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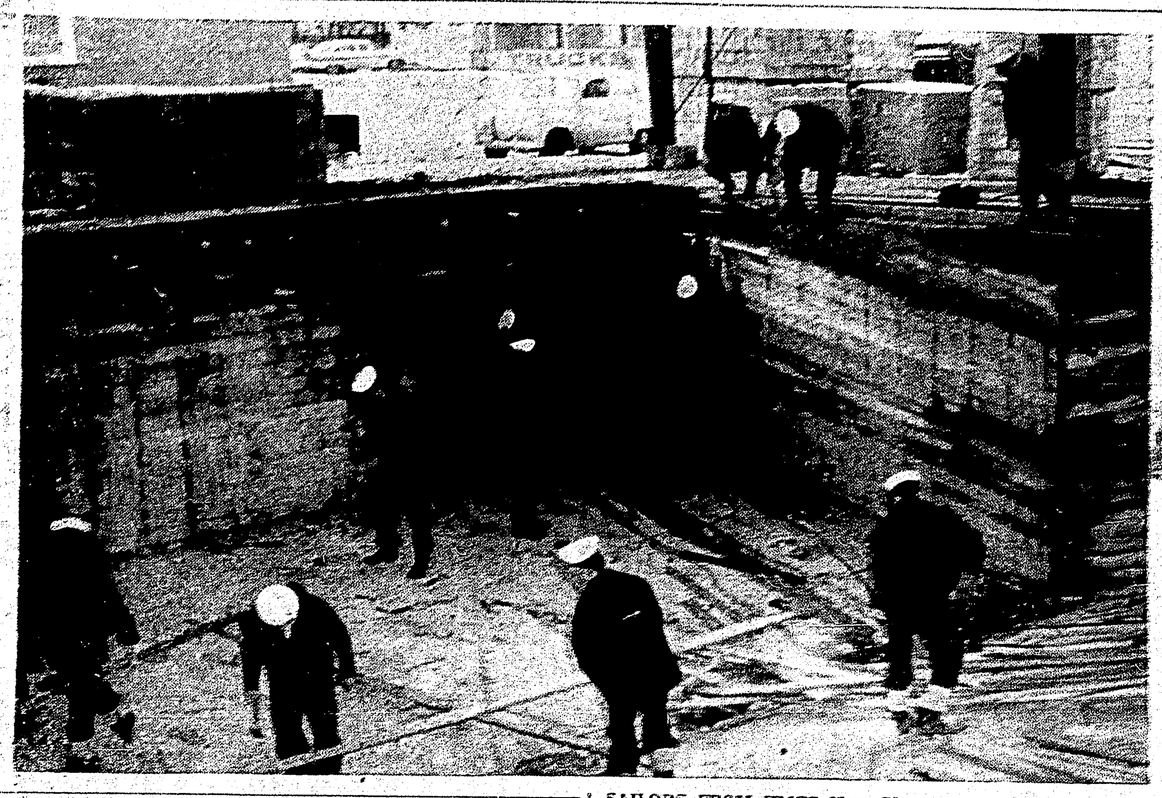
Civic Centre swimming pool included in federal winter work aid program



SAILORS FROM HMCS New Glasgow are shown working on Civic Centre swimming pool yesterday afternoon as 25 or more men turned out to strip forms from cement. L/Cdmr. A. R. Pickels said that 100 men volunteered but only 25 were needed. Men, under eye of construction supervisor Henry Stangeby and several petty officers worked with a will most of the afternoon. Sister ship of New Glasgow, HMCS Jonquiere, skippered by Cmdr. E. V. P. Sunderland, RCN arrived at 4.30 this afternoon for routine operation visit. New Glasgow sails at 5 a.m. tomorrow.
—Staff photo by Dick Ayres.

$22,500 needed to get aid funds

By DICK AYRES
Editor of The Daily News

The Civic Centre plans an immediate start on a campaign to raise $22,500 as its share of finishing the Civic Centre swimming pool.

A Centre board of directors meeting last night approved the plan after it had voted to accept an offer from the City of Prince Rupert to have the swimming pool project included in the federal government winter works aid program.

A letter from City Clerk-Comptroller R. W. Long to Civic Centre association president Morris Wayman, stated that the Conservative government had changed its mind on accepting the pool as a winter works project.

The move means that the federal government will pay 50 per cent of direct labor costs or $17,500. If the Civic Centre will match the $17,500 amount for a total of $35,000 and add $5,000 for labor costs not chargeable to the winter works project (labor by skilled help, not unemployed) then the total estimated funds of $40,000 required to complete the pool will be realized.

The work will be undertaken jointly by the Civic Centre association and the City. Necessary labor, supervision and engineering personnel will be arranged for and all administration, accounting and payrolls will be handled by the City under the joint direction of a joint Civic Centre and City Council swimming pool construction committee.

This group will be in effect a separate construction company and men will be hired by it will not be employees of the city.

Mr. Long's letter stated that the City Council is prepared to complete arrangements with the federal government providing the Civic Centre association makes $22,500 available to the City.

Hiring of unemployed to continue work on the pool began today.

Carl Puffer, consultant structural engineer, of Ascenaisd Engineering Services Ltd., of Vancouver told the meeting that while the winter works program must be completed by May 1, the entire pool should be completed by June 1.

"That is providing we do not have any interruptions from bad weather or labor troubles."

He said he was "very impressed" with the work already done by volunteer crews and that he and his firm would do the "best we can" to provide a reasonably good swimming pool. He said building swimming pools was a very specialized field and that most volunteer groups never got past the foundation stage.

He said the job would be coordinated between himself and an expert construction man and that the project would be let out on the basis of partial sub-contracts.

To obtain winter works aid from the federal government men hired had to be unemployed on the day of hiring.

The wall construction, electrical wiring and insulation, however, had to be done by specialists.

Mr. Wayman lauded Mr. Puffer for the work he had already done, informing the board that the engineer had been working on specifications since Sunday night and he had been at "it since early morning until late at night ever since."

The new federal government proposal, which was announced to City Council Tuesday night at a special committee meeting, will remove the necessity of the Civic Centre seeking money from the Parks Commission.

It was pointed out to the meeting by Alderman R. G. Large that asking the Parks Commission for money was the same as asking the City since the parks group presents a budget for estimated expenditures which it hopes City Council will grant. Any money taken from that amount reduces the money to be spent on parks projects.

Alderman T. Norton Young said that he saw no reason why the Civic Centre shouldn't stage an all-out drive for the money as "we've raised money in this city before and we can do it again."

He said that if he can complete his plan to revive the Prince Rupert Agricultural Fair association the Civic Centre will again stage financially-successful carnivals as it did in the past.

"Tell the City we're ready to go ahead and we'll go out and get the cash," he said.

Centre president Morris Wayman voiced his relief by saying "This is a windfall. This is the answer. Tuesday we were desperately trying to raise $40,000. Now we are getting $17,500 from the federal government to complete the pool if we can raise $22,500."

Aquatically - minded Mr. Young said "it would be terrible to wait 10 extra months while we wait for volunteers to finish the job. Let's dive in and clean up the amount."

Motions to assure the city of the club to stage a fund drive for $22,500 were carried unanimously.

SHOWN IN TOP PHOTO REMOVING forms from walls of basement of Civic Centre swimming pool are two crew members from visiting frigate HMCS New Glasgow. Closest to camera is Able Seaman Kenneth McKay of Regina, Sask., along with one of the ship's "frogmen" Able Seaman Harold Last of Elkwater Lake, Alta. In bottom photo Leading Seaman John W. Ringler of Ottawa assists Able Seaman L. F. Eschelman of Cold Lake, Alta. Behind are project supervisor Henry Stangeby and New Glasgow skipper Lt./Cmdr. Pickels, CD, RCN.
—Staff photo by Dick Ayres.

THRONE SPEECH HIGHLIGHTS

Bigger supreme court sought by government

VICTORIA (CP)—Highlights of the speech from the throne delivered Thursday by Lieutenant-Governor Frank Ross at the opening of the third session of the 25th British Columbia legislature.

● Reorganization of the Department of Health and Welfare whereby the Mental Health Services, the Health Branch and Hospital Insurance Service will form one department and the Welfare Branch another.

● The standing committee on labor will be convened immediately to study ways and means of halting the growing unemployment problem.

● Increased financial aid will be recommended for school districts, the University of British Columbia and the Victoria College.

● **Provisions to expand the training and education of mentally retarded children will be introduced by the government.**

● Legislation will be introduced to establish a Horse racing Commission similar to the commission operating in Ontario.

● Legislation will be introduced respecting compulsory utilization with compensation of machinery and equipment for use in fighting forest fires.

● The government will ask for additional appointments to the B.C. supreme court.

● Amendments to mining legislation aimed at encouraging exploration, and amendments to the gas act.

● **A trade and industry conference for the late spring, and a second international trade fair, similar to the one held in Vancouver last May, is planned for 1961.**

● The government plans increased credit under the Farmers' Land-Clearing Assistance Act and to lengthen the period of repayment.

● Expansion of Poliomyelitis Immunization program benefits.

● A new courthouse for Victoria.

● Establishment and observance of Douglas Day, Nov. 19.

● Amendments to the Highways Act with respect to arbitration and to the Ferries Act regarding subsidies.

"Showpiece" trials draw Havana crowds

By WILLIAM GLOVER

HAVANA, Cuba (AP) — The words were strangely similar from the accuser and the accused.

"This is not a Roman circus," the man in the rebel uniform said through the loudspeakers of Havana's vast Sports Palace. "We are here to ask for justice."

Two hours later the grizzled man in handcuffs slowly looked around at the jeering, hooting thousands and spoke: "I am in the Roman colosseum!"

Thus went the dramatic spectacle of the revolutionary tribunal in Fidel Castro's first massive public demonstration of his method of judging so-called war criminals.

As the spotlight of attention focused on him throughout the hours of accusation by a parade of witnesses, defendant Jesus Sosa Blanco, a major in ex-dictator Fulgencio Batista's army, looked steadily back.

Half a dozen times it seemed as if his outward calm might break. When one grey-haired woman shouted her bitterness at him from 20 feet away, a mighty roar from the crowd split the air and his head trembled slightly. A convulsive twitch passed through him.

Shortly before dawn the court found him guilty on five counts and sentenced him to death.

The early mood of the audience in the double-tiered stadium was the excitement of a crowd gathered for sure entertainment. But gradually the capacity throng of 17,000 thinned out.

The public began streaming into the year-old enclosed stadium about 1 p.m. Bearded, armed men of Castro's revolutionary forces stood about and police acted as ushers.

The charges were read and the lawyers settled the main points of dispute.

When he was asked to response he nodded for his counsel to reply for him. Later, after the prosecution spoke again, he leaned forward to a raised mike and shouted: "It's all a lie!"

The procession of those testifying consisted mostly of ordinary folk. One was a 12-year-old boy.

Mrs. A. Kurulok dies aged 79

A Prince Rupert resident for 30 years, Mrs. Annie Kurulok died last night at the age of 79.

She was a widow, and lived at 238 Seventh Avenue West.

She is survived by two sons: Nicholas of Trail, and Jack of Terrace; and six daughters: Mrs. Mary Stolarchuk of Edmonton, Mrs. Verna Wateranchuk of Endeavor, Sask., Mrs. Clara Tite of Vancouver, Mrs. Kay Rowe of Fort St. John, Mrs. Sadie Mintenko and Mrs. Helen Astoria, both of Prince Rupert.

Requiem mass will be held at the Church of Annunciation at 9 a.m. Monday, Rev. J. B. Tracey officiating. It will be followed by interment at Fairview cemetery.

Prayers will be said Sunday evening at Ferguson Funeral Home at 8 p.m.

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ANGUS MACPHEE ACCLAIMED PRESIDENT OF LOCAL 708

Angus Macphee was elected by acclamation president of Local 708, International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers in succession to E. P. O'Neal, who resigned to become secretary of the B.C. Federation of Labor.

W. Nesbitt was elected financial secretary, and William Toderas became correspondence secretary.

Wage delegates are now J. R. Finnigan, George Perry and Angus Macphee, with J. L. Miners, B. J. Fortune and Robert Player as alternative delegates.

The standing committee (grievance committee) will be George Perry, Robert Player, William Toderas and J. W. Ratchford. The last two tied in the voting. They will sit for two years, joining J. R. Finnigan, B. J. Fortune (chairman) and Harry Quick, who continue for a further year.

A. G. Timms was appointed delegate to the Retarded Children's Committee, and Elmer Perkins to the Vancouver Symphony Committee.

In other business, the local approved a dues increase; requested the provincial government to inaugurate a Hansard; and dealt with financial appeals for the families of the missing hunters, and striking unions in Newfoundland and Vancouver.

City pioneer M.G. Edgar dies at 80

A city pioneer, Mark George Edgar died today at his home, 718 Lonsdale Street. He was 80 years old.

Mr. Edgar was born in Port Simpson and came to Prince Rupert in 1910. He was a well-known carpenter in the city.

He is survived by his wife Lilian, two sons and six daughters: George of Kitimat, Harry of Victoria, Mrs. Mary Lidstone of Prince Rupert, Mrs. Dorothy Parry of Vancouver, Mrs. Agnes Stalker of Vancouver, Miss Rita Edgar of Vancouver, Mrs. Ethel Johnson of Prince Rupert and Mrs. Hazel Augier also of Prince Rupert.

Funeral is Monday at 2.30 p.m. at Ferguson's Funeral Home, Rev. Dr. R. W. K. Elliott officiating. It will be followed by interment at Fairview Cemetery.

Family Shoe Store moves to new location in Rupert

One of Prince Rupert's oldest firms, the Family Shoe Store Ltd., has moved to a new location at 532 Third Avenue West.

Family Shoe Store was incorporated in 1922 when the first stock certificates were issued to Stephen King and David W. Bone. The store was located at 629 Third Avenue West.

In April, 1934 Mr. King took over the business from Mr. Bone and retained control until 1943 when Charles R. Roberts, the present owner, bought the company.

Mr. Roberts moved the store to the opposite side of the street from its original site in 1953. It is from the corner of Third Avenue West and Sixth Street that Mr. Roberts has now moved his shoe store into the vacated premises of Watts and Nickerson at the corner of Third Avenue West and Fifth Street.

According to the records, Mr. Roberts said today was the fact that John Garson Johnston was Family Shoe Store's first accountant and that one of the first resolutions of the company was that it do its banking business with the new defunct Union Bank of Canada.

With his move to larger and more modern premises Mr. Roberts plans a grand opening tomorrow with free coffee for adults between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. and candy and pencils for children.

Born in Saskatoon in 1913, Mr. Roberts was educated in that city and spent five years in the RCAF during the Second World War from 1940 to 1945. In England he was adjutant for 432 Lancaster Squadron and was discharged with the rank of flight lieutenant.

Since coming to Prince Rupert in 1940 he has been active in community affairs, is currently the president of the Rotary club, has sung in the Rotary chorus for nine years, was president of the former Music Festival association and is a member of the District Boy Scout association executive.

Life member in JCs awarded J. S. Burns

James S. Burns, city life insurance agent, last night was presented with a life membership in the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

A member of the Prince Rupert chamber for the past eight years, Mr. Burns was cited for his "great contribution" to the organization. During that time he served as local president, president of the North coast District and last year attained the highest honor past in British Columbia the provincial presidency.

In accepting the life membership Mr. Burns said he was "deeply moved and extremely proud."

Mr. Burns' award is the second in the 11-year history of the Prince Rupert Junior Chamber. The other recipient is T. Norton Young, who received his life membership in 1948 for "devotion to community betterment" and early-day Civic Centre carnival work long eventually resulted in the acquisition of the present establishment.

Mr. Burns is a member of the Prince Rupert Rotary club and on the executive of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce.

Management seminar set

A two-day management seminar will be held here in March, the Junior Chamber of Commerce decided last night at its semi-monthly meeting.

The seminar will feature outstanding speakers on all fields of business and industry and is designed to appeal to all walks of life. A. H. Ogilvie is in charge of registrations closing date for which is March 6.

Invitations will be sent to all city firms so that they can arrange to send staff members. Kitimat, Terrace and Kitsumkalum businesses will also be invited to take part. Tentative dates are March 13 and 14.

The meeting was also told that the Don Cossack Chorus and Dancers had accepted an October booking to appear in Prince Rupert under the sponsorship of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

George Wilkins, winner of an effective speaking elimination contest, will represent the city in a district competition to be held in Kitimat February 1. Mr Wilkins in an impromptu speech on "Sputniks—Scare or Scandal" defeated R. R. Whitely and J. S. Burns.

WEATHER—

Cloudy with a few showers today. Rain Saturday changing to cloudy with showers in the afternoon. Continuing mild. Winds southerly 15 becoming southwest 30 Saturday morning. Low tonight and high Saturday 35 and 45.

TIDES—

Saturday, Jan. 24, 1959
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	01:21	13.4 feet
	13:05	11.6 feet
Low	07:04	7.2 feet
	19:37	2.2 feet