

LOCAL BUSH PILOT AVERTS CRASH

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The entire police department, fire and ambulance service of Thompson were at the airport at six O'Clock on the evening of December 12th to await the landing of Greg Lamb, crack pilot of Lamb Airways, stationed at Thompson, Manitoba, who had radioed in for stand-by assistance. He was coming in for a landing with one ski missing.

Greg had flown out to a Northern lake, early in the afternoon, to pick up an Indian family in need of medical attention. He had intended to land them at the nursing station at Nelson House. As

he took off from a rough little lake with only minimum ice requirements, he tore off one of the skis, and was unable to determine from the air how badly the plane was damaged.

He decided not to attempt to land at Nelson House but to come right in to Thompson, where assistance would be at hand in case of a crash.

Since there are no runway lights at Thompson, smudge pots were borrowed from the highway department to light the run-way. They were lighted with diesel fuel, but blew out with the draught as the plane landed. However, they did serve to establish the position of the runway. Transair also provided light with their D.C. 3. plane from The Pas.

The Lamb plane came over the field to establish its landing route. Then Transair took off to leave the field clear, and to make sure that they had an unobstructed runway for their own take-off with passengers for Winnipeg.

As soon as the bigger plane had taken off, Lamb came in over the far edge of the field, and set his plane down, while the fire truck ran alongside to be ready in case of fire.

The plane came in level The wheel

The plane came in level on one ski. It happened that the wheel strut was still in place, and the plane came down the runway, just touching on one ski, and came to rest in the snowbank which lines the apron.

Such one-ski landings are old stuff for Greg Lamb, who has made the same kind of landing on at least two other occasions without mishap.

FUTURE OF ARTIFICIAL ICE UNCERTAIN

On Monday last a meeting was held in view of artificial ice for the curling rink and the arena.

At the termination of this meeting the outlook for artificial ice for the arena was not bright. It is estimated that repairs to the roof would cost Ten Thousand dollars. Before artificial ice could be installed the roof would have to be repaired.

The instillation of artificial ice in the arena would cost between forty to fifty thousand dollars. This is a budget price only.

The Pas Hockey Club is very much in favor of artificial ice in the arena but would make no commitments until repairs were made on the roof and the assurance that all organizations using the arena would pitch in and help. The Hockey Club could definitely not handle the situation alone.

In all probability the Curling Club will put in Artificial Ice by themselves. The approximate cost of installing artificial ice in the curling club is sixteen thousand dollars. The Curling Club would work independent of The Pas Arena.

ROTARY CLUB MEETING

The Pas Rotary Club met at the United Church on Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m., President Bill Harvey in the Chair extended a hearty welcome on behalf of the 23 Rotarians present to 24 guests

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