

## Fresco Depicts Ancient Era

CALGARY (CP)—Visitors to Calgary's famous St. George's Island soon will get an even better idea of what Alberta looked like several thousand years ago than they do now.

John Kanerva, who has constructed the zoo's multitude of recreated prehistoric animals, will soon complete a masterfully-painted fresco on the wall of the fossil house.

Kanerva's magic brush and spatula have produced a realistic scene depicting life in the ancient era of the cavemen and the sabre-toothed tigers. This prehistoric life has been re-incarnated in shades of grey, varying from near-black to a chalk-like white.

Mountains, rivers and trees make a familiar landscape. The palm trees seem out of place in an Alberta scheme, but scientists say the palm was common in this part of the world 50,000 years ago.



**MOST CUSTOMERS** at this restaurant in Beverley Hills, Calif., read the menu, but some prefer to smell it. It's a new gimmick for patrons who want to bring along their pets when they dine. Restaurant serves a hand-out for your pooch.

The only known species of fresh-water sharks are found in Lake Nicaragua, in Central America.

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## Prefabricated Houses Selling Well As Storage Places for Surplus Grain

EDMONTON (CP)—Prefabricated housing is popular on Alberta farms this year not for families out for an indicated bumper wheat crop, much of which they expect to have to store themselves.

With the big crop coming on the heels of last fall's record Canadian harvest, and terminals and country elevators still bulging with old grain, farmers also are giving last-minute water-proofing to a lot of dilapidated, weather-beaten buildings they never expected to use again.

Old horse barns, chicken coops, machinery sheds and abandoned houses are being readied for storage. Lofts originally built over barns for storing hay will take in wheat. The golden kernels also will occupy spare bedrooms. In some cases, they'll fill empty town buildings and even hangars that housed wartime training planes.

Government officials report several lumber companies are doing a good trade in prefabs, roofed veneer and plywood structures costing an average \$300. They house about 1,500 bushels of grain.

Farmers will be allowed at the outset to deliver to elevators a quota of three bushels an acre once the harvest begins. But these days, with high-powered machinery replacing slow horse-power, yields ranging from 15 to 40 bushels an acre are harvested in a rush of about two weeks or so.

Thus, the three-bushel delivery quota is just a drop in the bin compared with the total crop. In many cases, plugging elevators won't be able to accommodate even that from all the farms in their area.

In the southern Alberta districts of Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, where the first harvesting has already begun, elevator agents and farmers agree that much of the 1953 crop will

just have to be piled on the ground. That was the case last year with more than 10,000,000 bushels of wheat in the rich Lethbridge grain belt.

The provincial agriculture department is recommending that farmers pile no more than 3,000 bushels of wheat in one heap, saying that 1,000-bushel piles are more satisfactory. Last year some piles reached 9,000 bushels, at a height of about 10 feet, and piles of 5,000 bushels were common.

If the wheat is piled incorrectly, moisture will penetrate it and bring loss of grades and infestations of rusty grain beetles.

At last report, there were 23,282,000 bushels of wheat still stored in line elevators. Grain still held by Lethbridge-area farmers could fill the available elevator space more than four times—without even considering the 1953 crop.

As an indication of how the situation has worsened, line elevators had space available last fall for about 12,000,000 bushels of grain while still holding only 12,414,000 bushels in storage; and only 1,592,000 bushels was still in farmers' hands when the 1952 harvest began.

## Ordinance Protects Eskimos From Losing Furs at Poker

YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T. (CP)—Many a man has lost his shirt in a shady poker deal, but in the far north he can lose his furs, too.

Frank Carmichael, Northwest Territories councillor from Aklavik, 750 miles northwest of here, told a recent meeting of the council that Eskimos and Indians coming out of the bush with their fur catch are sometimes victims of card sharps.

"An Eskimo may come along with 200 muskrats," said Carmichael. "He sits down to a game with another chap who has cash and who buys his skins, maybe for 75 cents when they are worth a dollar. Playing poker, the buyer gets the money back too."

The "preservation of game" ordinance before the council provided that a justice of the peace may suspend the licence or registration certificate of any person who obtains game, or parts thereof, from an Indian or Eskimo by gambling, or games of chance, or through deception or fraud.

Commissioner L. H. Nicholson of Ottawa pointed out that if the council attempted to penalize by fines or jail terms it would be exceeding its powers.

Col. F. J. G. Cunningham, director of Northern administration and lands, said "gambling is not an offence. They can play poker for any stakes they like and nobody can stop them."

"But false pretences is," remarked the commissioner. "One councillor suggested that the council ask Parliament to enact a law preventing gambling with Eskimos."

"That would take away an inalienable right," objected Col. Cunningham. "Besides, you cannot do it to some people and not to others."

Replied the councillor: "The income tax does that. Leave the section in, and administer it so as to meet Mr. Carmichael's point."

Seventy per cent of the world's surface is covered by oceans with an average depth of about two miles.

## CONDUCTOR CHANGES SUIT AT AUDIENCE'S REQUEST

CHAUTAQUA, N.Y. (AP)—A number of the audience spotted wrinkles in Walter Hendl's suit, so the conductor of the Chautauqua symphony orchestra changed clothes before 8,000 concert-goers.

Hendl asked for requests from the audience at the summer cultural centre Tuesday night. Someone asked Hendl to wear a suit pressed better than the one he had on.

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