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Pioneer city firm in new spot, new business

A city firm which is a year older than 50-year Prince Rupert is changing its location for the seventh time and also going into a new line of business.

McRae Brothers Limited, which started in business here in 1909, will as of June 1, be leaving the appliance and furniture business and entering the automotive business.

The new McRae Brothers Limited location will be at the corner of Second Street and Second Avenue where the firm will operate the Home Service station under the name of McRae Brothers Limited as well as the adjoining property where new and used cars will be displayed and sold.

DUNCAN McRAE
. . . president of new venture.

The firm was recently appointed by General Motors Products of Canada as agents for Pontiac, Buick, Vauxhall and GMC trucks.

Duncan McRae will remain as president of the company and his brother J. D. McRae will stay as vice-president.

Sons of pioneer city business man Duncan McRae Sr., both McRae brothers were born in Prince Rupert and received their early education here prior to attending the University of British Columbia.

After service in the armed forces during the Second World War, both brothers returned to the city to take an active part in community work.

McRae Brothers Limited was actually founded outside of Prince Rupert, in 1906 in the boundary country of Phoenix and Greenwood in southern British Columbia where four brothers Duncan, John, James and Alex McRae changed the name from McRae and Smith to McRae Brothers Limited.

When the mining petered out in the southern part of the province in the spring of 1909 the McRae brothers moved to Prince Rupert.

The firm first located on Sixth Street and carried on a retail business in stationery, magazines and books.

Later it moved to Second Street and added bookbinding and printing. In 1927 another move took the company to Third Avenue West to a spot between the Bank of Montreal and the Canadian National Telegraphs. Ten years later the firmed moved eastward on Third Avenue to the site of the old federal building which became Gordon and Anderson and which subsequently was partly destroyed by fire and torn down.

In 1938 the pioneer firm moved across the street to its present location at 327 Third Avenue West. Back from the services in 1945 Duncan and J. D. McRae bought the stationery, books, magazines and radio business from their father Duncan McRae Sr. Later the two sons added electrical appliances and furniture to their stock.

As of June 1, Simpson Sears will be occupying the Third Avenue premises and McRae Brothers will move onto Second Avenue and Second Street to their new venture.

The move will be the firm's second to Second Street as it took over temporarily the premises now occupied by Deane Cleaners in 1955, when fire almost completely destroyed the Third Avenue store on October 5, of that year.

Ernest Bodger will operate the service station end of the new venture while Otto H. Kniepkamp will be in charge of the car sales end.

ST. SAVIOUR'S, Channel Islands (P)—Wooden bullets containing poison were found among a stock of live German ammunition buried in a field near this Guernsey village, occupied by the Germans during the Second World War.

AIDS RIVER PILOTS

LONDON (P)—Thames River pilots now will be able to make use of a new warning system on tidal levels being purchased by the Thames navigational board. The tide levels are broadcast on special wavelengths.

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MOVIE COLUMN

Fine print aids Maverick truly lives role

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — When Warner Brothers cast James Garner as Maverick they didn't realize he was going to live the role, too.

Now the studio has a headache because the real-life maverick insisted on reading the fine print in his contract.

I found Garner taking his ease at his new white-carpeted Westwood home (remove shoes before entering, please).

Why isn't he playing the sharp-dealing Maverick for television? The reason is a couple of words the Oklahoman never heard of until recently: force majeur.

SCRIPT FAMINE

It all started when Garner was suspended March 3 through the force majeur clause in his contract. The studio argued that a major force—the writers' strike—had caused cessation of the Maverick series via a script famine.

"My point was that I wasn't under contract to the "Maverick" show. I was under contract to Warner Brothers, which also could have employed me in other TV series and features for which they had scripts."

So Garner, his agent and his lawyer informed the studio that his contract was at an end. The studio, of course, denied it and promptly filed suit against him. The actor is prepared for a rousing court battle.

Would he accept a compromise of his beef?

"Work for the studio exclusively again? Never," he vowed. "I just couldn't live with myself. But I might go back to playing Maverick for them — on my terms."

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