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## SHOW CARPENTRY SKILL

# Monteith Inmates Build Own Bowling Alleys

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Down at the Monteith Industrial Farm which is gradually becoming the "show place of the north," you will be surprised to find two bowling alleys that were built by the inmates under the supervision of Ed Harmon, carpenter extraordinary, who has been a member of the civil service for the past 23 years.

### NOT CHEAP ARTICLES

Always interested in bowling, having been raised on a diet of ten pins as a hobby, the genial Ed. visioned the idea of bowling alleys for winter recreation. Now Bowling alleys are not cheap articles to be bought for a few hundred dollars and money being scarce at the present time, the idea seemed to be far fetched or actual speaking a "dream".

Talking the matter over with Superintendent D. R. Whyte, the genial Mr. Harmon, convinced his boss that he could build a pair of bowling alleys out of some B.C. fir, that was used to build the former building that housed prisoners of war from 1941-45. This building was being dismantled and the lumber was not needed for any particular use.

The necessary information as to the size and the proper way

to build bowling alleys was obtained and the inmates, most of them rough carpenters at the best, started to get the lumber in shape for the building of the alleys. In most alleys only maple and pine is used but these two types of wood were not available, so fir it must be.

### UNUSUAL SKILL

That the job was completed with unusual skill and precision goes without saying (see pictures this page). The only part of the whole equipment that had to be purchased was the two sets of pins and the bowling balls. Right now let me state that I would not be surprised if Harmon does not make some pins in the near future.

The alleys are in a separate section of the community building used for the entertainment of the staff and inmates. There is also a dry canteen operated

in connection with the building. Every piece of wood in the alleys, the floor, the post used for the hanging of towels, the ball return and the score boards were made by the inmates from savaged wood torn out of the dismantled building.

The fact that the alleys were built is a tribute to the executive ability of Superintendent Whyte, the carpentry skill of Ed Harmon and the ability to get behind a project such as this by those inmates who worked a long hours to accomplish the feat.

### TAKEN PRIDE

The inmates who received no compensation for their work must have taken a pride in the job or else the job could not have been done in such an outstanding manner.

The whole place which is operated on a "trusty" system, reflects the pride of the staff in doing things the best way possible with the least expense. Everything is as clean as a whip and it is one institution that anyone can be proud of.

When out for a drive next summer drop around the Monteith Farm and see the beautiful flower beds and be surprised yourself. I was.

## Open Bowling Alleys At Monteith Hall

Monteith (Special) — A social evening was held at the Recreation Hall of the Industrial Farm Saturday on the occasion of the opening of the new bowling alleys.

Superintendent D. Whyte cut the ribbon to officially open the alleys. Later, cards were enjoyed by the many visitors, and lunch was served by the Recreation Club.

## Monteith Lady Bowlers Start League Play

Monteith (Special) — The Women's Bowling League started Wednesday at the new alleys at the Industrial Farm. There are six teams, and 42 players.

The high single for the first night was scored by Mrs. Howard Goring, with 311.

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# Monteith Industrial Farm Has Sports Day for Inmates

Monteith (Special) — With the weather dawning bright and clear over the Monteith Industrial Farm a full day's sports program was put on for the inmates recently.

In the morning foot races, broad jumping and tugs-of-war, were held. In the afternoon a softball game between officers and inmates was held with the win in favor of the inmates.

During the late afternoon, police officers from Timmins arrived with their wives and families. They were the guest of the Industrial Farm staff for supper.

In the evening a softball game was held between the police officers and the inmates with the visitors taking the win by a score of 20-9.

Pitching for the Timmins team was John O'Toole; catching was H. Curnow. Sergeant Groulx was the umpire.

Finals of the tugs-of-war between the main working party and the kitchen staff resulted in the working party walking off with top honors. Timmins police and the main working party put on an exhibition with the rope for visitors after the softball game.

### BOWLING LEAGUE

Monteith (Special) — The bowlers in town have organized a men's league and a women's league. The men began bowling Jan. 28 and the women on Jan. 30.