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June Menzies was appointed vicechairman of the federal Anti-Inflation Board.

Queen's Venturer, the highest award attainable in the Boy Scout program.

Margaret Littlewood, also of Edmonton, Canada's only woman fighter-pilot trainer during the Second World War, was awarded the Amelia Earhart medallion for her pioneering contributions.

Justice Gabrielle Vallée was appointed senior associate chief justice of the Quebec Superior Court.

Joanne Veit, a 34-year-old Edmonton lawyer, was named chairman of the Alberta Securities Commission. Her appointment is believed to be the first of its type for a woman anywhere in the world.

Lise Payette, a former television personality, who was elected as a member of the Quebec provincial government, was appointed to Quebec's Cabinet as Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Financial Questions. Three other females,

Former Parliamentary Secretary for External Affairs Monique Bégin became federal Minister of National Revenue.



Nicole Morel of Canada became the only woman on the board of directors of the International Society of Postmasters (headquarters in Geneva).



Yvette Rousseau was appointed chairman of the federal Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

Thérèse-Lavoie-Roux (Liberal) and Denise Leblanc and Louise Sauvé-Cuerrier (both Parti québécois) were elected to Quebec's legislature in the province's recent elections.

Luce Patenaude was named "Ombudsman" for the province of Quebec.

Dr. Katie Cooke, former chairman of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women, was appointed to the Indian and Eskimo Affairs program as director of research in the Policy, Research and Evaluation Branch of the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs.

Huguette Noel was named both a director of the Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada and official representative of all Canadian life assurance companies — the first woman to occupy these positions.

(There are many others – but space is limited – and there will be many more. Ed.)

## Daily reassurance call for the elderly

Elderly and disabled persons living alone in Winnipeg, Manitoba, receive a daily reassurance telephone call from volunteers of the "Daily Hello" program, run by the Department of Health and Social Development. It provides free a safety check and contact for elderly and disabled city residents. However, says project co-ordinator Rachelle Hamelin, more volunteers are needed with the onset of winter, when many elderly and disabled persons may find it difficult or impossible to leave their own homes.

The program, started in 1972 as a summer employment project, is maintained by about 65 volunteers, mainly housewives and persons in nursing homes. Volunteers call at pre-arranged times and thus are able to notify relatives, neighbours and health workers if something is wrong. Some subscribers, who have been called for several years by the same volunteer have developed close friendships with them.

In many instances, subscribers living alone have fallen or become ill and without the daily calls might have remained injured or helpless for days before being discovered.

More male volunteers and persons who can speak Ukrainian are particularly needed. Some volunteers speak languages other than English, such as French, German and Ukrainian, and this makes it easier for those subscribers who understand one of these languages better than English.

Volunteers are recruited through the Care Services branch of the department, through the media or by referral from nursing homes.