BEAUTIFUL BLONDE Joe Morrow plays Princess Gwendolyn in Charles Scheer's production of "Gulliver's Travels" which stars Kerwin Mathews as Gulliver. The screen adaptation of the Jonathon Swift classic is filmed in color.

NAVY TRADE STRUCTURE

400-year-old tradition returned

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OTTAWA (CP)—The Royal Canadian Navy has abolished a 300-year-old naval tradition in favor of one 400 years old.

With introduction of the RCN's new trade structure, announced at the start of the year, the Jaunty or master-at-arms has been incorporated into the newly-formed boatswain's trade.

The history of the Jaunty—A corruption of the French "gendarme"—dates back to the mid-1600s. But boatswains were first recorded in the British navy more than 400 years ago.

The master-at-arms was the head of the regulating branch, or naval police, and thus was held in some awe. As a disciplinarian, he was the right hand of the officers. But he was also the protector of the sailor's rights.

ACTED AS BUFFER

In effect, he was a buffer between officers and men. At no time was an official inspection held without his presence. He always attended divisions. He and care of small arms. Hence his title.

His duties gradually changed and eventually he became the disciplinarian, or ship's policeman.

When the RCN came into being in 1910, the master-at-arms was a chief petty officer and the most powerful figure on the lower deck. He was responsible for the sailors' discipline ashore and afloat.

He was seldom found in ships smaller than a cruiser and in the years before the Second World War the RCN's master-at-arms usually held sway in the large training establishments on both coasts.

Up to the Second World War he was the only non-commissioned officer privileged to wear a frock coat and sword on ceremonial occasions. Other chief petty officers wore ordinary was present at the commander's and captain's table for requestmen's and defaulter's parades every day.

In the 17th century, the master-at-arms was a junior officer and he and his mates were responsible for the training of all men in the ship in the use uniforms and carried sabres.

But the 300-year tradition of the master-at-arms is merely being supplanted by an even older tradition.

Boatswains used to be next to the captain and on occasion even commanded ships. In this regard, the Bos'n has come full circle because in the RCN's new trade structure he must be able to take charge of minor warships in the rank of chief petty officer.

Until the age of steam, the bos'n was the "engineer." He kept the masts, sails and spars in shape. With the advent of steam, his power gradually diminished.

Now it has been restored as the bos'n takes on the mantle of the master-at-arms.

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B.C. ROUNDUP

Nude teenage model racket probed in Victoria

VICTORIA (CP)—Police in greater Victoria are investigating a syndicate reported to be persuading teen-age girls to pose in the nude and then selling the pictures in the United States.

Officers said today high school and college girls ranging in age from 14 to 19 are believed involved. Some are said to be daughters of prominent Victoria families.

They believe the girls are promised a royalty on the pictures sold in the United States, some of which are grossly indecent.

Police said they expect to make an arrest soon.

Logger killed

WILLIAMS LAKE, B.C. (CP) — George David Bell, 21, of Williams Lake, was killed here Thursday when struck by a steel stake while unloading a logging truck. Police said the stake broke loose and hit Bell. He is survived by his parents and a sister, all of Williams Lake.

Teen-age curbs

VANCOUVER (CP)—City council here approved a charter change to allow regulation of admission of boys and girls under 18 years to pool rooms, public dance halls, billiard halls and bowling alleys. Originally council considered an outright ban but following representation from various groups, compromised and agreed to regulate admission.

Ex-newsman dies

VANCOUVER (CP)—William J. (Billy) Finlay, former sports editor of the Vancouver Sun and widely known in curling circles here, died in hospital early today following a sudden heart attack.

Mr. Finlay, 71, has been secretary-manager of the New Westminster curling club since his retirement from The Sun about two years ago.

Bridge to open

FORT ST. JOHN (CP)—Without ceremony, the Dominion Bridge Company next Thursday will hand over the new $5,000,000 Alaska Highway Bridge across the Peace River 10 miles south of here to the Canadian Army.

The bridge replaces a suspension bridge that collapsed Oct. 16, 1957.

Diplomat dies

VANCOUVER (CP) — Hon. Thomas C. Davis, 70, politician, jurist and diplomat, died here Thursday.

The former Canadian ambassador to Nationalist China, West Germany and Japan died of a heart attack while visiting friends.

Premier ill

VICTORIA (CP)—Premier Bennett is down with flu and is not expected to return to his desk before Monday, his office reported today. He has been ill since early Wednesday.

Sent to prison

VANCOUVER (CP) — Maximum terms of 14 years each were handed Ronald Parsons, 39, and his wife, Molly, 41, in assize court here today on charges of trafficking in narcotics.

To meet truckers

VERNON (CP) — Commercial Transport Minister Wicks announced Wednesday his deputy, Jack Bowering, will meet Interior truckers here Monday to discuss the increases in licence fees.

Charges quashed

VANCOUVER (CP)—Charges of conspiracy and passing canned salmon under false labels were dismissed Thursday in County Court by Judge A. H. L. Swencisky.

Charged were John Duncan, 46, Daniel Davis, 43, and John C. Jackson Ltd., all of Vancouver; John Duncan Distributors, A. E. Fleetham, 57, and Fleetham Storage and Service Ltd., of West Vancouver.

Names in the News

LONDON—Princess Margaret's former private secretary, **Patricia Partington**, 30, who travelled across Canada with the princess in 1958, now is working as an auxiliary night nurse in a hospital at Sevenoaks, Kent.

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OTTAWA—**Opposition Leader Pearson** came out Thursday night for a distinctive national flag. He said Canada must have a "distinctive national flag which cannot be mistaken for an emblem of any other country and which is accepted as such by the Canadian people."

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MONROVIA, Liberia — **Billy Graham** has laid down one rule for his campaign to save Africa for Christianity—no segregated meetings. The evangelist, who held the first of 24 meetings in Africa here Thursday night, said in an interview the only reason he is not going to South Africa is that mixed meetings could not be arranged there.

SANTA MONICA, Calif.— **Mrs. Martha B. Wycoff** told a judge she wanted a divorce before her husband's shooting prowess improved. The 53-year-old housewife was awarded one after she said that when she left **Gaylord Wycoff** last November there were 25 bullet holes in their home.

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PENANG, Malaya—The man who saved millions of persons in China from plague in 1910 **Dr. Wu Lien Teh**, collapsed and died Thursday—a week after retiring from medical practice. He was 81. Wu, a world authority on plague, was former surgeon-general to **Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek**.

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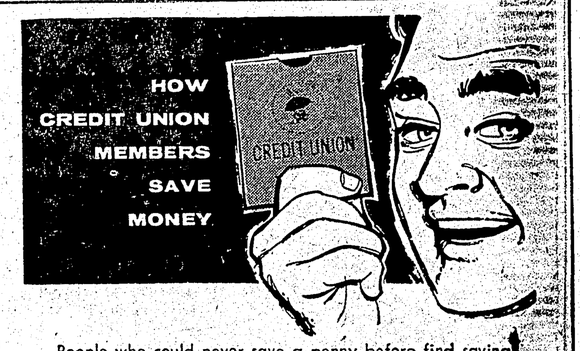
WINNIPEG— Enlargement of the function of laymen in the Anglican Church was recommended Thursday to the 29th Synod of the Ecclesiastical province of Rupert's Land. The suggestion came in a report on rural work presented by **Rev. J. B. Owen** of Watrous, Sask.



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