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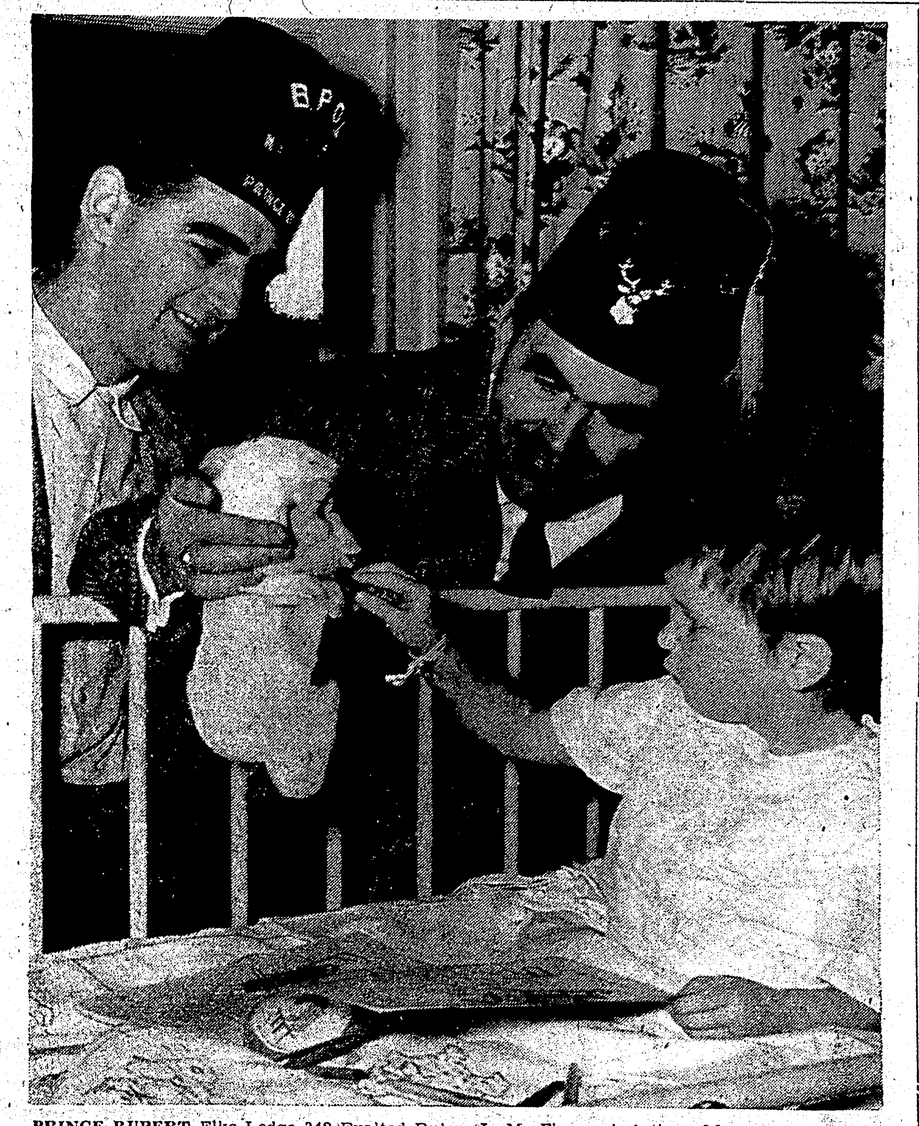


PRINCE RUPERT Elks Lodge 342 Exalted Ruler J. M. Eby and Arthur Murray were among several Elks attending the Provincial Elks bonspiel at Mission, to drop into the Children's Hospital in Vancouver. They chat here with young Catharine Tompkins of Quesnel, a patient in the east wing of the Children's Hospital. The Prince Rupert Elks lodge, along with Elks lodges in Terrace, Kitimat, Smithers and Burns Lake annually support the March of Dimes for crippled children. Other members of the Prince Rupert Elks delegation which called at the hospital were Robert Anderson, Wallace Seymour, and Harley Lewis.
—Photo by Lily A. Nelson, Vancouver.

Civic employees at hospital seeking 5 per cent pay boost

Board offering two-year proposal

Members of the Civic Employees Union Local 5, employed at Prince Rupert General hospital as lay staff personnel, are seeking a general wage increase for 1960 of 5 per cent, it was announced today.

Making the announcement was recently-elected hospital board chairman James K. Shaw.

Mr. Shaw said that the union was also seeking a four-week annual holiday with pay after 10 years of employment and payment of 50 per cent of accumulated sick leave on termination of employment after two years of service.

At a meeting last night between the hospital board's personnel committee and representatives of the union, the hospital board proposed a new wage schedule for 1960 and 1961 whereby certain classifications of employees would be granted wage increases for 1960 and all classes would be granted a general increase of 2 per cent for 1961.

FAR IN EXCESS

In explaining the hospital board's stand, Mr. Shaw said that certain groups of employees are now receiving salaries "far exceeding the average already agreed upon for 1960 in those hospitals in British Columbia which entered into contracts."

He said approved practical nurses are presently receiving $43.53 per month more than the average paid by the other hospitals and if the Prince Rupert hospital acceded to the union's request, these same employees would be receiving $54.43 per month more than the average.

TWO BOOSTS

Mr. Shaw said that if the hospital board's proposal were accepted, cooks at the hospital with three or more years' experience would receive increases ranging from 4.41 to 5.55 per cent in 1960 and boosts of from 6.5 to 7.66 per cent in 1961 over the present level.

Orderlies and utility men with three or more years' experience would be given increases of 5.16 per cent in 1960 and 7.11 per cent in 1961 above the present rate of pay.

Other salary increases in 1961 would range from 2 per cent to 4.36 per cent over those rates presently being paid, Mr. Shaw said.

Further meetings between the hospital board and the Civic Employees union are scheduled shortly.

Civil servants rap layoffs at Chilliwack

VANCOUVER (CP)— A spokesman for the federal civil servants today assailed the government's action in laying off 35 hourly-paid workers at the Chilliwack Army camp.

Jack Waddell, regional representative of the Civil Service Association, said "it shows the Department of National Defence has run out of money on certain projects."

The men included carpenters, drivers, laborers and other trades men, employed at the Royal Canadian Engineers camp at Chilliwack.

"They received notice Wednesday that they would be laid off today," Mr. Waddell said.

"It kind of punctures the government's claim that working for them means job security."

Rail proposal seen start of new era

HARRISON HOT SPRINGS (CP) —J. S. Broadbent, general manager of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, said today a proposed northern railway will start a new era of prosperity in British Columbia.

Speaking of the railway proposed by the Wenner-Gren interests through northern B.C. to the Yukon, he said:

"It can be said that almost everywhere you look in the north you'll find some ore that can be useful in today's industrial world.

"A railroad would touch off a new burst of exploration in this land where a new wave of prospecting is active."

In a speech to the B.C. Natural Resources Conference Mr. Broadbent said the PGE had become a land bridge connecting the products of the country with the markets of the south.

He said ore production of the north is expected to exceed that of the southern quarter of B.C. and some 12,000,000 acres of land were being checked for oil and gas.

The builders of the Wenner-Gren railway would meet about the same conditions as did the PGE in its extension from Prince George.

48,000 lbs. of bottom fish landed here

Three beam trawlers from Hecate Strait landed 35,000 pounds of sole at Prince Rupert during the week ending November 14 and sold them for prices between 4 and 5½ cents, the Department of Fisheries stated today in its weekly report.

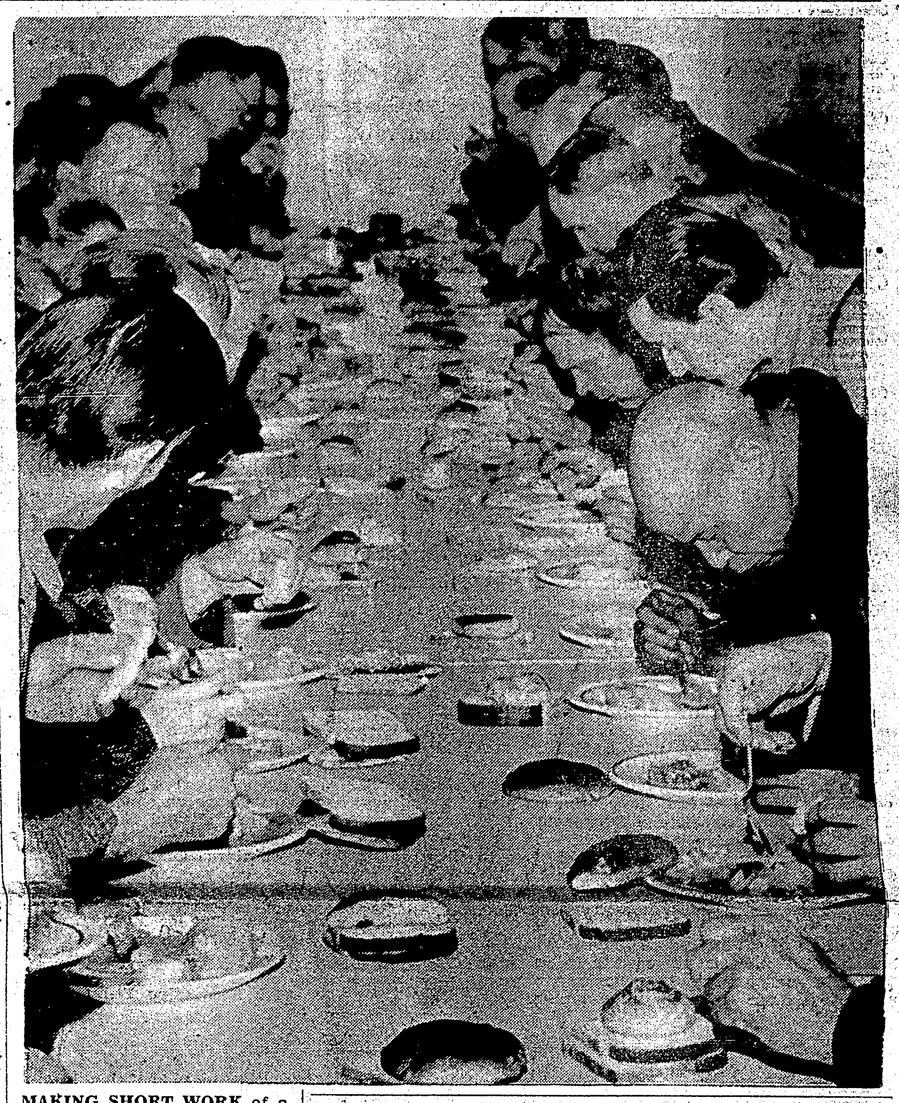
Also landed that week by the same boats were 14,000 pounds of grey cod at 2½ to 3 cents a pound and 9,000 pounds of mink feed at 2 cents a pound.

Herring landings for reduction totalled 653 tons.

Shellfish landings totalled 4,600 pounds of shrimps, 29,000 pounds of crabs at 10 cents and 21,000 pounds of clams at 2½ cents.

CALGARY (CP)—A brown-haired 10-year-old girl, described as "tall for her age," was found dead Thursday evening in the men's washroom of a mid-town Calgary church.

Police said they believe Lynn Lefurgey was murdered.



MAKING SHORT WORK of a meal of onion stew and salmon, are these unemployed men, part of a group of 345 at Harbor Light mission in Vancouver. Authorities say increased facilities have reduced suffering among the unemployed. There are mission beds to spare for the jobless, who a year ago, slept in boxcars.
—CP photo.

Limit not too high

VANCOUVER (CP)— A highway speed limit of 60 miles an hour is not too high if road, vehicle and driver are in good condition, a traffic safety meeting was told Thursday.

R. K. Gervin, director of the B.C. Automobile Association, said "Sixty is not too high where roads have been properly graded."

VANCOUVER (CP) — Burglars looted a city home of goods worth $1,500 Thursday while the owner was at work. Included in the haul was a television set, two radios, clothing, suitcases, bedding, a rifle and $250 in cash.

RENAISSANCE MASTERPIECES FOUND

Estimated worth of art discovery in California close to $10,000,000

BEVERLEY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—A Chicago art appraiser today hailed a set of paintings dug out from under an immigrant's bed and a closet as "the greatest art find of the century." He said they're worth $8,000,000 to $10,000,000.

But some art authorities weren't so sure.

Alexander Zlatoff-Mirsky, art appraiser and restorer who has his own studio, declared 10 of the dozen paintings are masterpieces from the Italian Renaissance. He identified one as the "Madallena" by Michelangelo de Caravaggio and valued at more than $1,000,000.

Even as announcement of the discovery came Thursday in lawyer Jerry Giesler's office, a rift developed between the owners and their agent.

Alfonso Follo, 40, a television repair man, and his sister, Mrs. Maria Follo Hataburda, said they were greatly disappointed that Charles di Renzo, a friend who developed into their agent, had made the matter public.

FUTURE UNKNOWN

Mrs. Hataburda's husband, Chester, said they don't know now whether the pictures will be offered for sale or exhibited.

Zlatoff-Mirsky said the master-pieces were authenticated by Amadore Porcella, catalogist for the Vatican and an expert on Renaissance art.

The paintings have been handed down in the Italian family for generations. They were shipped into the United States in 1946 by the U.S. Army among the personal effects of Hataburda.

Giesler was hired to represent di Renzo, whose sister, Mrs. Mary Jane Russo, is Giesler's private secretary.

The paintings were named by Zlatoff-Mirsky as: A picture of Noah by Tintoretto, entitled "There Shall be Light": Titian's semi-nude interpretation of his daughter, Lavinia; Bernardo Cavallino's "Saint Cecelia;" Luca Giordano's "Rape of Dejaniro;" Tintoretto's "Moses on Mt. Sinai;" Artemisia Gentillischi's "The Annunciation;" Lorenzo Lotto's "St. Jerome;" Claude Gele's "Lot with his daughters," and Raphaello Santi's "Madonna with Saints."

October dull, soggy, —normal

Prince Rupert's weather situation followed its usual pattern in October—little sunshine and plenty of rain.

According to statistics provided by Digby Island radio station there were 13.78 inches of rain and 54.0 hours of sunshine last month.

With the exception of October 1957 last month's weather was almost identical to any recorded in Daily News files since 1938.

In October 1957, city residents enjoyed 111.0 hours of sunshine and were dampened by only 6.93 inches of rain.

Worst October in any year was in 1953 when the sun shone for only 34.6 hours and 20.66 inches of rain fell.

Hottest day last month was October 1 when the mercury rose to 59 degrees. The lowest temperature was 34 degrees on October 31.

Mean for the month was 48.5 degrees.

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POOL REOPENS ON SUNDAY

The Civic Centre indoor swimming pool will reopen Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m., Centre manager Jacob Vandenbrink said today.

The pool has been closed since Wednesday night due to a breakdown in the filter system. Mr. Vandenbrink said that parts for the filter had arrived from Vancouver and were being installed.

After the 2 to 6 p.m. swimming session Sunday, the pool will resume its regular weekday schedule with the exception of Tuesday when the pool is closed all day.

Fire damage to packer set $12,000

Damage to a fish packer which caught fire Wednesday night at Imperial Oil dock was today estimated at between $12,000 and $13,000.

Fire Chief E. W. Becker said that the Cassiar Packing Company Limited vessel "Anna S" suffered considerable damage to its galley and wheelhouse.

He said that firemen, who were alerted by a passer-by, had the fire out within 15 minutes after arriving on the scene at 10:50 p.m.

Chief Becker said he believed the blaze started in the galley. Cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

An echo sounder, a radio telephone and other navigational instruments in the wheel house were badly damaged, the chief said.

Considerable damage was also inflicted on a fibreglass speedboat on the deck of the vessel when a rope holding a boom burned through causing the large timber to fall on the small craft.

World News Briefs

TUNIS (Reuters)—The Algerian insurgent "provisional government" today authorized a group of its imprisoned leaders to negotiate a cease-fire with the French government.

President de Gaulle has repeatedly invited leaders of the Algerian rebel movement to go to France under safe-conduct passes to negotiate a cease-fire.

WASHINGTON (AP)—A political committee of North Atlantic legislators proposed today that a full Western summit conference of all 15 NATO leaders be held once every year.

The committee also adopted a Canadian resolution expressing hope that East-West negotiations eventually may lead to a lifting of the Communist yoke from captive countries in Eastern Europe.

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP)—A fire in a chemical plant touched off a series of gigantic explosions in a heavily populated Yokohama suburbs today. More than 1,400 buildings were destroyed or damaged, and 376 persons were injured. There was only one confirmed death.

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada and Italy today announced an international air agreement under which Canadian Pacific Airlines will extend its Montreal-Lisbon flights to fly to Rome. CPA president Grant McConachie said this morning the two round-trip a week service will start March 1.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Lipsticks may follow cranberries as the subject of the United States Food and Drug Administration's next battle with industry.

Last month FDA banned the use of lipsticks of certain coal-tar colors it said had caused death and illness in test rats. The ban, if uncontested, would have gone into effect January 6, 1960.

OTTAWA (CP)—The Bank of Canada interest rate moved upwards today to 5.16 per cent from 5.13 last week with the sale of $100,000,000 in 91-day government treasury bills.

B.C. ROUNDUP

New gas area to join pipeline to Vancouver

VANCOUVER (CP)—Pacific Petroleums announced Thursday a new gas area about 50 miles north of Fort St. John in British Columbia's Peace River district has been connected to the West-coast Transmission Company Ltd. pipeline to Vancouver.

President George L. McMahon said 12,000,000 cubic feet a day are being delivered from the Jedney-Bubbles field. By the end of the month the deliveries would total an estimated 50,000,000 cubic feet.

Five wells were either being drilled or had been completed in the area and it was expected that 13 wells would be connected to the system in November.

The wells now producing were owned by a group consisting of Pacific Petroleums, Imperial Oil Ltd., Sunray Oil Co. and Canadian Northern Oil and Gas Ltd.

Pacific operated the field.

Cabinet at fort

FORT LANGLEY, B.C. (CP)—The British Columbia cabinet returned to the historic capital of Fort Langley Thursday night and Premier W. A. C. Bennett announced that similar meetings will be held at the reconstructed fort on Douglas Day every year.

The cabinet, attended the 15th annual Douglas Day banquet in honor of Sir James Douglas, first governor of British Columbia 101 years ago. The fort was reopened by Princess Margaret last year.

High figure

KELOWNA (CP)—Ronald Kearns executive director of the metropolitan marriage counselling and family relations centre in Vancouver, said here one out of every three people in B.C. has a marriage problem. Mr. Kearns is currently in the Okanagan city to "patch up" several marriages.

Help Indians

VANCOUVER (CP)—The eight-man Indian Advisory Committee will meet local boards of trade to investigate where the boards can help lift the status of British Columbia's Indian population.

The committee, which includes three Indians, concluded its three-day conference Thursday.

New signs

NORTH VANCOUVER (CP) — A dozen new signs were erected Thursday in the death trap gullies leading to Suicide Bluffs on Mt. Seymour here. A crew from the department of Recreation and Conservation will put other signs on the west side of the mountain where Mrs. Inez Warkman of Vancouver was lost for two days recently.

Prince Rupert has now gone 308 days without a fatal traffic accident.

WEATHER—

Scattered showers Saturday. Little change in temperature. Winds southerly 20 along the mainland and southwesterly over exposed waters near the Queen Charlottes. Low tonight and high Saturday 40 and 48.

TIDES—

Saturday, Nov. 21, 1959
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	05:06	17.8 feet
	16:42	18.1 feet
Low	10:46	0.8 feet
	23:22	0.3 feet