

Edmonton history: a super book



This is not Wayne Gretzky. It is the Strathcona Women's hockey team, circa 1909.

Edmonton: Gateway to the North
by John F. Gilpin
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review by Alex Neuberger

You need a gift for a visitor to our fair city, or perhaps you are curious about our local history. Where should you search? At your local bookstore—and I'd suggest John Gilpin's recent publication, *Edmonton: Gateway to the North*. Published to coincide with the City of Edmonton's eightieth anniversary last November, this book is just the ticket.

Comprehensive, entertaining and informative, the narrative traces the roots of the city from its origin as a trading post shared by the Hudson's Bay Company and the North West Company, to its present status as a major industrial and transportation center. Gilpin's text is clear and authoritative, without the usual excess of detail that obscures other

historical texts. Photographs, from period newspaper, public archives and private collections supplement the text, and are, in themselves, worth the price of the book. Major events and personalities that pushed the development of Edmonton towards the present have received individual biographies, separate from the main text. Among those featured are Robert Rundle, Frank Oliver, the Edmonton Grads, and the Klondike Gold Rush.

Technically, the book is very well produced. The color reproductions are excellent.

This is a super book at an excellent price (\$29.95). And there is something here for everyone with an interest in the evolution of Edmonton's business, sports and artistic communities. The only thing missing is West Edmonton Mall — and for that we can all be thankful.

EDMONTON

Gateway to the North



An Illustrated History by John F. Gilpin

Traveling musicians come to Edmonton

French-Canadian folk



Folle Avoine (no, not "crazy oats", but "wild oats") is coming to town. Who are they? They are a group of 6-10 vocalists and musicians (the number varies according to the needs of particular performances), and they feature contemporary French Canadian folk music.

This dynamic group will bring contemporary folk music to life with original harmonies and spirited arrangements.

For an evening of Francophone entertainment, come on down to the Popicos Theatre (8520 91e Avenue) at 8:00 on February 9.

Tickets are available at Carrefour bookstore, Casse Francaita, and at the office of the Association Canadienne-Francaise de l'Alberta, at 203-1008 109 St.

Folle Avoine s'en vient en ville. Eh! bien oui l'A.C.F.A. regionale a le plaisir de presenter ce groupe de chanteurs et de musiciens fransaskois. Cette equipe de gens dynamiques et talentueux vous feront revivre les meilleurs moments de la musique contemporaine; vous feront gouter l'originalite de leurs harmonisations.

Lors pour un soiree francophone des plus prometteuses, soyez des notres le soir du spectacle soit samedi, le 9 fevrier 85 au theatre Popicos (8520 91e avenue) a 20h00.

Joignez-vous a la foule. Les bellets sont en vente au Carrefour, aux caisses Francaita et au bureau de l'A.C.F.A. regionale.

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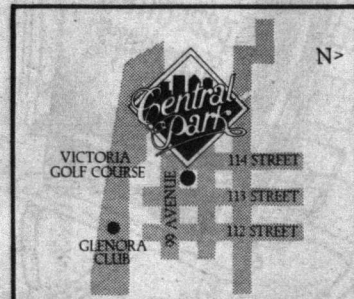


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