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Quality not quantity big problem in teacher shortage asserts BCTF

POSTMASTER GENERAL William Hamilton tries out a new type carrier to be used by postmen in suburban delivery areas of Toronto. The new scooters will go into use immediately —CP photo.

"Poor teaching not so obvious"

VANCOUVER (CP) — The British Columbia Teachers' Federation says the most serious aspect of the province's teacher shortage is one of quality not quantity.

In a 220-page brief to the Chant Royal Commission on education made public Wednesday, the 10,800-member federation said:

"The results of poor teaching practices are, unfortunately, not so readily obvious to the general public as are those of poor medical practice, for example. But from a sociological point of view, in the long run poor teaching practices may be the more disastrous."

An 18-man committee headed by J. E. Clagus, principal of Trafalgar elementary school here proposed 100 recommendations to help solve the problem of quality and quantity. They were the result of a six-month survey by the committee.

The recommendations included:

● Expansion of the present gifted children's program and additional help for teachers of retarded children.

● Establishment of experimental areas to test new ideas in education.

● Elimination of present one-year teacher training emergency program and establishment of a minimum three-year program.

● Expansion of the faculty of the college of education at the University of British Columbia.

● A study into reasons why many trained teachers leave the profession.

The brief warned that an increasing number of services beyond the basic skills have been pressed upon teachers and a continuation of the practice would result in the loss of the hard core of the historic function of education.

A second danger of this trend was that the education system may extend its influence beyond the school and into aspects of living traditionally and properly served by the home, church and community.

The brief said "modern education, like modern living, is in a state of flux. Most of the ills and uncertainties that best our schools are merely symptoms of a confusion within our society.

"Old standards of ethics and morality have been weakened before new values have been firmly established."

The federation said the obvious reasons teachers left their profession were low salaries, lack of promotional opportunities and inadequate pensions.

It added "an overly paternal administration that seemed literally afraid to let capable teachers develop any degree of professional initiative antagonized many good men and women."

The brief urged the term "teacher" be restricted only to persons who have qualifications for teaching. It rejected the supposition that anyone permitted to take charge of a classroom automatically be called a teacher no matter what his qualifications.

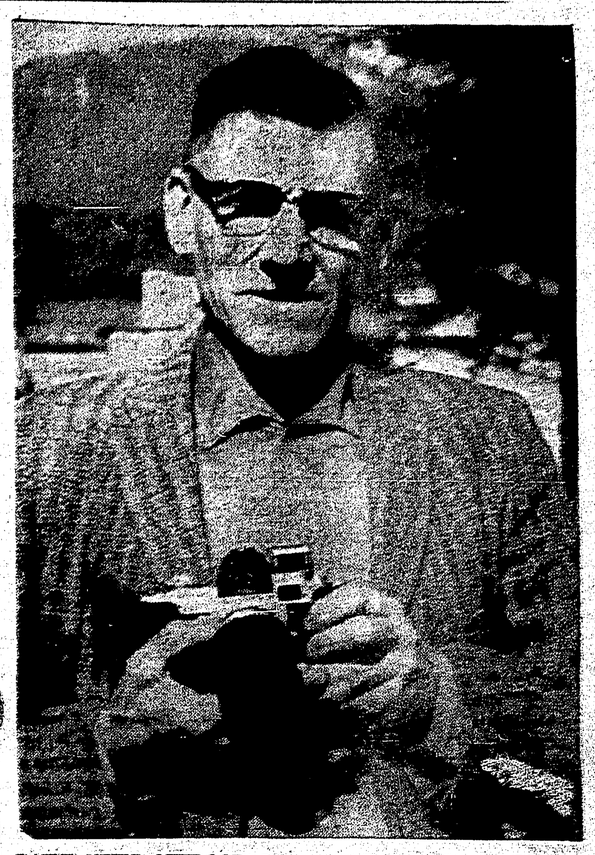
Other recommendations included:

● A course in Russian be offered as an extra foreign language course to senior students who have shown a marked linguistic ability.

● a basic physical education program for all grades.

● A complete revision of science courses in all grades.

● Improvement of the grade 12 examination system and a study into ways of keeping grades 7 to 11 students working at peak performances to the end of the school term, despite any recommendations.



DAILY NEWS OUTDOOR Columnist, Eric S. (Marty) Martin will leave Prince Rupert April 18 to take up permanent residence in Duncan or the lower mainland. His column "Outdoors with Marty" has appeared in the Daily News since 1952. He was employed by the British Columbia Forest Service as Forest Assistant. —Staff photo by Charles E. Giordano.

Writer hangs out sign; "Going hunting, fishing"

By CHARLES E. GIORDANO
Daily News Sports Writer

A man who for seven years has kept the outdoor sportsmen of Prince Rupert replete with information of hunting and fishing activities in the district through his column in the Daily News has decided to "pull up stakes".

Eric S. Martin, well known to his readers as "Marty", will leave the city April 18 and after spending a month or two hunting and fishing in Florida, he will return to British Columbia to reside either in Duncan or the lower mainland.

Marty, a forest assistant with the British Columbia Forest Service, said he regrets very much leaving the north but aside from wanting to retire in southern B.C. he has another very special yen.

"I want to bag myself a cougar, which is one of the very few animals I have yet to bust," said Marty.

On leaving Prince Rupert with his wife Maude, Marty will travel to Duncan, where his daughter Betty lives and after two weeks will fly to Mailand, Florida where "for some months I will just loaf, fish and send back boastful stories to Prince Rupert sports-fishermen."

Marty came to Prince Rupert with his wife and daughter from Smithers in 1951 and a year later launched his popular column "Outdoors with Marty" in The Daily News.

He lived in Smithers for five years after being discharged from The Canadian Army in 1946. He served with the Canadian Foresty corps, Number 21 Company in Scotland during the Second World War.

Marty, who has reeled in almost every type of fish in fresh water, and numerous salt water species in both coasts is the only known man who has taken two first prizes in the Field and Stream magazine fishing contest.

His prize winners were a coho salmon and a steelhead salmon both about 23 pounds in weight.

He has, over the past years, received a total of 14 awards in fishing.

Aside from his several fishing rods and reels he has five rifles ranging from a Cooey .22 to a Mauser 8 mm.

Not only does Marty take an active interest in hunting and fishing but is also an ardent camera enthusiast for which he has a large selection of photography productions and equipment to show.

"I want to go but I just hate to leave my friends here" Marty said.

His last column appeared in the Daily News Wednesday.

School steel replaced by Tuesday

Steel to relace the section of superstructure at Algoma High School which blew down last week is expected to arrive in Prince Rupert by boat Friday and to be back in place by Tuesday.

Clerk of Works John Currie told District 52 School trustees last night that Industrial Welding, contractors for the steelwork, have removed the old steel and will work extra hours to get the new steel into place if it arrives Friday.

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Mr. Currie said insurance adjustors had taken reports from officials of the construction firm and a number of photographs of the damage. He said the old steel had then been removed.

According to Mr. Currie, the cement block walls of the auditorium section are nearing completion and 25 additional carpenters will be employed to rush the roofing of that section as soon as the walls are finished. There are four carpenters working at present.

TWO CHANGES

Two changes in plans for the school were proposed by Mr. Currie. He asked that consideration be given to obtaining Hawaiian mahogany for ceilings to replace the spruce vee-jointed material called for in the plans. He also asked that gas lines for the propane stove in the home economics kitchen be altered.

The matters were taken under consideration.

Prince Rupert has now gone 84 days without a fatal traffic accident.

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MAY SOLVE TEACHER PROBLEM

Superintendent proposes scheme for junior high at Port Edward

Parents of Grade 7 and Grade 8 students in Port Edward will be asked for opinions on a plan presented by Distrcit Superintendent of Schools J. M. Phillipson to have classes in these two grades taught in the Port Edward classrooms rather than transport them to Junior High School in Prince Rupert.

Mr. Phillipson presented his plan to District 52 school board at its monthly meeting last night. He said that the teacher-pupil ratio in Prince Rupert Junior High School is becoming critical and could result in the necessity of hiring an additional teacher.

He told the school trustees that if the two groups of pupils could be kept in Port Edward school the classes could be kept smaller —a desirable situation with this group.

In his report Mr. Phillipson said there are educational advantages in placing Grade 9 to 12 students in a large school unit. The chief advantages are in broader offering of optional courses, the specialization by teachers and social, athletic and other activities made available.

"I question whether the same arguments hold for pupils in the two lower grades," he said. "There are no optional subjects and one teacher can handle the whole program."

In summary he said there is considerable doubt whether the costs of transportation from Port Edward for 34 Grade 7 and 8 pupils each day is warranted as long as there are classrooms available in the school. He said that it is recognized that if and when there is no longer space available transportation is advisable.

Mr. Phillipson proposed that all Grade 7 and 8 students remain in Port Edward School during the 1959-60 school year with the rider that present arrangements for transporting them to Booth Memorial High School for home economics and industrial arts classes be continued.

Trustee William Homenuk asked if the addition of the Grade 7 and 8 pupils would make any appreciable difference in the salary schedule and was informed by Mr. Phillipson that eight teachers would be employed, necessitating appointment of a vice-principal.

"However," he added, "if the promised construction of the cannery road is completed, students from Sunnyside will be accommodated in Port Edward and the teacher from that school will be employed in the Port Edward school."

He was instructed to approach the parents through the Parent-Teacher association with a view to obtaining the opinions of the Port Edward residents to the plan.

A further report will be presented at next meeting of the board.

The board of trustees granted permission to Booth Memorial High school to accept the offer of Judge W. A. Schultz to hold Citizenship Court at the High School May 4.

Minor fire damage

City firemen were called out at 10:45 this morning to extinguish a minor blaze to a cabin at Number 7 Cow Bay owned by Mrs. Sophie Huska.

Estimated damage to the two-room structure has not yet been determined but is said to be minor.

Firemen had the blaze struck out in minutes after arriving on the scene.

Good at maths

Ronald F. Lucas, principal of Booth Memorial High school reported to the board on entrants in the Mathematical Association contest. A team from Booth composed of three highest scoring pupils of 10 entered, Leonard Scherk, Edward Grande and Michael Wayman placed 13th among 62 school teams entered. Edward Grande placed 17th among 645 contestants.

CPA Canso out of service until Wednesday

Canadian Pacific Airlines' Canso service from Prince Rupert to Sandspit, connecting with the DC6B flight to Vancouver, will be delayed until Wednesday, April 15th, it was learned here today. CPA base manager, B. I. Anderson, reported that the delay was made necessary by an unscheduled engine change.

This is the first time in the past 3½ years that this type of work has been carried out in Prince Rupert. The ship had previously been flown south for repairs.

Terrace man pleads guilty to fraud

A Terrace man, Abel Shanoss, was fined $50, costs or in default of payment sentenced to one month in jail when he pleaded guilty in city police court this morning to a charge of obtaining social assistance by fraud.

William Prokop, district supervisor for the department of Social Welfare, told Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite that Shanoss was collecting social assistance from the Terrace Branch and from the Prince Rupert office.

Mr. Prokop said Shanoss used a different name at each of the two branches and at the same time was collecting Unemployment Insurance benefits.

In sentencing Shanoss, Magistrate Applewhaite said "I should pass a jail term but I am taking into consideration the welfare of your wife and two children."

The Magistrate said "You're getting a very good break," and added "You knew perfectly well what was going on and also what your right name was."

DAILY NEWS WRITER'S STORY PHOTOS IN BOATING MAGAZINE

Gladys Baldwin, Daily News outboard motor boat enthusiast and columnist, has won herself further fame as a writer.

Mrs. Baldwin, wife of D. F. Baldwin, 1467 Sixth Avenue East and holder of a diploma from the Newspaper Institute of America, has been writing her twice monthly column "Propwash" for nearly two years.

Now one of her photo-features has been given a three-page spread in the April issue of Aquasport, a national magazine devoted to boating, yachting and other water sports.

Three large pictures of Prince Rupert Outboard association activities appear in this month's "Aquasport" including a eight-inch by five-inch photograph of the Prince Rupert Rowing and Yacht club floats and two pictures of last year's outboard races at Taylor Lake. With the pictures is a by-lined story by Mrs. Baldwin spread over two pages.

In addition to her boating column, Mrs. Baldwin is a regular contributor to The Daily News with both current illustrated articles and historical reminiscences.

CCC engineer Eugene Bartlett, 48, dies suddenly while on U.S. trip

Eugene Bartlett, plant engineer and one of Columbia Cellulose Company Limited's key personnel at the Watson Island pulp mill, died suddenly in Charlottesville, Virginia yesterday. He was 48.

Mr. Bartlett, in company with Columbia Cellulose's chief engineer Charles E. Cotsford, was on a tour of Celanese Corporation of America pulp mills in the southern United States. He was travelling between two of the plants when the fatal attack occurred. It is not known whether he suffered a heart attack or a stroke.

Born in Nelson, B.C. on December 10, 1910, Mr. Bartlett went to high school in Port Coquitlam, B.C. He graduated from the University of British Columbia in mechanical engineering in 1932.

Mr. Bartlett began his career in the pulp industry when he joined the B.C. Pulp and Paper Company at Port Alice in 1940. Ten years later he accepted a post with the Powell River Company Limited and in 1951 he joined Columbia Cellulose Company Limited at Watson Island as assistant plant engineer.

He was promoted to plant engineer in November, 1953.

A member of the Association of Professional Engineers he also belonged to the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry.

EUGENE BARTLETT
. . . Dies suddenly

Mr. Bartlett took a keen interest in community affairs, was past president of the Prince Rupert Music and Drama association and also the Canadian club.

Two weeks ago he was elected a member of the Prince Rupert General Hospital board and was later named finance chairman of the hospital's board of directors. He also was active in church work and was a member of the Session of First United church here.

He is survived by his wife Emerald, three sons, Stephen and Michael at home at 433 Emerson Place and Peter in Vancouver; his mother Mrs. G. M. Bartlett in Vancouver; a brother George in Revelstoke and two sisters, Mrs. Louis Wadland in Courtenay and Mrs. P. R. Drew in Vancouver.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Double standard for Indians

VANCOUVER (CP)—Frank Anfield, B.C. deputy commissioner for Indian affairs, says a double standard is used in estimating crime rate among Indians.

"What people call the high crime rate among Indians is actually caused by a misdemeanor factor. About 80 per cent of Indian crimes are things a white man is allowed to do," he said.

WEATHER—

Clear with variable cloudiness developing Friday. Little change in temperature. Winds light. Low tonight and high Friday at Prince Rupert 35 and 55.

TIDES—

Friday, April 10, 1959
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	02:24	20.9 feet
	14:37	19.3 feet
Low	08:47	3.5 feet
	20:49	6.0 feet