

## News briefs

The Manitoba government is developing a recreational site designed to accommodate handicapped fishermen at Portage la Prairie on the Assiniboine River. Construction of the recreational site which began in late November, will include several facilities on the north side of the river. These include a fishing pier specially designed for the handicapped, fish cleaning building, washroom facilities, vehicle parking lot, a day use area with minor picnic facilities, and a nature trail for the disabled. The project has been developed in consultation with the Canadian Paraplegic Association.

Eleven grants totalling \$166,397 have been awarded under the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation external research program. The grants, intended to stimulate research into the social, economic, physical, environmental, legislative and administrative aspects of housing, are offered twice a year in March and September and can be up to \$20,000. Individual researchers in private firms, industry and university are eligible for the grants.

Canadians made as many trips within Canada during the first quarter of 1981 as they did in 1980, according to results of the first quarter 1981 Canadian Travel Survey. Results of the survey for the first quarter of 1981 show that Canadians made 21,832,000 person-trips, compared with 21,802,000 person-trips taken during the same period of 1980. A person-trip is defined as a domestic trip by one person to a destination 80 kilometres (50 miles) or more from home.

Statistics Canada, in its latest crop report, estimates the 1981 Canadian wheat crop at 900,955,000 bushels, up 28 per cent from 703,949,000 bushels last year. It was the second upward revision in the agency's estimate of the 1981 crop.

Spar Aerospace Limited of Toronto has been awarded a \$7.4-million contract by the Astro Electronics division of RCA Corporation for the design and manufacture of three spacecraft antennae. The first antenna is to be delivered in mid-1983.

A Canadian nurse, who worked with Dr. Norman Bethune in China during the revolution in that country has published memoirs of those experiences. *China Nurse* by Jean Ewen of Victoria, British Columbia is a compilation of journals and letters that had been packed away

for 50 years. Ewen was 21 when she left her Winnipeg home in 1932, sailing from Vancouver to Shanghai to nurse with the Franciscan Fathers. She stayed in China for five years, briefly revisited Canada, then returned with Bethune's party in 1937, staying another two years.

The Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League won their fourth consecutive Grey Cup in the annual league championship held in the Olympic Stadium in Montreal. More than 53,000 fans watched the Eskimos win over their opponents, the Ottawa Roughriders, by a score of 26-23.



The image shows a hand holding the handle of a dark suitcase. A travel tag is attached to the handle, featuring the text 'Travel to Canada by Shortwave' and 'daily via Radio Canada International'. A portable shortwave radio is also attached to the handle, displaying a frequency dial and various control buttons.

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