CITY COUNCIL BRIEFS

Tourist bureau, museum lodge appeal to city council for further funds

Two city organizations appealed to the city council for financial aid Monday night to cover them until such time as the budget was announced.

They were the Prince Rupert Tourist Bureau and the Museum of Northern British Columbia. The secretary of the former asked for the sum of $3,000 and the latter specified no sum. The council granted $3,000 to the tourits bureau and 30 per cent of the normal grant to the museum.

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Two land sale applications were approved by council when submitted by the finance committee. They were: Bruno and Mary Sambo to purchase lot 1, block 4, section 1 for $280; and Max Kliczykowski to purchase the east 20 feet of lot 14, block 43, section 5 for $180.

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The utilities committee told the city council a floodlight had been provided for the front of the fire hall.

It was also approved by the council that the city proceed with the second stage of the three stage lighting project; and that the work be done by city crews.

A Trump Industrial Giraffe Model 1030 will be purchased by council after the calling of tenders. The machine will also be used for a fire ladder as well as for aspects of the street lighting program.

The fire chief, E. W. Becker, was commended by council for his work in setting up the first Native fire seminar.

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The health, social assistance and license committee recommended the additional payment of $750 to the contractor on the Skeena Health Unit as recommended by Architects Birmingham and Wood of Vancouver for additional piling costs. Council approved the payment.

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Tender forms have been sent to garages throughout the city, the police and traffic committee reported Monday night, for the towing and storage of vehicles abandoned or illegally parked, or as otherwise required by the city police.

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In the absence of Mayor P. J. Lester in Ottawa, with Lawyer J. T. Harvey, Q.C., and City Administrator R. W. Long, Alderman Donald Ritchie was appointed acting mayor.

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An appeal from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind for a council grant has been referred by city council to the budget committee.

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The city council agreed to sign the new contract with Medical Services Association varying rates.

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A petition regarding the disposal of water which was causing a nuisance coming from the 300 block on Sixth Avenue West was referred to the works superintendent. He stated he would investigate the matter Tuesday.

SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

More primary schools department proposes

The department of education has advocated to the trustees of School District 52 the establishment of small elementary schools as mentioned in the Chant commission report.

This would require, the department suggested, a revision of the present transport and building program.

A request from city council that the school board exchange Lots 1-4 for Lots 17-20 in Block 12, Section 2, a school site, for future development, on 17th and Atlin, was refused by the board until such time as its commitments in this matter became clear and building plans and location of buildings is finalized. J. M. Phillipson, schools superintendent, and Mrs. M. M. Roper, board secretary, will prepare a survey of school expansion needs with a view to preparing plans for elementary school expansion within the school district.

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At a special meeting of the school board on March 28 permission was granted the Junior Chamber of Commerce to use the Senior High School auditorium on April 24 at a rental of $100. The Jaycees must be responsible, said the board, for seating arrangements, the replacing of all chairs and for supervision.

The auditorium will also be taken by Holiday Theatre on May 26, afternoon and evening, for a production.

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Approval was given March 28 by the school board for the Student's Council and PTA to stage a Klondyke Night at Booth Memorial Junior High School on April 26.

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Congratulations were read to the school board from the Secondary School Parent - Teachers Association on the accreditation for three years of the Senior High School.

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The school board approved a letter from director of health Dr. Wilfrid Sinclair of the Skeena Health Unit to be sent to all parents of children who have reached their third birthday regarding dental clinic treatment during their preschool years.

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Mrs. W. C. Peterson requested use of the Booth Memorial Junior High School grounds to stage a square dance jamboree in August at an unspecified date. The school board granted permission.

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F. N. Sutton, vice principal of the Senior High School, reported to the board on a recent volleyball trip to Hazelton and also on the need for co-operation between this city and out of town organizations regarding the scheduling of athletic events.

Vandals break car windows

Acts of vandalism were reported to RCMP over the weekend.

A vehicle owned by William Shrubsall of 834 Summit Avenue had the front-door window on the driver's side smashed sometime in the early morning of April 8.

Another vehicle owned by Floyd Hurchmer of 810 Borden Street had the rear-door window on the driver's side smashed.

Total damage to both cars amounted to about $35.

April 23 is the anniversary of both the birth of Shakespeare, in 1564, and his death, in 1616.

DIANA LAKE DAM is almost completed. It will supply extra storage facilities for the Prudhomme, Kitoya system which at present supplies Columbia Cellulose Co. mill on Watson Island. Additional banding of the pipeline was carried out last year to handle the increased flow and a new pump has been installed at the Prudhomme pumphouse. If the need should arise room exists for the extension of the Diana Lake dam, the top of which is 190 feet above sea level, to the complete width of the valley. — Staff photo by John Pain

THEATRE WORLD

Hollywood develops the dullness of dignity as practical jokes fade

By JAMES BACON

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Almost everyone says Hollywood has become Dullsville since actors turned producers and dignity is all the rage.

Port of the blame is due to the virtual extinction of the ribbers—practical jokers who once helped make Hollywood a gay, wacky and colorful town.

Even comics have stopped being off-stage cutups.

Only Jerry Lewis, who found wealth in wackiness, is as zany as ever.

Look at Charlie Chaplin today. Once he was one of the town's wildest ribbers and pulled off one of the all-time great practical jokes.

That was when Doug Fairbanks and Mary Pickford were king and queen of Hollywood with Pickfair the royal residence.

It used to burn Chaplin that Fairbanks had the fanciest wine cellar in town but his friends only looked, never tasted. Only kings and sometimes princes ever tasted Doug's choice wines.

After a European trip, Fairbanks told Chaplin of meeting the then king of Norway.

With the help of Central Casting, Chaplin hired an actor who was a dead ringer for the Scandinavian monarch. He also hired a dozen more actors for an entourage.

SENDS AMBASSADOR

Soon a phoney Norwegian ambassador called at Pickfair with the news that his king was making a visit incognito to Hollywood and would like to take up Fairbanks' invitation (made to the real king) to stay at Pickfair.

There was one condition. No publicity until the king was back in his homeland. Agreed.

Early one morning Fairbanks, with a fleet of limousines, drove to Pasadena to greet the king and his entourage arriving, he thought, by private railroad car from New York City.

The phoney retinue was in a private car all right but Chaplin had hired it only from San Bernadino.

Fairbanks entertained the retinue at a party that lasted two weeks at Pickfair or, as Chaplin once recalled "until those actors finished the last bottle of rare vintages in Fairbanks' cellar."

In the early '50s, Vic Mature, Jim Backus and Mario Lanza revived the fun to nostalgic heights. But Hollywood was entering into its present dignified phase, and the trio got mostly glares.

Once Vic and Backus, playing Roman soldiers in "Androcles and the Lion," had a few hours off between scenes.

In search of a drink, they drove to Pasadena and burst into a neighborhood pub wearing full armorplate and toga.

Their entrance caused such a sensation that the bartender and patrons froze.

Mature slammed his fist on the bar and demanded:

"What's the matter Don't you serve servicemen in here?"

Alaskans limit fishing rights

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—Governor William A. Egan Tuesday signed a bill which would grant Alaskan residents priority fishing rights in years of extremely poor salmon runs.

The measure had been questioned on constitutional grounds before its passage by the legislature.

In brief, the bill would empower the State Board of Fish and Game to give residents of the various fishing areas priority fishing rights in off years, to the exclusion of residents of other areas of Alaska and non-Alaskan residents.

The board would be able to lift the restriction if a run larger than expected developed or if the resident fishermen of the area took at least 1,000 fish apiece.

Egan said the bill provides a means for "limiting fishing under emergency circumstances to give consideration to human life" as well as to conservation of the state's salmon fishery.

REAL DIGGERS

The wombat of southeastern Australia and Tasmania has been known to live in a series of underground tunnels as long as 100 feet.

Births, deaths shows increase

Births and deaths in Prince Rupert during March showed an increase over the figures for the same period last year while marriages showed a slight drop, according to the monthly vital statistics report from government agent Howard Harding.

The report showed that during March this year, there were 39 births, seven deaths and eight marriages. During March last year, there were 32 births, six deaths and 10 marriages recorded.

For the first three months of 1961, there have been 94 births, 19 deaths and 11 marriages.

The figures for the first three months of 1960 show there were 80 births, 18 deaths and 20 marriages.

Mrs. Beatty dies in Scotland

Mrs. Thomas Beatty, 71, who recently left Prince Rupert for Scotland, has died in the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, after a short illness. She was a resident here for some 30 years and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her husband in Edinburgh; three sisters, Mrs. John Currie, Mrs. George Scott, of Prince Rupert; Mrs. A. Dowther of Vancouver; and two brothers, John McLean of Larkhall, Scotland, and Robert McLean of Ballamanna, Ireland. Funeral services will take place in Edinburgh, Scotland.

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Plane brings man to city

An injured man was flown south to Prince Rupert Sunday by Pacific Western Airlines from Alice Arm.

He was Edward Crook, a watchman at the Torbit Silver Co. mine. Mr. Crook was suffering from a dislocated shoulder. No details of how he came by the injury are available.

HEADS NURSE PROGRAM — Glenna Rowsell of St. John's Nfld., has been appointed director of the Canadian Nurses' Association school improvement program. Miss Rowsell will travel across Canada in a consultant capacity. —CP Photo

CONGO SCHOOL — Valises in hand, Congolese teenagers pour out from one of the main buildings of Athenee Royal in Leopoldville and walk leisurely by lush, exotic shrubs and course lawns. Built in 1946 to train Belgian children for colonial administration, the school now has mostly native students. — CP from National Defence

Churchill visits Bernard Baruch

NEW YORK (AP) — Sir Winston Churchill sailed into New York harbor Tuesday aboard Greek Aristotle Onassis' 332-foot yacht Christina, but few New Yorkers were likely to see him.

The former British prime minister's visit — the end of a month - long Caribbean cruise—was described as "entirely private" by British spokesmen here.

He is expected to stay aboard the yacht throughout his stay, leaving Thursday morning for Idlewild airport and a plane to London with only a brief stopover to visit an old friend, Bernard Baruch.

Thomson chain now in West Indies

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad (AP) Thomson British Publications Limited, owned by Canadian-born publisher Roy Thomson, Tuesday took over the Trinidad Publishing Company, publishers of The Guardian, The Sunday Guardian and The Evening News, Trinidad's only three newspapers.

Sierra Leone free shortly

LONDON (AP) — A colony that began as a haven for liberated North American slaves becomes a self-governing country later this month.

Sierra Leone, on the west Africa coast, ceases to be a British colony April 27 and joins the Commonwealth as an independent and full-fledged member.

The birth of the new nation of 2,400,000 takes place a month before South Africa withdraws from the Commonwealth. South Africa's withdrawal and Sierra Leone's membership will leave the family with 12 countries.

"Achieving independence is like being able to breathe freely for the first time," says Dr. Richard Kelfa-Caulker, the colony's commissioner in London. "But what is more important is the self-respect that comes with independence."

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PLAYFUL PARKERS had fun with this small French car when they left it across the sidewalk on Third Avenue West. In the early hours of last Sunday morning the little car, with a rear engine, had its front parked across the kerb. RCMP returned it to normal later in the day by gently driving it off onto the pavement. — Staff photo by John Pain

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