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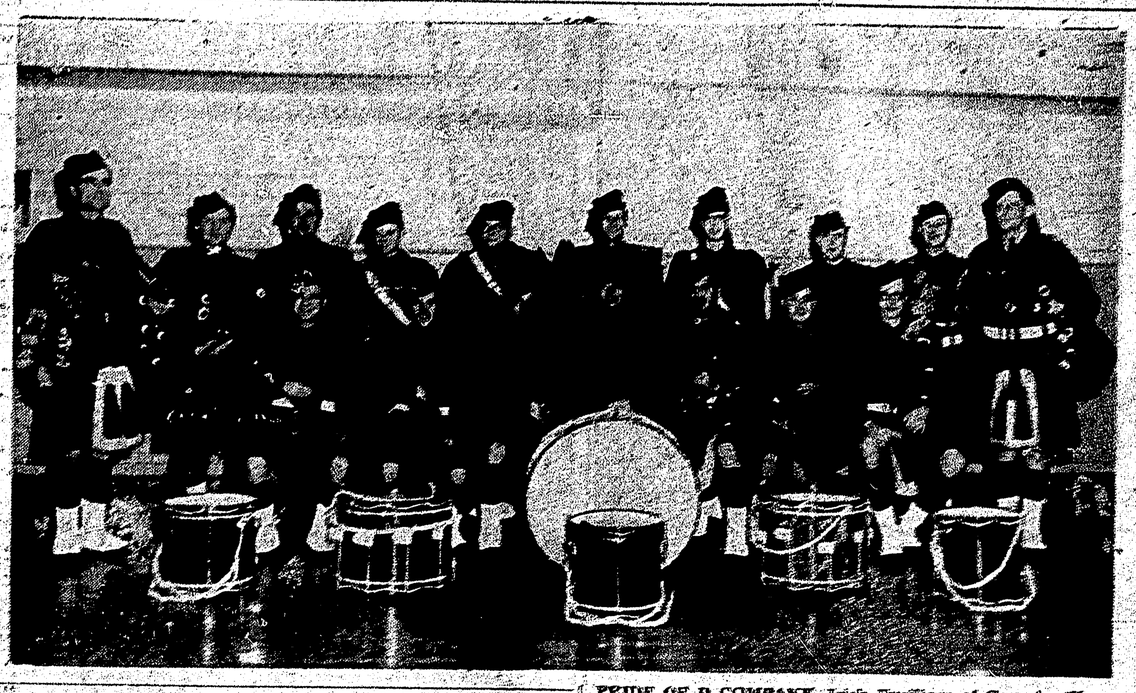

PRIDE OF D COMPANY, Irish Fusiliers of Canada (Vancouver regiment) is pipe band, shown above after a recent inspection at the Sixth Street Armouries by Capt. E. R. Wragg, command officer of bands, Western Command. Capt. Wragg said that he was "extremely pleased with the progress" of the pipe band since his last visit to the unit in March, 1958. The pipe band is under the direction of Pipe Major J. F. Munro with the drums under Sgt. L. A. W. J. Brain. —Photo by Chandler's Studio.

More money for schools, Throne speech reveals

Road plans continue

VICTORIA (CP)—The provincial department of health and welfare is to be split and the welfare branch made into a separate department of government, it was announced today in the speech from the Throne at the opening of the Legislature.

It was not immediately made clear whether the split of the department would result in appointment of a new minister to Premier Bennett's cabinet.

The speech also predicted immediate convening of the standing committee on labor to deal with unemployment; increased grants for schools and expansion of educational facilities for mentally retarded children; and establishment of a home racing commission for the province.

It said new legislation would be introduced requiring compulsory utilization of machinery for fighting forest fires—with compensation.

Amendments would be proposed to mining legislation "to recognize scientific advancement in the field of exploration and to encourage exploration."

"My government is deeply concerned with unemployment. For this reason my government will recommend that the select standing committee on labor be convened immediately for the purpose of studying this problem. It is desirable that this committee meet with all interested individuals and groups—labor, employers and others—and conduct an inquiry into ways and means of improving the situation," said Premier Bennett.

The speech said that the road program of highway construction will be continued.

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

The speech said that besides increased grants to school districts and expanded system of loans, scholarships and bursaries will be made available.

ONLY FATHER WITH TWO AIR CADET sons at Tuesday night's Father and Son banquet of the Prince Rupert Air Cadet Squadron 158 was George Oakley. Mr. Oakley is shown with his two sons Raymond and Gerald as they posed after the successful affair attended by 75 cadets, fathers and guests at the Broadway Cafe. —Staff photo by Charles E. Giordano.

Ticket sale starts for March 20 concert

By DICK AYRES
Editor of The Daily News

An enthusiastic meeting between the local Vancouver Symphony orchestra steering committee and representatives of 22 city clubs, organizations and associations, made plans last night to sell more than 1,000 tickets to the symphony's March 20 concert here.

Attending the meeting at the Civic Centre four more organizations than the original 23 pledged to support the symphony's visit here, were represented.

The meeting also confirmed as an executive of the temporary group to make arrangements for the Vancouver Symphony's visit, Dr. L. M. Greene as chairman, Morris Wayman, secretary, William Homenuk, treasurer and J. R. Ayres, publicity and distribution of tickets.

A recap of the symphony's orchestra's plans for Friday, March 20 shows that the 62-piece orchestra, with all its instruments except a grand piano, Irwin Hoffman conductor and Ian Dobbin, manager, will leave Vancouver at 6 a.m., aboard a chartered DC-6B aircraft, arrive in Terrace at 8:20 and drive to Prince Rupert.

The orchestra will have a sandwich lunch for 70 at Booth Memorial High school prior to playing two childrens concerts.

The meeting decided to give Booth Memorial High School Parent-Teacher association first chance at providing the lunch for which the orchestra will pay. If the Booth PTA doesn't wish to cater for the lunch, other PTA's will be asked to take over the job.

The first of the two children's concert will start at 1 p.m. and children will be moved from every school in the city to attend.

The public performance will take place in the HMCS Chatham drill hall where seats for 1,000 will be set up. All tickets are for rush seats.

The meeting was so certain that the symphony visit would be a success, that representatives, taking a realistic view of their groups' memberships, took 1,350 tickets to ensure success of the venture.

Any extra money will be turned back to the organizations selling tickets.

Mr. Ayres told the meeting that this was one project "that must not be allowed to fail."

He said that it had to be oversubscribed because the local symphony group was a temporary one, it did not want any money left over and just like anyone else he had "no desire to be footing the bill for the symphony's visit two years from now."

If the necessary $3,000 could be raised, then any extra could be turned back to the organizations who worked for the project. However, the money had to be ready well in advance of the symphony orchestra's arrival as it paid its expenses along the way.

Dr. Greene said that if a "good

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Lt. E. T. S. Moore new OC of militia

Lieut. E. T. S. Moore has been appointed officer commanding D Company, Irish Fusiliers of Canada (The Vancouver Regiment) at Prince Rupert, it was announced today.

He succeeds Capt. R. W. Lewis who has resigned.

Long time member of the reserve army and militia here Lieut. Moore will have as officers Lt. Thomas Barber, Lt. J. C. Ewart, Lt. M. M. Johnston, Capt. R. B. Smith (medical officer) and Major A. E. Hardy (chaplain.)

Company sergeant-majors are CSM (WO2) P. A. Bond and CMS (WO2) Darrow Gomez.

St. Sgt. T. P. Daley remains in charge of administration of D Company and the Armories.

Pleasure at the strength and efficiency of the local militia was expressed Monday afternoon and evening by visiting officers from headquarters British Columbia area.

Making the inspection were Major J. T. Gilchrist, deputy assistant quartermaster general, Major J. A. Cook, deputy assistant adjutant general and Capt. A. E. Arnold, adjutant B.C. Area instructional officer.

Present strength of D Company is 83 officers and men of which there are six officers, two warrant officers, one staff sergeant, five sergeants, three corporals, five lance-corporals and 61 men.

City firm given nod on firehall

Northwest Construction Ltd., of Prince Rupert has been awarded the contract for building the new city firehall on First Avenue West.

At a special meeting last night City Council accepted the company tender of $99,511, the lowest of five submitted last week.

Other tenders were: Blakeburn Construction Ltd., Terrace, $117,300; Sorensen Construction Co. Ltd., Vancouver, $116,961; Eby and Sons Ltd., Prince Rupert, $129,440; Bennett and White Construction Co. Ltd., Vancouver, $106,144.

Mayor P. J. Lester and City Clerk-Comptroller R. W. Long were authorized to sign the contract agreement.

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More Northland sailings but no freight increase

VANCOUVER (CP) — Augmented freight and passenger service to a number of B.C. ports was announced Wednesday by Northland Navigation Company as a result of its recent purchase of Union Steamships Limited.

A new Northland schedule indicates four former Union vessels will be integrated into the service, while older tonnage will be sold. Two smaller ships owned by the Union subsidiary, Thewater Shipping Company, have already been sold.

The passenger ship Canada will lay up for repairs until beginning twice-weekly service in May to Rivers Inlet, Bella Coola, Port Hardy and way points.

Weekly service to the Queen Charlotte Islands will be provided by the Cassiar or Chilliwack, with a lower rate schedule.

S.S. Canadian Prince will continue present passenger service to Alert Bay, Bella Coola, Butedale and Prince Rupert. At Alert Bay, she will connect with the ferry Lady Rose for service to Sointula, Port McNeill, Hardy Island and Telegraph Cove.

The Alaska Prince will fill freight and passenger schedules as far North as Prince Rupert will extend her run to Stewart and Ryder, Alaska, during the summer.

Northland officials said that in no case will freight rates be increased. Former Union ships to be sold include the Cardena, Chenaga and Lady Alexander.

Storms sweep U.K.

LONDON (Reuters) — Gales battered England's south coast today and flooding was reported in many inland areas.

The American liner United States, scheduled to leave Southampton for Bremerhaven, Germany, still was pinned in her berth this morning.

Winds reaching 50 miles an hour in places swept inland across the country from the west bringing further heavy rain to already-flooded areas.

BOY MOVIE STAR OF 1930s ALFALFA SWITZER, SHOT DEAD

SAN FERNANDO, Calif. (AP)—Actor Carl (Alfalfa) Switzer, 33—a freckle-faced, wide-eyed movie star as a boy—was shot to death Wednesday night. Police said the shooting occurred during an argument with another man over money.

Switzer was a favorite of moviegoers a generation ago when he appeared in Our Gang and Reg'lar Fellers comedies. He became known again with reissue of the films to television under the title The Little Rascals.

But in recent years his movie parts had been minor and he worked as a bartender and hunting guide when not acting.

Police said Switzer went to the home of a friend, M. S. Stiltz, 33, Wednesday night in an effort to collect a $50 loan.

STORY OF SHOOTING

Detectives said Stiltz told them this story:

An argument developed and Switzer hit him on the head with a clock. Stiltz got a gun and it fired harmlessly while they struggled. Switzer drew a knife. Stiltz shot him in the abdomen.

Stiltz was held for questioning.

Among Switzer's more recent pictures were Going My Way, State of the Union, Island in the Sky, High and the Mighty, Dig that Uranium, and The Defiant ones.

Two lights out

Hattie Island (light No. 2387.65) and Ryde Rock Light (No. 2388.5) are both out, N. A. Bekator, district marine agent for the Department of Transport reported today. He said they would be attended to at the first opportunity.

NO COURT TODAY

There was no city police court today because Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite is ill in bed with a mild attack of influenza.

Prince Rupert has now gone 373 days without a fatal traffic accident.

Greek ship takes barley to U.K.

The Liberian-registered freighter Goethan Embiem, third grain ship to load here this year, sailed at 6 p.m. yesterday after taking on 12,300 long tons of No. 1 feed barley. The Greek vessel, which arrived here last Friday, is bound for the United Kingdom.

A fourth grain ship is expected at the Canadian Government elevator by next weekend.

Terrace airport job awarded

A contract for the construction of hangars and additional aviation navigational aids at the Terrace airport in the amount of $136,000 has been awarded to Strange Construction Company Ltd., of Vancouver.

Acceptance of the tender was announced yesterday in a telegram to the Daily News from the regional director of air services in Vancouver.

The wire was sent via the Department of Transport's radio station facilities at Digby Island.

CHURCHILL, Man. (AP) — Four men were rescued here Wednesday by an RCMP plane from an Arctic ice floe where they had been stranded since Monday when their Mackinaw plane crashed in a storm.

Their only complaint after they were flown here by a rescue plane was that they were tired.

Bennett to meet Prime Minister

VICTORIA (CP)—Premier Bennett of British Columbia will meet Prime Minister Diefenbaker in Ottawa at the end of the month to discuss federal-provincial tax rental agreements, it was learned here Wednesday.

The B.C. Social Credit leader will fly to Ottawa Jan. 29. He is expected to return Feb. 1 in time to deliver the budget speech to the B.C. legislature Feb. 6.

Tests slated for airport ferry landing

City Council last night took final steps in establishing a ferry landing site for traffic to and from Prince Rupert airport on Digby Island.

At a special meeting it agreed to give City Clerk Comptroller R. W. Long authority to engage Simons River Piledriving Co. to drive test piles in the vicinity of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative association plant at Fairview.

It also agreed to ask architects Swan, Wooster and Plummer to supply an engineer to be present at the tests.

MEET HAINES TODAY

All-Stars drop opener due to delayed arrival

By CHARLES E. GIORDANO
Daily News Sports Writer

KETCHIKAN—The Prince Rupert All-Star team lost its first scheduled game in the International Basketball tournament here by default due to late arrival but were all set to take on Haines Hoboes at 4:15 this afternoon.

The Prince Rupert cagers, who were to leave here by chartered Pacific Airlines planes yesterday morning were unable to take off and had to transfer to an Alaska line freighter.

The local squad, led by Bill Morrison, were slated to meet Juneau at 7:15 last night but did not arrive here until 8 o'clock this morning.

Despite a long and rough sea trip, the Rupert team, sponsored for the tournament by the Savoy Hotel and the Civic Centre, are in fighting trim and spirits are high.

In yesterday afternoon's and last night's play Sitka downed Wrangell 60–41, Metlakatla walloped Craig Elkworth 90–41 and Ketchikan Redfoxes trounced Haines 80–26. Juneau won from Prince Rupert by default.

Duke Wellington paced the high-scoring Metlakatla crew with 31 points and Don Brown was top scorer for Craig Elkworth with 16.

Max Lockwood scored 16 points for the Ketchikan Redfoxes to runner-up Haines' top marksman was Jeff David with 9 points.

Today's games saw Craig Elkworth scheduled to meet Wrangell at 7:15, Prince Rupert matched with Haines Hoboes at 8:15, Sitka tangles with Metlakatla at 7:30 and Juneau plays Ketchikan at 9:30.

Fishing licences again renewable

Fishing licences became renewable as of January 1, Game Warden Cliff Walker reminded city anglers today.

He said that anyone who carries a fishing rod whether actually going fishing or just moving it from one place to another must be in possession of a current fishing licence.

Licences may be obtained from the Game Warden's office in the provincial court house or at any hardware store in town.

Injured man brought here from Sandspit

A 19 years old Campbell River youth, David Morrison, was taken to the General hospital today suffering from a head injury believed to have been caused by a fall.

He was brought in by the Crown Zellerbach Corporation ship Mary Malkin, while working out of Sandspit.

It was reported that Morrison fell while working on a boom. He was brought to the hospital by ambulance, and remained unconscious on hospital.

American fishing complaints ridiculous, says Canadian

VANCOUVER (CP) — Senator Thomas Reid of Vancouver, chairman of the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission, Wednesday charged that an American official's suggestion that all salmon crews "were going down drastically".

Mike Moore, Washington State Fisheries Supervisor, said the commission hang that as far as he was concerned "all crews, including the Fraser, were going down drastically".

Senator Reid sprang to his feet and said: "That's not true as far as the Fraser is concerned. We're building up the Fraser. It is the one bright ray in the horizon.

"It is that sort of false propaganda that does so much damage to our fisheries" he said.

The senator also launched another of proven claims on the Fraser. He said these persons had their minds "thoroughly and emotionally dominated by big money interests".

The trouble is, if they keep up this false propaganda long enough the public might begin to believe them" he said.

The United States Advisory Board to the commission suggested that Canadians were depleting American coho salmon stocks fishing off the southwest coast of Vancouver Island. They asked the commission to halt fishing by Canadians in the Strait of Juan De Fuca.

This was a nursery area for American fish from Pacific northwest streams and Canadian netters there reduced most of the fish harvest by fishing in the mouth of the strait.

A Canadian member of the board termed the American proposal "unfortunate and ill-considered".

WEATHER—

Cloudy today and Friday with snow in mountain valleys. Continuing mild Friday morning. Little milder. Winds southeast 30 Low tonight and high Friday 35 and 40.

TIDES—

Friday, Jan. 23, 2359
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	00.07	14.4 feet
	12.36	20.9 feet
Low	06.26	3.0 feet
	18.42	3.0 feet