

# MAYOR J. LESLIE BODIE ADVISES NO REPAIRS BEFORE APPRAISAL

In spite of the statement attributed to Premier Campbell which appeared in the daily press of May 31, Mayor Bodie advises East Kildonan residents not to repair flood damage in their homes until the damage has been appraised. The following steps may be proceeded with:

1. Wash down and remove all dirt and silt.
2. Where floors and walls are damaged, they may loosen the lumber to facilitate drainage, ventilation and drying.
3. Arrange with a contractor of their own choice to proceed with the rehabilitation after appraisal.

With regard to sand used on dikes, Mayor Bodie stated it is the intention of the municipality to retain a permanent dike and residents are requested NOT to remove sandbags from the permanent dike which stretches along the river to Rossmere ave. However, the mayor added, any residents requiring sand for use on back lanes, driveways, private sidewalks or for use in front of their homes could use sand from Bredin Drive if they have it hauled at their own expense. Sand is also available to all schools and community clubs in the municipality on the same basis.

## Brooke Claxton Praises Heroism In Face of Disaster

The flood devastation in Elmwood and East Kildonan was equalled only by the heroism and superb determination of the people of these localities, said Hon. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence, in a letter to the *Herald*.

Wrote Mr. Claxton:

"On the week-end of May 13 I flew from Ottawa to Winnipeg to view the situation in the flooded Red River Valley. At that time I saw the devastation that had been caused in Elmwood and East Kildonan, a devastation equalled only by the heroism and superb determination of the people of those localities. Their magnificent efforts will certainly be remembered long after the waters have subsided and the damages of this great disaster have been repaired.

"To the people of Elmwood and East Kildonan, as to all who have had to defend their homes against the flood, I should like at this time to extend my most heartfelt sympathy for the suffering they have been caused and my warmest admiration for the fighting spirit in which that suffering has been met."

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## EAST KILDONAN SCHOOL BOARD TO KEEP SCHOOLS CLOSED UNTIL SEPT. 5TH

At a special meeting of the East Kildonan school board held in Lord Wolseley school Tuesday night, the board reaffirmed its decision to keep the schools closed until Sept. 5. Considerable discussion took place from the health point of view and this was the deciding factor in reaching the decision. The members of the board voted as follows: for opening, F. E. Beckett and R. D.

## GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JUNE 5TH

June 5 is the official date for celebrating the King's birthday, and the day has been declared a statutory holiday by Ottawa. It is not a mandatory holiday in the provinces and municipalities.

All banks will be closed, as well as provincial government offices, and the staff at the City Hall will get a holiday.

All government offices will be closed and a skeleton service will be provided at Elmwood's main post office on Kelvin street. Office hours will be from 8 a.m. till 12 noon with morning delivery of mail only.

The *Herald* has been advised that the East Kildonan municipal office will be closed.

## EAST KILDONAN KIWANIS SPEARHEAD CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN IN MUNICIPALITY

Members of the East Kildonan Kiwanis Club are spearheading a campaign of decontamination and rehabilitation within the municipality. With the co-operation of the Kildonan-St. Paul Health Unit the club is organizing eight and ten man teams to decontaminate the homes in East Kildonan as they are pumped out. Volunteers are needed to work on these teams. Any who wish to offer their services should register at Parsons Hardware, 451 Henderson Highway (phone 502 367) or with George Rizer, 159 Hazeldell ave. (phone 504 224). The work is expected to commence almost immediately.

The club has also offered its services to citizens requiring assistance in rehabilitating their homes. Anyone needing assistance should contact Mr. Rizer.

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ARCHBISHOP SHERMAN

will visit St. Saviour's Church Tuesday, June 6, at 8 p.m. for the purpose of conferring the rite of Confirmation.

## KELVIN CLUBHOUSE LADIES THANK EVERYBODY WHO HELPED FEED WORKERS

It's wonderful what people can do when the need arises.

Who would have thought it possible to serve hot meals, 24 hours a day, at the Kelvin Clubhouse? Nearly 2,000 a day at the peak!

That's what we did, and it sure filled a real need while it lasted.

The women of Elmwood backed up their men on the dikes in great style and the committee who took over at the Kelvin Clubhouse would like to thank everyone who had a hand in making a success of the job of serving, hot meals and supplying the dike workers with hot soup and coffee.

Every ladies' organization in Elmwood was represented, and the most difficult problem was trying to give the many volunteers an opportunity to share in the work.

Thanks are also due to the Elmwood merchants, the Red Cross, Radio Station CJOB, Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada, and the many residents who donated home-baking, canned goods, supplies, etc.

Elmwood has no cause to worry for the future while this spirit of co-operation exists amongst its people.

Thanks, Ladies.