

## FAITHFUL TO THE END

The Post Office in St. James-Assiniboia, Manitoba had a blue Monday recently when Buster, a brown collie, had to be put to sleep.

Every day for almost 13 years, whether the temperature was 30 degrees below zero or 90 above, the dog accompanied, protected, and even guided letter-carriers delivering mail on Albany and Rutland Streets.



On one occasion, about six years ago, when another dog attacked a mailman, Buster drove off the attacker. Another day, when a relief mailman had been assigned to Buster's walk for the first time, he quickly learnt the route just by following the dog from house to house — with a few short cuts thrown in.

Local residents, who shared the affection of the mailmen for Buster, often put out water for him on hot days. He was made an honorary member of the lunch room at the St. James Post Office (Station Winnipeg), where he was treated to such delicacies as barbecued chicken.

In recent years, however, Buster began to slow down. Arthritis set in, his hearing became poor and, finally, his kidneys began to fail. The painful decision to destroy him had to be made.

Nevertheless, on his last day, Buster was faithful to the end. As usual, there he was, lying beside the "drop" box, waiting to go on his walk.

## STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Federal departments and agencies hired 23,466 students last summer, more than twice the number hired in 1969, according to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration, Mr. Otto E. Lang. A survey by the Department of Manpower and Immigration shows that the 23,466 students hired — an increase of 106 per cent over 1969 figures — earned a total of \$22,018,000. Average monthly salaries increased to \$403 in 1970 from \$379 in 1969, although average earnings fell

slightly to \$938 from \$979, as a result of a small reduction in the average working period.

Besides those students employed by federal departments and agencies, an additional 13,800 students found opportunities for meaningful activities in special educational and travel programs supported by federal funds. These included increased militia- and cadet-training, an extension of student-travel and language-training programs organized by the Department of the Secretary of State, establishment of drop-in centres in major cities, employment of students as supervisors in day camps, run by the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), and educational projects of the Canadian Red Cross.

"In effect, a total of 37,266 students were provided with employment or the opportunity for other satisfying activities through the action of the Federal Government," Mr. Lang said.

"It is clear that a renewed effort by all sectors of the economy will be necessary in the coming summer so that students may have access to challenging opportunities, and a chance to earn funds to further their education," said Mr. Lang.

In accordance with Government policy, departments and agencies gave emphasis to hiring post-secondary students and senior high-school students so that this group might receive the greatest possible assistance in obtaining funds to further their education. Some 76 per cent of all students hired were returning or proceeding to post-secondary educational institutions. In order that students be placed in worthwhile activities, 25.2 per cent were employed in professional, semi-professional or related occupations, an increase from 21.5 per cent the previous year. Among post-secondary students, 32.4 per cent found employment in professional and semi-professional jobs, compared to 27.4 per cent the previous year.

## CRACKDOWN ON OIL POLLUTERS

Convictions and fines in 1970 for the oil-pollution of Canadian waters by ships were more than double those in any previous year, Transport Minister Don Jamieson announced recently.

Of 57 prosecutions during the year, there were 51 convictions — a total of \$71,350 in fines. In 23 other cases, the shipping company concerned, or other commercial agency, paid for the cost of cleaning up the spills.

The stepped-up program of inspections and prosecutions is part of the program of the Department of Transport to prevent pollution by oil. Investigations are carried out by inspectors of the Steamship Inspection Service, which has regional offices and also maintains regular aerial inspection flights to help spot the offenders.