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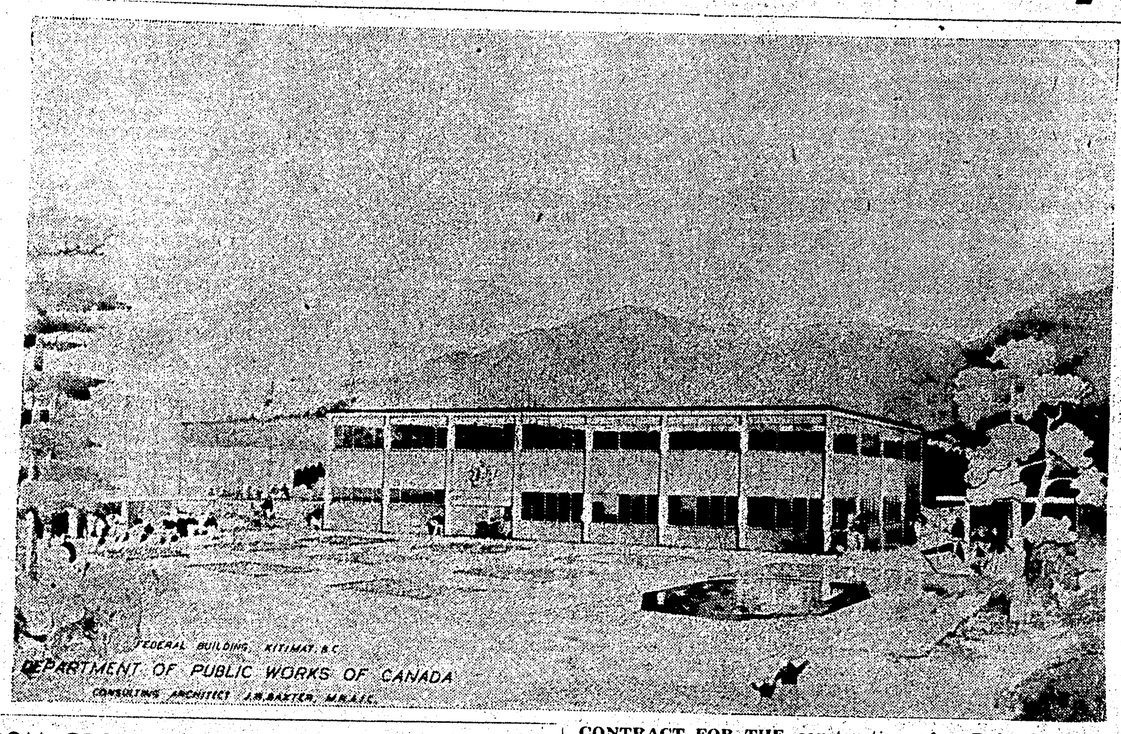
Chamber to continue drive for ship to be stationed here, not Victoria



CONTRACT FOR THE construction of a Federal Building at Kitimat for $508,350 has been awarded by the Department Of Public Works to Peter Kiewit Sons Company of Canada Limited of Vancouver. The two storey building, 127 feet by 68 feet deep, will be located in the City Centre.

Says DOT service shouldn't be cut

Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce is not taking Transport Minister Hees' "flexibility of the fleet" excuse as an answer to its demand that the new Department of Transport vessel CGS Simon Fraser be based in this port.

The chamber at its regular meeting last night planned to inform the minister that now the CGS Alberni has been retired there is even more reason to ensure that proper maintenance of navigational aids and the same measure of safety to coastal and deep sea shipping, is maintained.

Recommendations of the Port and Marine committee headed by T. B. Black outlined the following representation to be made to Mr. Hees:

PREVIOUS PLEDGE

● That the new vessel replacing the Alberni should be based in Prince Rupert not Victoria, as per the assurance previously given the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce;

● That if it is the intention of the Department of Transport to use the service fleet more flexibly in British Columbia waters, then it could be better accomplished by a more uniform distribution of vessels, instead of "a virtual concentration at Victoria, which is located at the extreme boundary of B.C. coastal waters."

● That the Prince Rupert agency has the necessary base facilities for servicing ships and aids to navigation with rail facilities also available for transportation of supplies and equipment.

The port and marine committee report pointed out that Prince Rupert is centrally located, has a year-round, ice-free harbor, is sheltered from the effects of storm activity and is the logical port from which any Western Arctic patrols should be initiated.

SHOULD MAINTAIN LEVEL

"If as stated, the work load is increasing and a larger fleet is required, it is logical that instead of reducing the number of vessels in Prince Rupert to only one ocean-going ship, the department should increase, or at least maintain the local service at an adequate level to ensure proper maintenance to navigational aids in northern waters and provide the same measure of safety to coastal and deep sea shipping here, as is apparently to be given in super-abundance on the southern B.C. Coast."

Locker plant operator Hector Cobb told the chamber that with the Alexander MacKenzie now the only vessel supplying the lighthouses in the Prince Rupert agency, there was a question of whether frozen meat intended for the lightkeepers was still in frozen condition when it was delivered to them.

INCREASING VARIETY

The Chamber's protest was sparked by a receipt of a letter from Transport Minister Hees in which he said that the "increasing variety in the work performed by DOT ships on both coasts has made it necessary "to use the fleet more flexibly."

He said that in B.C. the fleet has been growing so that it is not strictly correct to say that one new ship replaces any individual older ship. "Commitments in the western Arctic will require the absence from the coast of at least one ship during the summer months."

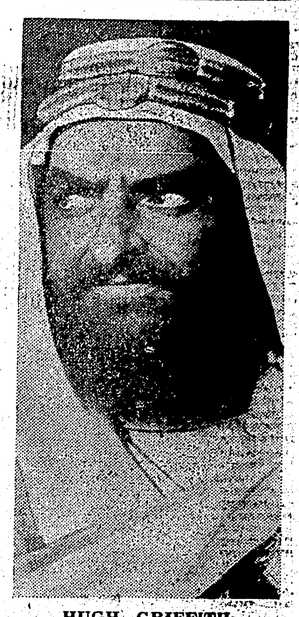
BIGGER WORK LOAD

"We intend to use the available ships in British Columbia for general work on the coast and arrangements will be made to have the necessary ships available at all times in both agencies to cope with the increasing work load.

"This means," Mr. Hees wrote "that a larger fleet than before will be using Prince Rupert as a base for substantial periods each year. At such times, this larger fleet will be depending on Prince Rupert as a source of supplies and servicing."

Dr. L. M. Greene, past-president of the chamber suggested that the minister also should be reminded that leaving the port with a single supply vessel, only increased the likelihood of having to call on the United States Coast Guard in cases of emergency.

CHARLTON HESTON
...best actor.



HUGH GRIFFITH
...best supporting actor.

"Ben Hur" cleans up, Heston "best actor"

By JAMES BACON

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—The $15,000,000 movie "Ben-Hur", most costly in Hollywood history, reaped 11 oscars Monday night in the greatest Academy Award triumph ever scored.

Only for screenplay—material from another medium—did the classic tale of Biblican times fail to win an award for which it was nominated.

The screenplay Oscar went to the British-made "Room at the Top", which also won the top actress award for French actress Simone Signoret.

Ben-Hur was not nominated for any actress awards.

HESTON BEST ACTOR

Charlton Heston, who portrayed the title role of Ben-Hur, won the award for best actor.

Hugh Griffith, a Welshman who played an Arab sheik in the same movie, was named best supporting actor.

"Ben-Hur" also won the award for the best picture and best director for William Wyler, practically wrapping up the top awards.

The picture also won awards for best costume design in color; best sound; best film editing; best art direction, which included best set direction by Hugh Hunt, who did the same job on the original silent "Ben-Hur" in 1924; best color cinematography and best musical scoring.

Shelley Winters, nominated for the third time, was named best supporting actress for her work in "The Diary of Anne Frank."

"Ben-Hur", by winning 11 Oscars, beat "Gigi," also produced by MGM, as the all-time Oscar record holder. "Gigi" won nine Oscars last year—in every category for which it was nominated.

WRITING CONTROVERSY

The failure of "Ben-Hur" to win best screenplay was not a surprise. A controversy involving director William Wyler, the Screen Writer Guild and British writer Christopher Fry colored the voting on this.

A Screen Writers Guild arbitration committee finally decided that writer Karl Tunberg should have sole credit on the screen play, despite protestations from Wyler, Fry—and even Tunberg himself.

Probably the most applauded award of the evening went to Bob Hope, master of ceremonies for the Oscar show, who received the Jean Hersholt humanitarian award, a special Oscar.

NEW HEROINE

Miss Signovet a 39-year-old French girl born in Wiesbaden, Germany, made herself the heroine of the plumpish housewife set the world over.

The sexy actress, wearing a Jean Desses smoky black sheer gown punctuated with black velvet dots and a slim-draped ankle-length silhouette, cried when called to accept the award.

UNEMPLOYED QUEENS

Even though most of the glamor queens of Hollywood are out of work, you would never know it from the gowns they wore Monday night.

Despite the month-old actors' strike, which put a pall over the 32nd annual Academy Awards, such designers as Dior-St. Laurent, Don Loper, Jean Desses, Sophie, Edith Head and Howard Shoup made a mint.

Olivia de Havilland, winner Signoret and nominee Elizabeth Taylor all wore stunning in Parisian originals.

"FROM GROUND UP"

Jaycees to re-form as old slate fired

The Prince Rupert Junior Chamber of Commerce, which fired its entire executive in February, plans to hold a re-organizational meeting Tuesday, April 12 in the Civic Centre, the Chamber of Commerce learned last night.

In a letter to Chamber president John Guthrie, John Must, chairman of the re-organizational committee and a former director, said that the Jaycees plan to re-form the Junior Chamber unit from "the ground up" and the meeting will be "launched by the civic-minded young men of our community at a public meeting to be held at 8 p.m. April 12 in the Civic Centre."

DISCHARGED FOR APATHY

Mr. Must, said he had been given the responsibility of re-forming the Prince Rupert Junior Chamber. He said that at a special meeting February 16 the Junior Chamber decided to discharge its executive because of apathy on the part of the unit toward its obligations as a Jaycee group.

He said the new Junior Chamber will be re-formed along the lines set down by the provincial, national and international bodies of the organization.

At the April 12 meeting a six-month course in leadership training will be outlined, the course to include public speaking, human relationship in industry, credit management, personnel administration and parliamentary procedure.

At a second meeting, April 14, a constitution will be drawn up and a slate of officers elected, Mr. Must said in his letter which he wished read out to the Chamber of Commerce.

OFFERS BENEFIT

"The re-formed club, will then offer the benefits of a night school, public speaking club and a service club, a rare opportunity for any young man willing to better himself through his community."

Mr. Must said that he hoped the businessmen in the Chamber of Commerce would inform their employees between the ages of 18 and 35 of the reorganizational meeting and urge their participation.

Asked to shed light on the temporary demise of the Jaycees, G. P. Woodside, National vice-president of the Canadian Junior Chamber of Commerce, said that it was a combination of "inactivity, faulty investigation of projects and insufficient regard to responsibilities."

KNEW THEY'D FAILED

Mr. Woodside said the executive that was discharged was present at the special meeting and readily agreed that it had failed.

Discharged, after being installed last September 12, were Petty Officer Robert Parsons, president; Leonard Knutson and George Wilson, vice-presidents; Ronald McLeod, treasurer and directors John Must, Alph Bredefeld, Ronald Trainor and Douglas Newton.

CHAMBER BRIEFS

Boost in CFPR power said needed by C of C

The need of equal wattage for the Prince Rupert radio station CFPR with that of Ketchikan, Alaska arose at last night's monthly Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Chairman of Municipal and Public Affairs Committee R. A. Morley said that station CFPR has an output of only 250 watts compared to Ketchikan's 1,000.

This means, he said, that people in the Skeena River communities and the Queen Charlotte Islands are not able to pick up CFPR on their radios.

Another factor to be considered, Mr. Morley said, is that distress calls and messages of human interest are not heard by people concerned.

It was suggested that the antenna be moved to a new location to give a greater range of listeners.

The need for better radio-telephone reception was also discussed.

A motion was passed that the president appoint a special committee to study all phases of these problems.

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A resolution that four pamphlets supplied by the Canadian chamber of commerce to be given to graduating Prince Rupert High School students was passed by the meeting.

The pamphlets are: "Canada, Land of Hope;" "Economy, Freedom and you;" "This is a Business;" and "Economic Views."

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The date for the annual Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce Week banquet has been set for Monday, April 25.

Guest speaker will be W. C. R. Jones, former mill manager of Columbia Cellulose Co. Ltd.

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A vote of thanks was given to logging operator Neil MacDonald and Prince Rupert MLA William H. Murray for their co-operation in expediting the proposed construction of an arch at the entrance to the city to help celebrate the Golden Jubilee year.

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A one minute silence was observed by the Chamber in honor of long time member and city business man George C. Mitchell who died March 10.

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A motion was passed to donate $25 to the Prince Rupert District Boy Scout Association.

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In an effort to shorten meetings W. J. Scott moved that unless films are of outstanding calibre, films should not be shown. The motion was passed.

Man found dead

Body of an elderly man was found on the sidewalk between Sixth and Seventh Streets on Third Avenue West early this morning.

RCMP said that pending an investigation it is not known how long he had been dead. Police are withholding his name until next of kin have been notified.

CGS Alberni ends service

VICTORIA (CP) — The department of transport vessel Alberni, which first went to sea in 1927 as a coal barge, arrived here Monday to mark the end of her government service as a lighthouse and buoy tender.

Capt. George Graham, who operated her out of Prince Rupert for many years, brought her to Victoria.

She will be turned over to Crown Assets Disposal Corporation for sale to the highest bidder on an "as is, where is" basis.

Man fined $50 for radio theft

William McGregor of no fixed address was found guilty of a charge of theft under $50 in police court yesterday afternoon by Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite and sentenced to seven days in jail with no option of a fine.

RCMP told the court that McGregor and an accomplice, Patrick Lee of Smithers were arrested Thursday, March 31 following a complaint from the Co-Op Centre that two transistor radios had been taken from the store.

Lee pleaded guilty to the charge of theft under $50 and was sentenced to seven days in jail on Friday, April 1.

The time McGregor has spent in jail will be included in his sentence.

Jail term given man on rifle count

A two-month jail sentence for a charge of unlawfully pointing a rifle at a person and one month sentence to run concurrently on a charge of common assault, was imposed on Bela Gyulia of 500 Ninth Avenue West in police court this morning.

Gyulia previously appeared before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite in police court March 28, entered a plea of guilty and was remanded for sentence until today.

Fined $10, was motorist Anthony Klamut of 517 Eighth Avenue East who pleaded guilty to crossing an intersection against a flashing red light.

In police court yesterday afternoon, Mathias Schoenewold of Atlin Avenue was fined $25 on a charge of failing to comply with the Semi-Monthly Payment Wage Act. He was also ordered to pay all outstanding wages.

Prayer service for M. G. Stokes set for tonight

Rev. James Tracey will sing Requiem High mass for Maurice George Stokes at the Church of Annunciation at 10 a.m. tomorrow. Prayers for Mr. Stokes, who died in Smithers Friday, will be said at Ferguson Funeral Home at 7:30 tonight.

Former resident dies in south

A former resident of the city Elizabeth Craig Massey died in hospital in Vancouver Friday.

Mrs. Massey was predeceased several years ago by her husband Samuel Massey.

She is survived by a sister Mrs. Jessie Kirkland of Glasgow Scotland and several nephews and nieces.

Funeral service was held today in Vancouver with Rev. W. D. Hollingsworth officiating. Interment was in Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

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SUPERVISION ONLY ON SIX DAYS

Budget of $4,600 for playgrounds

A budget of $4,600 for the supervision and operation of the parks playground program this summer was approved by the Parks Commission at its regular meeting last night.

The budget, submitted to the Parks Commission by Civic Centre manager Jacob Vandenbrink, will be sent to City Council for inclusion in its annual estimates.

Only McClymont and Casey Parks will be supervised this summer. Supervision at Westview in Section 2 will be dropped.

Parks commissioner Percy Knutson said that a full staff of supervisors worked at Westview Park in 1959, but it was only partly supervised, due to lack of attendance last year.

Mr. Vandenbrink told the commission that the parks will be open six days a week this summer, so far as supervision is concerned and that Monday of every week would be a holiday for the parks staff. Only one supervisor would be needed for Casey Park, he said, as one of three McClymont Park supervisors would alternate at the Sixth Avenue East park.

Parks Commission chairman H. S. Harrison said that while the commission would like to grant the playground group a larger sum for supervision, recreational facilities and the opening of more parks "the sum of money allocated us does not allow a larger distribution."

The arts and crafts director will be eliminated from the playground program this year.

McClymont and Casey Parks will be supervised from June 20 to September 6 from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily except Mondays, with lifeguards in continual attendance at swimming pools.

After hearing representations from the Prince Rupert Little League association and the Prince Rupert Senior Men's Softball association, the commission decided to inform the Prince Rupert Football association that part of the soccer area would be converted into a softball diamond.

The commission rejected a proposal by the softball group headed by E. T. Novakowski and Bruce McDonald, that the Little League group take Gyro Park for junior baseball and the softballers have the Algoma Park Little League area.

APPOINTMENT of Gary Oakes, 21, to editorial staff of The Daily News as a reporter was announced today by editor J. R. Ayres. Mr. Oakes was born in Vancouver, is a graduate of Gladstone High school and has spent eight months on The Vancouver Sun.

—Staff photo.

Prince Rupert has now gone 447 days without a fatal traffic accident.

TRAINMEN SUFFER BRUISES, CUTS AS FREIGHT DERAILED

Two city railrouders were injured when a Canadian National Railways train hit a slide and was derailed yesterday at 9:45 a.m.

The slide occured eight miles this side of Terrace near Amsbury causing three cars to jump the track.

Engineer Walter H. Eyre of 840 Summit Avenue and Fireman J. R. Holbrook of 650 East Seventh Avenue were treated in Terrace hospital for lacerations and bruises.

The engine, steam generator car, and the mail car have since been moved from the slide.

Today's train was delayed two hours as crews cleared the line.

WEATHER

Cloudy Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Light winds becoming southerly 15 tomorrow afternoon. Low tonight and high Wednesday 36 and 48.

TIDES

Wednesday, April 6, 1960
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	00:18	16.4 feet
	22:23	16.6 feet
Low	03:10	0.7 feet
	15:56	6.7 feet