 4, 1966 Winnipeg blizzard, Coun. Wolfe said, and they knew exactly what had to be done.

He said that, remarkably, he had not heard one raised voice around the civic administration building all through the weekend effort.

## Snowmobile Aids Delivery

In at least one area of Winnipeg, Free Press papers had to be delivered by carriers by snowmobile following Saturday's storm.

The papers were delivered Sunday on a snowmobile owned by a Free Press circulation district manager when his truck got stuck in the Crestview area.

The carriers did their best to get Free Press copies to customers Sunday after all delivery trucks were able to drive on city streets by 10:30 a.m.

Saturday editions were run off the presses as usual and loaded into trucks, but impassable thoroughfares forced the vehicles to park at the Free Press building until Sunday morning.

Carriers were phoned by their district circulation managers Saturday morning, informing them deliveries would be made at drop-off points the following day.

Blocked streets, high drifts and other aftermaths of the blizzard meant slow going in some areas Sunday. Drivers were dispatched six times from the Free Press garage to help out when trucks became stuck or unserviceable.

Switchboard operators and circulation personnel were kept busy with calls from carriers and subscribers in attempts to get as many papers delivered as possible.

Extra compensation will be received by Free Press carriers for their extra efforts Sunday.

## Storm Aids Hotels

By ROBERT WIELAARD Free Press Staff Writer

Winnipeg hotel operators were probably the only people in the city Saturday who didn't mind the raging storm one bit.

Many downtown hotels were full or nearly full with travellers trapped by the storm that paralyzed the city Saturday and most of Sunday.

In addition to travellers who were unable to leave, hotels in the city accommodated many Winnipeggers who, in spite of the poor weather, ventured out and found themselves without transportation home. Many hotel employees were unable to go home Saturday and spent the night at work.

Hotels surveyed by The Free Press Sunday reported that business was hectic as a result of the storm, but all said they were able to cope with the unusual situation without too much trouble. Or, as one short-staffed manager who had to help out in the kitchen washing dishes put it: "It was all done with a smile!"

Saturday may have been a good day for hotel operators in the city, but it was a bad one for those who planned to get married that day.

Hotels reported many cancellations of meetings, banquets, and wedding receptions.

One of the hotels that reported an occupancy rate of 100 per cent was the Mall Hotel, 469 Portage Avenue, where the kitchen staff had its hands and pans full preparing meals for hungry travellers who were stranded at the adjacent bus station. A spokesman said the hotel was full Saturday night, and some travellers had to spend the night in the bus depot.

Most hotels reported that, in spite of poor weather, operations were near normal.

In some cases, staff shortages closed dining rooms and lounges.

Among the 170 guests trapped inside the Charterhouse Hotel, at York Avenue and Hargrave Street were hockey players from Lakehead University and members of the University of Alberta swim team. Because of a staff shortage, the hotel closed down its dining room and served food in the coffee shop.

Douglas Creek, the hotel's general manager, didn't think it was all that bad. "At one point in time, I helped out in the kitchen washing dishes. It was all done with a smile," Mr. Creek said.

## SEEK 'DECENT JOBS'

KHARTOUM (CP) — Provincial authorities have launched a campaign to raze Khartoum's red-light districts and resettle prostitutes in the suburbs, the Khartoum daily El Ayam reported. The relocation is part of a plan to reorganize and beautify the Sudanese capital. Agence France-Presse quoted the newspaper as saying these situations better than any other city. It reported that a committee would be formed to help learn from us what to do about the prostitutes find "decent jobs" in the suburbs.