TIME CAPSULE 2000 TO BE OPENED IN 2025

It is my pleasure as the Town's Oldest living original resident and a very proud citizen (presently 85 years of age) to provide the following material:

a/ An Economic Survey of the Village of Picture Butte which was completed in 1953 (erected as a Village on February 15, 1943).

b/ Newspaper articles covering our 50 Year Anniversary written in 1993.

c/ Newspaper articles again written in 1993 which provide a history of the Sugar Factory and evidence our little community survived the closing of the factory in 1972.

d/ An article written in 1991 on the Gibbons Family who moved to Picture Butte in 1926 and a photograph of my father John Maurice (JM) Gibbons who served as the first mayor of the Village of Picture Butte.

Picture Butte has an interesting and proud history and one that I hope will not get lost over time.

My prayer is that the Town will continue as a prosperous and thriving community.

When the capsule is opened in the year 2025, it is my wish that these articles be placed in the local library for all to enjoy.

Respectfully submitted on August 19,2000
On behalf of the GIBBONS family

Maurice V Gilbons

Maurice Vincent Gibbons



ECONOMIC SURVEY

OF THE

VILLAGE of PICTURE BUTTE

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

6/28/1953

HON. A. J. HOOKE MINISTER RALPH R. MOORE DEPUTY MINISTER

Happy Birthday, Picture Butte

Turning 50 years old may not be a velcome milestone for some but for the community of Picture Butte it's an historical achievement.

For a town many predicted would become a ghostly landmark when its sugar beet factory closed, the past 50 years have been filled with growth

and development.

Incorporated as the Village of Picture Butte in 1943, the present townsite is vast compared to its ear-

ly days as a centre for the growing irrigation industry.

As Picture Butte's oldest original resident, Maurice Gibbons recalls the rich heritage that built Picture Butte from a hamlet to its current status as a town.

He said the original site for Picture Butte was Jamieson Avenue from the corner of Fourth Street to the elevators. The butte for which the community was named rose to the north of the grain elevators. Gibbons said the building of the

highway eleminated the picturesque butte which almost dwarfed the elevators.

They built almost two miles of

road out of that hill," said Gibbons. The first school in the community was built where the post office now sits — a one-room structure which was one of the earliest buildings in

Another original structure was Koepke's Hall built in 1925, which is now storage for the Tire Shop in Picture Butte. Gibbons said Koepkes built a home next door to the hall which housed the post office in the front portion and living quarters in

Gibbons and his family visited the community in 1925 at the invitation of a local land office employee. His father John liked a piece of land



MAURICE GIBBONS ... recalls early days

Two 1/4 mile 5"x5' wheel lines m/l

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which had been set aside for an experimental farm. He bought it and the family broke 15 acres that year. They dismantled their general store in Bow Island and shipped it by rail car to Picture Butte where they reassembled it on the property which is now home to Bert's A G

As the first store in town, J.M. Gibbons was stocked with grocery items, hardware, dry goods and Cockshut machinery. It sold a varie-ty of agricultural products including binders, wagons and mowers

When the Gibbons family arrived the town was still a hamlet. John would later become Picture Butte's first mayor following its incorpation as a village in 1943.

Gibbons noted in its early days Picture Butte was home to two feedlots located where the downtown business now sits. Watsons came in 1929 and ran the local Becker's Lumber Co. They eventually opened their own lumber yard and then dealt in farm machinery.

Gibbons said the sugar beet fac-tory was first discussed during a bridge game at the grocery store. His father, Jim Pollack, Howard Finley and Clem Nimmons were discussing the recently completed sugar beet harvest. At the time beets were loaded into rail cars directly from the piler. Each farmer could deliver two wagonloads each day and the rest of the beets were kept piled in the field until delivery.

Gibbons said Finley was tired of hauling beets and then loading them for shipment and began talking about building a factory in Picture

The men took their idea to the next growers' meeting and a committee was elected to persue the idea. It was 1934 and the Raymond plant was owned by the Knight Sugar Co. After several months of negotiating the local growers had a commitment from the company to build the

factory.

But before work could begin

But before work could begin

Rogers Knight Sugar sold out to Rogers Sugar Co. and negotiations began all over again.

"There was a lot of negotiating that went on," recalls Gibbons. At one time Knight Sugar con-sidered building the factory in Picture Butte if Rogers Sugar would not hold up the deal, but a trip to the area by Rogers himself clinched the

"He could see the project all right and agreed to take over and build a factory," said Gibbons.
Surveyors chose a site in Diamond

City although surveying was also done in Picture Butte which located a four-foot drop from where the Picture Butte Lake reservoir now sits to the factory property. This informa-tion led to discussions about the possibility of a gravity-fed water supply for the factory. Gibbons said while lobbying con-

tinued to have the factory built in Diamond City a former mine worker provided information on mines in the area which led to the conclusion it would not be possible to build a factory on the site surveyed.

Plans shifted to Picture Butte and

work began in 1935 to build the reser voir. At the same time construction began on the factory which began slicing beets in 1936.

Gibbons said the reservoir was built by hand using shovels. Each man dug a three-foot-wide trench to water level before moving on. "It was built in steps," he

explained

Dirt dug up was compacted back down to form a seepage-proof reservoir. Men brought in to work were paid 35 cents an hour while local workers were paid 25 cents. Gibbons said after proving they could do as good a job, if not better, than the outside labor the local men were paid the same rate.

With the arrival of the factory



The J.M. Gibbons general store stood on Picture Butte's original mainstreet but was later replaced by Berts A.G. Foods.

came a growth period for the community. Gibbons said his father hired another butcher and other businesses began developing.

'While the factory was being built there was at least 200 men sitting here looking for jobs," he recalled. "If a guy didn't do his work there were three waiting to take his job."

The factory made a significant difference to the community with one mine dug in the area for the purpose of supplying coal to the factory. Gibbons said the mine ran into financial trouble, changed owners, hit water and even experienced a mud slide before it was closed by the mine inspector who wouldn't allow anyone into the mine shaft to collect equipment.

There's still seven mine cars loaded with coal sitting at the bottom of the shaft," notes Gibbons.

A \$3,000 pump and various mining tools are also buried beneath what is now the Picture Butte High School property.

Gibbons said in Picture Butte's

early days baseball was the local sport and attracted numerous residents to games played by the Butte Royals and the Picture Butte

The Royals signed on to play an Alberta Junior Championship game in 1931 and won when the competion failed to show. Gibbons said the Indians played tournaments for two years before joining the Wheat Belt League.

organized to provide fire fighting service to the community, although Gibbons admits the equipment was not always top of the line in those early days

By 1943 the community had grown to include more business and at least five blocks of residents. Gibbons said some of the homes came from Coalhurst after the mine diaster of 1934 and were moved into Picture Butte from Coalhurst, Diamond City and Nobleford.

the time it became a village Picture Butte had 600 to 800 residents. The community would grow to include an outdoor dance hall located where Ben Nyhof's

A movie theatre also operated in the village where M & M Confectionery is now located. Gibbons said the theatre changed shows three times a week and offered a double showing Saturdays.

Picture Butte was an active com-munity and continued to develop until its incorporation as a town in 1960.

Gibbons said the relocation of Japanese Canadians from the west coast in 1941 boosted the population of the area between Picture Butte and Raymond by 1,400 and helped develop southern Alberta.

Gibbons' father served as the first

mayor of the village for seven years. Fifty years after it officially became a village Feb. 4, 1943 Gibbons can still recall the humble beginnings About the same time volunteers that became Picture Butte

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KINDERGARTEN (E.C.S.) **GRADE ONE** REGISTRATIONS 1993-94

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

The Coaldale Catholic Board of Education invites parents to register their children at St. Joseph School for the 1993-94 school year, beginning February 3

KINDERGARTEN (E.C.S.)

Parents who have children who will be five (5) by March 1, 1994 can enroll their children in Kindergarten (E.C.S.) at St. Joseph School, 1413-23 Avenue, Coaldale, Alberta.

GRADE ONE

Parents of children presently enrolled in Kindergarten (E.C.S.) or who will be six (6) by March 1, 1994 can enroll their children in Grade One at St. Joseph School at the same address.

For further information, please contact the principal, Mrs. Virginillo, at 345-3373.

Zimbabwe teacher promotes learning

By KATHY BLY

Naomi Kowo has come to Canada with a message of hope for the Christian faith

As a participant in the Partner in Residence Program with the United Church she left her home in Harare, Zimbabwe a week ago to spend six months in Canada, including three in Picture Butte

Kowo is here to educate Canadians on the differences and similarities between Christians here and in her home. As a lay person with the Council of Churches in Zimbabwe she was invited to Canada to share her culture and her Christian faith.

"It's something that is developing w," she explained.

The council is composed of several different denominations which all work together to help people help themselves. Kowo is Methodist.

The ecumenical family, as the churches working together are called, is interested in promoting a world-wide relationship grounded in Christian belief.

Kowo said for years the relation-ship between Canada and Africa has been one of donor and recipient. Through the Partner in Residence Program she hopes to reverse the relationship and give something back to Canada by providing an education in her culture and the changing approach to development

'We're trying to develop a deeper understanding of each other's culture," she said. Historically, there has been less

sharing by Africa with countries of-fering assistance, noted Kowo.

"It helps us put an emphasis on the human touch which we need more than money," she said in explaining

While staying in Picture Butte Kowo will travel to other congregations in southern Alberta to share her faith and culture. She will move farther north in the spring and spend three months visiting churches in the foothills

Picture Butte's United Church minister, Rev. Paul Taylor, said the invitation to Kowo to visit Canada as a guest of the church came in response to people in the area being interested in enriching their understanding with partners

He said the church approached the program by asking what they could receive from their brothers and sisters in the faith.

The search to find the right person to make the visit began two years ago and came from all levels of the United Church in Canada. The goal was always to help build a more equal partnership between Christians in Canada and those in Africa

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BERT'S

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9 a.m.-9 p.m. SATURDAY 9 a.m.-6 p.m.



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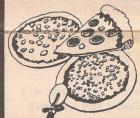
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Agriculture at a glance WHEAT PRICES

Sugar factory closure pains Gibbons

Picture Butte history took a beating

whenfactory closed

By GARRY ALLISON
of The Herald
First of four
PICTURE BUTTE — Almost
30 years after the closing of the
sugar factory here, oldiumers are
still somewhat bitter.
"It was closed because the big
shots figured it was inefficient."
says Maurice Gibbons, 88, a longtime farmer and businessman in
this community. "That plant was
built to handle 1,000 tons a day
and when it closed it was processand when it closed it was processbuilt to handle 1,000 tons a day and when it closed it was processing 1,500 tons. The Raymond factory had become obsolete (it closed in 1963). It had to be rebuilt or shut down. It was steam driven and out of date. But Picture Butte

or shut down. It was steam driven and out of date. But Pricture Butte wasn't.

"We were greatly disappointed when they tore this factory here down. It was producing a better percentage than Raymond or Gibbons grows ugar beets from 1929 through 1947, when he quit oconcentrate or running the J.M. Gibbons and Son Red and White to concentrate or running the J.M. Gibbons and Son Red and White Store, which he sold in 1972 to retire. Bert's A.G. Foods now stands to the sold of the old Gibbons store.

Gibbons says most of the sugar factory workers were near retirement age when the plant closed and many remained in town. There's still a busload of 10 to 12 sugar factory workers that commute daily from Picture Butte to Taber to work in the factory.



MAURICE GIBBONS REMEMBERS FONDER DAYS OF SUGAR BEET INDUSTRY IN AREA

Gibbons was always active in town business. He was a councillor for the was a willage in 1943.

He kept he for seven years. J.M. Gibbons also figured in the planning to get the factory into Picture Butte and was involved in a labor dispute with the Beet Workers Industrial Union in the 1930s. He helped put down a strike. He was cited by the workstrike. He was cited by the workstrike.

cers, along with an Iron Springsers, along with an Iron Springsminister, as being an fascist. The
workers were seeking \$20 per acreand the company was paying \$19.

J.M. died in 1964.
The building of the osa mine into
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and stides soon forced its closure.
It helped give the town an identity and drew many people to the
community, which had 800 people
in the mid 1930s.

"Along Crescent Street and the main street, even today, most of the houses were moved here from Coalhurst, Diamond City and No-bleford," says Gibbons. "The coal mines were closing or closed in those towns and the houses were moved here. That's when Picture Butte started to build up. As near as I can figure, the houses we are in

as I can figure, the house we are in today (on Crescent Street) was moved here from between Granum

Boards motherhood issue

KITCHENER, Ont. (CP)— Many rural victims of sexual assault feel constrained from reporting attacks or getting help because of the close-hain nature of their communities, a new study suggests. The study found that while 12 per cent of the residents of Waterloo Region live in the country, only 86 per cent of reports of sexual assault in the area come from rural women. The more than 100 victims, social workers, psychologists, and clergy interviewed for the study said the discrepancy is caused by traditional family and community life in rural areas, said its author. Susan Maciaczyk. They emphasized "the overwhelming social pressure to remain silent," the study said. But respondents also said counsellors and others dealing with sexual abuse victims must be sensitive to traditional values.

Oct. 15 Oct. 22 Oct. 29 Nov. 5 Nov. 12 Nov. 20 Nov. 26 Dec 3 Freight must be deducted from the non-board price for each delivery station.

☐ Rural sexual assault still a problem

WINNIPEG (CP) — Criticizing Canada's system of supply-man-agement and marketing boards at some farm meetings is like slandering motherhood and apple

slandering motherhood and apple pie.
But with international trade talks in what could be a final phase, consumer and producer groups remain at odds over what's at stake, as this sacred cow books less and less secure.

Signatories to the General Agreement on Trairlfs and Trade are facing a Dec. 15 deadline for a deal to break down a host of international barriers. Canada's system to the control of the control "That clinched it. A week later the factory site was back at Picture Butte."

and has promised to "work for Canada's balanced position." But it's a position even some farm economists say is hard to defend.

On the one hand, Canada is seeking freer access to foreign markets for its grain and on the other, it severely limits imported dairy and poultry products.

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And groups like the Consumers
Association of Canada point to the
cost for those who cat the chicken
eggs and milk which are protected
behind this wall of quotas
designed to keep farmers in business and making money.

There are more than 100 market-ing boards in Canada but only dairy and poultry products are sub-ject to true supply-management.

Bridge game spawns sugar factory idea

PICTURE BUTTE — Maurice Gibbons' father, John Maurice, op-crated a store in Picture Butte, JM. Gibbons and Son, open from 7-30 am to 11 p.m., daing back to the early 1920. It was in that store that the seeds were planted during a bridge ses-sion for the Picture Butte Sugar Factory.

sion for the Picture Butte Sugar Factory.
Sitting around a hand of bridge were J.M Gibbons, Jim Pollack, Howard Finley and Clem Nimmons, when Pollack said he thought there had to be a better way, an easier way to get their sugar beets to their destination, which was the railway and street way to get their sugar beets to their destination, which was the railway and street way to get their sugar beets to their destination, which was the railway and street was the railway and street was the railway and street with the railway and the sugar the railway and the railway and

build a factory right here in Picture
Butte."
Soon a beet growers committee
was struck, with the factory as their
number one priority.
Trips were made to Raymond
and Vancouver to negotiate. It
Businesses changed hands, deals
were made and broken.
concessions were made here and
there and even Diamond City
ered into the fray, with the idea of
building the factory in that thriving
coal mining town.
There was no doubt there was
concessions were section and 35 acres
or nor were controlled to the co

necessity to bring in some cash from other sources. Beets were \$7 per ton. They are now about \$28, and have been as high as \$70 per

solid.
"Well, I've hauled a lot of coal
out from under that Diamond City
area, under that quarter section
where the factory is supposed to
sit," Gibbons says Russell told the

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and nave been as high as 3-to per ton. In the spring of 1934 Bill Bute." Work began in May of 1935, time the way of 1935, time the spring of the late Ken Russell, told the growers a deal had been struct to build a sage diactory at Diamond City. That separate the factory was the spring of the s Look at Me! I was born in ...

WAS YOUR BABY **BORN IN 1993?**

The Lethbridge Herald is publishing an exciting bulletin on Monday, January 3, 1994 of birth announcements of

babies that were born in 1993. The listing will be in chronological order beginning with January.

October



JONES
Jack and Susan are thrilled to
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Lola List of Red Deer and Barb
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Concrete silos silent sentinels

PICTURE BUTTE — Six huge concrete bins still stand as lonely sentinels of the past, along the eastern edge of town.

The giant lettering is almost totally faded, a phostly reminder of the history of the Picture Butte Sugar factory, sitting idle since Nov. 12, 1974.

While portions of the Canadian Sugar Factory complex here are still used, it's a far cry from the glory days when up to 75 people were employed year round and 250 were hired on, for the 24-hour-a-day, seven-days-a-week sugar beet campaign.

The storage bins are now used for the excess sugar from the Taber sugar factory, the only remaining factory of three from the days when sugar was king in this community.

Suear beets are part of the early

community.

Sugar beets are part of the early southern Alberta farming success story and the three factories at Raymond, Picture Butte and Taber Raymond, Picture Butte and 1400.
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Raymond, Picture Butte and Taber were working monuments to that success.

Maurice Gibbons, the oldest original resident of Picture Butte, was one of the early sugar beet growers in southern Alberta. He was there near the start and saw the Picture Butte Sugar Factory become a flourishing reality. He also lived through its demise. Gibbons speaks in glowing terms of the factory in his town, articularly remembering the construction phase. We have been supported by the construction phase. The properties of the prope

concrete floor poured over top of

concrete floor points.

"There's a foundation slab five to six feet high. When they started pouring the concrete for the bin walls they worked non-stop, 24-hours-a-day for seven straight days to complete the six bins.

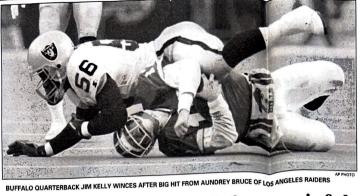
CONCRETE SILOS STILL BEING USED BY ALBERTA SUGAR "There are actually eight bins Where the four round bins come Where the four round bins come together in the middle they form a four-sided star, and that space was made into a storage area too. The bins are completely lined from floor to ceiling with maple."

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Cardston chamber to meet Feb 4

CARDSTON — Cardston and District Chamber of Commerce annual banquet and meeting with town council is planned for Feb. 4, The banquet begins at 6:30 p.m., the annual chamber meeting at 7:15 p.m. and the council presentation, with a question and ans period will begin at 7:45 p.m.
Randy Smith, Cardston tourism
and economic development director, says the meeting gives the
business community and council
an opportunity speak.

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Dolphins find Giants' defence painful Tampa Bay 23-17 and San Francisco beat Cinncinnati 21-8 in the late game. Tonight, Philadelphia is at Dallas.

MIAMI (AP) — Steve DeBerg walked slowly to the sudeline with blood in his mouth and pain on his face. The New York Giants had made him the picture of defeat.

New York forced three turnovers, earned a safety on sack and turned back three scoring threats to beat a bloodied DeBerg and the Miami Dolphins 19-14 Sunday.

Sunday.

DeBerg, the third Miami quarterback to be injured this season, needed five stitches in his chin and one in his neck after being flattened by two Giants.

The victory was just the Giants' second this season against a team currently over .500.

The Giants increased their lead over second-place Dallas in the NFC East to 1 games, and the

ROUNDUP

Dolphins remained one game ahead of second-place Buffalo in the AFC East.

"To say that this is a big win is an understatement," coach Dan

Reeves said.
In other games. Pitisburgh beat
New England 17-14, Chicago beat
Green Bay 01-17, Kinchicago beat
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Detrou 13-0, Indianapolis beat the
New York 1ets 9-6, the Los
Angeles Raiders beat Buffalo 254, San Diego beat Denver 13-0.
Cleveland beat New Orleans 17.
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ager. They didn't.

Brown's ninth catch went for 29 yards and a touchdown with 4:58 left, giving the Los Angeles Raiders a 25-24 victory.

Coach Art Shell, whose team took advantage of two turnovers to rally from an eight-point deficit with 2:12 left to play, credited Brown with the comeback.

"Hele one of the best nature."

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☐ Brown TD beats Bills

After letting Tim Brown catch eight passes for 146 yards, the Buffalo Bills should have been able to locate him late in Sunday's game. They didn't.

"He's one of the best pattern nners there is," Shell said. "He

called some of them — 'I can beat him on this, I can beat him on that.' So we called the routes for him and he did an outstanding job of catching the ball and making things happen.'

Carney boots winner

This time, the fourth quarter didn't belong to lohn Elway. It was san Humphries turn to taste some last-minute magic. Humphries ted San Diego on a 12-play, 79-yard drive capped by John Camey's 3-4y-and field goal with three seconds left, lifting the Chargers to a 13-10 victory over only the security of the Denver Broncos.
"It was exciting to me to have an opportunity to try to win a footbill game like that," Humphries said.

Hurlburt lifts Hawks

The Leibbridge Val Matteotti Bantam AAA Golden Hawks got a goal from Landon Huriburt with just 15 seconds to play in the third Period to salvage a 6-6 tie in St. Albert Sunday on the second day of their two-game northen road

of their two game northen road trip.

Ryan Olson and Jim Tailfeathers each scored twice and Scott Ganes added a single for the Golden Hawks.

Lethbridge opened the weekend with a 7-1 loss to Leduc Saturday.

Tailfeathers was the lone

Hawks' goal scorer.

☐ Tough trip for Raiders

The Lethbridge Bantam AA Raiders were in tough on the weekend as they travelled to Rocky Mountain House for an exhibition tourney and picked up a exhibition tourney and picked up a tea and two losses in three games. The Raiders opened the weekend with a 5-5 in eagainst Brooks, scoring four times in the third period to salvage the draw.

Brent Asplund led the way for Ethbridge, scoring three times, while David Orr and Jeff Neufeld added singles.

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Saturday, the Raiders were beaten 8-3 by St. Albert and 4-3 by the host club.

Shawn Feist, Jon Moore and Jamie Gyorffy scored against St.

Albert while the Raiders got a pair of goals from Neufeld and one from Feist in the loss to Rocky Mountain House.

☐ St. Albert takes title

St. Albert scored a 4-3 win over Red Deer in claiming an eight-team Pee Wee AA tourney hosted by the Lethbridge Y's Men and Lethbridge ACT over the week-

☐ Y's Men fall short

Leibhridge AAA midget Y's Men were clipped 5.4 by St. Albert in Alberta Midget Hockey League play Sunday, in St. Albert. Greg Cowie. Chad Gow. Sheldon Abel and Scott Handsaeme scored for Leibhridge.

CORRECTION THE BAY NOTICE

In our B11-1A One Day Sale flyer, Deluxe Christmas Trees on page 18 will not be available for this promotion.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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Wrestlers pleased with medal wins

The LCI Rams wrestling team did not dominate their annual invitational meet Saturday but the lessons they learned could prove fruitful down the line.

Ram wrestlers won silver and three bronze medals during the one-day event but the showing was much to the liking of coach Brian broadston.

"We've got a young team and they really wrestled well for their first tourney of the year. For some of them it was their first match experience so I'm extremely pleased with the kids." Donaldson said. The meet featured teams. The meet featured teams from the control of the control of

for the first test of the year, a may be the toughest LCI will face all season.

"A lot of these kids find that if they place here, they should place in provincials, that is that tough of a loading the way for LCI with a sluter medal in the 65-kg class was Riley Ellis-Toddington. Ellis-Toddington is one of the few seniors on the team and it was his first career medal.

"He's an extremely good wrestler." Donaldson said. "He wrestled well all last year but just had abd tourney at provincials. He's more than capable of winning gold with this meet Saurday but recognized the need for improvement.

"This was my first medal to work on my down were stilling. My purvestling is pretty solid but I need more variety in my moves," Ellis-Toddington said.

He is following in the tradition laid down by his older brother Tyler who also wrestling for the Rams.

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And while wrestling is his focus now, it most likely will not be after graduation.

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DISCOUNT

Political solution needed to solve farm crisis

Well folks, Santa has long since returned to the North Pole, and now it is hardball with the pole, and now it is hardball within the for agriculture and trust southern Alberta. Most of those wishes revolve around the grain industry, the most visible expect of agriculture at least each fall when thousands of farmers begin the

timely chore of bringing in the sheaves to start the flow of golden kernels to export mar-kets around the world, and to grain bins sprinkled across the

Of course, the strongest wishes will come from the 20,000 or so farmers in the region, most of whom grow cereal grains in one form or another. That wish will be semblence of normal pour out billions in trade subsi-dues in that elemal search for a greater market share, espe-cially when each is fighting for similar markets and there is a plut of grain within their own burders, and a greater glut building in other nations. Of course Canada has come to the direct aid of grain pro-ducers with two billion-dollar ting down to basics and agreeing to let the world grain market find its own level. It is too
easy for the rich treasuries of
the United States and the European Economic Community to

aart of the grain sector in outhern Alberta since the arrly '80s. You see, politics has ecome the big bad player in That scenario hasn't been

> Swihart Agriculture Eústos griculture organizations are sushing government for a third ayment. The recent failure of

the world grain trade, farmers in southern Alb The political problem is the other parts of Canada h ually been left out in ing around the grain trade issue, simply strengthens that need for government assist ance in the grain sector.

Some of you out there may say grain farmers shouldn't be given any help, that maybe they should be growing something the grain farmers should be growing something the grain that the growing something the growing someth the nations signatory to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to reach a new agri-culture policy, mainly revolv-ing around the grain trade

ell, folks, it simply doesn't

grain exporters not get

work that way.

Pirst of all, there are no miracle products out there that cancle products out there that canbe grown readily in dryland
southern Alberta, And if there
was, if every farmer jumped
into that product, there would
soon be a surplus and the resulant price decline and a return

D word in rural areas, and comes mainly because of conomic stress on agriculhas become the

to the economic wors.

That gets us back to the question of government assistance.
Only the 20,006 farmers should be concerned that government as quickly. Wrong again.

Sarting with the bigger picture, Leibning would be a major beneficiary because if furners have money in their pockets, they spend it. And the major city in the region would the in the short run.

But no farmers wants to get most of his income from assistance programs. That means there has to be a better way of finding solutions to the political There is no doubt govern-ent assistance is needed now

more specifically, are the in rural southern

As more farmers are forced from their land by economic circumstances conditions by what happens in the vho are more directly

One can only be thankful that southern Alberta is blessed with the nation's major irrigation area, and the weather patterns are such that southern Alberta is Canada's major livestock-producing region.

So as 1991 kicks off, remember the facts facing the grain sector, and start giving farmers the thumbs up sign of support. And then start writing let-

more job security for car sales-men, clerks, clothing store employees, and the full gamut of society because everybody is aturally get some of that sistance money. That means by the agriculture

barriers to world free trade

ment offices decried

That doesn't mean that is the
Only solution or change needed
in the agriculture sector in
southern Alberta to help maintain the strong standard of living that has evolved in both
urban and rural areas. But it at allows the selling price of ommodities to find a natural wel, a level where farmers til accept slumps in the price cause that is the way it is, not be way some men in govern-

stock-producing region.
Because that is what has helped keep agriculture, and all of southern Alberta, as stable as it is

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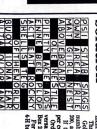
ters to MLAs and MPs to get off their duffs and unify to find solutions to this potentially dan-gerous situation. This is no time for party politics. It is time to find a solution to a problem that affects everybody.

LETERRINGE — Extreme cold perature in the past week would got very cold during the two recent temperatures and blowing sarow is larke. All we can expect right new to installed the ground. When a feature of the bloard's without a blanket of snow being described by a televal government entomologist as just what "All we can expect right new to installed the ground. When a feature is the televal of the weather) will large a so indeed with the wheat splid and Alberta features shall see a state of the state of them. However, wall it easily the cold—I suprising, will help bridge Research Station any this bardy that the state of the cold of any specific force, those planted where the state of Buits says the aphide begin to experience problems when the soil surface temperature drops to minus 10 Casius and below. With the frigid temperatures nearing and sometimes dropping below minus 30 C and with little or no snow cover, the surface tem-Cold weather helps in bug battle

So cold!

Chad Rook, 8, covers his ears on his way home from the store rinday in Shaughnessy.

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Butte pioneer looks back on community's rich history

PICTRIE BUTTE — When 1986 Maurice Gibbons came to Peture Ma Butts with his family in 1926, an elevator, a post office, a dance half when and two homes were all that could do be found in the community, "There was empophilation of the permission of the distribution of the permission of the distribution of the distribution of the permission of the distribution of the permission of the distribution of the permission of the per

1969. Earl left the company and Maurice and his wife operated the retail outlet. "The present owner Multi completely new building and does a thirting business as Bert's the Grocery," said Maurice.

The town was named after the shill it was built around. Butte is an defined as a completous isolated with steep inclines. "It covered R about two blocks and was 30 or 60 the feet high." From one side of the thin Maurice said you could harely a see the top of the elevator. "When at they put it highway 25, thy hailed the dirt off the top of the hill and cru highway." In the early days, the hill was part of the Circle Ranch and Maurice said cowboys used to get on top of the hill and could see all the way to Enchant. "They could

an area that started around Diamond City and followed the Oldman
River (known as the Belly River at
the time) to the junction of the Litet Bow. Marrice said it travelled
y north about 20 miles and then cut

alhurst that clair ainers and promi f the town's m so took an active role in the er fire department. One cast vivid memories is of the at claimed all three grains. "We were just in the province."

Maurice and his wife Jagie live in one of those houses. It was once used as a school house in the Coalhurst district.

The idea for the sugar factory for the sugar factory the Gibbons store, said

to Raymond, they sh

it was three years later the sugar cleary came had existence. The cleary remained in Peteure Butte ill 1973 or 1974, he said, "The upany decided they could pre-s all the beets in Taber." This the sugar factory brought a

"The irrigation canals we pretty well surveyed by 1923 an has been the lifeblood of this comunity since," he said.

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of installing water mains wan," he said. "We didn't ha gh hose to reach the figh hose to reach the figure we only had one i

With a grin, he recalls they ceived a call about 9 a.m. the lowing morning from a women to was reporting a fire down by e elevators. He responded to her: e elevators. The woman had that elevators to the was reported to the control of the control of the word of the control of the word of the control of the word of the control of the co

sees to pop up in the community, it was a mechanic from this company who built and ran the first school bus, he said. The international Harvester Company was mother of the pioneer companies to come on the scene. They have since been bought out by Case. Maurice said.

A council was set up in the community soon after the cibbons famuly soon after the cibbons family arrived there and dom Maurice was the first mayor. He held the position for frey years and Maurice look over the political role for eight years after this.

His sister Doreen became registered nurse, but after a married an RCMP officer, a never practiced her chosen p

Two of the Gibbons children died during a fit epidemic in 1821. Maurice has lived happlly in Picture Buile for more than 69 years and has witnessed numerous changes. "I've seen the fown grow from nothing to it's present size," he said. "I've seen the factory built and form down,"

place from when the school team won the Alberta championship in 1931," said Maurice. The sugar fac-tory put together a team and were the provincial champions for two

Broadening 'recreational reach'

The town built a cutting rink out of natural lee and Jage said they had a tough time keeping the style going with all the chinceds that occurred throughout the winter months. "If it would happen the part is done in the house of the part is done in the profit would be just a logging the rocks form because to the was so soil."

Rollerskaing and bowling were other popular town activities. July said they used to rollerskate and then clean up the floor for dances. "In those days we made our own fun," she said.

The Gibbons' children went on to very successful literatyles after they are the feltere. Butte. Ken Gibbons holds the record to bring the youn holds the record to graduate with "his full docious papers to practice any."

his brother served two years over seas and after a motorcycle acc dent had to discard his surgici-gloves for a position as an ane thesiologist. He worked at both the Vancouver Veterans and Gener retired two

apped, "Dischards and This feelilty monds in the town and one facility tens they have in place. "If a big start to de the tennments has needed even features camp feelilites and the terminal was needed, but it to de the tennments has needed, but it to de the tennments has been mane for a tenn and the commental tens the properties. The form of Picture Butte has a her are two payer, feered the upper flow for their meeting and swimming leasons are avail from meeting the properties. The construction, Plans are for the new set stage group according to the last recreational complex was built in building to be open by the spring, are recreational complex was built in building to be open by the spring, the recreational complex was built in building to be open by the spring, the stage group according to the last recreational complex was built in building to be open by the spring, the stage group according to the last recreational community of flort. We going in the commercial section of the stage and the community is good grovery streng that it is additionally to the last that was built two or three years a clean lattice, where it have ago of sized from European and men ago by some local popels. I think 1927 detailment and because and men ago by some local popels. I think 1927 detailment for detailment in the town a tent was made and the commental that was built with the swall and and because and men ago by some local popels. I think 1927 detailment the stages and of the flat of the swall and the stages and of the flat of the swall and the stages and an opposite the swall and the swall of the flat of the swall and the swall of the swall an

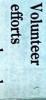
PICTURE BITTE — The latest amounteement of future development for the Town of Peture Build is the plans for a community hall/senior center facility.

Town Administrator Janet Dickout says they have received a \$75,000 recreational facility grant from the province and are in the process of approaching local clubs and organizations for assistance in furning the remainder of the build-invining the remainder of the build-

ing's cost.
There is no final figure for the Cost of the facility which will be located west of the town's administrative building, but Dickout says they plan to continue applying for all the grants that are available to them.

Preliminary discussions have led by councils decision the briding will be on one level only. The state of the councils decision the briding will be on one level on the level of the council of the counc

RECREATIONAL COMPLEX WAS A COMMUNITY EFFORT



PICTURE BUTTE — Dave Parker is described by his family as a "real Picture Butte community minodel individual."
Dave Parker died of a heart attack on Nov. 21, but not before he had left behind a legacy of voluments.

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remembered

r, he became involved al Picture Butte Jam-celebrations and Dick-was one of the major of the event.

Ater years, he was ery active in the Royal d from the f the in the e looking after ink. This job

e one thing he never did was a term as a town councillor. was asked to, but he wasn't ested," says Tichler.





J.M. GIBBONS First Mayor of Village Of Picture Butte 1953 - 1961

