CREST MOTEL OPENS SATURDAY

Luxurious, modern addition to city has prime site overlooking Prince Rupert harbor

The most modern and luxurious motel in Northern British Columbia opens its doors to the public tomorrow when W. H. Murray, MLA, A. J. Bussanich and P. J. Knutson officially declare open their new city project on First Avenue West, next door to the Royal Canadian Legion.

Costing approximately $250-000 Crest Motel features 45 units of which there are suites, 39 double rooms and the four single rooms. All have either one or two double beds with the best quality mattresses and appurtenances.

Mr. Murray said: "I have tried to combine the best features from all the hotels and motels in which I have stayed during many years of travelling throughout Canada and the United States." For nine years Mr. Murray, who will be acting as manager, was licensee of the Commercial Hotel in Prince Rupert.

Mr. Bussanich and Mr. Knutson are partners in the city firm of Saanich Plumbing and Heating Ltd. which carried out that type of work on the new motel. Mr. Bussanich is treasurer and Mr. Knutson secretary of the company, Crest Motel Ltd.

Mrs. W. H. Murray is a director of the firm and Mrs. Bussanich and Mrs. Knutson shareholders.

During the spring and summer months the surrounding land will be landscaped. The forecourt and parking has been paved by the city. These two projects will make the motel site one of the most attractive in the city as it overlooks the increasingly busy Prince Rupert harbor to the north and the city to the south, taking in the Court House grounds and the snow-capped mountains in the background.

FRAME, CONCRETE BLOCK

The two-storey building is of frame and concrete block construction throughout and was designed by Alan Gray, Stilwell and Lobban of Vancouver. The work was carried out by Northwest Construction Ltd., of Prince Rupert, while Saanich Plumbing and Heating Ltd., handled the heating, plumbing and sheet metal work; and Thomas Grantham of the same firm designed and installed the electrical layout.

Crest Motel has radios and phones in every room and is already set up to install individual television to each room as and when such entertainment comes to Prince Rupert.

The grounds for the new structure were prepared by Allan E. Barr Ltd., Martin Saunders and the city.

Major suppliers were: Ed Wikstrom and Sons of Kitimat, and 3Bs Contractors of Prince Rupert, plaster; painting by Earl Wasend and A. Basso.

Decor throughout the motel was supervised by Mrs. Toni White with a major motif of russets and golds. Mrs. White is color consultant with Philpott, Evitt Co. Ltd., of Prince Rupert. Main suppliers of bedroom fittings was Eaton's of Canada of Prince Rupert.

A modern laundry has been installed which will handle the motel's own needs; while heating will be controlled individually in each room from a three-unit heating installation on the ground floor. Crest Motel will employ a staff of 11.

PABX TO BE INSTALLED

In March the firm expects to install a PABX exchange instead if the present manual switchboard. A special room to house this equipment has been incorporated in the design and will remain empty until the equipment is available.

Early calls are registered on a unique clock which alerts the desk clerk when it is time for a certain room number to be called.

Each room has its own tiled bathroom fitted with infra-red heating lamps, large mirrors and toilet accessory shelf large enough to obviate the usual precarious arrangement one finds in most hotels and motels.

MANAGER'S OFFICE

Prefinished "Takita" amerwood forms the keynote of the decor of the manager's office near the reception desk. The office is also fitted with a large safe and safety deposit boxes for guests' valuables.

The panelling was done by Albert and McCaffery Ltd., of Prince Rupert.

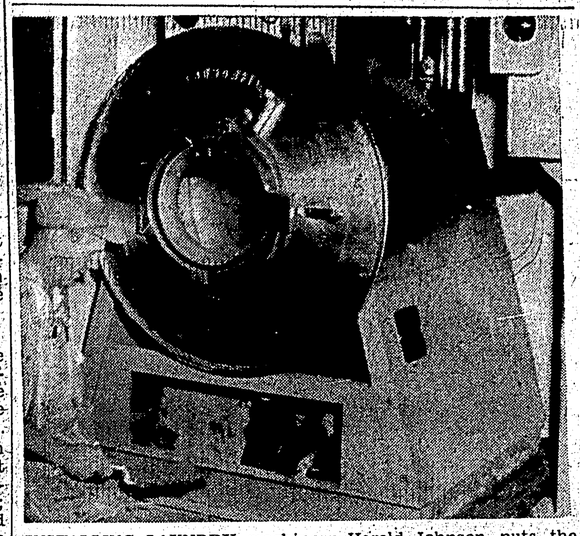
The courtyard outside the motel will accommodate some 50 vehicles.

An interesting innovation which is exclusive to the Crest Motel is the serving of a Continental-style breakfast to each occupant each morning. The cost is inclusive in the tariff.

OFFICIAL OPENING

The official opening will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday. Dependent on the weather will be whether or not it is held inside or out of doors in the courtyard.

Mr. Murray said that although plans when interviewed, were not by any means finalized, he expected to have the motel blessed; to invite civic dignitaries; and to open the motel to inspection for all members of the public who cared to come. Light refreshments will be served those attending. The building will be open to the public until 6:30 p.m., he said.



INSTALLING LAUNDRY machinery Harold Johnson puts the finishing touches to the foundations for the drier at the new Crest Motel on First Avenue. The laundry will handle the requirements of the motel which has a total of 45 rooms, including singles, doubles and suites. — Staff photo by John Pain

Solves seat problem

NEW YORK (AP) — To every train commuter comes the problem of where to find a seat. Philip Worcester, of Old Greenwich, Conn., solved it. He carries his own, a metal and canvas seat which can be folded to fit into his briefcase or overcoat pocket.

Continue mine strike

NANCY, France (AP) — More than 80 coal miners today went into the 12th day of their strike nearly two miles underground. The men are in a long gallery in humid air. Three of the original group of 85 came up Thursday suffering from lung and ear trouble. The miners are protesting company plans to close the mine November 1.

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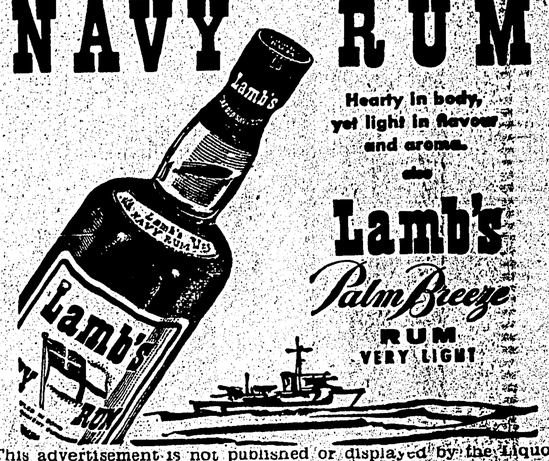

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Adventure story writer dies in east

OSHAWA, Ont. (CP) — Jack Hambleton, 60, newspaper man and author of adventure books for boys, died in hospital Thursday of a heart attack after an emergency stomach operation that apparently had been successful.

He had been unwell for days and came here Wednesday night from Toronto where he had been attending the Progressive Conservative leadership convention.

Among his books was "Young Bush Pilot," an adventure novel in which the hero flew over forest fires, saving lives and performing deeds of daring.

Labor council concerned on public's viewpoint

VANCOUVER (CP) — Big business has been more successful than labor in making its image palatable to the general public, John Hayward of the Vancouver Labor Council told the annual convention of the B.C. Federation of Labor (CLC).

"They realized the advantage of public relations long before labor and have spent millions in purchasing the services of experts to spread their message," he said Wednesday.

"They inculcate the home on a soft pedal basis so that few people realize they are being taken in. The people who are doing this job for big business, many of whom are in the social field and should be working with labor, have prostituted themselves before money."

His comments came during wide-ranging debate on methods of putting labor's view more effectively before the public. Delegates approved a committee recommendation that the incoming executive study the possibility of establishing a weekly workers' paper as one method to achieve this aim.

William Black, business manager of the Hospital Employees Union, said another was for labor to step forward and join or seek election on such public bodies as councils, school and hospital boards.

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Report says city phones now 4,129

Prince Rupert has a total of 4,129 installed phones, according to the bi-monthly report from Telephone Superintendent A. E. Janes to city council for the period ending October 16.

During the period, the telephone department installed 27 phones, transferred six, moved 23 and took 12 out.

Linemen cleared 59 line and instrument troubles and 12 cable troubles.

Outside plant troubles have been fairly light, and a major switch adjustment now in progress in the central office is causing no trouble. The adjustment should be completed in two months.

A street light on Third Avenue between Fifth Street and Seventh Street was reported out of order on October 3, and was repaired immediately.

The report shows that the construction crew completed the following work this period: pulled in the new 100 pair cable in the alley between First and Second Avenues, between Seventh and Ninth Streets, spun the cable to the messenger and made ready for splicing; have installed an 11 pair cable from the terminal in front of the firehall to a terminal box in the new Crest Motel; installed new lighting facilities on the airport ferry landing at Digby Island; and removed old car wrecks from city streets to the garbage dump or to Seal Cove.

The cable splicer has completed, or is in the process of completing, the following work: cleared cable failures on Seventh, Eighth Avenues, Cotton Street and Section Two; changed cable terminals in the alley between First and Second Avenues; and went to Trutch Island to repair a cable trouble at the request of the B.C. Telephone Company.

City building shows decline

Construction in Prince Rupert during the first nine months of 1961 has shown a decrease over the same period in 1960, according to the monthly building report from city building inspecto J. C. Ewart.

The report showed that during the month of September, there were 29 building permits issued for a total value of $49,-200. During the month of September, 1960, there were 45 permits issued for a total value of $122,100. This year's figure is a decrease of $72,900 from last year.

The nine-month total for 1961 shows that there were 279 permits issued for a total value of $682,287. During the same period last year, 323 permits were issued for a total value of $870,-424. This shows a decrease of $188,137 in 1961.

New residential construction during September is one less than last September. In 1961, during the month, there were three permits issued for a total of $20,000, whereas in 1960 there were four permits issued for $93,500.

The 1961 total for permits is 17 at a total value of $231,300, compared with 31 permits issued for $422,000 for the first nine months in 1960.

The figures for September of this year are made up of: 23 residential permits for a total of $46,500; five commercial permits for a value of $1,650; and one for institutional and government for a total of $1,000.

Included in the residential were: three new permits for $20,000; seven additions for $3,000; and 13 alterations and repairs $14,550.

There was a total of 40 various permits issued during the month at a charge of $172. They included: 20 building permits at a fee of $135 and four plumbing permits at a fee of $37.

Old boys meet

TORONTO (CP) — While some 400 graduates of the University of Toronto Schools met in the Royal York Hotel Thursday night for the annual UTS old boys' banquet, another seven graduates paraded outside with signs supporting the strike of hotel employees.

Jan Gentles, one of the organizers of the two-hour protest, said: "It was thoughtless, even callous, of the old boys to hold the banquet here while the strike is still on."

Advertising in The Daily News Brings Results

Kelly Braden starts career in coal area

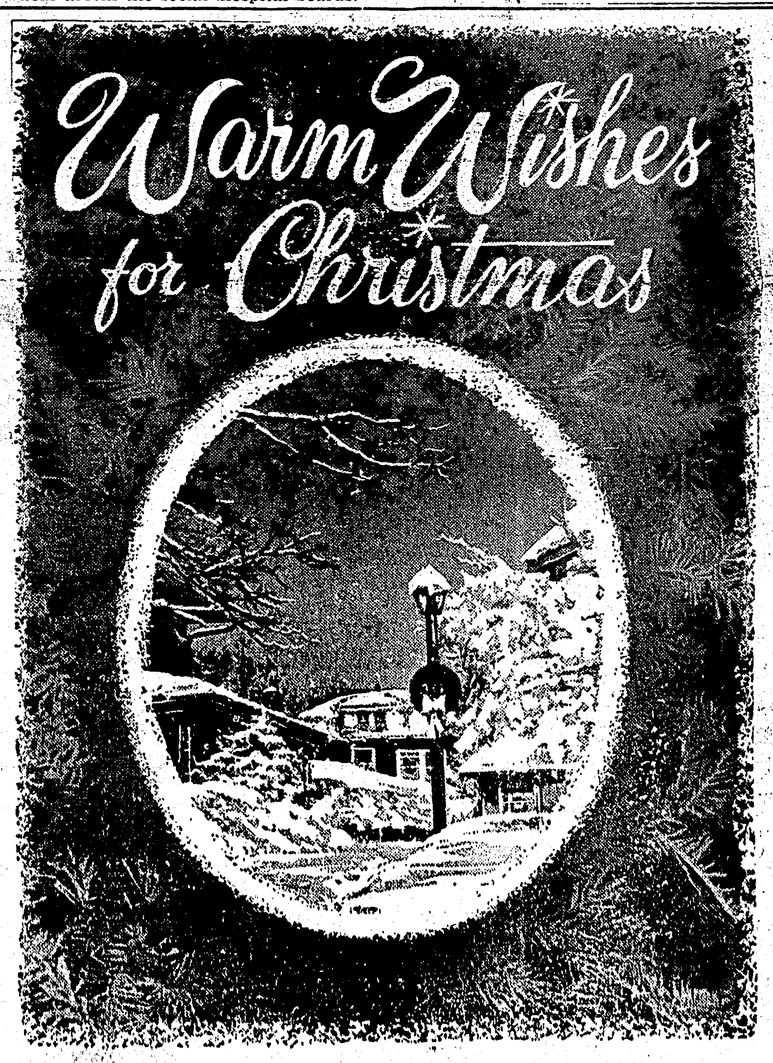
LONDON (CP) — Kelly Braden, 18-year-old daughter of comedian Bernard Braden and his actress wife Barbara Kelly, both Canadians, has decided to start her show business career the hard way — singing in Yorkshire miners' clubs.

She has left the well-appointed Braden home for "digs" in a pit village near Doncaster where she will get £3 a time for singing.

"We had nothing to do with Kelly's going off on her own," said the Vancouver-born Braden. "It was entirely her idea."

But he and his wife think the decision was a sound one.

"Barbara and I like Doncaster audiences," he said. "They are warm and genuine and sincere. Playing in a club up there is a much better way to start off a career than the relatively phoney atmosphere of television where you can't get to grips with your audience."



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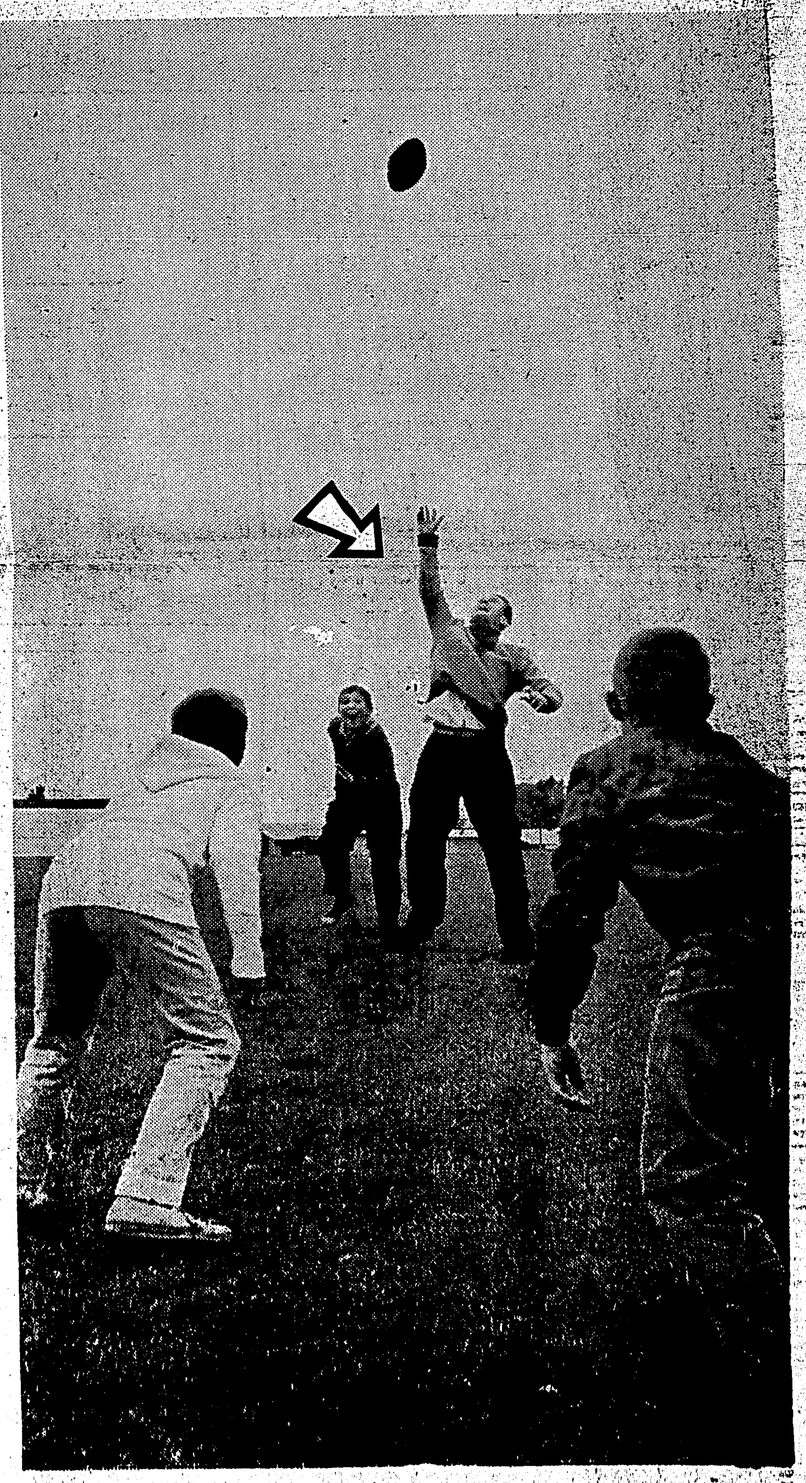

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