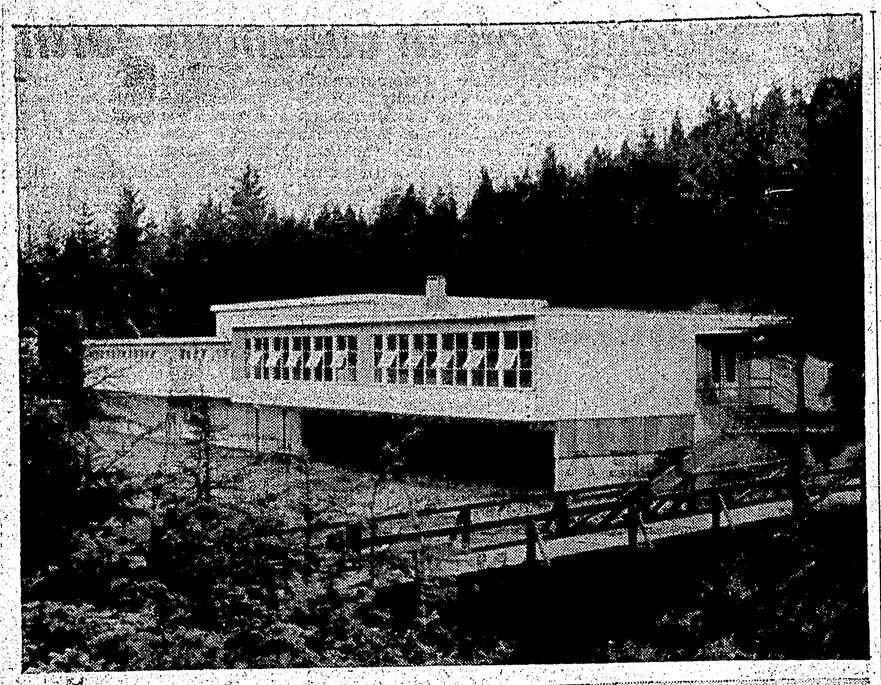
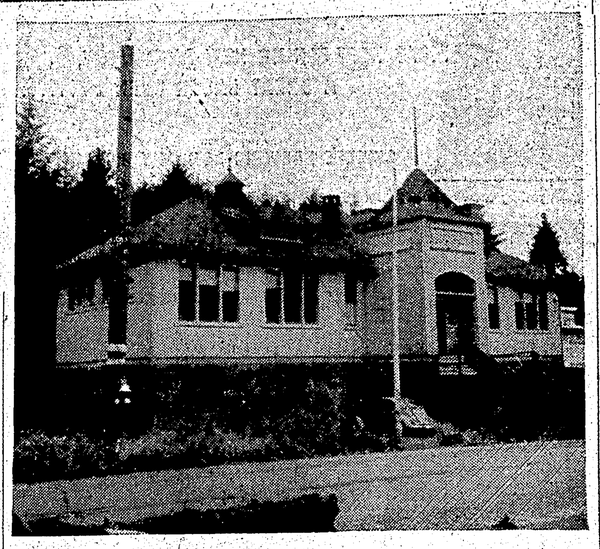


BRAND NEW Seal Cove school, expected to be open later this year will provide four extra classrooms, an activity room and administration space to take care of growing school population in east end of city. Cost of building new school is $90,000. At right is original Seal Cove school, built in 1913 at a cost within $7,000 which will still be used after modern well-lighted school is completed.
—Photos by Gladys Baldwin.



TIMES CHANGE

New Seal Cove school 12 times cost of old

By GLADYS BALDWIN

"The proposed new school at Seal Cove will have two rooms 28 feet by 27 feet and a playroom in the basement. Hot air heaters will supply the heat. Estimated cost of the building is $5,000 which can be met out of surplus funds," the school board announced.

School board chairman O. H. Nelson said there would be $7,000 left after all expenses had been paid for the year, "more than enough for the new building."

That was in 1912 when the school board of the rapidly growing city of Prince Rupert was having its problems with a soaring student population. They seemed to have the financial part of the problem under control.

POPULATION SOARING

However, before the two room school was ready to open, in April, 1913, the board was considering plans for another new school. This was to be a six-room school to be built on Borden Street at an estimated cost of $20,000.

Both schools, 1913 style, came to only about half the cost of the present new school now under construction at Seal Cove by Stange Construction.

Long, low and sleek, the new school, 1959 style, has four rooms an activity room and offices. Cost of construction is $93,500.

Mrs. M. M. Roper, District 52 School Board secretary-treasurer when comparing the difference in prices said reconstruction and renovation carried out on the old Seal Cove school a few years ago cost considerably more than the building had in the first place!

TWO REGISTRATIONS

When pupils enter the new school later this fall, the principal will have no trouble with registration. It will be over for the year. In 1912 and 1913, registration was twice a year for beginners and at odd moments in between.

Things became a little tougher as space filled up.

The school board issued a statement saying they would take no more beginners at King Edward School, unless they had registered for the second term before January. If they hadn't they would have to wait until fall.

Miss Moore was the first teacher at the Seal Cove School and the school board had the following members, O. H. Nelson, Dr. W. T. Kergin, P. W. Anderson, J. A. Kirkpatrick, J. H. Thompson

Even when the new four room Seal Cove school opens, the old one will continue in use for Grades 1 and 2 pupils.

VITAL FISHERIES

Canada's commercial catch of fish has a market value of close to $300,000,000 annually.

Loving crew no problem to skipper

DUBLIN (AP)—A bearded British writer and two German girls sailed their battered catamaran raft into nearby Dun Laoghaire harbor Tuesday after a seven-week crossing of the stormy Atlantic from New York.

For Jim Wharram and his crew—22-year-old Jutta Schultze Rhomhof and 37-year-old Ruth Merseburster—a two-way "kon-tiki of the Atlantic" was over.

The 31-year-old skipper said both the women are in love with him and he with both of them.

"If I could marry them both, I would do it right away," he told reporters. "But society forbids it so we will just go on being happy."

He and Jutta have a two-year-old son living with Wharram's mother in England.

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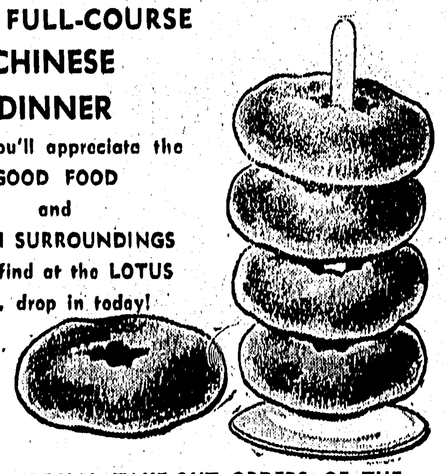

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Chamber seeks royal commission to study financing of education

VICTORIA (CP)—The B.C. chamber of commerce yesterday urged the provincial government to set up a royal commission to study education financing.

The 12,000-member chamber said the commission should also be given power to make recommendations and define the allotment of responsibilities between the education department, provincial and municipal authorities.

QUICK COMPLETION

In a brief presented to the provincial cabinet the chamber also recommended the quick completion of the Stewart-Cassiar highway and continued work on the Prince George-Moricetown road.

The brief outlined northern road construction which the chamber said the government should tackle in its first 10-year $1,000,000,000 highways program.

The chamber also asked that the B.C. section of the northern Trans-Canada highway be completed to gravel standards by 1960 from the Alberta border to Prince George.

The chamber asserted that provincial taxation policies in recent years have discouraged the flow of investment capital into B.C.

The chamber said recent taxation policy has shown a marked tendency to increase the burden borne by business.

It recommended the government review the taxation structure "with the object of reducing the incidence of taxation on industry so that its competitive position in domestic and world markets may be improved."

The chamber urged repeal of the tax on iron ore in the ground.

The brief also called for power development in British Columbia to be undertaken "only as part of a well-planned, long-view program."

The plan should be designed to make the most effective use of sites and resources and yet protect fishing. Power development must also combine with flood control projects and aid in the establishment of industries, promotion of logging and irrigation for agricultural expansion.

The chamber urged "the closest possible consultation and collaboration" with federal authorities to establish proper evaluation and compensation of downstream benefits on international streams.

Power developed in Canada should be utilized to allow the Canadian economy to benefit by the revenues and taxes, the chamber said.

Where efficient development of a large project may reuire that it be designed to produce more power than can be used domestically, "the export of surplus power over a period of years and on an adequate contractual basis should be permitted."

East Germans unveil plans to catch West

BERLIN (AP)—Communist East Germany Wednesday unveiled what it calls its "gigantic" seven-year plan aimed at pulling level with prosperous West Germany by 1965.

Party Secretary Walter Ulbricht said the main aim of the plan is to increase industrial production to 110,000,000,000 East marks $27,500,000,000.

Under it, gross industrial production would increase by 88 per cent by 1965.

Women voters big factor in coming U.K. elections

LONDON (Reuters)—Britain's 18,000,000 women voters will have a telling effect on the outcome of the October 8 general election, although only 28 of their own sex sat in the last House of Commons.

Even this small number of women MPs—including two junior Conservative ministers—was a record for the British House since women were first allowed to sit there 41 years ago.

In Britain's 35,000,000 electorate, women exceed men by nearly 2,000,000.

It took a long time for women to get the vote. Only at the end of the First World War were they finally allowed to share in the election of the country's government. Even then the vote went only to those over 30 years of age.

At the same time the sex disqualification for membership in Commons was removed.

EQUAL WITH MEN

Finally, in 1928, women were allowed to vote on completely equal terms with men—when the age limit was lowered to 21.

In the last general election in 1955, 24 women were elected, 14 of them on the Socialist benches and 10 on the government side.

Since then, in 52 by-elections, four more women have been recruited to British politics, two to each major party.

There have been many demands for a levelling-up of the sexes in parliament. But, out of about 1,500 candidates at October's general election, fewer than 100 will be women.

Those who sat in the last Commons came from various walks of life. In their ranks were teachers, lecturers, a barrister, a wartime ambulance driver, journalists, authors and housewives. Only nine of the 28 were unmarried.

Whale season over

VANCOUVER—The 1959 whale season has ended in British Columbia with a record total catch of 869 whales, it was reported here as six whaling vessels operated by B.C. Packers Ltd. returned to port here.

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