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CROWD stands in front of new Skeena Treasure House at Hazelton waiting for opening ceremonies to start. Treasure house, planned for 10 years and built as Hazelton's B.C. Centennial project cost $13,000 and was officially opened Saturday.
(Photos by Gladys Baldwin.)

ANCIENT DRESS of Skeena River people contrasts with modern microphones at opening of $13,000 Skeena Treasure House at Hazelton Sunday. Dr. Clifford Carl, head of the provincial museum stands at microphone while to his left is Dr. Wilson Duff, head anthropologist of British Columbia. To left of Dr. Duff is Kenneth B. Harris of Prince Rupert who spoke on behalf of his people.

Boost in power of CFPR, TV appear long way off

Chamber receives vague answers

Prince Rupert residents were assured last night that radio station CFPR's power will be increased, sometime, and television will be established here, some day.

That is as definite as Kenneth Caple, regional supervisor for British Columbia for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, could be last night in answering questions put to him by members of the Chamber of Commerce at the group's regular dinner meeting.

Asked about the possibility of getting television into the city, Mr. Caple said that the CBC has "plans for Prince Rupert, but, because of our five-year plan, I cannot give you a definite date when anything will be done."

He said that the CBC has a five-year plan which is revised every year. After each year of the five is completed a new one is added.

This plan outlines the operations and functions of the CBC for each year, and must be approved by the government before the federal grant is given.

"Prince Rupert is high up on the list of our plan, but because this plan is only shown a year at a time, I can give you no date."

"If a TV station was installed here, the programming would consist of video tape or canned shows because a micro-wave system at the present time is much too expensive."

Mr. Caple said that radio costs the taxpayers about the equivalent of two cigarettes per week, while TV costs them about two cigarettes per day.

"Two cigarettes might not seem like much, but they soon add up."

He said that the CBC's job was to inform, entertain, and educate, in that order.

"We try to produce a variety of programs which are the best that Canada can offer, to try to please everyone."

"This year the CBC will spend $90,000,000. Of this, $58,000 will come from the taxpayers, while the remainder will come from commercial revenue."

He told chamber members that they, as well as the other taxpayers of the country were shareholders in the CBC and as such, had a right to know how their money is being spent and if it were a worthwhile investment.

"Each year we try to spread out and do a better job for Canada."

Mr. Caple said that radio covers 98 per cent of the province, and that the CBC hopes to "increase it to 100 per cent.

"Canada's northwest is a vital area, and we should have some improvements here within the next few years," he said referring to a request for radio station CFPR's power to be boosted from 200 to 5,000 watts.

SAFETY FLAG STILL FLYING IN SECOND DAY OF CAMPAIGN

The safety flag is still flying at the Columbia Cellulose Company, Limited mill at Watson Island as the 700 employees near the end of the second day of the CCC Safety Week.

Safety co-ordinator W. R. Collier said today that the plant got off to a good start yesterday when the safety flag was raised at 8 a.m. and only one minor first aid case was recorded on a Monday, normally one of the first aid room's busiest days.

The safety tag, object of the Safety Treasure Hunt and worth $50 is still safely hidden downtown and today's clue is as follows:

"If standing on your feet you try
The treasure tag you'll never spy."

Mr. Collier said that judging of the essay contest for Grade 5 and 6 pupils of city and Port Edward schools was underway and judges were having "a hard time choosing the winners." Finalists will be given a tour of the mill and be guests of the company for lunch Friday. Winner of the contest will be announced at the lunch.

BULLETIN

McGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, New Jersey (AP)—An atomic-armed Bomarc anti-aircraft missile burned and exploded at its launching pad this afternoon. Air Force authorities said there was no danger to the public from radiation. The Air Force in Washington said a small amount of radio active material was scattered near the housing of the missile but added "there is no significant health hazard or contamination problem." There were no casualties.

Alaskans sympathetic to rail line

VANCOUVER (CP) — Governor William A. Egan of Alaska says his state would be "sympathetic" to plans for extension of the proposed Pacific Northern Railway to the 49th state.

Gov. Egan expressed hope that he would be invited to discuss the railway development, but "to date the State of Alaska has not been approached officially in this matter."

The newly-formed PNR is reported to have already spent $1,000,000 on initial surveys for a 700-mile route from Prince George to the B.C.-Yukon border and application has been made to the federal government for a right-of-way through the Yukon to the Alaskan border.

In Victoria, it was reported that the newly formed Pacific Northern Railway has been granted the right to issue $1,000,000 worth of $100 shares as an interim financing measure, Transport Minister Wicks announced Monday.

A borrowing power of $2,000,000 has been set for the railway, which plans a line from the Prince George area of Central B.C. to the Yukon border.

Elks invade

PRINCE GEORGE (CP) — About 350 members of the Elks lodge invaded this central B.C. city Monday for their 32nd annual provincial conference.

Highlight of Monday's activities was a parade through the city to the cenotaph, through a downpour of rain which saw more than an inch dumped onto the city.

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Ancient, modern rites observed as new museum opened at Hazelton

By GLADYS BALDWIN

With the traditional eagle's down floating from the headdresses of their chiefs, the People of the Skeena opened their House of Treasures at Old Hazelton on Saturday in a ceremony which combined the colorful ancient rituals of the river dwellers with the formal language of modern day.

Built on the bank of the rushing gray-green Skeena River the tiny $13,000 Treasure House is the result of 10 years of planning and is the British Columbia Centennial project of the People of the Skeena.

Donald Steele, president of the Hazelton Skeena Treasure House committee was master of ceremonies for the official opening attended by district chiefs in their woven robes and cedar bark and carved wood headdresses, their people and guests of honor, Dr. J. Clifford Carl, head of the Provincial Museum, Dr. Wilson Duff, provincial anthropologist and visitors from near and far, all in a holiday mood.

Dr. Duff complimented the Skeena River Treasure House committee and the peoples of the Skeena on completing a place of safekeeping for their treasures. He said he would "particularly like to impress on the donors of material for the treasure house, that their heirlooms and treasures still belonged to them and their families forever."

"Lending them to the Treasure House is a mode of safekeeping. So many times someone says to me of some valuable object 'Oh, the moths got into it,' or, 'we had a fire last year and it was destroyed'."

Dr. Carl extended greetings and congratulations to the People of the Skeena from the British Columbia government, the Provincial Museum Association and the Canadian Museums Association.

Chief Hanamah (Jeffery Johnsone) said the occasion was an important point in the lives of the people. He explained too, that the robes worn by the chiefs were not "just handed to them. They have to live exemplary lives to gain them and only those who can show such a life are entitled to wear them."

One of the highlights of the and exhibit all the clan's ancestral heirlooms, relics and regalia.

She was invested with the title by Negwa (Kenneth B. Harris of Prince Rupert) who said he was reluctant to recognize the fact that "we have reached the point of no return.

"Our present civilization will not permit us to return to the honorable ways of our ancestors, a life that was full of tradition meaning and color."

He said he had one consolation and that was that Mrs. Sargent and the Skeena Treasure House committee had performed a great achievement in making it possible for the Native people to preserve the meaning of their ancestral heirlooms and regalia in this "marvellous treasure house."

Mr. Harris extended a "sincere thank you from himself and his people."

Dr. Carl presented loan certificates to donor Jeffery H. Johnson, Thomas Dunes, David Gunnanoot, Simon Morrison, Roy Wilson (Chief of Kispiox), Charles Patsy, T. J. Marshall, Vanderhoof, Mrs. Sara Marshall, Hazelton, Frank Harris, H. A. Myros, Mrs. R. S. Sargent, Mrs. Peter Cameron, Mrs. Joe Smith, Mrs. Maryanne Harris, Thomas Jack, Mrs. Irene Harris, Sylvester George, Hagwilget.

Princess Whirlpool, Antquelitsquc (Mrs. Irene Harris) sang "Travelling Across the Sky" before cutting the ribbon for the

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City residents slated to receive parks quiz

Three hundred people in Prince Rupert are going to have the opportunity of telling the Provincial Parks branch of the Department of Recreation and Conservation what they think about the parks situation in this district.

William H. Murray, Prince Rupert MLA told the Chamber of Commerce last night that the Provincial Parks branch was mailing questionnaires to 300 city residents in an effort to learn the outdoor recreation preferences and habits of Prince Rupert citizens.

Mr. Murray urged everyone who receives a questionnaire to fill them out and return them promptly so "that something can be done."

In 1957 Mr. Murray presented a brief to the Department of Recreation and Conservation asking that Salt Lakes Park be reclassed as a Class A Park.

He was told that since department funds had to be spent in areas with the greatest population, funds were not available to renovate and reclassify the park.

After the present survey is completed through the questionnaires, a field survey will be conducted in the area early in July.

The two-page questionnaire features nine pertinent questions dealing with personal recreation preferences.

The questions include: the number of people in a family; classification of ages; how many people in a family are interested in various activities, and where they indulge in them; whether they use a boat or a car for pleasure trips; the number of recreational trips a family has taken in the last year, where they went, and what type of transportation was used; and what places in the district could be developed into recreation areas or parks.

Impaired motorist fined $100

Gaspard Bergeron of 812 Second Avenue West was fined $100 and costs in police court today when he pleaded guilty before Deputy Police Magistrate R. A. McLean to a charge of driving a motor-vehicle while impaired.

Bergeron was arrested about 2 a.m. this morning by RCMP when they noticed his car weaving on the road.

Magistrate McLean did not recommend suspension of his driver's licence.

A charge of theft under $50 against Martin Vincent Bennet of Toronto, was dismissed by Magistrate McLean, on the grounds that there was not sufficient evidence to warrant a conviction.

Prince Rupert has now gone 510 days without a fatal traffic accident.

Sunshine, heat increase slowly

As summer aproaches, Prince Rupert's sunshine increases and the temperature slowly climbs but the city has not suffered a long spring hot spell to date.

According to Digby Island radio station statistics, there were 156 hours of bright sunshine in May, compared to 114.8 hours in April and 144.8 hours in May, 1959.

Last month's high temperature was 67 degrees on May 24 while the low was 37 degrees on May 17. Average temperature for last month was 40 degrees compared to an average of 45.6 in April and 48.6 in May last year.

Precipitation was slightly up on Digby Island in May with 6.32 inches of rain being recorded compared to 5.67 inches in April.

In the city during May it was drier than in April.

Measurements of rain at three city guages with April rainfall in brackets are as follows:

Roosevelt Park 6.43 inches (7.48); Montreal Circle 5.46 inches (6.54); Fern Pass 5.51 inches (6.54).

B.C. ROUNDUP

15-year-old girl sees family murder-suicide

BURNABY (CP)—A 15-year old girl watched in horror early today as her father shot himself seconds after slaying her mother.

The murder-suicide occurred in the kitchen of a home in this Vancouver suburb. The names were not released.

Police said the couple had been drinking and bickering all evening. The young witness, eldest of the couple's seven children, said she had been kept awake by her parents' wrangling.

New ship service

VANCOUVER (CP) — A new regular Indian-flag service between Vancouver, Pacific coast ports and India is planned by the Scindia Steam Navigation Company, represented here by Canada Shipping Company Limited. The first sailing will be taken by the new M.S. Jalakrishna due on June 26 to load 5,000 tons of fertilizer at Port Moody.

Snow roofs

VICTORIA (CP) — The B.C. Highways Department will build special "snow roofs" over a dangerous portion of the new Trans-Canada Highway.

It is believed to be the first time such avalanche sheds have been used on the highways. The job will cost more than $1,000,000.

No action

VANCOUVER (CP) — No action will be taken on complaints from two men that they were beaten by police in the city jail, prosecutor Stewart McMorran said Monday.

"As far as I'm concerned the matter is dropped," said Mr. McMorran.

Man believed alive

VICTORIA (CP) — Search party officials are certain Victoria businessman Cecil Rawlings, 45, survived a plane crash in the dense bush 65-miles northwest of here but fear he may have died from exposure or injuries received in the crash.

They said Monday Rawlings definitely walked away from the crash that killed his friend and business partner, Cecil Rhodes, 44, on the Nitinat Lake mountainside.

Spiritual fire

QUESNEL, B.C. (CP) — The father of a man who died from knife wounds in an Indian Reserve cabin last November said Monday he burned the furniture from the cabin so that his son's "spirits could not walk."

Bobby Billy was giving evidence at the Assize Court trial of Francis Billy, 20, charged with the murder of his half-brother, Felix Billy, 30.

Man identified

PRINCE GEORGE (CP) — Police have identified the Prince George man who died as a result of a car accident at Sheraton, fifteen miles west of Burns Lake, as Carl Gustiv Carlson. He died when the car in which he was driving failed to negotiate a corner and crashed into the Endako River. The driver, Louis Stranberg, also of Prince George, escaped injury.

Two men drowned

VANDERHOOF (CP) — Two Prince George men drowned Sunday when their boat overturned on Nulki Lake, 10 miles south of here.

Dead are Arthur Wache, 53, and Edward Avastik, 64.

The mishap was discovered when a farmer spotted the capsized boat and reported it to Vanderhoof RCMP. The two men had been fishing.

107,500 lbs. of halibut landed here

Three boats brought in a total of 107,500 pounds of halibut to Prince Rupert today.

Two vessels sold their 79,000 catch on the exchange while the other boat the Shirley landed 28,500 pounds at the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association's Fairview plant.

Boats selling their catch on the exchange were; Narrona (U.S.) — 40,000 pounds — 26,000 medium at 16 cents; 14,000 large at 18 cents to Booth Fisheries.

Jessel (U.S.) — 39,000 pounds — 20,000 medium at 16.3 cents; 18,000 large at 18.5 cents and 1,000 chix at 12 cents to Nelson Bros. Fisheries.

Booth students contest winners

Booth Memorial Junior High school students, Susan M. Clibbett, Grade 9 and Dorothy Ballinger, Grade 8, have been named first and second prize winners respectively in the junior section, zone 4 of province-wide British Columbia Forest Industries essay contest, it was announced today by principal F. A. Dunford.

Writing on "Forestry Depends on Good Utilization," the two students are among 30 winners in the province to share prizes totalling $1,750.

WEATHER

Cloudy with sunny periods Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Northwesterly winds 15, occasionally 25 in exposed areas. Low tonight and high Wednesday 42 and 60.

TIDES

Wednesday, June 8, 1960
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	12:42	10.0 feet
Low	06:26	1.6 feet
	18:26	5.5 feet