PORT EDWARD NEWS

Community shocked at sudden death of well-known local fisherman

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The community of Port Edward was shocked at the tragic and untimely death of Edwin Douglas which occurred on Wednesday June 7 at his home near the school and RCMP station. Mr. Douglas lived alone in the modern eight room home which he had not yet completed. He had planned the house for his adopted mother, Mrs. Louisa Douglas, and her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis with their son Niel, spent a week-end in Terrace on business and pleasure.

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Heber Clifton who is almost ninety years old is back on the job with B.C. Packers at Sunnyside cannery. He works for the summer months only.

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Mrs. Allan Steward of Galiano Island has joined her husband at North Pacific cannery where Mr. Steward is employed for the summer months.

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John Goertz, pastor of the Port Edward Gospel Chapel, travelling to Vancouver where he planned to attend a semi-annual Mennonite Brethren church conference, turned back at Vanderhoof when he received word of Mr. Douglas' death.

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Census taker, Mrs. Fred Grimble reports that she has covered two bunkhouses and 116 dwellings and boats. She has the Indian village to visit yet where it is reported there are about 490 people.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Knoddle and their two small sons Brian and David of Terrace visited Miss Anne Neufeld on the week-end. Mr. George Neufeld of Steveston travelled here with them and plans to spend a few days with his sister.

CITY COUNCIL BRIEFS

Supply contracts given at Monday's meeting

Five contracts for supply of material to the city council were awarded Monday night at the regular council meeting amounting to a total of $11,197.77 on the recommendation of the purchasing committee.

These contracts were for one D-100 pickup truck from Rupert Motors Ltd. at a total price of $2,213.61; one F750 truck with a four-to-five yard dump body from Bob Parker Ltd. at a cost of $8,454.60; a quantity of shirts and ties for the city fire department from William F. Stone Ltd. for $155.36; a quantity of firemen's shoes from Family Shoe Store at $132.30; and one chain saw from Clarke's Outboard Marina at $241.90.

Other bidders were: pickup truck, McRae Moters Ltd., $2,359.72, Bob Parker Ltd., $2,404.50; dump truck, Rupert Motors Ltd. $8,639.23, McRae Motors Ltd. $8,661.61; shirts and neckties, The Universal Store Ltd. $161.28, Don's Men's Wear Ltd. $168.84; shoes, George Hill and Sons Ltd. $144.00; chain saw, Northwest Engine Co. $246.23.

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The finance committee approved the following land sale applications Monday night at council meeting: Rupert Supply House Ltd., Lots eight and nine, block 24, section 1, map 923 for $4,580; and G. T. Grantham, Lots 12-15, block five, section seven, map 923 at $600.

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Three city organizations were granted permission to hold tag or flag days. They were the Prince Rupert Amateur Swimming Club on July 15, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, June 24 and 30, and the Women's Co-ordinating Council of Prince Rupert, September 30.

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The finance committee also recommended and it was approved by council to take a half-page advertisement in "Native Voice" in the Pauline Johnson commemorative edition. The cost will be $85.

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The city administrator, R. W. Long, was granted permission Monday night by council to attend a meeting in Ottawa with the commissioner of public works for the State of Alaska regarding the proposed Alaska Ferry System.

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The utilities recommended to council that the city purchase a Giraffe Aerial platform truck at an estimated cost of $600. The council approved and also gave permission for the telephone superintendent to collect the truck at Oliver, B.C., and drive it to Prince Rupert.

The fire department will have three hose clamps and three gas mask face pieces purchased for it following council decision on the recommendation of the utilities committee.

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Trade licence applications have been approved for: Russel E. Braudner, 750 Third Avenue West, Radio Cabs, one car; John Sunberg, 750 Third Avenue West, Radio Cabs, one car; W. J. Moore, 714 Third Avenue West, Pacific Cabs, one car; Cherrill B. McIntyre, 315 Fifth Street, one car; V. R. Warren, Metlakatla, B.C., Vic's Flock Finishing, flock finishing contractor; Prince Rupert Shrine Club, Roosevelt Park, West Coast United Shows, carnival. A licence has also been issued to Mrs. P. Morberg of 641 11th Avenue East as a home hairdresser.

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The seventh progress payment on the Skeena Health Unit was approved Monday night for $4,120.47.

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Approval was given in new business on the request of Alderman Norton Youngs for the erection of a sign for the Columbia Airlines Co. at Seal Cove airbase provided it does not impede traffic and receives police approval.

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Traffic congestion at the intersection of Second and Third Avenues West and Park Avenue at peak hours was brought up by Alderman Norman Bellis. Works Superintendent Carl Gustafson told the meeting plans were prepared for the painting of lines in the near future when the tarmac at that point had matured. Alderman Bellis also mentioned painted crosswalks across both Second and Third were a major need.

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Alderman Darrow Gomez told council parked cars on both sides of McBride in the vicinity of the Gyro Park were a traffic hazard. Mr. Gustafson said the matter would be brought to the attention of the provincial highways department tomorrow.

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On a motion by Alderman Norton Youngs the council will approach the provincial government to have shacks on the eastern approaches to the city outside the Jubilee Arch brought under city bylaws.

Flood threat now passed

TRAIL (CP) — The flood threat in the British Columbia Kootenays appeared over Monday as river levels in the area continued falling.

Soldiers, called in to handle the flood's crest last week, were leaving.

The threat is gone unless another emergency arises, and this isn't anticipated," said Guy Constable, secretary of the Creston Drainage District.

Officials said it will be several days before flood waters—from seepage through barriers along the Columbia — subside allowing Trail merchants to start cleaning up.

Dry spell ahead for Vancouver?

VANCOUVER (CP) — Possibility of a strike in Vancouver area beer parlors and cocktail bars loomed Monday after members of the Beverage Dispensers Union (CLC) voted to reject a conciliation board award of seven cents an hour over two years.

The union owners of 57 hotels as members in the area have been involved in a wage dispute since October.

The union now will ask for a government - supervised strike vote on June 24 unless negotiations have been reopened by then.

Present hourly rates in beer parlors are $1.82 for tapmen, $1.62 for waiters and doormen and $1.51 for utility men. In cocktail bars, the rates are $2.24 for head waiters, $2.11 for bartenders and $1.62 for waiters.

More placed in positions

The placing of 109 men and 24 women in jobs during the month of May shows an upswing in the employment situation in Prince Rupert.

The figures were released by Cecil Pitt, manager of the Unemployment Insurance Commission today. His report showed that at the end of May, 1,132 men and 321 women were still registered with the commission —a drop from 1,597 and 454 in April.

During May $157,634 was paid out in benefits by the office. $34,207 was paid to those reporting in person and $122,337 to those reporting by mail.

Professors want to run 'varsities

MONTREAL (CP) — Prof. J. Gordin Kaplan of Dalhousie University, Halifax, said Monday at the Conference of Learned Societies that professors should have a powerful voice in the running of the nation's universities.

Taking issue with him in a panel discussion, Prof. N. A. M. MacKenzie, president of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, said the present system is fundamentally practical. The predominance of a lay or non-academic board of governors was an essential safeguard for a university in Canada.

INTERESTED WOMEN listen as Helge Pedersen (right), partner in the King Koin Launderette on Second Avenue West and Seventh Street, explains the workings of the modern Bendix washers he and Bud Schuman have installed. They are Mrs. Kenneth Kimura of 1035 First Avenue West and Mrs. Thomas Pilfold of 140 Ninth Avenue West. — Staff photo by John Pain

First city laundrette opens fast, cheap public service

The latest innovation in Prince Rupert on the laundry front is the opening last weekend of a modern, hygenic King Koin Laundrette on the corner of Second Avenue West and Seventh Street.

Two partners, Helge Pedersen and Bud Schumann, have taken over the convenient intersection property to install 10 driers and 14 washing machines, all of the high - quality Bendix variety. Seats are provided facing wide store windows onto the streets and soft-drink machines have also been installed for the convenience of customers waiting for their week's laundry to be processed.

Over the weekend customers had their wash done free and the popularity of the service was apparent as the queues formed. General customer comment augurs well for the future of the new business.

A LONG LINE of glistening new do-it-yourself washing machines awaited customers on the opening day of the King Koin Launderette on the corner of Second Avenue West and Seventh Street Saturday. Ten driers and 14 washing machines handled a rush of people who had their week's wash done free to mark the start of the new service in Prince Rupert.
— Staff photo by John Pain

Speeder loses driving licence

A fine of $35 and a three-month suspension of driving privileges was handed out to Allan Godwin Brett of 704 McBride Street in police court Saturday when he appeared before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite on a charge of speeding.

Brett, who pleaded guilty to the charge, was charged when he was speeding on Second Avenue West about 4:25 a.m. June 3.

Investigation

VANCOUVER (CP) — A full-scale public investigation into election campaign funds is requested in a resolution approved by the Social Credit Constituency Associations from Vancouver South and Quadra federal ridings.

The motion was approved at a joint meeting during the weekend in preparation for a national party convention in July. It seeks a campaign fund investigation to find a way of removing recurring criticisms.

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