

U Gold Medallists - Flood Fighters All

Winnipeg: Clearing this evening. Variable cloudiness Thursday. Warmer. Low tonight and high Thursday, 40 and 60.



JOHN L. JOHNSTON
Manitoba Pharmaceutical association gold medal, the Flexon silver medal and the Mal-linckrodt prize in pharmaceutical chemistry.



ALAN DAVID RACKOW
University gold medal in electrical engineering and the J. H. Schumacher memorial prize.



MYRTLE ALICE SIEGRIST
University gold medal in science honors.



FRED RUPPEL
University gold medal in pharmacy; Manitoba Pharmaceutical association silver medal and the association president's prize.



JOHN FRANCIS TROWER
Lieutenant-Governor's gold medal in agriculture; the alumnae association jubilee award.

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University Graduates Record Class Of 1,551

Names of the largest graduating class in the history of the University of Manitoba — 1,551 students — were released today by the university.

It was the third consecutive year of record numbers. Last year's class totalled 1,526 — predicted at that time as likely to be the university's all-time high.

64 Awarded Gold Medals And Prizes

Winners of 64 of the highest awards of the University of Manitoba can confer on graduating students — gold and silver medals, fellowships, and prizes — were announced Tuesday by Douglas Chevrier, university registrar.

Out of a total of 1,551 degree and diploma graduates, 17 students qualified for university gold medals.

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14 were recipients of other medals, five were granted fellowships, and 28 received cash and book prizes.

There were three triple award winners — Roy Albert Gallagher of law, and James Lawrence Johnston and Fred Ruppel, both of pharmacy.

Mr. Gallagher won the university gold medal in law, the Manitoba law society prize, and the Carswell company prize. The university gold medal in pharmacy, and the Manitoba pharmaceutical association silver medal and president's prize all went to Mr. Ruppel. Mr. Johnston's three awards were the Manitoba pharmaceutical association gold medal, the Flexon silver medal, and the Malinckrodt prize in pharmaceutical chemistry.

Four graduates are double award winners. They are John Francis Trower of agriculture, the Lieutenant-Governor's gold medal in agriculture and the alumnae association jubilee award; Arnold Gerald Rogers of medicine, the university gold medal in medicine and the Manitoba medical association gold medal; Douglas Herbert Rutherford of civil engineering, the university gold medal in civil engineering and the William M. Berry prize; and Alan David Rackow of electrical engineering, the university gold medal in electrical engineering.

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Majority Of Theatres Are Re-Opening Today

Most of Winnipeg's flood-closed movie theatres re-opened their doors Wednesday.

The city's flood control committee authorized 22 theatres to open again.

These include: Odeon, Capital, Metropolitan, Starland, Arlington, College, Colonial, Crescent, De Luxe, Elm, Fox, Furby, Gaiety, Garrick, Oak, Osborne, Palace, State, Times, Tower, Uptown and Valour theatres.

It was agreed by the flood control committee that re-opening of the theatres would contribute greatly to boosting the morale of flood-weary citizens.

worsen the traffic situation. It will keep sightseers away from the dikes," Chief of Police Charles MacIver declared. He also felt that the re-opening of the theatres would not seriously deplete dike forces.

In the case of the Uptown theatre it will not open until Thursday night with a Sneak Preview. The Crescent and Osborne theatres were also not prepared to open before Thursday.

The first movie house to open after the flood was the Valour, which decided to resume operations Tuesday night. A crowd, mostly women and children, quickly gathered and a matinee was immediately scheduled for Wednesday.

Free Press Honors Norwegian Holiday
Today is the national holiday of Norway and in compliment to Norwegian people living in Canada, the flag of that country, a blue and white cross on a red ground, flies from the Free Press flagstaff all day.

GREAT ROLLS AT PEAK

Flood Relief Fund Needs Minimum Of \$10 Million

Unless a minimum of \$10,000,000 is contributed to the Manitoba Flood Relief fund, the more than \$5,000 victims of the Red River valley disaster face the most tragic mass ruination in Canadian history.

This was made clear Tuesday night when H. W. Manning, general chairman of the fund and vice-president and general manager of the Great-West Life Assurance company here.

This committee will be formed through the efforts of the Toronto Board of Trade and

insurance company, revealed the full objective of the fund, and announced the day's receipts to be \$113,457.

An Ontario committee will be formed Thursday in Toronto to make a united appeal in aid of the Manitoba Flood Relief fund, it was learned at national headquarters in the annex of the Great-West Life Assurance company here.

This committee will be formed through the efforts of the Toronto Board of Trade and

Chamber of Commerce, the Canadian Manufacturers' association and other interested groups.

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce issued an appeal to Canadian business interests Tuesday to assist flood-stricken Manitoba and the fire-ravaged Quebec towns of Rimouski and Cabano.

J. H. Brace, chairman of the national chamber's executive council, said that the appeal would be circulated among 650 member cham-

bers and its 2,100 member companies.

Sympathy and aid was coming in Wednesday from all sources, including several British cities which have known disaster in the past. Some of these are:

• A cablegram from the Lord Mayor of Coventry, England, to Mayor Garnet Coulter of Winnipeg.

"The citizens of Coventry send their sincere sympathy to your citizens in their suffering from the disastrous Red river floods and hope for speedy return to normal conditions." (Mayor Coulter replied saying: "Your message of sympathy deeply appreciated.")

• A cablegram from the Lord Mayor of London to Mayor Coulter: "Greatly grieved to hear of disaster to your town and residents. Citizens of London join me in expressing deepest sympathy with all those who are homeless and have suffered loss through the floods." (Signed) Frederick Rowland, Lord Mayor.

"(Cablegram received and greatly appreciated." Winnipeg's mayor cabled back.)

• A cablegram from the Lord Mayor of Maidenhead, England: "All sympathy from people of Maidenhead who suffered severe floods in 1947. Local flood relief fund opened for Winnipeg." ("Thanks. Message of sympathy and offer of help greatly appreciated." Mayor Coulter replied.)

• A donation of \$15,000 was received from General Motors of

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Reports Brighter At South Points

Level of the Red river flood crest, now rolling through Greater Winnipeg, remained at its peak stage of 30.2 feet above datum Wednesday after rising more than an inch late Tuesday afternoon.

Meanwhile, in rural Manitoba, the Souris river, tributary of the Assiniboine, continued its rapid rise — as much as two feet overnight at one point.

About 3,000 acres of farmland has been flooded by the Souris in the Pteron district.

Along the Red river valley, however, the news was good from southern points.

Levels showed a drop at all points from Wahpeton, N.D. to Ste. Agathe, Man.

Main concern of flood control officials Wednesday was whether a heavy rain would start anywhere in the Red river valley.

Weather reports were encouraging. Only light showers are forecast for Thursday.

The chance of heavy precipitation during the next 48 hours was described as "very slight" by the weather office.

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These were the main developments in the Winnipeg flood picture Wednesday:

• Although evacuation has slowed, close to 100,000 persons have quit the city to date.

• Brigadier E. A. Morton, army flood control commander, asked citizens of St. Boniface to register for volunteer labor.

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A Day's Pay From Manitobans: Aim Of Local Fund Organizers

Manitoba's indomitable spirit Tuesday faced a challenge.

It was that of refitting the homes of this province's innumerable flood victims.

As the campaign of the Manitoba Relief fund went into high gear from a standing start, three things were decided immediately:

1. Manitoba itself must show the world the way.

2. Every citizen here will be asked for at least a one-day pay contribution.

3. Canada's concentration will be on business, industry and the professions.

"Manitoba must lead the way," Allan H. Watson, committee chairman, stated, as he outlined campaign plans.

Solid Support
Winnipeg labor unions pledged solid support of the drive. Arrangements are already being made with management for payroll deductions in many Winnipeg industries, said Leon Mitchell, representing the Canadian Congress of Labor and Andrew Murphy of the Winnipeg and District Trades and Labor Congress.

Labour's objective is a minimum of \$10 per member. Contributions may be deducted from payrolls over a five-month period.

At an inaugural meeting of the Manitoba committee in the offices of the Winnipeg chamber of commerce Mr. Watson spoke of the generous response of other provinces in Manitoba's hour of need.

In a broadcast, later carried by a network of Winnipeg stations, Mr. Watson explained how the provincial appeal would be made through industry, business and the professions.

"Our job is to raise enough money to get these people — many of whom have lost everything they had in this flood — back into their homes."

"By that we don't mean simply back within the shell of a house — we have got to get them back home."

"If you are one of those suffering great loss this appeal is not directed to you — it is being made for you. But if your loss has not been great we ask you to think of those who have been hit harder."

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Engineers Study Diversion Scheme

Manitoba government engineers are making preliminary investigations into a possible 20 to 22-mile multi-million dollar "floodway" to divert surplus waters of the Red river around Greater Winnipeg. Premier Douglas L. Campbell announced at a press conference Tuesday night.

Premier Campbell also disclosed that he has sent wires to Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent; Hon. Douglas Abbott, minister of finance, and Hon. Stuart Garson, minister of justice, asking them to make an immediate personal visit to the flooded Red river valley area.

The wire, signed by Mr. Campbell and Mayor Garnet Coulter, of Winnipeg, on behalf of the flooded Manitoba municipalities, asks the federal officials to "come here at once to acquaint yourselves personally with the extent of the situation and to hasten the arrival at agreement on an assistance formula."

"We have been advised that it might be physically possible," Premier Campbell told reporters, "to materially reduce the flood hazard in this city through the excavation of a very large supplementary river channel which would pass immediately to the east of the city of St. Boniface and which would extend from a point a few miles upstream from St. Norbert to rejoin the Red river in the vicinity of Lockport."

The undertaking would be "exceedingly costly" and of "truly gigantic proportions," the premier said. It would involve:

1. Construction of a channel "fully as large" as the present Red river for some 20 to 22 miles.

2. Construction of nine major railway bridges.

3. Construction of "at least eight" new highway bridges.

The project would, also involve acquisition by the crown of some

Map shows how the suggested floodway would link up with the Red river, by-passing Winnipeg.

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Ottawa Names Flood Probe Commission

OTTAWA, May 17 (Special) — Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent announced in the commons Wednesday agreement with Manitoba on Red river flood fact-finding commission.

Its members are D. Bruce Shaw, Winnipeg investment banker, and J. G. Carswell, Vancouver engineer, who was chairman of the Fraser Valley Diking Board.

Meanwhile Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent has not yet replied to the request received Wednesday from Premier D. L. Campbell to make a personal inspection of the flood area.

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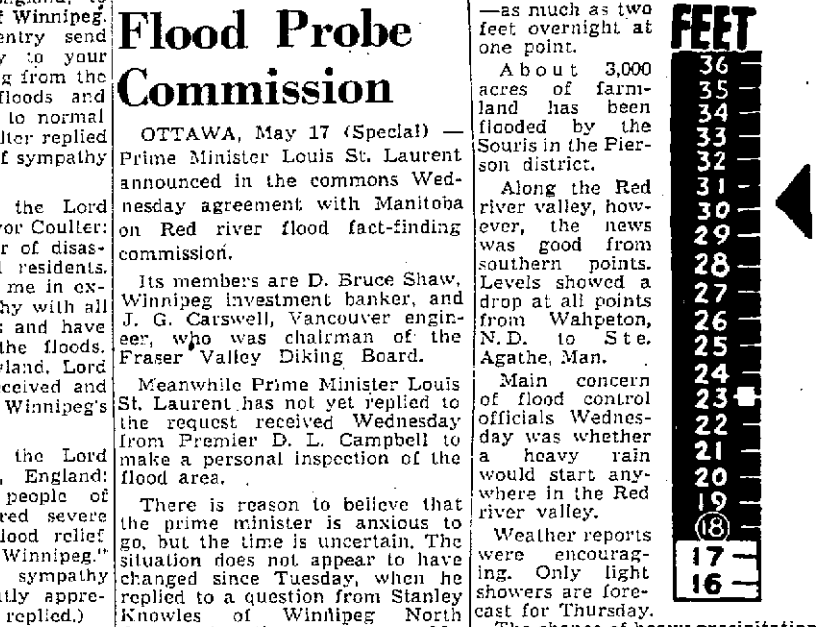
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