

Bits and Bites

by Helene Ballard

Hi! I trust you are all in good health today, enjoying what we all hope are the last few weeks of winter. We have been looking at this "white stuff" long enough. Time for a change.

We have had a rather busy week here at the Home. Wednesday morning, of course, was Senior's Bowling Day and in the afternoon our kind friends came in for the weekly bridge game which our residents enjoy so much. We want to say a real big "thank you" to these loyal friends.

On Thursday morning we enjoyed a film, all about the pearl divers of Korea. It was very informative. No wonder pearls cost so much money. I don't think I would make a good pearl diver.

At this time, a word or two about a "rap session" the residents had, leaving us with these thoughts. All agreed that the recent space shuttle disaster was terrible. Most of them had a sick feeling over the whole deal, but in truth, not surprised.

Some, in fact, were quite cynical, saying a disaster of some kind had been expected, with all the treachery going on in the world as well as the law of averages. It was bound to happen. Some said that the taxpayers' money was being used for all these experiments but not for those poverty stricken families who are constantly making the news.

All the unrest, the deprivation one sees and hears about makes one think of a civil war creeping in. One cannot escape the violence and unrest portrayed in a supposedly civilized affluent country.

Because of the unhealthy competition of nation against nation, even the Olympics no longer seem

to interest people. For the sake of being first, mankind is destroying its great athletes with drugs to obtain super endurance.

To all of this the conclusion of most of us here at Birchwood Terrace is "Travelling in space is not going to save mankind and the world in spite of the good things given us through this program."

The children of today seeing this terrible disaster in later years will say "For what did I lose my father or my mother?"

As this column seems to be rather sombre, I'll end it with this thought: "Don't step on anyone on your climb up the ladder of success because you may meet them on your way down." Vaya Con Dios.



Grant awarded

Schreiber Food Market has been allocated a total of \$58,361 under the federal Job Development Program to train six people for a total of 240 work weeks in a new store to be opened this year in Marathon.

Cochrane-Superior MP Keith Penner made the announcement about the project approval earlier this month. Two other projects in his riding were also approved, bringing the grant total to \$257,301.

"The main purpose of the Job Development Program is to provide those not presently in the work force with experience they could not otherwise obtain," Penner explained. "There is no doubt that the acquisition of this experience will assist participants in their future employment prospects."

Other grants were awarded to Ferlandi Builders of Marathon and the Marten Falls Indian Band of Ogoki Post. A total of 19 people will be hired under the program.



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