

Willie Ross of Fife, Scotland, the man responsible for the wonderful tour the present band had in Scotland last year, was in Swan River for a holiday and was able to join in the festivities.

**AUGUST 18th, 1977** - Mr. Fred Pierrepont and sons, Bowsman, commenced harvesting their 200 acre rye crop on Monday, July 25th. The crop had been swathed July 13th and 14th. As far as can be ascertained, this is probably the earliest harvesting of grain in the history of the Swan River Valley area, dating back to 1898 when it all began here.

**SEPTEMBER 8th** - Swan River area residents can expect to have access to cablevision by the fall of 1979. Westman Media Co-operative has been awarded a license by the CRTC to provide services to 20 communities.

**SEPTEMBER 15th** - On September 12th, the Honourable Len Evans turned the sod to officially open the Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation's Elderly Persons Housing project in Swan River on 6th Avenue South and First Street.

**OCTOBER 20th, 1977** - Doug Gourlay played a triple role on Sunday, October 16th, as he cut the ribbon during the ceremony which officially opened the Swan Valley Municipal Airport. Representing the Town of Swan River as its Mayor, the Province of Manitoba as M.L.A., and the Airport Commission, as its Chairman, Mr. Gourlay brought greetings from all three agencies. After the ribbon cutting ceremony, in which Dr. Hugh Hornbeck and Dr. Honig took part, a local plane made the first official landing on the new runway.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12th, 1978** - On January 9th, aviation history was made at the Swan River Airport when the very first charter flight by Gabrielle Air Service left for Winnipeg at 8:00 a.m. What truly made this a historical flight was that it's the first passenger flight out of Swan River by an air carrier that is based here. The first charter passengers were Boris Zenchyshyn and his employee, Donald Potten.

Formo Motors, the new Ford Dealership, has opened its doors for business. Owner and Manager Elmer Formo has an extensive background as a Ford dealer.

**JANUARY 26th** - Swan River Mayor Walter Zukewich cut the ribbon on Tuesday morning to assist manager Don Mantie and D. Bruce, District Manager, to officially open the new Royal Bank premises at Main Street and 4th Avenue. The Royal Bank originally opened on June 17th, 1968, in Swan River on Main Street, in the old Bank of Montreal building, beside Macdonalds Consolidated. Doreen Windsor, who has been with the bank since its opening in Swan River, and Jean Alexander, a five-year employee, held the ribbon for Mayor Zukewich.

**MARCH 2nd** - Valley residents, who attended the CN Information Night at the Legion Hall on Wednesday last, were informed that a proposal is being set forth which will lead to the eventual closure of the station here in Swan River. The CN representatives said that closing the station would be a matter of economics and that approximately \$3,000 had been saved for each station closed. The CN men pointed out that it might be a matter of two or three years before the station actually closed. But by the same token, the ultimate end was the same - Swan River would lose its station and another personal service to this area.

**MARCH 16th, 1978** - One of the world's best known astronauts will visit two Manitoba communities in April. Colonel James B. Irwin, chairman of the High Flight Foundation, will visit Swan River April 20th. On the Apollo 15 Mission to the moon, July 26th - August 7th, 1971, he served as Lunar Module Pilot.