

LIBERAL CONVENTION

Senator slams free-trade deal

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The proposed free-trade agreement as it now stands will offend Canadian citizens of the 100 American states, charged Nova Scotia Liberal Senator Al Graham.

Speaking at the annual convention of the provincial Liberal association, Graham said that while he is in favor of free trade, he does not support the proposed deal between Canada and the U.S.

"I'm not against free trade," (Liberal Leader) John Turner is not against free trade. The Liberal party is not against free trade. But I am against and opposed to this particular (Prime Minister Brian) Mulroney trade deal," he said.

Graham spoke at a town luncheon that was to have featured Turner as guest speaker prior to the announcement late Thursday that Mulroney would keep Turner grounded in Ottawa.

"I'd rather be a real Canadian than a million of the fiat state," Graham told about 200 delegates gathered to hear his address.

The senator said when the tentative agreement was reached, decisions were passed out at the Conservative Embassy in Washington regarding the death of the agreement. However, while negotiations were pending and only one day was managed to bring on to the national papers. When it was announced again and comparisons were made, Graham said the news would find a closer was deleted from the second copy in which the Canadian government indicated it was finally committed to the passing of Bill C-22 (drug-patent legislation).

"Whatever else they (the Mulroney government) throw into the deal, we don't know...we are waiting for the final text," Graham told delegates.

A parliamentary task force set up to study the agreement is being told it cannot break for Christmas

until it has reached a decision on the agreement, Graham said. But he said a final copy of the agreement has not yet been made available to the task force.

"We can't decide until we see the final text," he said.

He said the government has assured people the free-trade agreement and Bill C-22 are in no way connected, but in light of the change of text passed out in Washington, Graham said this is "an indication of just how far you can trust this government."

"It is a deal conceived and born out of haste because of one man's ego," Graham said in a personal jab at Mulroney.

In 1983, a poll by Maclean's magazine indicated prominent Tories, such as David Crombie, Michael Wilson, Joe Clark and even Mulroney, were opposed to a free-trade agreement.

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TOWN TALK

Special Olympics

Gordon Joyes of Foam Lake has been selected head coach of the Saskatchewan Special Olympic team.

The next process for the team will be the selection of coaches and athletes. The team will consist of the head coach, seven other coaches and 21 athletes.

A team will be sent to the First Annual National Canadian Special Olympics' Winter Games to be held in Edmonton, N.B., March 7-11.

Farm seminar

A seminar on the farm financial crisis will be held at the Heritage Inn Nov. 27 and 28.

The educational seminar has been

organized by the Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association for members of the legal profession and interested parties.

The seminar is titled "Farm Financial Crises — Solutions", and will offer suggestions to lawyers dealing with clients in the agricultural sector.

About 100 delegates from around the province are expected.

Nov. 27 topics include the needs of farmers seeking legal advice; advising the farmer before getting into financial difficulty; "to fight or quit claim"; explanation of bank policy; "lender of last resort — the Farm Credit Corporation"; and the role of the Farm Debt Review Board and the Farm Land Security Board.

By ALAN CLAY
Times-Herald City Editor

They were pioneers on a journey to Moose Jaw.

The year was 1912. They arrived by train Nov. 14, 1912 via the Canadian Pacific Railway, and were greeted at the platform by the parish priest and several townspeople.

At a time when this booming western town was suffering from an epidemic of typhoid, the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul began the task of delivering compassionate health care to settlers of the region.

Today, that "vision" continues, as Moose Jaw's Providence Hospital celebrates its 75th anniversary of service to this community.

To mark this milestone, a banquet was held Saturday at the Church of Our Lady, wrapping up a year of activities involving people throughout the community.

About 175 people shared in the anniversary celebration, including Lt.-Gov. Frederick Johnson and representatives of the federal and provincial government, as well as church and health officials.

It was an opportunity to reflect on a healing ministry which began Nov. 21, 1912, when the Sisters of Providence opened a 30-bed hospital at the corner of Fourth Avenue and Omnicca Street to be known as Providence Hospital. The building (Lindsay House), which remains today, was purchased by the sisters for \$12,000.

The first patients were admitted and the first surgery performed Nov. 28. The first baby was born in the hospital Jan. 16, 1913.

The Moose Jaw facility was the second western hospital opened by the Sisters of Providence — their first venture being a small hospital in Daysland, Alta. in 1906, the same year that Alberta became a province within the Dominion of Canada.

Five years after locating in Moose Jaw, the sisters celebrated the Sept. 19, 1917 official opening of the new 50-bed Providence Hospital on Lillooet Street, the present site of the 134-bed institution.

"They (Sisters of Providence) had courage... they had vision... they had dedication to this community," Johnson said in his passionate speech.

And MP Bill Gottselig (PC — Moose Jaw), said the sisters brought a "terrific feeling of relief" to people of this community, by providing a hospital to care for the sick.

In 1912, there were 22 babies born at Providence Hospital. And in 1988-89 (fiscal year), there were 746 babies born at the facility, bringing the total since the hospital's inception to 27,919. One of those "babies", 74-year-old Franklin McNutt, was honored at Saturday's banquet.

McNutt, who lives on a farm south of Moose Jaw, was born at Providence Hospital Oct. 24, 1913. He was pre-

Fire causes extensive damage to Fourth

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Fire caused extensive damage to a suite in the Beverley Apartments (formerly Wellington Court) at 414 Fourth Ave. S.W. Sunday.

A police report shows the fire started in the southeast corner on the third floor.

Deputy Fire Chief Bill Bowley said firefighters contained the fire to the one suite.

sented with a photograph of the original building on Omnicca St., as well as an "I was born at Providence" T-shirt given to newborns today.

Among the more than 27,000 babies born at Providence over the years, are 31 employees currently on staff at the institution, including Maureen Rice, who was born at Providence Hospital, graduated from the Providence Hospital School of Nursing and has been employed at the facility for the past 28 years.

Including full time, part time and casual employees, Providence Hospital currently employs about 300. The longest-serving employee currently on staff is Connie Mogus in the finance office, who began her career at the institution 33 years ago. As well, Sister Mary Cornelia has served Providence Hospital since 1936 (51 years) and Sister Mary Edgar since 1942 (45 years). Together, the two sisters have 96 years of dedicated service to Providence Hospital.

Among those to bring greetings at the 75th anniversary celebration of Providence Hospital, were: Ken Cornea, chairman of the hospital's governing board; Archbishop Charles Halpik of Regina; Peter Norys, chairman of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital board; Deputy Mayor Janet Hunchuk representing the City of Moose Jaw; Thunder Creek MLA Rick Swenson, representing the Saskatchewan government and Department of Health;

and Sister Nancy Wilson, superior of the Sisters of Providence Vincent de Paul.

Wilson believes the sisters Moose Jaw 75 years ago because were given a challenge which as "God's will". The Province katchewan was only seven years old and the city nine years old.

The sisters demonstrated, she said, as they struggled th



PROVIDENCE ... Franklin Mc



SISTER NANCY WILSON CUTS 75TH Sisters of Providence gather dur

He said they are not sure just what started the fire, which started near where garbage is kept.

He did not have any estimate as to damage but said it was severe. Police reports estimate damage at \$5,000.

Firefighters received the call at about 5:15 p.m. Sunday with the last truck back at the fire hall by 7 p.m.

Reports show the tenant of the suite was not in the apartment at the time of the fire.

in other police items, a few of wilful damage and theft ported to Moose Jaw city po the weekend.

The front window at Blackw was reported smashed. Dams timated at \$800.

The windshield of a car i ridge Park has been smashed. The chrome mol ripped and a dent on the roof reported. Damage is estimate A radar detector valued at