



Lingenfelter is pres Saskatchewan's ND

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The development of a regional structure in the Saskatchewan NDP Party is a top priority for the newly elected president.

Mr. Lingenfelter, elected to a one year term at the provincial NDP convention on the weekend, said he would like to see the rural areas bring

together a number of constituencies to develop party policy. Mr. Lingenfelter was MLA for Shaunavon.

He said he would like to see these constituencies develop policy that is meaningful to farm people in the next election.

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Smith says
spending is
being held

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One of the good things in the provincial budget is the government holding the line on government spending, says Swift Current MLA Pat Smith.

"For the first time in I don't know how long there is the reverse of the trend of government spending. Often government is accused of one track continual inclusions. We have managed it not to decline, to hold the line level."

"I am very comfortable we are able to get our arms around the government expense," said Mrs. Smith of the deficit. "Yes, there is still a deficit, but we got a good grasp on what is to happen in the years to follow. It is relatively small considering the projects on commodities in the past. Politicians tend to look at commodities as always going up, up and away. We have taken a new approach."

Mrs. Smith said the government won't see any increase in work with the gas rebate but said it could conservatively increase paper work at some service stations.

"I don't know to what extent. Most people use credit cards so it is just a matter of keeping their receipts. It will not create added work."

She said they do have some instances now of people who don't have credit cards and want receipts.

She said the budget was spread out evenly across the province and said Swift Current's city council fared well and so did the school division with grants.

"It did not have a negative impact." She said no one likes to pay taxes and said while there were some increases they tried to do it as fairly as possible.

"The thing that was tough was to look at down sizing. We tried to minimize it with early retirement and vacant positions, but it is difficult for some people."

When asked about a comment by the NDP that the "little guy" was hit the hardest, Mrs. Smith said that was a favorite line of the NDP.

Postal strike hits Sask six arrested in scuffle

REGINA (CP) — A confrontation was building at the Regina post office today as Canada Post vowed to deliver mail despite a strike by the city's letter carriers.

Less than four hours after striking letter carriers set up picket lines early this morning as part of a rotating national strike, six pickets had been arrested.

The arrests occurred as an estimated 30 police officers forced picketing letter carriers aside to allow two mail trucks to enter the main post office.

"At one point this confrontation nearly became a brawl. The police and pickets separated, regrouped and then resumed their standoff. The arrests followed."

The six arrested pickets were taken away in handcuffs. A police spokesman said they would be charged with obstructing police officers.

He expected them to be released later today after being told when to appear in provincial court.

Meanwhile, the pickets directed calls to three men they claimed were replacement workers who were sitting in the lobby of the post office.

"RESIST OUR CURFEW!" Canada Post spokesman Dave Byas said the "crown corporation will try to deliver mail despite the strike."

"We will not see our commitment to the mail in whatever way is necessary, including the hiring of extra help if that proves necessary," Byas said.

Asked about the possibility of violent confrontations on the picket line if replacement workers attempted to

enter the post office, Byas said. "Locally we can only hope our employees will be mature adults and no talk of violence will be just that — talk."

Picket lines at the main post office in Regina went up at midnight this morning and about 30 letter carriers were on hand.

The line was also set up in Saskatoon as that city's 170 letter carriers joined their counterparts in Regina.

In Regina, vehicles entered without much incident until about 2 a.m., when the mood changed. Strikers swore and struck one vehicle with picket signs as it crossed the line.

Tension continued to build as more vehicles tried to enter the main post office.

Garth Robson, president of the Regina local of the Letter Carriers Union of Canada, said he wanted to lay charges against the driver of one vehicle.

CLOSE CALL
Robson said the driver made two illegal turns while approaching the picket line and nearly ran the pickets down.

"If they (the pickets) wouldn't have moved he would have just driven over them," Robson said.

Striking letter carriers returned to work at four major centres in Ontario today but hit a string of show exhibits across the province including Ottawa, Quebec and Manitoba.

Union spokesman Jacques Desjardins said workers were back on the job in Toronto, Windsor, Hamilton

and Burlington but they were nearly three dozen other points in the province.

He would also like to develop a union with elected executives.

"I would like to become a visible group around the province or party to have a much more role in the party and Mr. Lingenfelter said."

JUDY AADLAND

was proud as punch about her accomplishments in the Provincial Special Olympics in Swift Current Saturday. The Swift Current athlete won a first in shot put, first in standing long jump and third in the soccer kick. Judy,

who has competed in Special Olympics before, said she really likes it and would never quit. She was one of 240 athletes who came to the city to participate in the event hosted here for the first time. (See Photo.)

SPECIAL OLYMPICS Enthusiasm at its finest

By SHELLEY KIRKPATRICK
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From the moment the torch was lit Saturday to declare the Provincial Special Olympic Games open in Swift Current until the evening had come to an end, enthusiasm ran at an all-time high.

Swift Current athlete David Unger ignited the torch before a colorful array of athletes dressed in zone colors, a band, VIP's and numerous volunteers.

The 240 athletes participated in a number of events Saturday at the Comp High School in an event ably planned by co-chairmen Bob L'Heureux and Joyce Wilmar.

Intermittent weather for a portion of the athletes was a bit of a dampener on the athletes who didn't complain and continued to do the best they could do in each event.

Swift Current athlete Judy Aadland said she really likes the Special Olympics. "It is a great sport and I would never quit it."

PRaises ENTHUSIASM
"There are few things we ever do in our lifetimes that give us as much satisfaction as this," said Bob L'Heureux at the special awards banquet. "It is not something for people who are more enthusiastic and appreciative as you special athletes."

He said the Special Olympics presented the community with a unique opportunity to get involved in something special, adding those who worked in the planning and actual event received far more than they gave.

"Many volunteers did an outstanding job and have shown that Swift Current is a great community for caring. This is the reason I say Swift Current is the best place to raise a family."

Five presidents of public relations Barry Cuthbert said there were close

to 250 volunteers on the track Saturday and said about another 100 worked behind the scenes up to the games.

Members of the management committee included, Greg Smith, member at large, Gord Zakrestki, Richard Young, Glen Hastings, games services, Larry Jensen, special services, Jim Sira and Bryan Tallon, sport services, Bob Benjamin, finance committee, Al Heinrichs, administration services, Al Scott, friends of the games and Barry Cuthbert, public relations.

Tracy Ford, communications director for Canadian Special Olympics in Toronto, said, "Over the years, Special Olympics has played a major role in providing fitness, recreation and sports to the mentally handicapped."

"We are fortunate we are able to host the Special Olympics," said Swift Current MLA Pat Smith at the opening ceremonies. "It is not every year we get such an opportunity. Congratulations to the volunteers who worked hard and put in a lot of hours to see today's event come to where it is."

"ENTHUSIASM CATCHY"
"Without you athletes, there are no games. Your enthusiasm in caring and your desire to compete is very motivational," she said.

Ald. Ruth Fries said the athletes are all very special people and said the other people who organized the Special Olympics were also very special.

Swift Current special athlete Robina Preston read the game motto: "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Bob L'Heureux said Special Olympics brought together a cross-section of the community who would not otherwise come together to do something worthwhile.

"It was every bit worth it. I would do it all over again," he said. "I am really pleased with the way it came off. There was a lot of planning in it and the people who volunteered planned things with great detail. We had some scrap with the weather, but it did not stop us."

He said Cyndi Trench organized the track meet "superbly." He said there were certain aspects of a Special Olympics meet that she and the organizers handled in a spirit of the weather.

The president of the Saskatchewan Special Olympics Society, Brian Goviello, presented co-chairmen Bob L'Heureux and Joyce Wilmar with special plaques in appreciation of their efforts.

Other VIPs at the opening ceremonies included by CKSW manager Len Enns, included MP for Swift Current-Maple Creek Geoff Wilson, Steve Zelney of the Knights of Columbus, Marg Woods, president of the Swift Current Branch of the Saskatchewan Association for the Mentally Retarded, Father Boichard, Tracy Ford, communications director for Canadian Special Olympics, and Bob Jamieson, who sang the Canadian hymn.

Media personalities included Bryn Griffiths, CHAB Moose Jaw; Darren Elliott, The Leader Post; Brian Costello, The Swift Current Star; Bob Jamieson, Southwest Boaster; Jeff Fatta, CFTM-TV; Kevin Smoak and Dave Soper, CKSW, and John Enns, FM 94.

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Shauna shows 'em how to drive soap box cars

By BRIAN COSTELLO
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Who says females can't drive? Certainly not Shauna Reimer especially after winning the Senior 'A' title trophy at Swift Current's 5th annual Soap Box Race Sunday.

Driving her Garth's Carpes and Color Centre sponsored soap box, Shauna raced down Central Avenue

in the championship final race to edge Darrel Galey, last year's senior 'B' champ. She won the L and J trophy sponsored trophy and a ghetoblaster radio from Creative Audio.

Galey, also driving a Garth's Carpes and Color Centre car, won a bite from Woolworth's trophy sponsored by Swift Auto Body.



SEVEN-YEAR-OLD Shauna Reimer of Swift Current had a lot of fun driving her Soap Box car Sunday and was always checking it

for any mechanical problems. Her diligence paid off as Shauna won the top overall finish at the 5th annual race. (See photo.)

Blair Ginter in his Pat's Station mobile was this year's senior 'A' champion. He won the L and J trophy sponsored trophy and a ghetoblaster radio from Creative Audio.

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In the Canadian Guild car of Regina, Bradley turned the junior 'A' crown a ghetoblaster from Bank and McDonald's trophy. For some time, Ginter in his Pat's Station mobile was this year's senior 'A' champion. He won the L and J trophy sponsored trophy and a ghetoblaster radio from Creative Audio.

The Woolworth's soap box by Jeff Blair was this year's senior 'A' champion. He won the L and J trophy sponsored trophy and a ghetoblaster radio from Creative Audio.

Maire earned a walkman Canadian Tire and sponsored trophy driving a soap box. In third place, Lueck in a Med-Casa car won a trophy. A Whistle trophy item.

On the senior 'B' side, Leonard in a Larzac Farm was the champ and winner from Pioneer Credit. Woolworth's sponsored it edged out the Swift Auto driven by Chris Malloff, a walkman and Bilton Wear trophy. In third was Clinton in the Parkland Melrose Plastic car, picking up a tent and a Mall trophy.

More Soap Box races were run.