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PROVINCE TO BUILD  
NEW HOME FOR GIRLS

A modern \$500,000 residential-type Manitoba Home for Girls will be constructed on a 15-acre site in West St. Paul -- about a 20-minute ride from central Winnipeg.

Hon. Sterling Lyon, attorney-general, said he expected tenders would be called for in March, and that the home would be ready for occupancy by late fall.

Details of the plan were unveiled last week (February 18) to representatives of church and welfare groups and juvenile court officials by the attorney-general.

Mr. Lyon said the home would combine the best features of a cottage-type institution, with the access and control of a single-type institution. This is accomplished by connecting separate cottages to the main administration building by enclosed, heated hallways.

It means, said Mr. Lyon, that each cottage will be residential in character, with its own courtyard, lounge and rumpus room; but in view of the Manitoba climate they would be connected to the main building so that girls could attend classes and meals without having to put on outer clothing.

The plans, drawn up by the architectural firm of Smith, Carter, Searle and Associates, call for four 15-person cottages -- of which three will be built this year -- and a main administration building. All structures will be of concrete building blocks with brick facings.

Of the three cottages to be built this year, one will be of a maximum security nature. When the girls have earned the privilege, they will be moved to one of the other cottages on an honor system. Each cottage will have nine single-bed rooms and two three-bed dormitories, as well as lounge, rumpus room and supervisor's office.

The main administration building will have regular classroom space, a home economics room, sewing room, auditorium, gymnasium, dining room, kitchen, infirmary, detention rooms and medical and administrative offices.

The property, which stretches from the Selkirk highway to the Red River along Drury Lane, already contains a modern three-storey house, which will be used by the staff.

Mr. Lyon said that at present most girls committed by the courts are at Marymound School operated by the Home of the Good Shepherd. Some 10 are still at the Dynevor home, which is being used temporarily as a training school.

When the new Home for Girls is completed, the non-Catholic girls will be committed there, while Marymound School will continue to look after Catholic girls.