

# Special Events 2001

## Family Day

On February 18, the Legislature pedway was full of family activities and entertainment. Highlights of the event were a children's carnival, a traveling zoo, hot chocolate and Legislature tours. Over 5,100 visitors attended the event.

## Eid-ul-Adha

On March 15, a celebration to recognize the Muslim festival of Eid-ul-Adha was held in the Legislature Rotunda. This festival celebrates the end of the annual pilgrimage (Hajj) to Mecca. The Ismaili Council for Edmonton made a presentation on behalf of Muslims in Edmonton to the Alberta School for the Deaf.

## The 75th Anniversary of l'Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta

On March 29, Speaker Kowalski hosted a ceremony to commemorate the 75th anniversary of l'Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta which included remarks from Speaker Kowalski, Premier Klein, Dr. Nicol, Dr. Pannu, Mr. Denis Ducharme and a representative from the Canadian Francophone Association of Alberta.

## Mr. Speaker's Alberta Youth Parliament

The third annual Mr. Speaker's Alberta Youth Parliament was held on April 5 and 6. Eighty-three Grade 10 students represented their constituencies during the program sponsored by the Alberta-Northwest Territories Command of the Royal Canadian Legion. The program involved eight teachers from across the province.

## Edmonton Regional Heritage Fair

On May 11 and 12, the 6th annual Edmonton Regional Heritage Fair was hosted in the Legislature pedway. The fair displayed 229 Canadian Heritage projects by 365 students from 17 schools.

## Legislative Assembly Page Speech Competition

The 7th annual provincial page speech competition, sponsored by TransAlta, was held on June 5, 2001. Deputy Speaker Don Tannas judged the competition along with representatives from TransAlta and the coordinator of the Alberta Debate and Speech Association. Last year's winners were Baldip Sihota, first place; Laura Gill, second place; and Tim Jolly, third place.

## Canada Day

On Canada Day the floor of the Legislature Chamber was open to the public. The event attracted a record of over 12,500 visitors to the building and grounds. The event also featured a 21 gun salute, a military display, the ERIC Criterion bike race, a children's carnival and entertainment.

## Book of Condolence

September 12-14, the public was invited to the Legislature Rotunda to express condolences to the friends, families and colleagues of the victims of the September 11 Terrorist Attack. These books were forwarded to the Consul General of the United States.



The Honourable Ken Kowalski, Speaker, with the University of Alberta Mixed Chorus, at the Christmas Light up.



### **Poppy Presentation**

The Royal Canadian Legion launched its national poppy campaign at the Alberta Legislature on October 25. The Alberta-Northwest Territories Command presented poppies to Her Honour the Honourable Lois Hole, Lieutenant Governor; Speaker Kowalski; Mrs. Mary O'Neill, MLA for St. Albert, representing the Government of Alberta; Dr. Ken Nicol, MLA, Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition; Dr. Raj Pannu, MLA, Leader of the New Democrat Opposition, and other attending MLAs.

### **Remembrance Service**

On November 8 Speaker Kowalski, along with the Honourable Dave Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General and Dr. Ken Nicol, MLA, Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, laid wreaths in the Legislature Rotunda in memory of Albertans who gave their lives to World War I and II, the Korean War and many peacekeeping missions. The Royal Canadian Legion, the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires, the Alberta Union of Public Employees and the Youth of Alberta also laid wreaths. Alex Young read his Remembrance Day poem. Young was the Royal Canadian Legion's 2001 junior poetry winner.

### **Christmas at the Legislature**

On December 3, Premier Klein and Speaker Kowalski launched the holiday festivities by switching on the Christmas lights at the Legislature Grounds. Celebrate the Season events continued throughout December and attracted over 11,400 visitors to listen to choir and carillon in the rotunda. The pedway was filled with trees and gingerbread houses, decorated by schools.

### **Employee Recognition Dinner**

Speaker Kowalski hosted the annual Legislative Assembly Office and Constituency Office staff recognition dinner on December 6 to celebrate the past year's accomplishments. Awards were presented to staff with 5, 10, 15, 25 and 30 years of service.

# Former Members of the Legislative Assembly

## **William Kenneth Ure**

December 22, 1913-February 4, 2001

Mr. Ure was first elected to the Alberta Legislature in the general election of June 18, 1959, and represented the constituency of Red Deer for the Social Credit governing party until August 30, 1971.

During his years in the Legislature, Mr. Ure served on the Special Committee of Commercial Fisheries and Electoral Boundaries. He also served on the Select Standing Committees of Agriculture, Colonization, Immigration and Education; Municipal Law ; Law Amendments; Private Bills; Public Accounts; Public Affairs; and Railways, Telephones and Irrigation.

## **Galen Norris**

November 7, 1915-August 10, 2001

Mr. Norris was first elected to the Alberta Legislature in the general election of November 15, 1956, and represented the constituency of Stettler for the Social Credit governing party until August 20, 1971.

During his years in the Legislature, Mr. Norris served on the Standing Committee for Public Affairs. He also served on the Select Standing Committees of Municipal Law; Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing; Public Accounts; Agriculture, Colonization, Immigration and Education.

## **Donald Fleming**

March 23, 1913-September 12, 2001

Mr. Donald Fleming was first elected to the Alberta Legislature in the general election of June 18, 1959, and served until May 23, 1967. During his years of service he represented the constituency of Calgary West for the Social Credit governing Party.

During his years in the Legislature Mr. Fleming served on the Select Standing Committees on Agriculture, Colonization, Immigration and Education; Railways, Telephones and Irrigation; Public Affairs; Private Bills; and Public Accounts.

## **Bettie Hewes**

March 12, 1924-November 6, 2001

Mrs. Bettie Hewes was first elected to represent the constituency of Edmonton-Gold Bar in the general election on May 8, 1986 for the Liberal party until March 11, 1997. Mrs. Hewes also served as Interim Liberal Leader, Deputy House Leader and Party Whip.

During her years in the Legislature Mrs. Hewes served on the Select Standing Committees of Law and Regulations; Private Bills; Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing; and Public Affairs. She also served on the Select Special Committee on Parliamentary Reform.



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