Bellis tops poll

with 2,321 votes

By DICK AYRES

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race were cast into the discard yesterday as a record

number of Prince Rupert electors returned Mayor P.

Murray did together.

cast for Ald. Hills.

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In the aldermanic contest for

three City Council seats Alder-

man Norman Bellis set voting

history in Prince Rupert by

ever given one man at any

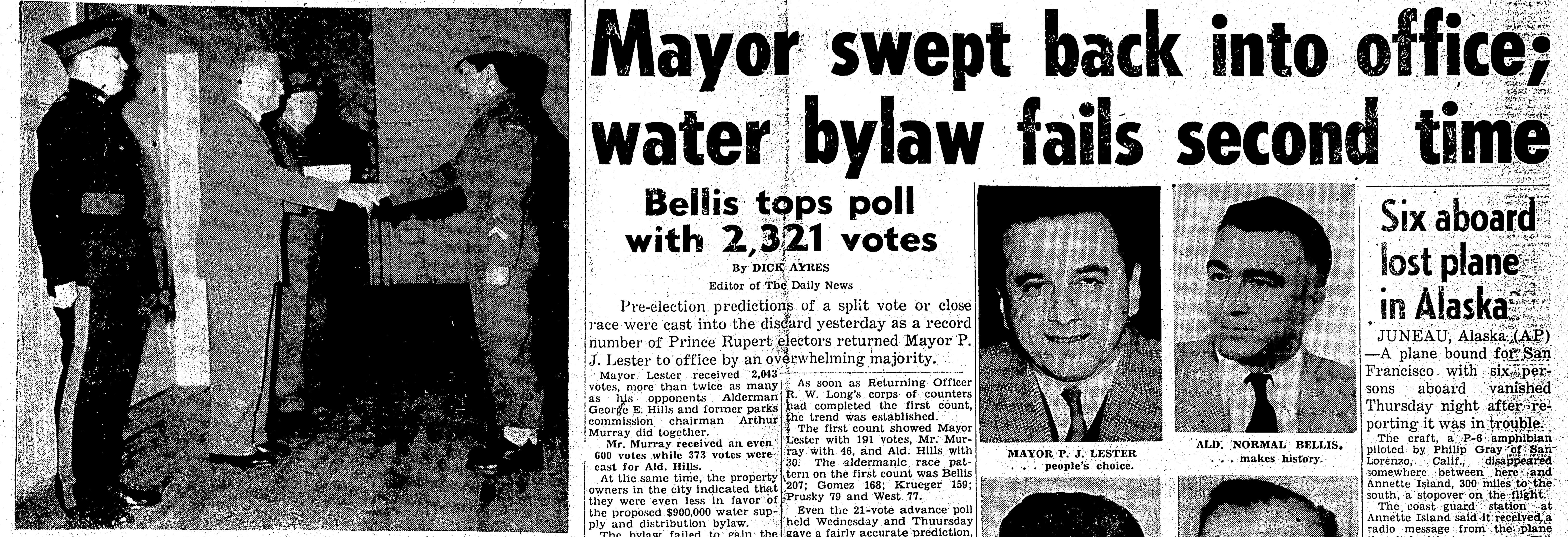
local election.

John West 793.

clectors out of an eligible 4,269.

WATER BYLAW

Pre-election predictions of a split vote or close



HONORARY COLONEL to Prince Rupert Canadian Army Cadets, Col. S. D. Johnston, is shown presenting Cadet Melvin White with cadet leader's certificate earned at Vernon military camp this past summer. Ceremony took place at Armory Tuesday night in conjunction with Army Cadets' "Father-an-Son" banquet. In foreground is Lt. Kenneth B. Harris, officer commanding local army cadet corps. On far side is Capt. E. T. S. Moore, officer commanding D Company, Irish Fusiliers of Canada, (Vancouver Regt.) -Photo by Gladys Baldwin.

B.C. ELECTIONS

Prince Rupert's record turnout of voters likely to top province By The Canadian Press

The northern cities of Prince Rupert and Prince George, which with contentious issues and stiff mayoralty contests saw civic voters turn out in record or near record numbers Thursday as communities across | British Columbia H. Krueger.

staged civic elections. The outcome brought the return of Mayor P. J. Lester in Prince Rupert and the defeat of Mayor Carrie Jane Gray i Prince George, where she had run with labor backing.

In all, seven of the 16 mayors seeking re-election were turned out of office.

Penticton's outspoken Charles Oliver was returned as mayor over Frank C. Christian, former cloudy and rainy weather comment. Two aldermen—Paul E. sues to keeping voting down. Pauls and Mrs. Elsie MacCleave opposed by the mayor were de- an K. Jordan was returned to seated. Mr. Oliver said he would office and in Kamloops Mayor resign if they were re-elected.

In Greater Vancouver areal municipality George Hahn, for- with X signifying the incummer Social Credit member of seesessessessessessessesses parliament for New Westminster won handily in a four-way race) for reeveship. Incumbent Roberti

Nesbitt of Surrey ran third. Reeve Allen Emmett of Burnaby went back into office with in the Elks "March of Dimes" 2,100-vote margin.

In Prince Rupert, 3,047 of the 4,260 eligible voters—for a record 71.3 per cent vote-turned out the three-way mayoralty contest and rejected a contentious \$900,000 water bylaw. Nearly 60 per cent of 4,300

elected president of the Inter-national Typographical Union for shoplifting

secutive year.

his Standring, Dayld Cook and T. Applewhalte.

per Brondstrup.

the executive committee.

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eligible in Prince George turn- bent, are as follows: ed out to elect Garvin Dezell,

building contractor and mayor of the city from 1950 through 1953. Mrs. Gray and candidates for aldermen and school trustees were officially endorsed by the Prince George | dolph Rapske, 240, S. G. Mills, Labor Council. All three were

In many areas of the province,

In Port Alberni Mayor Lor-J. E. Fitzwater was re-elected. Votes in northern centres,

Bingo draw

Four numbers B-1; 1-23; B-4 and I-17 were drawn today house bingo for B.C. Children's

date were B-13; B-6; B-11; | icipal elections. G-59; G-48; I-28; O-61; N-32; 1-27; N-42; I-29; G-50; O-75; and N-41,

Four lew numbers, will be published in the Daily News Monday, if no winner has been

P. Molvin Wells last night was Six-day sentence turnout of electors.

Local 413 for the fourth con- Allen McTavish, 25 and Joseph | McInnis, 54, were each sentenced Others taking office are Jac- to six days in jail this morning Manheim, vice-president when they appeared in police for the third term; William | court for sentencing on a charge Sharp, secretary-treasurer and of theft under \$50. The pair, Erle Johanson, agt,-at-arms. | who pleaded guilty Wednesday to

Following 10 years on the fi- ted for trial by higher court yes- region of northeastern B.C. in northwestern B.C. names and auditing committee, terday afternoon at a prelimin- America Petroleum Corpora- Another highlight of the auc- in oll-gas leases and rights and vious election said he was sur- been a good election" and that M. D. Montesano was named to ary hearing on a charge of es-tion, one of the larger inde-tion of 326,035 acres of explora- rentals on Crown land since the prised that he had topped the he will start getting ready "for cuping custody. Dube, appear-pendents in the United States tion permits, drilling reserva- nidustry began in 1951. olected trial by higher court.

> Prince Rupert hus nuction which notted \$3,917,141 Co. accident.

TERRACE Chairman-Walter A. Yeo, 384, elected; Harry Fedrini, 241. Commissioners (two seats) — (x) Dorothy M. Norton, 312, A. lan G. Davis, 252, elected; Ru-207; George Leslie Roach, 103, Marry Ellen Juby, 102.

KITIMAT Councillors (three seats) —(x) Social Credit member of Parlia-| bined with the lack of good is-|R. A. Freeman, 522; (x) C. J Gooding, 420; (x) J. O. Springer, [599, elected; Walter Bailey, 409.

Voters stand to win shield

Prince Rupert voters who went to the polls Thursday stand a chance to win a shield as a re-Other numbers drawn to sult of their interest in the mun-

In Prince Rupert 3,047 electors 0-74; I-21; B-8; N-31; N-36; out of an eligible 4,269 went to G-52; N-43; I-19; N-37; G-51; the polls for a 71.3 per cent vote. Shields, in three categories, 1-25; N-34; O-69; I-18; B-7; | were announced last September |

1-20; O-68; G-47; B-5; O-72 by Municipal Affairs Minister |Black, at the annual convention of the Union of B.C. Municipallities in Kelowna.

Mr. Black told the convention he would award shields to the city, district town or village eccesses the highest percentage

J. Lester to office by an overwhelming majority. votes, more than twice as many As soon as Returning Officer his opponents Alderman R. W. Long's corps of counters George E. Hills and former parks had completed the first count, commission chairman Arthur the trend was established. The first count showed Mayor

Lester with 191 votes, Mr. Mur-Mr. Murray received an even 600 votes while 373 votes were ray with 46, and Ald. Hills with 30. The aldermanic race pat-At the same time, the property tern on the first count was Bellis owners in the city indicated that 207; Gomez 168; Krueger 159; they were even less in favor of Prusky 79 and West 77.

Even the 21-vote advance poll the proposed \$900,000 water supheld Wednesday and Thuursday The bylaw failed to gain the gave a fairly accurate prediction, required 60 per cent majority by with the exception of the third an even greater percentage than place in which Mr. West led, and it lost in the September by-elec-| Mr. Krueger trailed.

Advance poll votes were: Les-A total of 1,180 proprty own- | ter 11; Murray 8; Hills 2; Bellis ers voted for the water bylaw 19; Gomez 15; West 10; Prusky and 998 voted against it, for a 9; Krueger 6. Of the sixteen property own-

54.18 per cent vote. A total of 1.307 votes in favor were required ers in the advance poll six voted for passage, or another 5.82 per for the water bylaw and 10 voted Amazing coincidence of the

count as it proceeded (and it indicates nothing whatsoever) is that the total vote of Mr. Murpolling a total of 2,321 votes, ray and Alderman Hills nearly the highest number of votes always equalled the "NO" vote against the water bylaw. On the Tirst count the Hills-Murray to- | RE-ELECTED MAYOR SAYS: Elected to the council with tal was two votes off the "No" Aid. Bellis were former aldermen vote; on the second count 7 off;

Darrow Gomez and Michael W. on the third count 14 off; on the fourth count one off; and on Aldermanic votes was as fol- the fifth count 25 off; on the advance poll exactly equal and Alderman Bellis 2,321; Darrow on the final count 25 off.

Gomez 2,061; Michael Krueger There were 31 spoiled ballots 1.739; James W. Prusky 997; in the mayoralty contest. Other spoiled, challenged and reject-The total vote in yesterday's ed ballots have not yet cool, crisp weather, (with the ex-| counted. The ballot box was

ception of one shower) was 3,047 sealed for rechecking later. No one asked for a recount. In other words 71.3 per cent Alderman Hills conceded of the eligible voters cast their election early in the count. Mr. elected by a sweeping majority. Murray was not at the polling The election, when it came station during the count. Mayor down to counting the votes, was Lester left before the final tally, as did Alderman Bellis.

MAYOR

LESTER

ARTHUR

MURRAY

in no way a close one. Election results at glance

Below are the five progressive counts, plus the advance poll, in yesterday's civic elections. Candidates are listed in order they appeared on the ballots. Successful votes are in black face type.

ALD, GEO.

HILLS

| (1) | 104 | 74 | QU , | 101 | 10 |
|------------|---------|--------|---------|-------------|------|
| (2) | 303 | 252 | 99 | 547 | 160 |
| (3) | 583 | 488 | 170 | 1,006 | 304 |
| (4) | 867 | 731 | 269 | 1,508 | 403 |
| (5) | 1,174 | 988 | 371 | 2,032 | 592 |
| Adv. | 6 | 10 | 2 | 11 | 8 |
| Final | 1,180 | 998 | 373 | 2,043 | 800 |
| | ALD. N. | DARROW | MICHAEL | JAMES | JOHN |
| | BELLIS | GOMEZ | KRUEGER | PRUSKY | WEST |
| (1) | 207 | 168 | 159 | 79 | 77 |
| (2) | 612 | 534 | 470 | 263 | 210 |
| (3) | 1,135 | 207 | 851 . | 485 | 392 |
| (4) | 1,713 | 1,528 | 1,271 | 732 | 598 |
| (5) | 2,302 | 2,046 | 1,733 | 988 | 783 |
| Adv, | 19 | 15 | G | 9 | 10 |
| | - | | | | |
| Final | 2.321 | 2,061 | 1,730 | 997 | 793 |

U.S. company pays \$1,098,448 to B.C. for oil, gas leases

ing before Magistrate E. T. Ap- with extensive Texas holdings, tions and natural gas leases was | The government now plans | the third 1959 Grown reserve bid of \$461,888 to the Ohio Oil 1960.

> lary Lake area, 600 miles north- nan said one reason for this production but capped because to see if it can find a solution to when she berthed and loading wost of Vancouver. It paid \$528,- was the recent announcement of transportation problems.

that a pipenne to take the bount of the shoplifting groceries from the VICTORIA (b) --- A newcomer 704 for the bloc.

| Co-Op centre, had been remand- to the British Columbia oil busi- | Smallest acre price paid was dary Lake oil to Vancouver and his re-election and wish anditing committee were Doug- od for sentence by Magistrate E. ness Thursday paid \$1,098,448 \$2.50 by West Canadian Oll and other markets will be built be- thank those who voted for mo, feated. for natural gas and oil leases on Gas Lld., which paid \$253,000 fore next fall. Marcol Dube, 32 was commit- 1,056 acres in the Boundary Lake for 96,368 acres of wildcat land The provincial treasury now who topped yesterday's polls

in bonus bids, fees and rentals. The sale established Boundary ing oil wells and 71 producing "I'm sorry the A record price of \$811 an agre Lake officide as the bottest. now gone 386 days without a fatal traffic accident.

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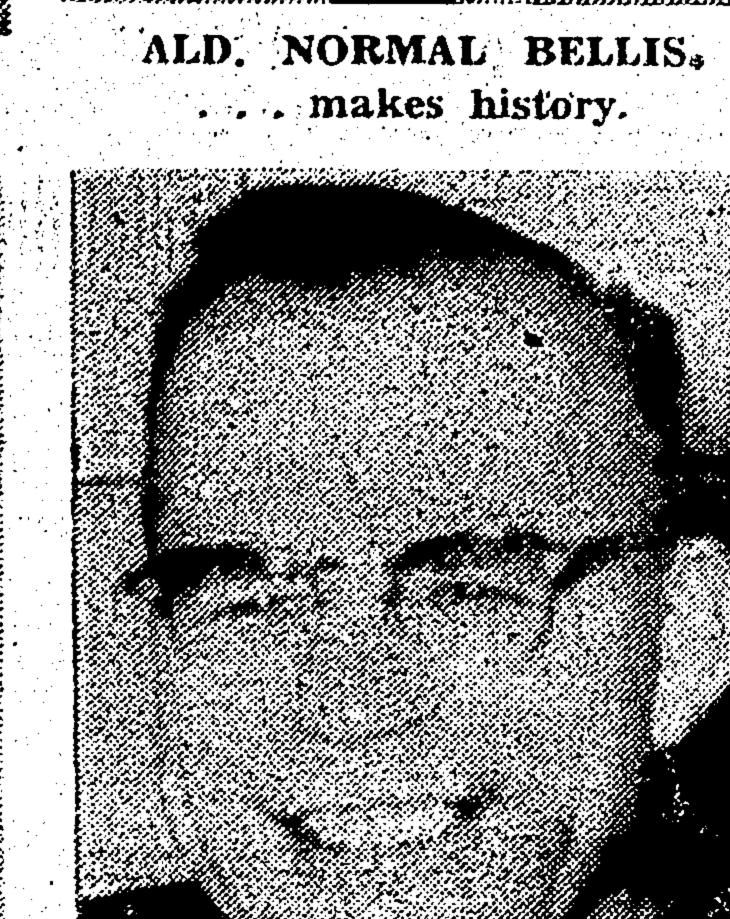
plawhalte, made no plea but paid more than 25 per cent of the sale of 652 acres in the to hold four auctions a year, gratified to see the number of the money raised Thursday in Boundary Lake offield at a bonus the next scheduled for March, cleators who turned out as it Greek registry arrived at



MAYOR P. J. LESTER . . . people's choice.



DARROW GOMEZ



seeks referendum.

Bylaw failure poses city with big problem

The failure of the water supply and distribution bylaw to pass a second time, poses a "very serious problem for the city," victorious Mayor P. J. Lester said last night after seeing that he was being re-

He said that he was disappointed that the water bylaw did not receive the required major-

"The problem will be one of the first issues with which the in the aldermanic race that that Ontario, air defence command Concerning his own re-elec- choice for next year's council. tion Mayor Lester said that he only hoped "that I can prove didates for running in this elec- Roy N. Minor, 34, of Manchester,

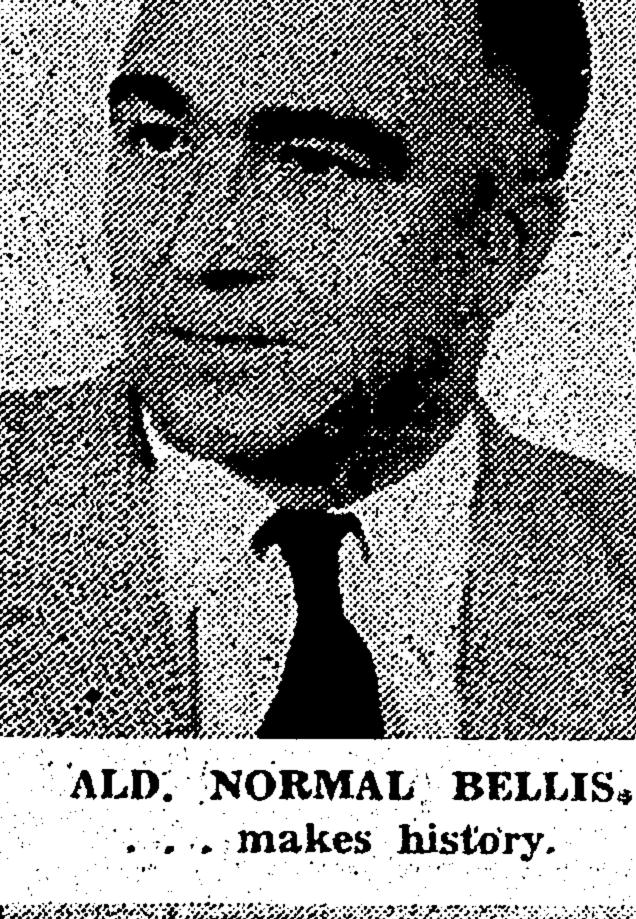
placed in me." The man who trailed the poll contest."

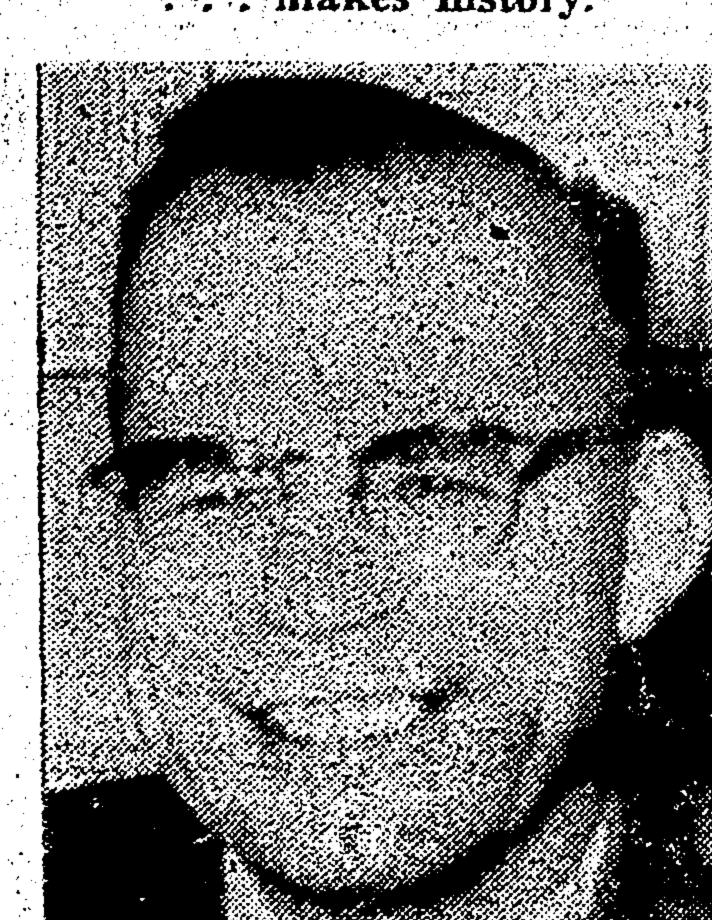
He said there was no doubt who the people wished to rep- voted for him, adding that he the RCAF for medical treatresent them for the next two will do his best to show them ment.

"stood by me in this election." | for a gravity system." were being counted, although his gravity system.

tion campaign that Prince Ru- the betterment of the city." that a pipeline to take the Boun- I congratulate Mayor Lester on sion of the people.

Alderman Norman Bellis





MICHAEL KRUEGER "Glad to be back."

worthy of the confidence the tion because their entry showed renn., and Lieut. Theodore C.

in the mayoralty race, Alderman |George E. Hills said that "need-| referendum on the water issue | B-47 jet bomber that collided in less to say I am very disappoint- next year, to decide what the mid-air with an F-102 jet ined in the result of the ballotting people want a pumping plan | terceptor Thursday, was flown on the mayoralty."

"I can only congratulate the trust. mayor on hiso verwhelming victory and hope that he and his appointed at the failure of the | council can find satisfactory so- | water bylaw to receive the ne- | Ilutions to the many problems cessary number of votes. (with which they are confronted) lat this time."

|showed a renewed interest in | Canadian Government Grain |

He expressed the hope that during 1960 "Council will pull together and solve all the prob-

the voters had made a good "I also thank the losing can-

He said he will ask for a or gravity system. He also thanked those who States radar site at Pagwa by

that they didn't misplace their Michael Krueger was also dis- a rescue helicopter.

"To me the defeat of the water bylaw indicates that those He expressed appreciation to who voted against it, would have

He told The Daily News today: happy to be back on City Coun- off is indefinite and will affect "When I said during the elec- cil and will work "diligently for from 45 to 50 mon. James W. Prusky said that the kept on for maintenance and definitely must have been wrong, election results were the deci- to take care of the camp

> "That also is the voice of John West said that "it has l

the people," he suid. the next one."

| elevator from the Orient at noon |

The MV Ermis, a freighter of

Six aboard lost plane

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) —A plane bound for San Francisco with six persons aboard vanished Thursday night after reporting it was in trouble. The craft, a P-6 amphibian piloted by Philip Gray of San Lorenzo, Calif., disappeared somewhere between here and

south, a stopover on the flight. The coast guard station at Annette Island said it received a radio message from the plane that it had lost one engine. Radio contact was lost after, the pilot said the craft was in

Annette Island, 300 miles to the

Reported also aboard the plane were co-pilot Carl Scott; Burras Smith, identified only as an engineer; Bob Meath, a veteran Alaska bush pilot; and a man and woman, both uniden-

The coast guard search and rescue headquarters here said the plane was operated by the Stanford Research Institute of California. It was reported carrying a load of electronic equip-

The coast guard said two cutters were sent from Ketchikan to search near Gravina Island, about 10 miles north of Annette Island. A coast guard plane was sent out over the area but failed to find any trace of the missing craft before it was forced to turn back because of weather condi-

wo survive plane crash in mid-air

KAPUSKASING, Ont: (P)—Two survivors have been picked up Darrow Gomez who ran second ted States aircraft in northern

The two rescued were Capt. people of Prince Rupert have their interest in civic affairs and Adams, 24, of Greenville, S.C. also made it a more interesting The condition of both men was reported good. Lieut. Adams, co-pilot of the

after his rescue to the United

Capt. Minor, pilot of the bomber, is believed to be aboard

Special to The Dally News:

STEWART—Information has his friends and supporters who supported the bylaw had it been reached here today that Dawson-Wade Construction Company He said that the 1960 council has been forced to discoutinue Mayor Lester by 1,443 votes will have to go into all the de-operations on the construction wasn't present wille the ballots tails of utilizing the proposed of the Stewart road, due to heavy

Mr. Krueger said that he was | It was reported that the lay-

A small skelton crew is being

the water bylaw had been de- WEATHER—

Rain this ovening and tonight. Cloudy with "a" fow showers and some sunny periods Saturday. Not much Winds southoast 40 : this evening. Low tonight and high Saturday 35 and 45.

Saturday, Dec. 10, 1950 (Pucific Standard Time) 19.8 foot 8.3 feet