Francois Lake News

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FRANCOIS LAKE—As soon as he had word that his father had a stroke, Kip Routley and Bill Palmer drove down to Coquitlam by car. No word has come yet how Mr. Routley is feeling.

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The annual forestry official shuffle is on. Orval Gourley and his family left this week for the Queen Charlotte Islands. He was stationed at Southbank. Tom Ridler will be at Burns Lake. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Potter will be moving to Southbank the middle of April where he will be Deputy Ranger. He is now working in the Prince Rupert district.

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Hugh was driving the taxi to Burns Lake a few days ago when he was surprised to see a fisher run across the road in front of the car. This is the first he has seen in this district. Now that the price of fur is so low the wild animals are able to increase in the normal way.

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When the Gatacres left for their trip to England their geese left the buildings and worked their way west to the Harrison's farmyard at Van Zanten's Creek. Bill Harrison put them in his barn and has been feeding them through the winter. A few days ago a wild Canada Gander who had been living with the tame ones for years and left before Christmas, arrived at the farm and wanted to be let into the barn with the tame geese, as his wife is in the flock. Bill opened the door and the gander trotted in. The geese have several nests in the straw on the floor of the barn.

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We were most interested to read Wiggs O'Neill's story of "Two Famous Trappers" in the Daily News of March 28, telling of how the Bolam brothers came to the Tahtsa country about 1909 and trapped there for 10 years. We have often heard odd stories of these two men, but had never before known the whole story. We had heard of how they had fashioned enormous paws out of wood and nails to make footmarks rather like those of the abominable snowman one would imagine, and after seeing these the natives fled leaving the Bolam brothers free range for their own trappings.

Wiggs ends his delightful story by saying that he had heard that one of the brothers returned a few years ago with his big Cadillac and his paid driver. Wiggs was rather conservative, and we can add to this. Mr. and Mrs. Bolam drove in several years ago with the largest trailer we have seen, and behind was a jeep with a boat on top. The boat could be lifted and put in the water mechanically by means of a very clever contrivance, also lifted from the water and placed back on the jeep.

The Bolams could camp with their trailer, then drive off in their jeep to visit or fish. The Bolams came into the store and asked about several old-timers and where they were now living, and he told us that he had left Francois Lake Landing many years ago with a packsack on his back. We were invited in to see the trailer which had been built for them, and there was everything one could wish for, including a broom cupboard.

We met the driver, a young man who was thoroughly enjoying the trip as well as the Bolams themselves. They are now living in California where Mr. Bolam is in the real estate business.

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There was a coyote playing on the lake ice on Thursday morning. Many years ago we often heard and saw wolves and coyotes, but since poisoned bait was put down we have been free of them.

DARYL R. SELKIRK, forester in charge of timber management section for B.C. Forest Service in Prince Rupert left yesterday for Victoria to his new appointment, it was announced here today. He has been appointed to Victoria timber sale administration.

More first aid entries called for in St. John Ambulance competition

Four First Aid teams have now been entered in the St. John Ambulance competition night to be held at the Civic Centre May 20, it was announced today by a spokesman for the Prince Rupert branch of St. John Ambulance.

Of the four teams entered, two are from the Columbia Cellulose Company Limited at Watson Island plant, one from "D" Company Irish Fusiliers of Canada (Vancouver Regiment) and one from Miller Bay Indian hospital.

In its efforts to promote the work of the St. John Ambulance, the city branch is encouraging more residents to enter the first aid competition in order "to make it a great success."

It was announced that up until March 29, 10 Industrial First Aid participants wrote examinations which will be examined at the headquarters in Vancouver in conjunction with the B.C. Workmen's Compensation Board for final decision.

Of these three were newcomers in the field of industrial first aid while the others were writing examinations for B, A, or AA tickets.

On March 30 Dr. R. B. Smith, MD, gave first aid examinations to 18 men and women.

Retiring secretary and instructor of the city branch, Arthur Lees pointed out that of the 18 pupils there has been an average attendance of 17 members, twice a week throughout the winter.

In closing for the winter season, the branch again reminded the public that its attendance at public functions is encouraged by request.

Centre "Variety Show" to be staged April 8, 9

Novelty acts in tap dancing, ballet and square dancing, numbers by the pre-school Rhythm band, displays of gymnastics and many more outstanding numbers will be spotlighted tomorrow and Saturday nights when the Civic Centre presents its annual 1959-60 "Variety Show."

To begin at 7:30 p.m. the public is invited to the two-hour show which will feature the work done in the classes of the Civic Centre program during the past year.

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College alumni to hold social re-union May 28

A reunion of former staff and students of Columbian College is planned for May 28, in the Education Centre, Queen's Avenue church in New Westminster, it was learned here today.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of former alumni is asked to write to The Registrar, Columbian College Alumni Association, 529 Queen's Avenue, New Westminster, B.C. or phone Mrs. Alex Mitchell at 2915 or 3232.

Columbian College, formerly located in New Westminster, played an important part in the early educational history of British Columbia. Founded in 1892, it was the first college in the province to offer degrees in arts and theology and was operated by the Methodist Church.

It was affiliated with the University of Toronto and continued as a university school until the founding of the University of British Columbia. From 1922 to 1932 it was operated as a private co-educational residential college offering high school, senior matriculation, commercial subjects, art, music and elocution courses to young men and women.

Many hundreds of students from all parts of British Columbia and the Yukon, as well as students from the United States and the Orient attended over the many years of the college's operation.

The reunion, scheduled to start at 7 p.m. May 28, will take the form of a social evening.

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