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Million dollar building boom offers new schools, hospital

... PRIVATE RANCH ENTRANCE SOUTH OF BURNS LAKE

Burns Lake is a "Sportsman's Paradise."

Gateway to Tweedsmuir Park and the geographical centre of the province the Burns Lake district is best known for its fishing and hunting grounds, unexcelled anywhere in Canada.

Situated on Highway 16, 156 miles west of Prince George on the main Jasper to Prince Rupert Canadian National Railway line, it has a train service six days a week and a daily bus service from Prince Rupert in the west connecting with Vancouver and Edmonton runs at Prince George in the east.

BUILDING BOOM

This has been a year of building in Burns Lake.

At least a million dollars in construction is taking place.

Highlighting this boom has been the opening of the most provincially-modern, debt-free Burns Lake and District 36-bed hospital, situated on a hill overlooking the village with a beautiful view of the surrounding lake.

The fully-equipped hospital has marked a great improvement in health facilities and added to it is the new Health Centre.

Plans are now completed for the building of the Nurses' Residence.

Other constructions include a fully-modern super-market, a new office building, the new Roman Catholic elementary school, to be opened this September, many new homes and the soon to be completed Anglican Church of Canada, church hall.

The Department of Indian Affairs has also begun a modern sub-division on the village outskirts for the Indian population.

While the operation of six large lumber mills and several smaller ones, has been greatly responsible for this growth in enterprise, with added wonderful ranching lands and farms the Burns Lake stores and shops now service a population of some 6,000 persons in the district.

HUNTING, FISHING

And with the area famous for its excellent hunting and fishing there are many lodges, auto courts, motels, two hotels and trailer camps to supply the needs of the tourist, which is predominantly American.

Game usually hunted is moose, grizzly, goat and bear; birds are duck, geese and grouse with rainbow, char and salmon the popular fish catches.

WELL SERVICED

The village has two doctors, a dentist, full and part - time health nurses, an excellent volunteer fire brigade and ambulance service for the 1,500 village residents.

A government agent, Department of Highways engineer, and B.C. Forest Service are all located in Burns Lake.

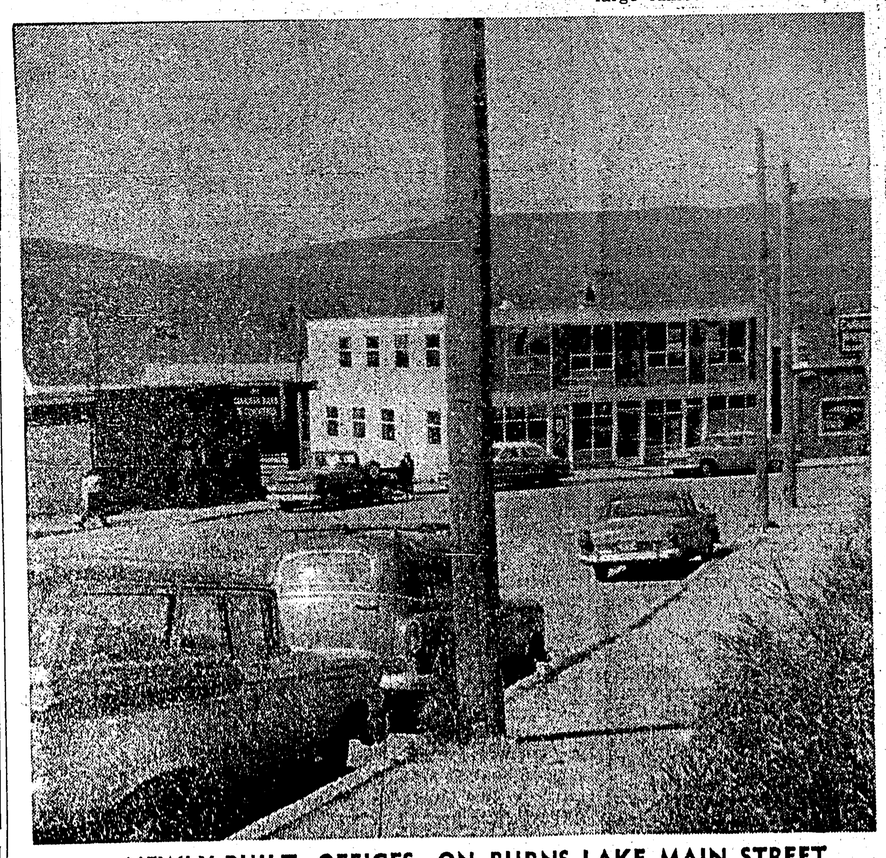
RCMP personnel, with resident magistrates and resident lawyer, keep law and order. The B.C. Hydro provides the electricity, with plans to further facilitate the rural areas.

The Board of Trade, service clubs, along with cultural groups and sporting organizations, provide dozens of outside activities for the villagers.

Churches of many denominations hold regular services and the Village has a nine-room elementary school for Grades 1 to 6; a sevenroom Catholic elementary school from kindergarten to Junior-Senior High school for Grades 7 to 12.

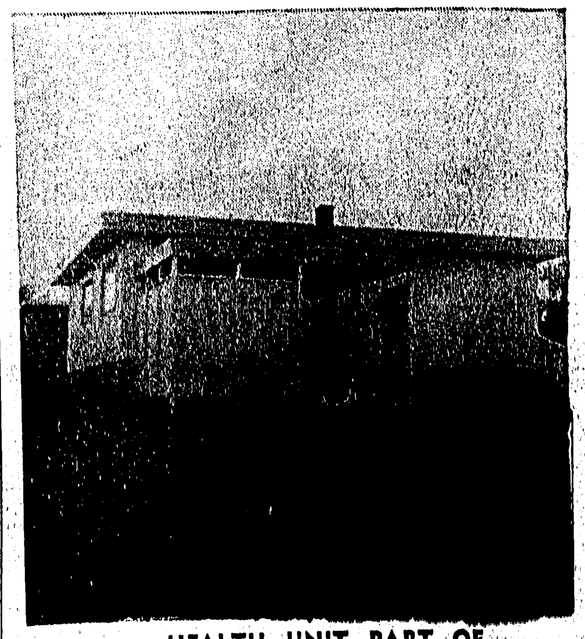
In the surrounding ranching, farming and logging areas there are 12 other schools, with 14 school buses to service these areas.

The Board of Trade is extremely optimistic for the future of Burns Lake, reporting that plans for another new school and many additions to the present ones are now being considered.



... NEWLY-BUILT OFFICES ON BURNS LAKE MAIN STREET

... entering Burns Lake



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... ONE OF MANY RICH FARMING LANDS

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