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Aviation council honors *FREE PRESS* pioneer pilot Tom Lamb

The late Tom Lamb, Manitoba bush pilot and aviation pioneer, has been honored by the International Northwest Aviation Council.

The 1977 Roll of Honor award was presented to his son Conrad (one of six pilot sons) by John MacDonald, a deputy minister of Manitoba's transportation services, who is a director of the INAC.

Lamb was known as the "Babe Ruth of bush pilots" or "Mr. North, the founder of Canada's oldest family-owned airline.

Said MacDonald: "Neither

title can adequately summarize Tom Lamb, one of Canada's most famous aviation pioneers, a productive individualist, practicing humanitarian and a community-minded businessman with a multiplicity of skills."

Lamb was born in 1898 at Grand Rapids, and his family moved to Moose Lake two years later, where he was educated by his father,

who was a missionary schoolmaster.

He started flying in 1931 when he bought a Stinson aircraft primarily to fly fish from the north.

He founded Lambair in 1935 and by 1959 it had logged 1,500,000 miles. Today, Lambair operates more than 20 planes and has more than 40 pilots.

