PRASC SWIMMING MEET

Varied program in aquatic display draws cheers, laughter from crowd

A packed Civic Centre pool audience of some 475 persons cheered contestants to the echo, whether record breaker or not, as young persons — and some more senior — contested swimming honors at the first swimming meet organized by the Prince Rupert Amateur Swimming Club in collaboration with the pool staff.

In many of the tot tube races the crowd laughed and cheered as minute entrants flapped, kicked and struggled their way over the 25-foot course, sometimes in the wrong direction, but always with determination.

The various girls and boys events in various swimming styles showed the work done by the pool training staff with many fast times.

RACE RESULTS

The various record attempts have been reported on page one and these have been excluded from this list.

Boys, girls five and under, freestyle, Ross McDonald, Karen Martinsen, Paddy Simpson; boys, seven and under, David Jackson, Steven Galloway, Peter Elkins; girls, seven and under, Kelly Lindsay, Joyce Simpson, Donna Marshall; boys beginners, 10 and under, Danny Sklapsky, Murray Sheppard, Michael Vance. These races were all over a 40-foot course.

25 YARDS FREESTYLE

Eight and under, Steven Koughan, Bobby Payne, Jimmy McCorkindale; girls, 10 and under, Diane Lewis, Marren Barbour, Jeannie Currie; boys, seven and under, Sandy Billing, Michael Finnigan, Lance Husoy; girls eight and under, Shanna Lindsay, Darlene Vell, Lynn Slater; boys, 10 and under heats, (1) David McDonald, Robert Kniekamp; (2) Peter Peterson, Sandy Forbes, (3) Billy Turcotte, Ricky Johnstone; boys, 12 and under, Joe Scuby, Joe McKee, Gordon Strand.

The school house relay was won by Alpha, with Gamma second and Beta third.

50 YARDS FREESTYLE

Girls 12 and under, Colleen Hogan, Cheri Kergin, Anne Chernoff; boys, 14 and under, Jack McCorkindale, Brian Eby, Wynn Stothert; girls, 14 and under, Cecille Turcotte, Sharon Pierce, Sylvia Carlson; boys, 16 and under, David Eby, Jim Strand, David Bell.

OTHER EVENTS

Highlight of the evening was an inter-service club relay featuring teams from organizations such as the Gyros, Kinsmen, Rotary, Elks and Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The incident of the sinking doctor might well provide material for a Robert Service-type saga of the north with which to regale citizens' descendants in future cold winter nights.

The event was won by the Junior Chamber of Commerce team.

To the tune of "Alice Blue Gown" Colleen Hogan and Allison Large gave a display of synchronized swimming.

This was followed by a water basketball exhibition featuring two teams, the Tube Riders and the Tube Tippers.

The evening closed with a second display of synchronized swimming featuring Louise Thomas, Ann Currie, Beth Field, Shirley Thomas, Jean Haupt and Colleen Hogan.

Starter for the night was Ab Phillipson; judges were Steve King, Foster Husoy, Hector McDonald and R. S. Billing; Derek Ratcliffe acted as referee; timers were D. Bown, Tom Masich, Bob Waddell, W. Arnold, A. McLeod and W. Dorasch; Len Harrington acted as meet announcer; sound and lighting was handled by Eric Janes and David Wilson was recorder; stewards were Bob Fisher, Nice Dunford, Lenore Gilchrist and F. Brauer.

Churchill's pet escapes cage

MONTE CARLO (AP)—Toby, Sir Winston Churchill's yellow and black pet bird, flitted out of his cage and disappeared among the palm trees of the Cote d'Azur Tuesday.

Churchill, as attached to Toby as he is to cigars, immediately posted a 150 francs ($30) reward.

Sir Winston, spending one of his frequent vacations here, missed the bird on returning from lunch. The windows of his hotel apartment were open wide, letting in warm sunshine and letting Toby out.

Someone had left Toby's cage door ajar.

Everyone went on a hunt. Toby was finally spotted shortly before nightfall by Scotland Yard Sgt. Edmond Murray, Churchill's bodyguard. He was up in the highest frond of a palm tree.

By the time a ladder arrived, Toby had winged away.

The search was abandoned until daybreak.

Cuban conciliation?

HAVANA (Reuters)—National bank president Ernesto Che Guevara indicated Tuesday that Premier Fidel Castro's government would welcome a reconciliation with the United States.

Guevara told reporters that Cuba was "not interested in this present tension between the two countries."

Spectacular fire follows collision

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Two tow boats pulling barges loaded with gasoline and fuel oil collided on the Mississippi River 11 miles south of Memphis Tuesday night, touching off a spectacular fire. Three 19,000-barrel barges puffed up flames over 100 feet high but no one was hurt.

The barges, locked together by the head - on impact, were finally separated and drifted downstream like giant torches. All three ran aground on sand bars within a few miles.

Canadian aids giant 'scope change

MANCHESTER, England Reuters) — A Canadian research student modified the aerial on the world's largest radio telescope Tuesday to make it capable of tracking the Soviet probe to Venus.

The Canadian, Robert S. Rogers, 26, of Penticton, B.C., began his studies at Jodrell Bank Observatory more than two years ago. He is a graduate of the University of British Columbia.

ARTIST MEETS ACTRESS — Roloff Beny, 36-year-old Canadian artist from Medicine Hat, Alta., chats with actress Gina Lollobrigida (left) and Canadian free-lance writer Rosemary Boxer at the Foreign Press Club in Rome. Mr. Beny is also a photographer and a member of the club. Meeting occurred shortly before Mr. Beny left for Paris, London, New York and Toronto to sign contracts for new book projects. — CP Photo

MORE VISITORS

MONTREAL (CP) — The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts reports 319,715 persons visited the museum last year. This was more than the total number of visitors in the four previous years.

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Freight rate experiment suggested for PGE line

By ROBERT RICE
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian Pacific Railway has quietly challenged the British Columbia government to try a freight rate experiment on its own Pacific Great Eastern railway.

The CPR tossed its dare to B.C. in its final argument to the MacPherson Royal Commission on transportation.

In his written argument, CPR vice-president Ian Sinclair suggests that the PGE is the ideal place to try out British Columbia's plan for a brand-new cost-oriented freight rate structure.

The plan was advanced before the royal commission last year by the B.C. government.

"It should . . . be noted that British Columbia is in the fortunate (or unfortunate) position of being the sole owner of a railway — the Pacific Great Eastern," says Mr Sinclair.

He says there are "obvious advantages" in trying out a cost-based freight rate structure on the PGE, which runs from West Vancouver to the Peace River country of Northeastern B.C.

If there are dislocations and dissatisfaction, then shippers can let the PGE owners — the provincial government itself—know about them quickly.

"If there were in the scheme mistakes which over time were rectified, and the scheme was shown to be a practical scheme, both from the standpoint of shippers and the railway, Canadian Pacific would be glad to adopt it.

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CITY COUNCIL BRIEFS

Fish plant smell removal too expensive at present

Odors formed a major portion of city council deliberations Monday night. Following mention and discussion of Algoma Park fill and Wantage Road garbage, Alderman T. Norton Youngs brought up the question of smells emanating from the Prince Rupert Co-Operative plant at Fairview.

He mentioned an article in an American publication which showed how a factory in the United States had solved its problem by a simple additive into the smoke flow. Alderman Norton Youngs suggested something similar to this might be done at Fairview.

Alderman M. W. Kreuger told the meeting the problem had been investigated thoroughly and at the moment there was no practical solution other than "to dismantle the plant or spend something like $300,000."

Wage increases have been granted council employees amounting to three cents per hour following a meeting of a conciliation officer and the Civic Employees Local Union No. 5. The period of the new agreement is from January 1, 1961, until December 30, 1961.

Other points were that painters should receive $2.25 per hour before the general increase is granted, effective from January 1, 1961; that employees with more than 10 years service but not qualifying for the council pension fund upon their retirement should receive one month's pay for every five years service; and an improved sick plan will be discussed during the year.

Two tag days were allowed by the council. The first request granted was to the Society for Retarded Children of Prince Rupert and District to hold a tag day September 16.

The second approval was given to the Queen Mary Chapter Imperial Order Daughters of Empire to have June 3 as their tag day.

A complaint from Mrs. Jona A. Simundson of 200 Ninth Avenue East for the repair of a lane leading to her front door was referred by council to the works superintendent.

A request from the board of trustees, School District 52, for the formation of a Recreation Commission in Prince Rupert was referred to City Administrator, R. W. Long, for report.

A report from the City Assessor will be called following a request from the Salvation Army Prince Rupert Corps for clarification of the tax situation relating to the manse adjoining the Citadel.

A news release from the Northern Trans Canada Route Association was put before council for information. The council approved the payment of the city's membership dues.

Five bylaws passed their respective readings Monday night. They were No. 1463 referring to land sales; No. 1464, a trades licensing amendment referring to lumber processing; No. 1465 approving one-car one hour parking on First Street; No. 1466 zoning amendment for which a public hearing has been set for February 27; and No. 1467 temporary loan bylaw approving the borrowing of $300,000 from the Bank of Montreal for current office expenditure.

Payments were approved to: School District 52, $22,202; Canadian Comstock Co. Ltd., $1,134.28; Interior Contracting Co., $41,540.72; and Associated Engineering Services Ltd., $3,110.80.

Land sales approved were: Nicholas and Carole M. Negraiff, Lots 9 and 10, block 38, section 7, for $220; and Harry and Joyce Gatland, Lots 30 and 31, block 20, section 1, for $400.

Council approved the painting of a crosswalk on Graham Street at the west side of Seventh Street, which was requested by Friendship House.

A stop sign will also be erected on Green Street at the southeast corner of Seventh Avenue and Green Street.

A bylaw will be prepared to amend the zoning from residential to local shopping of Lots 22, 23, 24, block 11, section 2.

Green refuses Red China entry

OTTAWA (CP) — External Affairs Minister Green indicated Tuesday night that Canada is not prepared under present circumstances to support Red China's admission to the United Nations.

Addressing the board of directors of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association, he took note of recent suggestions that Canada should recognize the Peking regime and support its entry into the UN.

Mr. Green said Red China has made clear it will not accept recognition unless its claim to Formosa is also recognized.

$6,000 not worth British citizenship

VANCOUVER (CP) — To 17½-year-old William Allan Bill Thomas one scholarship worth up to $6,000 is not worth one Canadian citizenship.

The grade 12 student in suburban North Vancouver high school will reject a National Merit Scholarship because it would require him to become a United States citizen.

The scholarship, one of 9,800 awarded in the U.S., would entitle him to up to $1,500 a year for four years while he attended a U.S. university.

Bill wrote the merit examinations while attending high school in Palo Alto, Calif., during the 1959-60 term, unaware at the time of the restriction calling for American citizenship.

He received notification recently he had been awarded the scholarship but decided he would rather remain a Canadian citizen and attend the University of British Columbia.

He attended the California school while his father, J. W. Thomas, was studying for his doctor of philosophy degree at Sanford University. His father is former principal of schools at Castlegar, Enderby and Prince George, B.C.

POLICE LINK

MONTREAL (CP) — A teletype system linking radio stations in Montreal and 31 suburbs has been proposed by police chiefs in this area. They have asked the Bell Telephone Company whether such a system is practical. It might eventually be hooked up to Ontario and Quebec provincial police facilities.

BOOST FOR BUSINESS — Ottawa's shopping mall, a three-block-long pedestrian island on uptown Sparks Street, was a business success last year, increasing store sales 34 per cent over 1959. It operated for 3½ months but there is some opposition to its revival this summer. Malls may be reintroduced in Timmins and Peterborough, in Ontario and Nanaimo, B.C., this year, but it is doubtful that one will be repeated in Orillia, Ont. — CP Photo

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