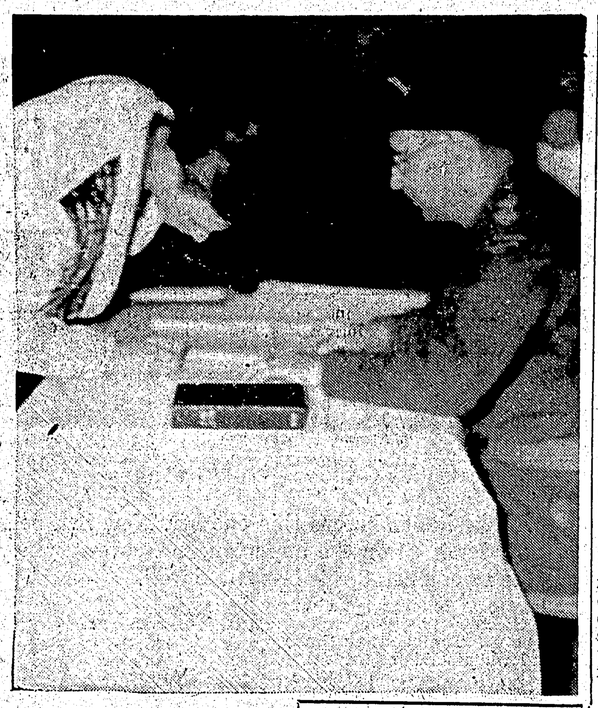

CAPTAIN J. C. EWART watches as two enlistments sign up for two to three years in the Canadian Army Young Soldiers Training Plan which has recently been opened to youths in Prince Rupert. Twenty-one lads joined the new formation, which has already gained wide popularity throughout the Dominion, particularly with parents and school authorities. Further enlistments are expected as the full scope of the scheme becomes more widely known in the city. — Staff photo by John Pain

Young Soldiers Training Plan enrols 21 members at swearing-in-ceremony

The first enlistments in the Canadian Army Young Soldier Training Plan took their oath of allegiance in the armories last night as 21 lads between 16 and 18 signed their papers, and later took their medical.

The simple ceremony took place before Captain J. C. Ewart, officer commanding "D" Company, Irish Fusiliers of Canada (Vancouver Regiment), Dean G. T. Pattison, company chaplain, F. N. Sutton, vice-principal of the Senior High School, Father M. C. Murphy and S/Sgt. J. E. Ruttan, RCMP.

The Young Soldier Training Plan, which is a branch of the regular Canadian Army, is designed to train youths between 16 and 19 in signals, driving, weapon training, range work, maintenance, basic military subjects, drill, deportment and discipline and sports will form a major portion at summer camp.

The plan, which is endorsed by both the federal government and the department of national defence, is not connected in any way with either the militia or the cadets. Members will be paid regular army rates of pay.

Completion of the full two years training program will mean that enlistees will be credited with the equivalent of three years service if they should rejoin the regular army. Those who reach the desired standard of training will take part in a two-month camp in Victoria where they will work with regular army units.

The quota laid down for Prince Rupert is 30 and this means there will be strict selection.

The first parade of the new unit will be held at the armories Saturday at 9:15 a.m. when new members will be kitted-out and start the first steps of their training. Pay parade will be once a month.

Members of the official party addressed the new soldiers on the merits of the plan and the personal benefit they can get from it.

Those who signed their papers last night were: Kenneth Quick, George Sawan, David Quast, Terry Ruttan, Kenneth Pattison, R. W. Baldwin, D. A. Pearson, J. G. Bodger, R. L. Quick, G. T. Bellinger, D. G. Maskulak, E. M. Maskulak, J. G. Bird, M. G. White, H. G. Wong, N. F. Cronck, P. M. Girardet, M. V. Ganton, R. R. P. Magnussen and W. N. Pearson.

Captain Ewart and Staff-sergeant T. P. Daley will address boys at the Senior High School this week when they will outline the full plan.

"It should be stressed," Captain Ewart said, "that we welcome parents who wish to come down to parades and see what their boys are learning. It is also hoped that representatives of the high school staff will attend whenever practicable." No parents attended the swearing-in ceremony last night and Mr. Sutton mentioned how disappointing this was.

Terrace gets hospital pay

The Terrace and District Hospital will receive a payment of $30,027 from the department of health services and health insurance, announces Minister Eric Martin.

The new 40-bed hospital is in an advanced stage of construction and is expected to be completed shortly.

The privincial government, the minister said, will pay $442,000 of the $884,000 structure.

CMHC figures show big drop

Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation figures on housing starts and completions for 1960 show Prince Rupert as having started 37 single units, which were completed. This compares to 81 the previous year.

A total of 54 single units were completed during 1961 as compared to 64 the previous year. No multiple units were started or completed in either 1959 or 1960.

During 1960 two of these were under NHA, while in 1959, 11 came under the Act.

According to the report, 52 units were under construction in this area at the end of the year. This is 12 less than at the end of 1959.

Red Shield drive realizes $5,200

George W. Cook, chairman of the Salvation Army Red Shield Drive reported that the drive for 1960 has been completed and the sum of $5,200 was realized from Prince Rupert and surrounding area. The money received is within $150 of the record total ever raised in this district.

"These results were tremendously gratifying in view of the general economic conditions," Mr. Cook said.

He added that The Salvation Army wished to thank those "who so generously gave when the canvasser called, making this sum available to meet the many needs of those in less fortunate circumstances."

CIVIC CENTRE SCHEDULE
Thursday

1 p.m.—Casual Basketball; 2 p.m. —Tiny Tots (5-6 yrs.); 4 pm.—Jr. Handicrafts (9-12 yrs.), Jr Ceramics (6-8 yrs.), Tumbling Boys and Girls (9-12 yrs.), Casual Basketball; 6:30 p.m.—Judo, Girls Basketball League Games (Frosty's Locker vs High School); 7 p.m. — Adult Rifle, Weaving Class; 7:30 p.m.—Copper Tooling; 7:45 p.m —Int. Basketball Games (Sunrise vs UFAWU; 8 p.m.—Ladies Keep Fit; 9 p.m.—Sr. Basketball League Games (High School vs Old Empress Sr.), Casual Weight Training, Casual Table Tennis, Casual Handball.

CNR staff changeover announced

W. J. McEachran has been appointed Canadian National Railways branch manager (sales) here. Mr. McEachran was here in 1957 as chief clerk in the district freight office. He succeeds E. W. Brown, who left last week to take over at Saskatooon, Sask., as freight sales branch manager.

The appointments are effective, Vancouver head office announced, as of February 1.

Mr McEachran will be in charge of passenger and freight sales. He joined CNR in 1950 in the freight office in Vancouver and worked there until his previous appointment to this city. He returned to Vancouver in 1960.

Whaling season not to open

Whaling operations will not be resumed this year, according to United Fishermen's and Allied Workers Union of Vancouver, following the breakdown of negotiations between their whale station negotiating committee and representatives of B.C. Packers Co. Ltd.

The union stated they had been informed of this by K. F. Fraser for the company.

The union stated in a press release that the men had agreed to substantial cuts in order to get the operation under way, and also to many minor changes in the Whaling Agreement.

The fial breakdown occurred over the term of the new agreement.

B.C. Packers pressed for a two-year agreement while the union insisted on a one-year period. The union then agreed to a two-year term subject to variations in the whale bonus.

The company told the union that Japanese investors must know the cost of the operation before they would invest.

The union then proposed a top limit as a variable against the bonus at the end of the season which would apply to the 1962 season.

B.C. Packers told the union the season they anticipated would last five months.

Bennett helpless to upset Smith from new job

VICTORIA (CP)—Premier Bennett said Monday he knows of no cabinet over-ruling of the B.C. civil service commission in the appointment of Walter J. Smith as superintendent of public works for the Kamloops area.

The report originated last week in the Vancouver Sun and said Mr. Smith, many times Social Credit campaign manager for Highways Minister Gaglardi had been given the post instead of the man chosen by the civil service commission.

Mr. Bennett told reporters his government does not encourage "patronage." But where there was a good man with high qualifications he "should not be ruled out just because he happens to be a Social Crediter."

300,000 are homeless

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Flood-stricken areas east of Jakarta were put under special emergency status Tuesday as the number of homeless rose above 300,000. The floods surged in when the Rijboet and Tjitarum rivers broke their banks after five days of heavy rain.

Modern Crusoe on treasure island dresses only to receive visitors

By J. C. GRAHAM
Canadian Press Correspondent

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (CP)—On a Treasure Island far from civilization in the South Pacific lives a white man who wears clothes only to receive rare visitors.

This modern Crusoe lives on cucumbers and watermelons, fish and turtles and eggs.

He was spotted from the air by a U.S. navy helicopter on a supposedly uninhabited island. Since then inquisitive people have been delving into why he lives alone in this remote spot.

Now some are asking whether he knows something about the treasure supposed to have been buried there last century.

A helicopter pilot from a U.S. naval ship saw a white man tending hens near a hut on remote Suwarrow atoll, 600 miles east of Samoa in the South Pacific. Later the captain of the ship, Captain D. W. Porter, and the ship's doctor landed on the island.

THERE TWO YEARS

A man who refused to give his name met them. "Sorry I have not got any clothes on today—I wasn't expecting visitors," he said.

He told them he was a New Zealander and had been nearly two years on the island, once site of pearl fishing. When commercial activities ceased on the island, he decided to stay on alone, he said. Since then only two yachts had called.

A former resident official from the Cook Islands later said the modern Crusoe was Tom Neale, "a typical Pacific character who likes a lonely life." He said Neale went to Suwarrow as caretaker when the Cook Islands administered pearl fishing rights there. When the contract ended, he had been told to come home, but decided to stay on.

The story of the Suwarrow treasure developed from a find made last century by Henry Abbott Mair, a New Zealander, who for a time lived on Suwarrow.

He noticed a large turtle digging a hole in which to lay its eggs and heard the clink of metal.

FOUND DOLLAR PIECES

Investigating, Mair was amazed to see large numbers of Spanish-American dollar pieces. In the hole below them was a box which collapsed when he lifted it and from which fell jewelery and precious stones. He carried the treasure to the foot of a large tree where he hid it, retaining only a few coins.

This was in 1875. Mair had varied adventures in subsequent years and eventually was killed in the New Hebrides in 1881.

Two years before he died, he wrote to his brother, Gilbert Mair, in New Zealand, telling of the treasure and giving its location.

But the treasure letter never reached Gilbert Mair. Nor has the Mair family ever tried to find the treasure. Some people believe the treasure letter was stolen by someone who knew Henry Mair's secret and went to Suwarrow and took the loot.

Others think the treasure is still on the island. Several expeditions have looked for it, without success.

WINS AWARD — Dr. Frank T. McLure, 45, Canadian-born chairman of the Applied Physics Laboratory at Johns Hopkins University, won a $3,000 U.S. government award for work in the field of navigation, it was announced Wednesday. Born in Edmonton, he majored in chemistry at the University of Alberta and later studied physics at the University of Wisconsin. The award is the first of its kind by the national aeronautics and space administration. — CP Photo

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