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The Assembly met at 10:00 o'clock a.m.
On the Orders of the Day.

QUESTIONS

RETURNS NO. 97 AND 100

Mr. F.A. Dewhurst (Wadena): — Before the Orders of the Day I would like to ask the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Heald) when I may expect Orders for Return Nos. 97 and 100?

Hon. D.V. Mr. Heald (Attorney General): — As soon as I receive them.

RETURN NO. 136

Mr. W.S. Lloyd (Leader of the Opposition): — Both the Provincial Secretary and the Premier said yesterday that Return No. 136 which was ordered by the Legislature on April 2, 1968, would be tabled today. Is it available?

Hon. Mr. Heald: — That's the one dealing with the directorship of the Ministers. Yes, it is going to be tabled today. It is on my desk. There was one slight inaccuracy as far as I myself was concerned and I am having it changed. It will be released later today.

ANNOUNCEMENT

DEATH OF GENERAL DWIGHT E. EISENHOWER

Hon. Mr. Heald: — I wish to announce to the Committee, at about five minutes ago, the former President of the United States, General Dwight E. Eisenhower passed away. I just wanted to indicate to the Members of the Committee that later this day or perhaps tomorrow a form of condolences will be arranged and presented to the House in the normal way.

WELCOME TO STUDENTS

Mr. Speaker: — I trust that when I introduce the students that those Members who represent the constituencies from whence the students come will feel perfectly free to rise. I apologize for not having said this the first time I tried this drill out the other day.

On behalf of all the Members of the Legislature I wish to extend a very warm and cordial welcome to the following student groups: in the Speaker's gallery from the constituency of Morse, represented by the Hon. Premier, 14 members of the Rush Lake 4H Club.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

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Mr. Speaker: — In the east gallery from the constituency of the Member from Kinistino (Mr. Thibault), 55 students from Birch Hills school.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: — In the west gallery from the constituency of Regina South represented by the Minister of Public Health (Mr. Grant), 75 students from the W.C. Howe school, escorted by Mr. McBennett and Mr. Ochitiva.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: — In the east gallery and the west gallery, from the constituency of Weyburn, represented by the Member from Weyburn (Mr. Pepper), 70 students from the Weyburn junior high school, escorted by Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Nedelcov.

Hon. Members: — **Hear, hear!**

Mr. Speaker: — The Member from Kinistino gave to me the names of those who were escorting the 36 pupils from Birch Hills high school and somehow or another I have lost it, for which I express my apologies and I will ask the Member for Kinistino to introduce them.

Mr. A. Thibault (Kinistino): — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is a great pleasure and an honor for me to be able to do this. The teachers are, Wayne Van Zandbergen, Vic William, Maurice Mareshal, Grant Gaetz; bus drivers, Terry Hegland and Jim Belding and I wish them a very educational trip and a safe journey home.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

WELCOME TO CADETS OF THE WYLIE-MITCHELL SQUADRON NO. 30

Mr. Speaker: — We have here with us seated at the rear of the Chamber on either side of the large doors, the Wylie-Mitchell Squadron No. 30 of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets from Estevan, Saskatchewan. They have been awarded the Royal Canadian Achievement Award for the best all-around squadron of air cadets in Canada during the year 1968.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: — A few words of explanation in regard thereto. The Wylie-Mitchell Squadron No. 30 from Estevan was formed during the Second World War. Its charter was granted in 1941 and it was named for two Estevan boys, Robert Mitchell and Brock Wylie who were the first from Estevan to lose their lives serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force in the last war. It was the third squadron to be formed in the province and its initial Commanding Officer was Flight Lieutenant Neufeld, then principal of the Estevan collegiate. In number the strength of the squadron has been from 60 to the present strength of 120 boys. Some of the officers commanding in the past have been Mr. Taylor, Mr. Walker

and Ken Nicholson. During their command the Guthrie Trophy for the best squadron in the province was won several times and today has been retired in the possession of this squadron.

Of the many individual awards, Wylie-Mitchell has repeatedly been in the top bracket, culminating in the winning of the coveted award of being the top squadron in Canada in 1968. Mention should be made to Major McManus, the current officer commanding, to whom much of the credit must go along with the efficient staff of officers and instructors. The sponsoring civilian committee has always been large and presently three originals in the persons of Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Ken John who incidentally are with us today along with Mr. W.A. Perkins, QC are still active. Mr. Ken Armstrong of Midale presently heads this committee which same is representative of Estevan and surrounding area from which the boys come.

This committee down through the years has on a couple of occasions won the DeRosenroll Trophy for the best civilian committee in Saskatchewan. I am now going to read the names of the Members who represent this group here in the Legislature this afternoon and I would ask, as I read the names, that they should rise and remain standing until I have read all their names: from Midale, Mr. Meryle Venaas, Mr. Glen Venaas, Mr. Brian Molberg, Mr. William Ramage, Mr. Jim Young; from Torquay, Mr. Robert Ereth; from North Portal, Mr. Murray Arnold, Mr. David Arnold; from Bienfait, Mr. Lee Dzuba, Mr. Bill Graham; from Estevan, Don Clayton, Brian Fugierud, Brian Bonkowski, Ken Slawson; from Lampman, Randy Third, Geof. Savill. Commanding Officer, Mr. McManus, Lieutenant, William Capuchowski.

I would further draw to the Members' attention the fact that the Provincial Chairman of the Air Cadets of the Province of Saskatchewan is a person in service of the Province of Saskatchewan, Mr. W. Fyles.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: — I draw the attention of all Hon. Members to the award in the frame on the Clerk's table in the centre of the House, and also to the fine trophy on the table which was won by this outstanding group. Indeed, I think that this is a proud day in the history of the Province of Saskatchewan to know that this outstanding group from our province has won this award for proficiency throughout all Canada. I congratulate them on behalf of the Legislature and I ask any Members who wish to join their words with mine to rise and do so now.

Hon. D.G. Mr. Steuart (Provincial Treasurer): — Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Government it gives me a great deal of pleasure to congratulate this wonderful group of young men and the young men that they represent back home, the Wylie-Mitchell Squadron from Weyburn. Estevan, I am sorry. What a terrible thing to say. I am sorry, Ian. I will never live that one down. I congratulate them and wish them well in their service in the air cadets and their services to the community in the years ahead.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. W.S. Lloyd (Leader of the Opposition): — Mr. Speaker, let me on

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behalf of Members on this side of the Legislature add my congratulations and encouragement to the group that is with us this afternoon.

This is the second time this week that we have had the opportunity to honor in this Legislature, Saskatchewan young people who are champions of Canada. It does help to make us proud as I am sure the residents back home are proud of you as well. It is an extremely handsome trophy which you have won and brought to the Province. We wish to congratulate you and to thank those who have assisted you and who have sponsored you through the years. To that are added our very best wishes indeed.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Hon. D.V. Mr. Heald (Attorney General): — Mr. Speaker, I desire to associate myself with what has been said by the Deputy Premier (Mr. Steuart) and the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Lloyd) in extending my personal congratulations and I am sure that I speak for all Members of the Legislature to this very fine group of men from Estevan.

I rise in my place today because I did spend four years in the last war in the RCAF and I feel a particularly close association with the air cadet movement in Canada. One of the most heartwarming experiences that I have had in public life was to be given the privilege and opportunity a couple of years ago of addressing a very large and a very enthusiastic and a very impressive group of air cadets here in the city of Regina. I have a great deal of respect for this association and this movement. Of course as has been said these young men from Estevan do honor not only to themselves, their city, their community, but to the whole Province of Saskatchewan in bringing this kind of distinction to our province.

The other thing that I would like to say, Mr. Speaker, is on a personal note. The name of this squadron bears two very distinguished names, two citizens of this province who lost their lives in the last war. I knew very well the late Brock Wylie when he was attending university as I was. I think that these young men in this squadron have done and are doing a fantastic job of keeping the faith with these kind of people, the citizens who gave their lives for this country. So I join with everything that has been said here in extending our congratulations and best wishes to this group.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. I.H. MacDougall (Souris-Estevan): — Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to represent the area where the Wylie-Mitchell Squadron is headquartered. These 16 boys that we have here this afternoon represent the cream of the air cadet crop in the Estevan area. I should also draw to the attention of the House that the first row in the Speaker's gallery contains the civilian committee who sponsor these young gentlemen and keep the squadron alive.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. J.A. Pepper (Weyburn): — Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a pleasure for me as the

Member from the Weyburn constituency to add words of congratulations to those expressed by the Deputy Premier, Leader of the Opposition and other Members. This group known as the Wylie-Mitchell Air Cadet Squadron, by winning this award for all-around proficiency is certainly a credit to Canada, and it has brought honor to Saskatchewan, particularly Southeastern Saskatchewan, the year of 1968 being the first time, as Mr. Speaker mentioned, that this award has ever been won by the Province of Saskatchewan. There are some members of this squadron that are from the town and district of Midale. This is in the constituency of Weyburn. So on behalf of myself and the Weyburn constituency let me extend sincere congratulations to this fine group of cadets and assure them that we wish them every success in the future.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Hon. C.P. Mr. MacDonald (Minister of Social Welfare): — Mr. Speaker, I would like to tell the boys to stand easy but I promise them that I won't be too long.

First of all I want to associate myself with the words of yourself, Sir, and all the other Members of the Assembly in expressing congratulations to members of No. 30 squadron in Estevan.

I was always convinced there were two great air cadet squadrons on the Soo line, No. 140 at Notre Dame and No. 30 at Estevan. I was always convinced that No. 140 came first, but after looking at that beautiful trophy today I begin to realize that it is No. 30 squadron in Estevan that has distinguished themselves and the entire air cadet movement in this province. I might add a little personal note, I have had considerable to do with the members of No. 30 squadron Estevan in the 10 or 12 years that I spent at air cadet camp each summer as director of the physical education program. I was a Commanding Officer of the Royal Canadian air cadet squadron for some 15 years. I enjoyed every moment of the time and experience that I spent in the air cadet movement. I am convinced that it is a great movement, it is a great youth movement. As well it gives to the young people of Saskatchewan and all those who participate in the cadet movement the opportunity to appreciate the importance of discipline and fair play that go with military life as well as the youth activities involved.

I do want to say congratulations. We are proud of you in the Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan and I know that we express that pride for the entire province and people in general.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. J.E. Brockelbank (Saskatoon Mayfair): — Mr. Speaker, fellow Members of the Legislature and guests. I just want to rise this afternoon and echo the comments of congratulations to the squadron. I had the opportunity of being in the air cadets for four years myself and attained the exalted rank of Flight Sergeant. I see they still have that summer camp and take flying training. I found the experience in the air cadets valuable to me in my life and I am sure that all these young men will as well.

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Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. E.F. Gardner (Moosomin): — Mr. Speaker, as a former member of the RCAF I would like to add my congratulations to those of the other Members here. I don't like to discourage these young people, but they might be interested in knowing how many of the present Members at one time served in the RCAF. I wonder if it would just be in order if the former members of the RCAF would stand up for a moment to let them know who did serve at this time.

Mr. Speaker: — I apologize when I introduced the air cadets in not having them to stand easy and to take their seats when I had finished the introduction. I hope that they will feel perfectly free to sit down now and stay in the Legislature as long as they please and watch the proceedings. If they have no other commitments anywhere else, they are most welcome to stay here and watch the proceedings from their seats, as long as they please. You are very welcome.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

INTRODUCTION OF HAROLD FRASER

Mr. Speaker: — I now wish to introduce to the House, seated behind the rail, a former Member of this Legislature, Mr. Harold Fraser who was the Member for Prince Albert between 1940 and 1944 and who is visiting us today.

I think the Member for Weyburn now wishes to say something in connection with a sporting event that took place very recently.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WEYBURN MIDGET HOCKEY TEAM

Mr. J.A. Pepper (Weyburn): — Mr. Speaker, recently the Weyburn Midget Hockey Team defeated the Saskatoon Midget Hockey Team in playoff finals for our province, thus bringing the Midget Hockey championship crown to the city of Weyburn for the season of 1968-69.

This team was coached by Mr. Dwight McMillan and the manager was Mr. C. Madison. Some of the Members of the team are in the gallery today, Mr. Speaker, and I am sure that all Members join with me in congratulating the Weyburn team in this recent championship victory.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TURTLEFORD TIGER HOCKEY TEAM

Mr. R.H. Wooff (Turtleford): — Mr. Speaker, I have wondered just why the Hon. Member for Meadow Lake (Mr. Coupland) had been so quiet lately, but the Turtleford Tiger Hockey Team won the championship of the Big Four League last Friday night by defeating the Meadow Lake Hockey Team, 3 to 1. I just want to take this opportunity of drawing the attention of Members of the House to the fact that we do have some good sports up in the Turtleford area, and I am very happy that the Turtleford Tigers won their league.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

WELCOME TO THE SING-OUT SASKATCHEWAN GROUP OF MOOSE JAW

Mr. G.T. Snyder (Moose Jaw North): — Mr. Speaker, I have a very pleasant function to perform at this moment. It relates to a group of young people that are occupying the back two rows of the Speaker's gallery today. They are about 50 in all. They are the Sing-Out Saskatchewan group that hails from Moose Jaw. They performed in the rotunda of the Legislative Building around the well here, only a few minutes ago, and I am sure that Members enjoyed their performance. This group is accompanied by Mr. Bob Baker, Mr. Ron Thompson and Jim Buchanan. I am sure that all Members would like to indicate their approval and their appreciation of the performance that they offered in the Legislative Building today and wish them all success in their future undertakings.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: — Now we have introduced the cadets and the Sing-Out group and groups of certain hockey competitions from Turtleford and Weyburn, so I think that the next order of business is the introduction of sausages.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

ANNOUNCEMENT GRAND CHAMPION HEREFORD BULL

Mr. T.M. Breker (Humboldt): — Mr. Speaker, you have the original here too. Mr. Speaker, I would like to make an announcement. Bill Kirsch of Pilger which is about 20 miles north of Humboldt sold his Grand Champion Hereford bull at the bull sale this morning for \$39,000.

Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. Breker: — This is an all-time record for a Canadian Provincial open bull sale. The previous high was something like \$10,000 at Calgary some years ago. Buyers of the Kirsch entry were D.H. Williamson of Ashfield, North Carolina and Dr. J. Montgomery of Meota, Tennessee. Secondly, Mr. Speaker, you will have noticed that there is a small package of sausage on your desk manufactured by Central Meat in Humboldt. This gift is to bring to your attention that the Government of Saskatchewan, the Government of Canada and the proprietors of small abattoirs are co-operating in the inspection of abattoirs and have extended the service to eight small abattoirs in this province, a service offered formerly only to centres like Regina and Saskatoon.

The inspection will commence in Humboldt on April 1, the first such inspection of the Province. This product is sold locally from Watrous to Melfort and in delicatessens of Vancouver, Calgary and Winnipeg. As the Member for Humboldt, I am extremely proud of the ability of my constituents in curing, preparing and in growing good meat. Mr. Speaker, you will pardon Mr. Barnhart if he doesn't use grand champions in his sausage, I am sure. However, if you have these sausages for breakfast it really doesn't matter whether the honey on your toast comes from Melfort-Tisdale or Nipawin.

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Hon. D.T. McFarlane (Minister of Agriculture): — Mr. Speaker, I just want to join with the Member for Humboldt in congratulating Mr. William Kirsch of Pilger, Saskatchewan, for having won the recognition of having sold the highest-priced Hereford bull, in fact the highest priced bull of any breed sold in Saskatchewan. I think the fact that the Grand Champion bull this morning sold for \$39,000 indicates first of all the quality of cattle that we have here in our province. I think the second thing that it indicates is the quality of Saskatchewan cattle that is now recognized far beyond our boundaries. I want to thank, on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, I am sure the Hereford breeders of our province, the Montview farms for Meota, Tennessee and the Robertson Hereford Farms of Nashville, North Carolina for having taken part in the Regina bull sale and paying this price for this exceptional bull.

And just to indicate to you, Sir, and the Members of this Legislature the fact that the Grand Champion bull sold for \$39,000 didn't indicate that the bidding stopped there, because the Davis Brothers of Whitewood, I understand just as the House opened this afternoon, have sold one bull now at \$12,000 and another one at \$10,000 and there are bids coming in at \$8,000 a piece. So it would indicate that the Hereford sale in Saskatchewan, especially in Regina is going very well. I think it is quite significant that in a year when we have had difficulties with wheat marketing and one thing or another, that people who have diversified and who have had cattle enterprise in Saskatchewan are now paying off because the averages for all breeds have been quite significant. The Shorthorn high price was \$3,900 to Mr. Dreger of the constituency represented by the Member for Yorkton (Mr. Gallagher) and this bull was sold to the Remittal Cattle Company of Olds, Alberta. And the average for the 89 Shorthorns sold to date was \$602.53. For the Horned Herefords the high was \$21,025 and this bull was bred by Mr. Norman Babey of Lloydminster and sold to Albert Beitch of Prince Albert. I would point out here that Norman Babey was one of our first master farmers in Saskatchewan. The average for the Horned Herefords at this sale has been \$608 for 141 head. An Aberdeen Angus bull sold for \$15,050 and this was bred by Mr. J. Davidson of Ponteix, Saskatchewan. The average for the Angus was \$485.54.

I would point out that the Department of Agriculture will be or is in the process of buying some 80 bulls at this Regina sale.

So to all who have contributed in making this sale such a success, we in the Department and in the Government want to express our sincere appreciation and especially to those buyers from outside of the province and from the United States, who come up and express their confidence in the type of quality that we produce here.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!

Mr. J. Kowalchuk (Melville): — Mr. Speaker, I would like to just make a small correction on what the Member from Qu'Appelle-Wolseley (Mr. McFarlane) said. The fact is that Mr. Dreger comes from the Melville constituency, not Yorkton constituency. He is from Lorlie and he is a very successful cattle breeder there.

The Assembly adjourned at 10:00 o'clock p.m.