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Planes, ships join in wide search for three missing city duckhunters

Swimming pool to be finished by contractor

The Civic Centre indoor swimming pool project will be completed on a contract basis as soon as the main floor slab, the curb around the pool floor and the basement slab are finished by volunteers, it was reported today.

The decision was reached at a meeting of the Centre Swimming pool committee, Civic Centre president Morris Wayman said.

Mr. Wayman said that the meeting had decided that response of volunteers to the pool project had now reached a stage where it was too slow to allow completion of the pool in a reasonable time.

However, he said, the committee felt that the concrete work should be cleaned up by volunteers first in order to leave a tidy job for a contractor to take over.

"Work will proceed every night that the temperature is above 32 degrees," Mr. Wayman said.

He said Henry Stangbye will be on hand to supervise volunteers in tying steel and pouring concrete.

The decision to go over to contract labor for the completion of the job was reached after attempts to have the swimming pool included in the federal or provincial government winter work aid programs.

Although the request was approved by the provincial government, it was turned down by the federal government.

Since the decision to contract the job will result in an over-expenditure beyond the original estimate of $135,400, the committee is now considering ways and means of raising the remaining required funds.

Rough estimates place the requirement in the neighborhood of $40,000.

Of the original 23,570 man hours of volunteer labor pledged, more than 65 per cent has been fulfilled. This labor, plus donations of money, services, special rates on materials are worth in excess of $100,000 to the city.

Despite the fact that many volunteers have doubled and tripled their original pledges man hours put in during the last few months have declined, as shown by the following figures on hours of labor: July 435; August 272; September 1,365; October 813; November 462 and December 128.

Altogether 14,480 hours of volunteer labor have been put in by volunteers out of the original 23,570 hour-estimate. The committee felt that the remaining 9,090 hours of work would take too long to complete at the present rate.

Following the completion of the main floor slab, the curb around the pool floor and the basement slab by volunteer labor, Associated Engineering Services Ltd., will be called in to prepare the job for bidding.

The swimming pool committee was told by its engineering group that the next major steps in building the swimming pool will be the erection of the block walls and insulation of the underside of the roof.

It should be done by hired skilled labor, the engineers said.

Ice produces weekend mishaps

RCMP today blamed icy road conditions for three weekend highway accidents which sent two city men to hospital and caused a Port Edward woman to escape death, narrowly.

Taken to Prince Rupert General Hospital 8 o'clock last night after the car they were riding in skidded on the ice near Oliver Lake and rolled over onto the side of the road were Thomas Cook, 28 of 1008 Sixth Avenue East, and Norman Bruce, 50, of 242 Eighth Avenue West.

Cook was released today after being treated for lacerations to the nose and Bruce is reported to be in good condition with lacerations to his leg and minor chest injuries.

It is believed there were two other passengers in the vehicle. The car is completely damaged.

Mrs. George Wilkins of Port Edward managed to swim to shore after her small car skidded on the icy road surface and plunged into about 30 feet of water one mile from Port Edward on Highway 29 yesterday afternoon.

Port Edward RCMP said Mrs. Wilkins was heading towards Port Edward when the accident occurred. She was able to open the door of the small vehicle after it had submerged.

Sunset Service wrecker along with the assistance of skin diver Jock McLean who hooked a rope onto the car, brought it to the surface with only minor water damage estimated at about $100. Mrs. Wilkins received no injury.

A Neal Evans Transportation Company Limited truck loaded with lumber careened into the Skeena River near Telegraph Point about 35 miles from Prince Rupert on Highway 16 Friday afternoon.

Driver of the truck, Kenneth Dallyn of Prince Rupert jumped from the plunging vehicle and escaped injury.

It is believed the truck's steering came loose and the driver was unable to keep it on the road due to the icy surface.

All of the lumber was salvaged. The truck was rescued by a Canadian National Railways crane that was working in the vicinity.

Mrs. J. D. Strand funeral rites

Funeral was held Saturday at Ferguson Funeral Home for Mrs. Jessie Duthie Strand, 1205 Beach Place, a resident of the city for some 36 years.

Mrs. Strand died in hospital Tuesday after a lengthy illness. She was 62.

Rev. Ivan S. Gamble who officiated at the service sang "There is a green hill far away." Others sung were: "Abide with me" and "Lead Kindly Light."

Pallbearers were: Angus MacDonald, A. Bruce Brown, Bruce Love, Dennis Mulroney, William Crawford and Charles Cotsford.

Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery.

Fisherman dies aged 64

A Prince Rupert fisherman, John Bjorn Gudmundson died yesterday afternoon in the Prince Rupert General Hospital at the age of 64.

Born in Iceland, Mr. Gudmundson came to Prince Rupert from Manitoba five years ago. He lived on his fishing boat at the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative Association plant.

He is survived by three brothers: George Goodman of Prince Rupert, Hallur Goodman of Carrot River, Saskatchewan, and Fred Godman of Manitoba; and one sister, Mrs. Robert Day of Ontario.

Funeral will be held at Ferguson Funeral Home 2 p.m. Wednesday. Rev. A. S. Olson will officiate.

Interment will follow at Fairview cemetery.

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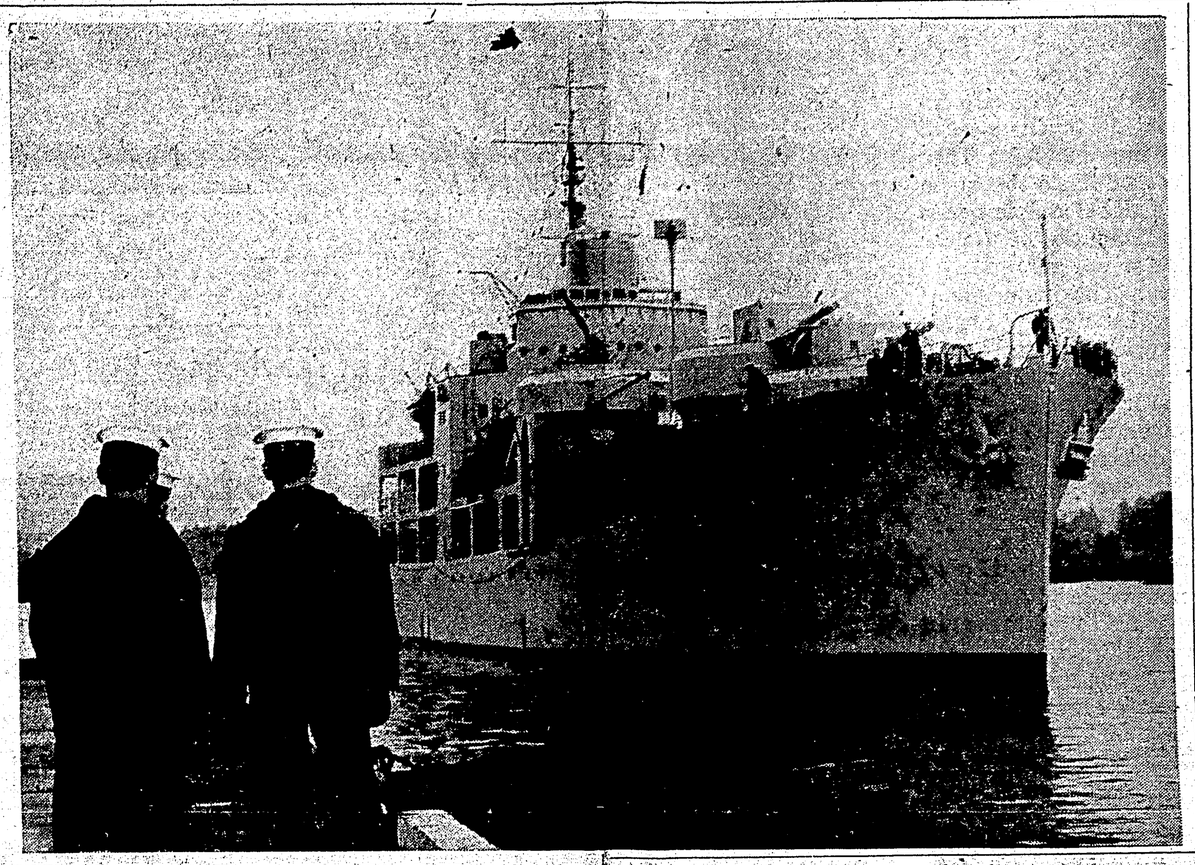
Prince Rupert has now gone 363 days without a fatal traffic accident.



SWEDISH VISITOR—The minelayer HSwMS Alvsnabben became the first Swedish naval vessel to visit the British Columbia coast when she arrived at Esquimalt, Thursday in the course of a combined goodwill and training cruise. Commanded by Captain Karl G. Norstrom, the 4,200-ton, 318-foot ship is carrying approximately 60 naval officer cadets in addition to her regular ship's company. Among those boarding the ship immediately on arrival was K. A. Stahl, Swedish Consul. An activity-packed program planned for the visiting Swedish officers, cadets and men included several social events, smokers for the men, suppers, sightseeing tours of the Greater Victoria area, a soccer game for teams of the Alvsnabben and the RCN barracks, and a dance for the visiting cadets.

Board hits obstacle to future planning

Prince Ruuert General Hospital Association faces a real poser: How can it demand much-needed money for modernization when it doesn't know what its future needs will be? And is it possible to find out?

The problem came to a head at Friday's meeting of the association board, and after an exhaustive discussion members were no nearer to an answer.

But they took two steps that may help: to refer the problem to the joint advisory board; and to write to the administrators of Kitimat hospital asking how they caluculated their needs.

The discussion began with a report from the long-range planning committee which had sought the opinions of an architect.

His suggestions led to a letter from the medical staff urging that renovation and modernization should be planned by hospital building consultants.

All the members agreed that a new kitchen was a top priority item; other urgent needs are modern operating rooms, storage space and a morgue.

Total cost may be $200,000 or more. To approach City Council, which used to pay something like $20,000 a year to the hospital, would mean providing detailed plans and requirements for possibly the next 10 years.

And, asked Dr. L. M. Greene, how could the board possibly know just what the needs will be over that period?

Mrs. J. R. Ayres, chairman of the committee, said plan would transfer the kitchen to the present pediatrics centre, move the children upstairs and thus ensure that all patients were off the ground floor.

NEEDS MAY CHANGE

Dr. Greene said that to do so would mean committing them to the architect's plan, and the medical staff felt that the needs of the hospital might change vastly over the next few years.

If the board simply provided a new kitchen on the present site, they could extend and modernize as future needs dictated.

Finance chairman J. D. Mirrae: "You would say that to plan over 10 years is impossible"

Dr. Greene: "I think so."

He said hospital insurance schemes, the federal plan for free diagnostic examinations, advances in medicine and shorter periods of hospitalization might change the whole picture.

MEMBERS SURPRISED

Several members of the board were surprised by the disclosure of the Administrator Edward H. Knight that the operating rooms at the hospital have been condemned by the provincial government.

Mr. Knight produced photographs of the condition of the operating rooms, storage rooms and other areas which need replacement.

"If you don't do it soon, it will cost more later" he said.

"You just don't know what your needs will be, but if you do it now, you can get five or ten years' service out of it; and if you don't it will cost you much more at a later date."

AUDITORIUM TO VANISH

VANCOUVER (CP) — Georgia Auditorium, for 32 years one of Vancouver's leading entertainment and sports centres, will be torn down at the end of April to make way for a parking lot.

The auditorium, which has featured politicians, singers and boxers, and served as a wartime airplane factory, will be rendered obsolete by the city's $4,000,000 civic auditorium, scheduled to be completed this year.

City pair plead guilty to grocery store theft

Two city residents, Charles Raymond Evans and Marjorie Anne Robinson pleaded guilty in city police court Saturday to a charge of theft of groceries from the Overwaitea store and were remanded for sentence until tomorrow.

RCMP told Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite that the pair purchased some $15 worth of groceries and while doing so managed to slip another box out the back door.

Police said that after the pair had paid for the first box they went around the back and picked up the second at which time they were caught by the store manager.

Also in city police court Saturday, William James French of Prince Rupert was sentenced to five days in jail when he pleaded guilty to a charge of trespassing on Canadian National Railways property.

LESS TV VIOLENCE

SUN VALLEY, Idaho (AP)—Those tough-guy television programs probably contribute to juvenile delinquency, says mystery writer Earle Stanley Gardner. He told the National Association of County and Prosecuting Attorneys that parents should protest against such programs.

But he said the real solution is for TV networks to substitute something more interesting for the violence.

GAS PIPE EXPLODES

KAMLOOPS, B.C. (CP)—An explosion riped apart a five-foot section of natural gas pipeline Sunday, hurling debris some 300 feet and shaking residents awake in Kamloops, 16 miles away.

The pre-dawn explosion near Barnhartvale, on the main Inland Natural Gas Company line to the Okanagan Valley, tore up rocks and frozen earth but did little other damage. There was no fire.

Gas company service crews worked in knee-deep mud to repair the break late Sunday.

No word on cause of the explosion was released.

RCMP ask motorists for information

Search resumed early this morning and continued the rest of today at Zenardi Rapids and the area of Wainwright Basin near Port Edward for three Prince Rupert duckhunters who have been missing since about 4 p.m. Friday.

Lost are, Horace Holt, of 218 Eighth Avenue West; Carl Simonds of 117 Ninth Avenue West; and Joseph Stace-Smith of 951 Eleventh Avenue East.

Two fishing vessels directed by Port Edward RCMP, three Armour Salvage Co. Ltd., tugs, a Pacific Western Airlines plane and an Okanagan Helicopter craft searched all day yesterday without success.

Only sign found of the three men or their 12-foot skiff powered by a five horse-power motor, was an oar floating in the water at Zenardi Rapids.

Search is being carried out today on a smaller scale by Port Edward RCMP and Columbia Cellulose Company Limited tugs and employees.

Also checked by helicopter yesterday were Butze Rapids and Galloway Rapids stretches of water about three miles from Zenardi Rapids which is in the immediate vicinity of the Columbia Cellulose plant.

Police said that a 23-foot tide was flowing Saturday at the time the search was in progress.

Actual starting out time of the three men has not yet been determined and Port Edward RCMP said that any motorist who may have seen a truck parked at the gravel pit on the Port Edward Highway and possibly seen the three men starting out in the boat are asked to telephone the nearest detachment of the RCMP at once.

Balloonists recovered from ordeal

NEW YORK (AP)—Three members of the crew of the British balloon Small World arrived at Idlewild airport today from Barbados, rested from the ordeal of a 24-day wind-and-water crossing of the Atlantic.

Arnold Eiloart, leader of the expedition, related how the balloon was forced down by a storm 94 hours after its launching Dec. 12 in the Canary Islands on a project to study Atlantic trade winds.

The crew of three men and a woman completed the crossing in 24 days in a 15½-foot plastic gondola-lifeboat after cutting loose the balloon. They had ditched their radio and other equipment before cutting the baloon free.

For 19 days no definite word was received from them, giving rise to fears for their lives.

Eiloart, a grey-bearded man of 51, said the storm had been the worst part of the crossing. "Our hearts went bangety-bang as the storm forced us down to the sea, he said.

The balloon was 4,600 feet up when the storm hit, Eiloart said.

Eiloart and his companions, Colin and Rosemary Mudie, said they were disappointed they had not completed the journey by air.

Gyros donate further $443 to hospital

Two retiring members of the board of the Prince Rupert Hospital Association were Friday presented with corsages by chairman R. G. Moore, on behalf of the board.

They are ex-alderman Kay Smith, city representative and Mrs. J. R. Ayres, Hospital Women's Auxiliary delegate. In presenting them with the corsages, Mr. Moore said the board very much appreciated their services to the association.

In other business, administrator Edward H. Knight reported to the board that gross revenue in November was $45,147. Expenditure during the month totalled $49,333.

Total revenue in the frist 11 months was $488,521, while $523,591 was spent.

Further statistics he presented showed that an average of 11.7 patients were admitted avery day and 11.8 discharged. The average length of stay remained at 8.7 days.

Mr. Knight reported a donation of $443 from the Gyro Club for equipping its room. It was agreed to write thanking the club.

A redrafted copy of the association's bylaws was presented by bylaw committee chairman A. A. W. Macdonell.

The five amendments recommended by the committee were approved, and forwarded to the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service.

All the doctors were formally re-appointed to practice in the hospital.

The Department of Labor has set up a conciliation board to deal with the application for wage increases by the International Union of Operating Engineers, local 510.

When the union met the Personnel committee on December 10, the hospital representatives said they could not consider any of the demands "until the financial situation of the hospital was such that wage increases could be contemplated."

OPEN LETTER

To the driver who hit my dog, kept going at Fulton Street, Seventh Avenue Saturday

It was certainly courteous of you to sound your horn to let the dog know you were coming. But, he's just a pup and didn't realize you wouldn't stop as other drivers have, to give him a chance to move off the road. Dogs aren't used to sidewalks in Prince Rupert because sidewalks are so few and far between.

However, he didn't move, but you did. Or rather, you didn't stop. After all, he's only a little dog and he couldn't hurt your nice big truck so you kept right on barreling along.

You, or the two other fellows in the front seat with you, must have heard the thud as your bumper struck him and you must have heard my little boy scream when he saw the dog rolling over and over under the frame. But you didn't slow down.

Unfortunately, it is not against the law to hit a dog and keep going. So have fun mister! You should be able to chalk up three or four dogs a day—more on Saturday afternoons when dogs and kids are more in evidence.

No doubt you'll be sorry to hear that the dog didn't die in agony, but luckily received only minor injuries. But he's still dazed and whimpers a little when we touch him. Perhaps in his dog's own reasoning he wonders what kind of a creature could have done this to him.

FRED SPILLER,
Prince Rupert.

WEATHER—

Gale warning in effect — north half, continuous rain with snow in mainland inlets clearing midafternoon today. Mostly cloudy with frequent showers tonight and Tuesday. Winds southeast, gales 40 shifting to southwest 30 midafternoon. Low tonight and high Tuesday 30 and 40.

TIDES—

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1960
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	04:11	20.5 feet
	16:08	10.8 feet
Low	10:10	6.7 feet
	22:25	4.5 feet