

Bowsman, Neepawa and Flin Flon were some of the other communities who felt it was time for a change. Newly-elected Mayor Stan Anderson has promised to give the people of Swan River an administration that is based on open communication with the public.

DECEMBER 23rd - A very contented, 13 day-old Chet Tylor Hohne was probably the youngest to ever sit on Santa's lap at the Birch River Christmas Concert. At one time during the evening, it was thought there might be a problem with one of Santa's deer - something to do with a "flat hoof", but Santa made it!

DECEMBER 30th, 1992 - The old year passing is not the end of the line. It is just a caboose on the train of time.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6th, 1993 - Valley residents were kept busy over the holiday season clearing walks and driveways, and generally trying to keep warm in one of the coldest Decembers on record. Square tires, dead batteries, and stalled vehicles kept tow trucks busy and people at home.

JANUARY 13th - At one time the Village of Bowsman boasted as many as seven elevators; soon it will have but one. Over the years, grain companies have consolidated and amalgamated to the point that only Manitoba Pool is represented in the village. Elevator Manager Leon Nahnibida and his staff still operate one of two old UGG elevators left to them a few years ago. The existing Pool Elevator was built in 1951. Two new 34,000 bushel steel hopper bins have been erected beside it to give it a storage capacity of 220,000 bushels.

JANUARY 27th - Keeping the peace seems to be a tradition in the Stevenson family. Leonard Stevenson has been a Community Constable in Pelican Rapids for just about six years, and two years ago, son Darren followed in his father's footsteps when he became Band Constable for the Shoal River Indian Reserve.

The Provincial Wild Life Branch is conducting a survey of the number of moose within the Duck Mountain Provincial Forest. According to Dan Soprovich, who is in charge of the survey, it will be the first one taken since the 1960's.

FEBRUARY 3rd - Students of Swan Valley Regional Secondary School, who are taking Wildlife Management class taught by Rick Wowchuk, will be helping to contribute important information to the survey now being taken of the elk herd in the Duck Mountain Provincial Forest Reserve.

NDP M.L.A. for Swan River, Rosann Wowchuk has been promoted to the position of Official Opposition Critic on Agriculture.

FEBRUARY 24th - Bowsman's skyline was changed forever last week as demolition crews took down the two old Pool Elevators which have been landmarks of the village for many years. The smaller of the two was built in 1917; the other in 1956.

MARCH 10th - On March 5th, the Swan Valley Economic Development Committee held a meeting at which the aspects of having an ethanol plant in the Valley was discussed.

MARCH 17th, 1993 - With the Valley experiencing unusually high temperatures lately, and spring definitely trying to establish itself early, there's one man who is especially happy. On Friday, March 5th, Jerry Zinkiew, of Durban, serviced his 9700 combine and headed for a 160 acre field of standing Canola. He completed his "early" harvest on Monday.

In December, 1992, Dr. Frank Malcolm quietly retreated into retirement after being a general practitioner for 63 years.