

# Special Olympics ceremonies put Torch Run in perspective

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## THIS AND THAT:

• Many Prince Albert and district people contributed to the Law Enforcement Torch Run. On the weekend in Regina, I was able to see the result of those contributions.

The opening ceremonies Friday for the Saskatchewan Summer Special Olympics were impressive and heart-warming. The ceremony at Douglas Park in the Queen City opened the summer sporting event for mentally handicapped people. It also opened many hearts.

The torch run is a relay by law enforcement officers from across the province. Their destination is the site of the annual Summer Special Olympics games. Prince Albert and area plays a significant role in the run which raises money for Special Olympics. Last year more than \$20,000 was raised by the police, conservation and corrections officers from this area. This year, the province-wide effort brought in more than \$70,000.

What was even more impress-

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ive was to see about 500 law enforcement officers, led by a group of Special Olympians, run the final lap around the track at Douglas Park. They then joined the Special Olympians in the bleachers as the games were officially opened.

We often contribute to many good causes but don't always get the chance to see the results of those donations. I was fortunate on Friday to see what the Law Enforcement Torch Run is all about. It is something I won't quickly forget.

• A German visitor won't quickly forget Prince Albert, but the thoughts will not be all pleasant.

The woman came to visit her father. On her second day here, the man's home was burglarized and some of the woman's money was taken.

Then, the woman tried to exchange German marks for Canadian money. It couldn't be done here. The money had to be sent to Winnipeg, according to the woman's father, a round trip that took almost two weeks.

• On the topic of tourism, a caller says Prince Albert's road signs could be better.

She says one person who regularly drives through Prince Albert wasn't aware of the downtown core. It seems the woman regularly drives through the city on Second Avenue West without being aware of the Central Avenue core just two blocks to the east.

The caller thinks there should be a few more signs on Second Avenue pointing people to the downtown core.

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