

SEPTEMBER 21st, 1978 - The community was deeply saddened last week with the sudden passing of E. L. "Bill" Taylor, a well known and respected Swan River resident and businessman. Mr. Taylor had been associated with the insurance and real estate firm of Taylor's Pioneer Agency for the past 50 years, a business which was founded by his father in 1905.

NOVEMBER 2nd - While clearing land on the N.E. section of 32-37-29, Mr. Ed Barrow came across a 5 lb. pressed bundle, believed to be pemmican buried by the early Indians of this area. The substance is greyish white and rubbery in appearance.

The Swan River Manitoba Liquor Commission employees continue their fight for pay increases which they claim, depending on their classification of work, is from \$3,000 to \$5,000 lower than their Saskatchewan counterparts.

NOVEMBER 9th - President John Dubreuil "swung a mean sheaf" as he participated in the Swan Valley Museum Threshing Day activities. The separator was donated by Fred Shaver Sr., the tractor by Peter Filuk, the two wracks by Peter Filuk and Brian Peyton. Another separator owned by Allen Tall, of Bowsman, was also used throughout the afternoon.

DECEMBER 7th, 1978 - At a joint meeting of reeves, councillors and mayors held in the council chambers on Thursday, the Town of Swan River put forth a request to the Hon. Gerry Mercier that an Assessment Branch office be set up here that could service the surrounding area, as well as The Pas. The major concern was that revenue in taxes is being lost because the assessments are not up to date.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1979 - Birch River Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and the Ladies' Auxiliary celebrated its 50th Anniversary on Saturday, December 16th, 1978, in the Legion Hall. Highlight of the evening was a visit from and an address by the only surviving charter member of the branch in the person of Mr. Tom Locke, who spoke of the early days when he was helping to organize the Branch.

JANUARY 25th - Congratulations are extended to Jim Bilton, former editor of *The Star and Times*, on being selected for a Good Citizenship Award. The award is given annually by the Tourist and Convention Association of Manitoba to six people who have "Exemplified a way of life that helps Manitoba to be a better place for all in which to live." The selection committee felt that Mr. Bilton's involvement in Swan River, in particular and Manitoba, in general, definitely reflected a valuable contribution to the community and province.

What is sizing up to be a major tourist attraction here in the Valley, The Tent Town Game Farm, has recently acquired 30 or more different kinds of birds and animals to add to their present stock. Six rare Llamas were among the new acquisitions. The 170 acre farm can only be reached by horse drawn wagon or horse back and is situated one mile west of Minitonas.

FEBRUARY 8th - Swan River's ultra-modern new hotel, The Westwood Inn, is now open for business and is second to none in design, elegance and comfort. There are 41 rooms, including doubles and singles, which are air-conditioned and sound-proof. There is a swimming pool, a superb dining room and lunch room. Rob Roy is the Manager of the Westwood Inn.

MARCH 15th, 1979 - Winter in the Swan River Valley seemed to be interminable this year as yet another snowstorm raged throughout the area for most of Monday. School officials were forced to cancel classes in the schools. Drifts were as high as the tops of the windows at the local Junior High.