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City Slum Clearance Urged As Part Of Rehabilitation Plan

Clearance of the city's slum areas was urged Friday as a logical step in Winnipeg's flood-rehabilitation plans. "Here is a golden opportunity to clean out the slums," Ald. Frank Chester told the city's newly-formed flood rehabilitation committee. He pointed out that flooding had occurred in several of the city's slum districts, in the Point Douglas area and near Water street. While restoring these districts, the city could determine which sections could actually be called "slums," close them off and condemn them, Ald. Chester suggested. "We should go to work on that immediately," he declared. He added that he would bring a motion to that effect before city council at its meeting Monday night. The rehabilitation committee took no action on his suggestion.

VICTOR DOTTEN NAMED PALA CAMP DIRECTOR

Victor Dotten has been appointed director of Pala camp. Minaki, it was announced Thursday at a meeting of the board of the Y.M.C.A. Mr. Dotten had previously served as director of the M.L.A. camp for a number of years. H. P. Miller, vice-president, presided at the meeting.

JUVENILE FORGER GETS 9 MONTHS

A nine-month jail term was imposed on a 17-year-old juvenile in city police court Friday when he pleaded guilty to forging and uttering two cheques, totalling \$50, one month ago. He admitted cashing the cheques in a downtown department store. He was sentenced to nine months on each of the four charges, the terms of which are concurrent.

'Lookout' For Break-Ins, Youth Jailed For Year

A 19-year-old lookout for a pair of youths who broke into two filling stations Tuesday night, William Frederick Bester, 107 Henry avenue, Friday was sentenced to one year in jail for his part in the crime. In city police court Thursday, Bester admitted having associated with Leslie Raymond Kahlan, 19, of 42 Alkins street, and a juvenile, in the break-ins. Kahlan, who was out on bail at the time, received a 20-month jail term.

POLICE SEEK DRIVER IN TRAFFIC MISHAP

City police, in an effort to complete a traffic report, are searching for the driver of a dark blue, late-model car that knocked down and slightly injured a man at Main street and Water avenue at 1:55 p.m. Friday. Police say 63-year-old Edward R. Mitchell, 1130 Valour road, stepped off the curb in the path of an auto which turned right onto Main after travelling west on Water avenue. The elderly man suffered injuries to his right leg, but declined medical attention.

CANUKEENS GIVE CHEQUE FOR \$1,000

A cheque for \$1,000 to aid flood-ravaged Manitoba rebuild was turned over to the Manitoba Flood Relief fund Tuesday by the executive of the Canukeens club of Winnipeg.

BEST FRIEND JUMPS TO AID YOUNG MASTER

Mar's best friend is his dog, as was proved Friday afternoon when an Irish water spaniel went to the aid of its young master. Police said the nine-year-old owner, who is physically incapacitated, was thrown to the ground by an older boy and was being held there when the spaniel looked over. The dog jumped on the assailant and bit him in the left thigh. The older boy was treated at the Winnipeg General hospital.

SCHOOL BOARD TO TOUR FLOODED-OUT BUILDINGS

A first-hand picture of damage will be afforded Winnipeg school board members when they tour flooded-out schools Monday. The party will leave the board offices at 2:30 p.m. in charge of Peter C. Jessiman, chairman of the building committee.

62-Day Record 'Gratifying'

Crisis Period Free Of Fatal Accidents

BY NORM DONOGH

Despite traffic congestion and the movement of an increased number of heavy trucks over the few open bridges in the city, not one traffic fatality was recorded for Greater Winnipeg during the flood emergency, a survey Saturday showed.

Winnipeg has had 62 clear days, since March 25, without a traffic fatality.

"This is indeed gratifying," said one police official, "especially when you consider the swarms of people moving to the dike areas and the great increase in vehicular movement through defiles and into restricted areas."

Recognition of the invaluable police traffic work was made in written form Saturday when Chief of Police Charles MacIver received a letter of thanks, written by the city clerk, from the city's committee.

At Thursday's meeting, the committee moved a vote of thanks to both the city police and the R.C.M.P.

Stand Up Well

Traffic fatality-free April and May stand up well against the three previous years. Last year the city recorded one traffic death in April and three in May, while in April and May of 1947, two persons were killed during April in traffic mishaps, and one in May.

The accident-free record of the past two months has not been just luck. City police foresaw the dangers of traffic congestion as the flood threat increased and special point-duty men looked after danger areas on a 24-hour basis.

When the flood threat first became apparent, the city police force was placed on a 12-hour shift system thus making more men available for these special duties.

Motorcycle policemen were constantly busy controlling the traffic flow in and around danger areas, while public address systems mounted on cruiser cars, R.C.M.P. autos, R.C.A.F. panel trucks, and civilian vehicles, were placed at strategic points to control vehicular movement.

As the number of dike-working trucks increased and traffic arteries were threatened, the police, through the press and radio, asked that sight-seers and non-essential vehicles stay away.

Constant Check

To ensure that this was carried out, police on duty at open bridges and the like kept a constant check to keep non-emergency traffic from the areas.

Even now, with more and more bridges being opened and subways being cleared, the police have not relaxed their traffic vigil. In fact, the reverse is true. As people are returning to their flooded homes, traffic control is being intensified.

Although bridges are reopening and subways being pumped out, pavements in poor condition where the

water has boiled through. Motorists, therefore, are warned to be especially careful of these driving hazards.

The city's traffic engineer, who lauded drivers for their careful operating of vehicles, said more men were being made available to fix these poor roadways.

He pointed out that one further danger of driving through flooded subways and streets—that of getting brakes wet and consequently unusable—had not resulted in any accidents.

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The pup's father is Scottish-born Champion Crozier Tando of Treesholme, imported by Mr. Crozier two years ago.

Crozier's Kennels will be a busy spot, even when young Diker has left for his new home. A total of 60 dogs and two cats have found shelter there during the flood crisis.

Russia Detains 33 Ships

COPENHAGEN, May 27 (Reuters) — Russia has detained 33 Danish fishing vessels in the Baltic since 1946, Gustav Rasmussen, foreign minister of Denmark said Friday. The vessels were detained on charges of fishing inside Soviet territorial waters.

Meet Crozier's Diker—the dog of the day. At 9:05 Saturday, he will be the stellar attraction on radio station CJOB and of the Manitoba Flood Relief fund. When he is auctioned off over the air, the money he brings will go to help flood victims in Manitoba.



Working At Water Level: Waist deep in the flood waters of the Red river, these members of the Canadian National railways pile-driving crew are steadily closing a series of washouts that disrupted the Morris-Emerson service when the Red ran amok. Thirty-four piles are driven every six feet to create a temporary bridge over which trains can operate and through which the flood waters can continue to drain. These bridge and building men are sawing off a newly-driven "stick" before the huge stringers are "drifted" to carry the rail.

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Bridging The Gap To Morris: this pile-driver, a huge steam-driven hammer that will drive 30-foot cedar timbers worked all through Friday night rehabilitating Canadian National railways' lines down the Red river valley. By Saturday morning 100 feet of new track was built where the backed-up flood waters of Fort Garry drain into the Red. There are four such wash-outs to be bridged between Winnipeg and St. Norbert. With its own electric power generator the pile-driver works a 24-hour shift. Rail gangs are also working at Morris and Emerson to attack the line reopening on three fronts.

Railways Adopt Out-Of-Pay Plan For Flood Relief

Employees of both the Canadian National railways and the Canadian Pacific railway are now permitted to make contributions to the Manitoba Flood relief fund through the medium of payroll deduction over a period of several months, according to information received by H. W. Manning, chairman of the general flood committee, from officials of the company.

D. V. Conder, general manager, has informed Mr. Manning that President Donald Gordon "has approved going along with your request and we are making arrangements which will allow the deduction of contributions of our employees over a period of several months on the payroll deduction plan."

A. Mather, president of the Canadian Pacific railway, has informed the chairman of the flood relief that his company is prepared to follow the same plan and had approved the necessary arrangements.

"We are hopeful that adoption of the suggestion will enable our employees to assist in meeting the needs of the relief fund to a satisfactory degree," said Mr. Mather in his letter.

Andrew Murphy, chairman of the trades union committee of the Manitoba Flood Relief fund, said Friday he was pleased to see the companies giving full co-operation to the railroad employees wishing to make their contributions on the payroll deduction.

It was Mr. Murphy who raised a complaint at the general committee meeting of the fund about the railroad companies and the Manitoba government refusing to co-operate on the payroll deduction plan as suggested by labor.

It is understood that the provincial government has agreed to allow its employees to make contributions on the similar plan.

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These are the men who brought the first train through to Emerson since May 9. It was a big occasion Friday when Canadian Pacific railway's 65-car freight snaked into the yards at Emerson. It was a big day for the crew, too. Left to right are Roy Johnson, head-end brakeman, Frank O'Connor, tail end brakeman, Harold Hughtson, conductor, Arthur Lawrence, engineer and Nick Kuskoluk, fireman. All are from Winnipeg.

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Selkirk Plans Drive For Fund

Thirty-four local organizations were represented at a meeting in the civic offices at Selkirk, Thursday evening, to plan a drive in aid of the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund. Churches, lodges and service clubs were included.

A committee was formed of Mayor W. E. Gordon as chairman; secretary, Eric Sinclair, joint-treasurers, R. Mills and R. Glendinning; executive committee, George Gilhuly, Rev. E. Egilsson, Mrs. T. Norquay, Mrs. J. C. Hawes, Stanley Gowat, E. Railton and C. Cawson.

To eliminate overlapping it was decided that funds should be deducted by employers where possible. A canvass may be made through employers but all other organizations are to be on a voluntary basis. A committee is to be appointed to canvass the business section, and later a tag-day will and cheerfulness, and have come-

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