COUNCIL BRIEFS

Second phase sewer work criticized by alderman at city council meeting

The question of whether or not damaged sewers should be included in extras to the contract was brought up by Alderman T. Norton Youngs at council Monday night.

The items, according to a letter from Associated Engineering Services Ltd., of Vancouver, included two or three extra catchbasins and repairs to damaged sewers at Sixth Street and Fraser and on Fifth Street east of Bowser Street.

Carl Gustafson, public works superintendent, told the meeting he had authorized the former and the second was necessary. Alderman Norton Youngs queried the additional payments for work to the damaged sewers which, in one case, he said had been put in the wrong place and had had to be moved. He asked whether or not this was the fault of the contractor or the design engineers.

City Administrator R. W. Long told the council that the new catchbasins would require additional payments and the repairs would not.

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Associated Engineering Services Ltd., informed the city council Monday night that the official completion date of the second phase of the sewer project would be July 17.

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Two preliminary reports, one on physical development of the city and the other on housing requirements, have been submitted by D. K. Naumann, community planner for Associated Engineering Services Ltd., to the city finance committee.

Mr. Long said that these were not at present, ready for release to the public.

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The finance committee also recommended the approval for purchase of lots 23, 24 and 26, block 5, section 7, by G. T. and Irene Grantham for the sum of $600. Council approved the sale.

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Following approval by the city council Monday night a 14-inch steel water main between the junction of Sixth Avenue East and Ambrose Avenue east to Sixth Avenue for a distance of 185 feet, will be replaced by a 12-inch cast iron main at a cost of $2,682 by the public works department.

A retaining wall and sidewalk for this area has been postponed until the 1961-1962 winter works program.

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The sum of $14,525 will be paid to Associated Engineering Services Ltd., for design on the waterworks project, council decided.

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A further sum of $13,296 was approved by council to be paid to Interior Contracting Co. Ltd., for work done in the Ridge Holdings Ltd., subdivision.

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The cost of welfare has risen by five cents per capita, council was informed by the health, social administration and licensing committee Monday night.

The committee said the regional administrative department of social welfare had informed that the cost per capita — reduced in April, May and June from 26 cents to 24 cents — has been increased to 29 cents per capita from July 1.

Five trade licenses passed city council's approval Monday night. They were:

J. N. Anderson, North Coast Air Services Ltd., Box 446, aircraft charter; Gunter Diehl, Gunter's Diving Service, 216 Fourth Avenue East, a diving service; Roy Webber, Roy's Oil (B.A.), 1006 Alfred Street, oil distributor; Jean Stevenson, Jean's Driving School, 1012 Ninth Avenue East, car driving lessons in dual car; Alex Ringstad, No. 3 Eighth Avenue East, Keystone Readers Service of B.C. Ltd., magazine subscriptions.

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The police and traffic committee have asked Staff Sergeant W. J. Currie, NCO in charge of the city detachment, to concentrate on the enforcement of speeding laws on 11th Avenue. The committee stated drivers on this avenue have been travelling at a high rate of speed. Council approved the request.

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A contract for supply of firemen's uniforms was awarded Monday night to Gordon Campbell Ltd., for the sum of $866.67. Two other firms tendered. They were Wm. F. Stone Ltd., for $854.18 and Don's Menswear Ltd., $1,016.55. Mr. Stone's tender, the purchasing committee said, did not meet the specifications.

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Three bylaws passed their final reading and were adopted Monday night. They were Bylaw No. 1480 relating to the cemetery and amending Bylaw No. 155 and also incorporating two recommendations from the public utilities commission; Bylaw No. 1481, land sale bylaw, 1961; and Bylaw No. 1482 to authorize the lease of lands and premises in the Tsimpsean Indian Reserve No. 2.

Two aldermen have requested leave of absence. They are Aldermen Norman Bellis and Michael Krueger. Council approved the leaves.

Police standby in Rhodesia

SALISBURY (AP) — More army and police reservists were called up in chief Southern Rhodesian cities today following violence here Monday in which three Negroes were slain.

Four other Negroes were wounded when police opened fire after they said Negro crowds stoned them.

The reservists were called up to protect Negroes who want to go to work in defiance of a general strike called to protest the new Southern Rhodesian constitution.

Armored cars convoyed buses with Negro workers into Salisbury this morning and soldiers and police patrolled the main roads.

The streams of workers into this capital indicated the strike had failed.

Premier Sir Edgar Whitehead in a broadcast to the nation claimed the strike had been broken and said: "The failure of the strike has caused fury among the organizers."

Whitehead accused Joshua Nkomo's African National Democratic party of organizing the strike.

TO ACT FIRMLY

Whitehead said 24,000 whites and Negroes have been mobilized as security forces and added that any further disorders would be put down with "a rod of iron."

Session starts with scuffle

TOKYO (Reuters)—The eighth national congress of Japan's Communist party today got off to a turbulent start with a noisy scuffle outside the congress hall.

The incident was touched off by the arrival of 15 anti-Communist demonstrators who scattered leaflets from a loudspeaker truck.

Police broke up the demonstration after a scuffle that ended with five persons, all right-wing extremists, detained for questioning.

The demonstration occurred as the delegates assembled for the congress, the first to be held in three years.

The first session opened with the delegates facing a serious split in their ranks that has widened in recent weeks with a series of setbacks both from within and outside the party.

Monday, the 597,000 - strong Japanese Teachers' Union defeated a move for support of the Communist party, while the party itself suffered a setback from six prominent members who issued a statement denouncing the party's leaders.

LOOKING rather like an outcrop of natural rock, Manorbier Castle, in Pembrokeshire, Wales, stands oddly among the modern homes of a 20th Century town. Its old walls, covered with ivy, the castle still marks a spot on the map for two touring Canadians.
— British Travel Association Photo

Yukon river queens to be preserved as tourist attractions of the north

By JOHN E. BIRD
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP)—The federal government is making three once-haughty queens of the Yukon River a major tourist attraction at Whitehorse.

The three paddle - wheelers now hulks on the banks of the river, are to be located in a park to be built on Whisky and Mocassin flats, now occupied by 80 squatters' shacks.

Under the plan, the squatters — Indians, half - breeds and whites—may purchase low-cost housing to be built on a section of land purchased from the Whitepass and Yukon Railway. The housing development is expected to cost about $300,000, enough to provide for construction of 50 homes.

Plans for locating the paddle-wheelers Whitehorse, Klondike and Casca in the park were disclosed following a visit to the city last week by Prime Minister Diefenbaker. Members of the party heard sharp criticism from residents and tourists that nothing was being done to preserve the boats as links with the gold rush days of 1898.

LIE ON SHORE

The boats are beached on the shore of the Yukon River in the old shipyards on the outskirts of the town where they were built.

They are rapidly deteriorating and a sign on the Whitehorse warns tourists to keep away from them.

The sign says trespassers will be prosecuted by the federal government. The word government is misspelled, with the "N" left out.

The three boats will be placed on cement foundations when they are moved to the park. This will probably take place in about two years after the housing development has been completed and the squatters moved.

Gordon Robertson, deputy northern affairs minister, said one of the boats likely will be turned into a museum. All three vessels will be refurbished and it is hoped to refurnish at least one of them. Much of the furniture used on the boats is believed to be in the Whitehorse area and it is hoped it can be collected through a public appeal.

Plans also are being considered for fireproofing the log cabin of Sam McGee and a small museum operated by the city of Whitehorse adjacent to the cabin. This museum contains irreplacable items from the days of the gold rush, including photographs of Klondike Kate and Diamond Lil.

The boats recently were declared by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board to be worthy of preservation.

Spotty prairie rain too late for crops

By The Canadian Press

Rain came to parts of the Prairies during the last week but it was too late to help a big part of the grain crop, stunted by lack of vital June rain and withered in a blazing July sun.

Hardest hit were a big wedge in southeastern Alberta, wide tracts on the plains of southern and west-central Saskatchewan and large but scattered areas of Manitoba.

Useful rain fell in Manitoba and northern and central Alberta but the deadline passed for many major stands of grain on the expanse lying between.

Where rainfall had been subnormal, authorities said moisture between now and harvest likely could not mean a great deal: except to promote better filling of the heads — and that mainly in wheat planted on land that had been fallow the previous year.

"The lack of moisture and unseasonably high temperatures which had their beginning early in the season have spelled 'finis' to anything approaching normal growth and development," reported W. G. Malaher, research director of the Searle Grain Company, Winnipeg.

"Much of the damage which has occurred due to drought is now considered irreparable."

Growing season rains from April 1 to July 17, by provinces with last year's figures in brackets, were: Alberta 72 per cent (70 per cent of normal;) Saskatchewan 57 (92), Manitoba 53 (77).

There were no early over - all estimates of prairie grain yield and acreage estimates varied widely. In southeastern Saskatchewan some farmers had turned cattle into crops to forage, others could expect no better than five bushels an acre.

But in northern Alberta many farmers expected to harvest 30 bushels an acre and there also were good crops in northwestern Saskatchewan and in parts of Manitoba.

The Saskatchewan agriculture department issued a map showing 34 rural municipalities where yields of less than five bushels an acre were expected compared with the long-term average of 15.2. Five municipalities expected more than 20 bushels.

In Manitoba, estimates ranged up to an average of 15 bushels an acre, compared with the long-term average of 21.0.

The Alberta Wheat Pool estimated an average yield of 15 bushels an acre, compared with a 20-bushel average.

The Alberta Pool and the United Grain Growers pictured the poor crop as stretching in all directions from Medicine Hat in the southeastern corner of Alberta. From the boundaries it extended westward almost to Milk River and Lethbridge then northward to Castor, 80 miles east of Red Deer. The line went east to the Saskatchewan boundary from there.

West of the dry area crops were reported fair to good; pockets were excellent. In northern Alberta and as far south as Provost, near the Saskatchewan boundary, the companies reported some excellent crops.

The Saskatchewan Wheat Pool said the most serious crop conditions extended across the southern part of the province. Large areas in the southeast had been harvested for forage or opened for pasture. Much of the crop in that area had deteriorated too much to be helped by rain.

In the extreme northwest, the crop promised yields of more than 15 bushels an acre.

In Manitoba, H. A. Craig, director of the publications and statistics branch of the provincial government, said in an interview that showers have been scattered and confined mainly to the southeastern part of the province.

PRODUCE POLIO VACCINE — A technician at Toronto's Connaught Medical Laboratories checks a bottle in which monkey kidney cells are grown. Monkey kidneys are used for growing a polio virus which in turn is used in the Salk anti-polio vaccine. Connaught Laboratories is also working on an oral anti-polio vaccine. — CP Photo

EXPERT ANGLER — Philippe Gagnon, an expert flycaster and angler, looks over some flies he uses in casting for speckled trout. A Quebec civil servant for 34 years, he was recently appointed deputy game minister in the province. — CP Photo

MOVIE COLUMN

Fight lack disappoints fiery couple's public

By BOB THOMAS

ROME (AP)—"People are amazed that we're so happy. They expect us to be fighting all the time."

Ernest Borgnine was talking about his marriage to Katy Jurado. In 18 months, the union has weathered many a storm. Real and otherwise. Although he is an Academy Award winner and she is a talented actress, neither is skillful enough to fake the felicity they now display.

"Everyone makes one big mistake in his life," said Ernie of the charges and counter-charges they flung at each other in California last year.

Both denied photos and news stories that purported a fight between them after they arrived in Rome earlier this year. They attributed the whole business to the city's packs of free - lance photographers.

"They are monsters," said the fiery Katy. "They follow you around, waiting to catch you in some embarrassing pose."

"They prey on celebrities," Katy said. "If they can get one good shot, they can sell it and live for half a year on the money."

'OUT TO GET US'

"We were new in Rome and they were out to get us," Ernie said. "Also, we had gone through that silly business back home, and they were expecting us to have trouble."

The results of an evening's outing: A photo of Ernie glowering at Katy in a cafe. "I was just rising from the table and leaning on my fists"; another of Katy supposedly struck by him in an argument "I twisted my ankle and hit my face getting in the car."

The following furor, said Ernie, "was the most horrible experience of my life."

Yet they're not soured on the Roman life.

"The five months we've been in Italy have been like a honeymoon," said Ernie. "We've visited every antique store. We also visited the town where my mother was born and met cousins galore."

BIG HANDICAP

LONDON (AP) — Mrs. Clara Edwards who claimed the flavor went out of her cooking after she fell off a bus, was awarded the sum of £6,983 damages against London Transport.

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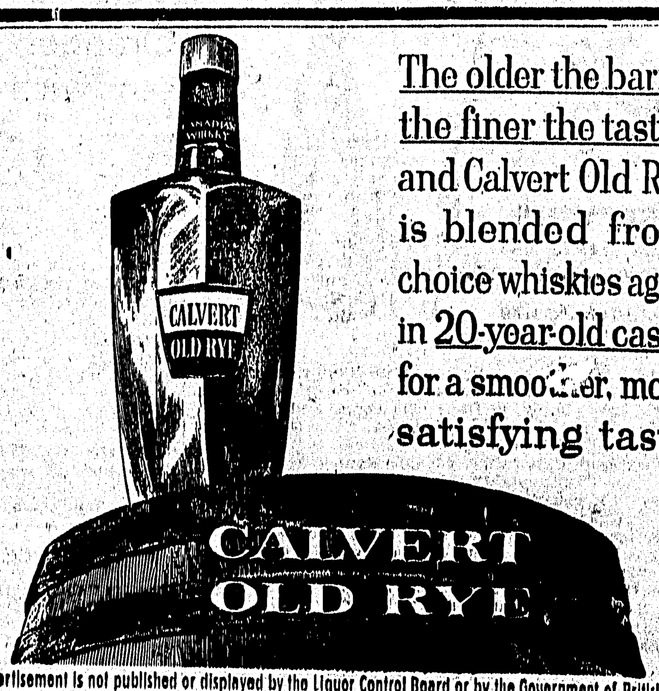

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