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Operator of Terrace radio station, C of C see television here by 1962

Prospective TV set owners to be asked for down payment

The Chamber of Commerce last night unveiled a plan on which it had been working secretly for two months, to bring television to Prince Rupert by the fall of 1962.

The proposed television service will carry Canadian Broadcasting Corporation programs and serve the Prince Rupert, Terrace, Kitimat and possibly Bulkley Valley areas.

The Chamber voted to form a committee to handle a trust fund for prospective television set owners who would receive a down payment from city radio and television appliance dealers on a set once a TV signal is received in the city. The dealers in turn would receive advertising on the television circuit to the value of the token down payment.

Details of the plan, as outlined to the chamber's executive and TV committee by J. Frederick Weber, managing director of Skeena Broadcasters, operators of radio station CFTK, is as follows:

● Prospective purchasers of TV sets will be asked to make a $25 down payment on a set now, all the funds so received to be held in a trust account until the first TV signal is actually on the air.

● Receipts for these $25 down payments will be accepted by dealers as $25 in cash on the payment for the purchase of a television set.

● The dealer would turn these receipts in to the television station, and, for each $25 receipt, would be entitled to $25 worth of advertising time on the TV circuit.

The recommendation of the chamber's executive added that "without such a guaranteed initial income the service could no operate."

● The trust fund would be turned over to Skeena Broadcasters when the first signal is on the air.

● Persons leaving town would be entitled to withdraw their money at any time before a licence is issued to the television company.

● Receipts would only be negotiable at dealers who had announced their intention to take part in the plan.

● The Chamber of Commerce was asked to be trustee of the funds.

The chamber recommendation said that if the merchants interested were willing to take part, the executive would recommend that the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce act, through a committee, as trustee for the fund.

Chamber president A. P. Crawley began the discussion of the recommendation by telling members that this plan was not "something that just came up." He said the executive and TV committee had been working on it for some time.

Mr. Crawley said that the executive and TV committee had met with the City Council's television committee Friday and found that the city had only the same information that "we've had for a year."

Port Edward to be site for sawmill

Plans to establish a $2,000,000 sawmill operation on the outskirts of Port Edward, to serve all available overseas and domestic markets with rough grain, seasoned and finished products, were announced today by Lindholm Timber Enterprises Ltd., of Vancouver.

The announcement was made by Gordon Falk, mill manager, in a telephone call from Vancouver to The Daily News.

Mr. Falk said that the lumber milling and sawmill operation was designed to produce 125,000 board feet per eight-hour shift, operating on a two-shift basis, with a sustained monthly production of 5,000,000 board feet.

The mill is to be located half a mile south of Port Edward, between the Nelson Brothers Fisheries plant and Canol, on the site of the former United States army camp.

The first phase of the operation calls for expenditure of $1,000,000 with another $1,000,000 scheduled for the second stage.

Mr. Falk said the predicted market distribution will be 3,000,000 board feet for export with the remaining 2,000,000 board feet going to Canadian and U.S. markets.

Mr. Falk said that his company planned to start construction on the first part of the operation as soon as possible with the hope that the sawmill end of the plant would go into production by the early spring of 1962.

The engineering contract has been let to a Vancouver firm, Mr. Falk said, but the log storage, area development and deepsea wharf contracts would in all likelihood be let to Prince Rupert firms.

The grading, excavation and foundation work would also be offered to local concerns, he said.

For the operation of the mill and, later, the seasoning plant, key skilled tradesmen from Vancouver would be employed with the remainder of the skilled and unskilled labor being hired from the Prince Rupert area.

Approximately 32 men will be employed in the sawmill and with an estimated 72 employees scheduled for the seasoning plant.

Export lumber will be largely timber and construction grade lumber, with some spruce and cedar specialties.

Domestic products will be kiln-dried clear and common grades in boards and patterns shop dimensions, with specialties and lamination stock.

Mr. Falk said his company was also planning on maximum waste utilization and this would involve a chipper, barker and various contingent equipment.

Owner of the Vancouver firm is A. L. Lindholm Investments of Oak Harbor, Washington.

STAGE STRIKE — These four Toronto men, members of the Committee of 100, a ban-the-bomb group, staged a three-hour sitdown strike outside the Soviet Embassy after a two-hour discussion with Amasasp Aroutunian because Mr. Aroutunian refused to pass their request on to Moscow. They are: Prof. Roger Bray, University of Toronto; William Parker, a trucker's helper; Alfred Friend, a civil servant; and J. M. McNamee, a mathematician. — CP Wirephoto

Daily News accused of collusion with city

He accused The Daily News of being in collusion with City Council in trying to defeat any outside efforts being made to bring television into the city; said he suspected that City Administrator R. W. Long had helped The Daily News write the editorial in last night's paper; that Friday's story on television was also written with the help of the city's TV committee "since there was so much detail" and accused Mayor P. J. Lester of wiring Ottawa for a report because he was "put out by the chamber's activities."

J. R. Ayres, managing editor of The Daily News promptly denied having any knowledge of any private group currently trying to promote television in Prince Rupert. He said that he had written Friday's story on television to answer four specific questions asked in a letter to the editor published in Tuesday's paper.

Mr. Ayres said that he had obtained answers to the questions on what the city's television committee was doing from City Administrator R. W. Long on Tuesday and that he hadn't spoken to Mr. Long since. He said he got a quote from Mayor Lester, chairman of the city's TV committee on Wednesday but didn't write the story until late Thursday evening due to pressure of other business (the teachers' convention) and had obtained the detailed information on television stations from the special radio and TV issue of Trade and Commerce magazine. He said that Mayor Lester had telephoned him just before noon yesterady (Monday) to tell him that he'd sent a wire to Ottawa, but no mention had been made of a meeting Friday with the chamber's television committee.

Mr. Ayres said he had written the story in good faith believing it was a city hall press release of the first concrete action taken on television by the city in some time. He had written the editorial Sunday night on the basis of past press releases and information.

Mr. Ayres assured Mr. Weber that he had absolutely no knowledge of his venture until he had read an editorial in the Terrace and Omineca Herald and since it only mentioned Terrace had no idea it involved Prince Rupert.

Firm has to prove demand, ability to operate

Speaking to the meeting to clear up any confusion, Mr. Weber assured the meeting that his company had the support of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

He said that the firm that proved the demand for TV existed and had the funds usually received a licence from the Board of Broadcasting Governors.

"It needn't necessarily be us," he said.

He told members that Skeena Broadcasters was not taking in the funds subscribed by prospective TV set owners.

"They are being held in trust for TV itself."

Mr. Weber said big boons came to cities when television came in.

"If television comes in with $1,500,000 in TV sets between Prince Rupert and Burns Lake, it will be a 'shot-in-the-arm' for Prince Rupert; a good thing for the area."

He said that television in Canada is compelled by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to carry the full national survice of the corporation.

"If we get TV here we will become a subsidiary of the CBC or a company affiliated with the CBC.

"You will never get a microwave station put in until you have your own studio in the area," Mr. Weber said.

Mr. Weber, who has appeared before the Board of Broadcast Governors 13 times on behalf of radio and television and has installed three stations himself, said that he knew from experience that the cost of putting live TV into this area was too great.

He said there was a difference between telephone communication micro-wave and television micro-wave and just because there were telephone communications micro-wave in the area didn't guarantee installation of television.

Terrace, Kitimat merchants in favor of plan

He said the merchants of Terrace and Kitimat had approved the scheme 100 per cent and that he believed if it were approved in Prince Rupert, "you should have TV by World Series time next year."

However, he said, it would be delayed transmission, in other words film flown in daily by Canadian Pacific Airlines.

He told the chamber that they needn't worry about the radio appliance merchants making a living. A potential 4,000 $25 certificates, meant $100,000 on which the station could operate. From three centres it meant $300,000 to have it installed, because the company would know that that much advertising was guaranteed ahead of time.

At the same time, Mr. Weber pointed out, the television company has to prove the stability of its operations to the BBC in three years, by filing statements of its financial status for three years.

"If we fail in three years time, I have no doubt in the world that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation would pick up the station the next day."

He said that besides the CBC program on kinescope, or 16 millimetre film on delayed transmission, there would be 2½ hours of locally produced programs, even though some of this also would be canned syndicated programs.

The usual broadcast day, he said would be approximately from 2 or 4 p.m. until 11:05 p.m. or 12:30 a.m.

He estimated that it would be up to three years before the CBC put in television here on its own accord.

Mr. Weber said that the surveys his own technical staff had made of the district almost matched those made by the CBC. The plans "were out 700 yards" on the site of one booster station, he said.

He said that "you should know within two or three weeks if the proposal outlined to you is going to go ahead."

If there were not sufficient certificates for TV sets sold, the scheme would be shelved and the money returned to prospective TV set buyers.

He said his firm expected to "sell 60 per cent of the homes in Prince Rupert."

Appointment of chamber secretary E. T. Applewhaite and A. A. W. Macdonell as the committee to handle the trust fund, was referred to the executive with power to act, pending the setting up of a legal trust fund.

Prominent fishing industry pioneer buried in Forest Lawn

By GLADYS BLYTH

PORT EDWARD — The founder of one of the major British Columbia canneries and fishing businesses died in New Westminster October 29, after a lengthy illness.

He was Norman T. Nelson, sr., 73, vice-president (rtd.) of Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd., of Port Edward and Steveston. Until the Second World War the company cannery was in Prince Rupert but was then moved out to its present site at Port Edward.

Born in Tromso, Norway, Mr. Nelson came to Canada in 1909 and began fishing on the Fraser River until he joined his brother, Richard, and began buying fish along the west coast of Vancouver Island.

In 1929 the pair of brothers founded Nelson Bros. Ltd. and opened their first cannery at St. Mongol, near Sunbury, B.C. They progressed to cover the entire provincial coastline with further canneries at Steveston and Prince Rupert, the latter moving later to its present location.

Mr. Nelson is survived by his wife, Natalie; three brothers, Richard of New Westminster, John of Annieville, and Ralph of Port Alberni; a son, Norman, present manager of the Port Edward plant; one daughter, Mrs. D. D. Lambert of New Westminster; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held November 1 at the New Westminster Mt. Zion Lutheran Church and interment was at Forest Lawn.

Mr. Nelson was a member of the Masons and Shriners. He had retired from active participation in the company in 1956.

Expansion of hotel to start

Frank Streif of Vancouver, partner with Charles F. Reda, in the operation of the noted city landmark, the Prince Rupert Hotel, announced last night that their company was ready to go ahead with its expansion plans.

Mr. Streif, speaking at last night's Chamber of Commerce meeting, said that the contract for the removal of a rock outcrop on lots adjacent to the hotel on Sixth Street had been let to Granby Construction and Equipment Limited.

The rock work is expected to take at least two months, Mr. Streif said.

Once the site is cleared the firm plans to construct a two-storey, 38-room addition to the present hotel. The two-storey addition will be built in such a way that two more floors can be added if necessary.

Also included in the expansion and renovation plans are a new dining room and coffee shop and enlarged cocktail lounge and beer parlor.

Mr. Streif said that he had "confidence in Prince Rupert" and he hoped the Alaska marine highway would provide the boost to the city's economy that everyone anticipated.

Fraud case remanded

Joseph Pepin of no fixed address was remanded until tomorrow for trial today when he pleaded not guilty in police court before Magistrate R. A. McLean on a charge of obtaining transportation by fraud.

B.C. ROUNDUP

Geologist believed dead charged with bigamy

VANCOUVER (CP)—A city geologist who disappeared October 6, 1960 on a 100-mile trip from Hope to Vancouver today will appear in court on a charge of bigamy.

Charles Henry Stowell was flown here from Beatty, Nev., as a voluntary deportee from the United States.

Stowell's auto was found in the nearby Stave River in four feet of water. His coat was on the front seat and the window on the driver's side of the car was open. At first it was believed he had drowned.

Plan salaries check

VANCOUVER (CP)—Directors of the British Columbia Electric Company said a full-scale investigation would start today, to bring a 1956 study "up to date."

Arson suspect sought

VICTORIA (CP)—A pyromaniac may live in one of the 24 homes on Cecelia Road. Nine fires have been deliberately started since August on the two block street where residents live in terror. The firebug has punctuated the street with charred ruins and a gap caused by an evacuating family.

Teachers' salaries

VANCOUVER (CP)— Agreement on teachers' salaries has been reached at 56 British Columbia schools. Twenty-six other teacher groups will begin conciliation with their school boards on their salaries.

Ask fluoridation vote

PENTICTON (CP)—Council Monday decided to hold a fluoridation plebiscite. The action was taken after delegations from the area medical association, dental society and health unit called for addition of fluorides to the city water supply. The vote will be held in December.

Timber ships to leave soon

The past week has brought a rush of shipping to Prince Rupert harbor. In addition to the normal commercial fishing vessels and coastal tankers and tugs, the Canadian and U.S. navies have sent seven vessels into the area to take part in minesweeping exercises.

At the Prince Rupert Sawmill dock at present is the Greek MV King Theseus, approximately 10,000 tons, which is loading 3,300,000 board feet of cut timber. This is the highest loading shipped under the present contract to Japan.

In Tuck Inlet, the MV Meiyo Maru is back from Osaka for another 2,300,000 board feet (B.C. scale) of logs on her second visit to Prince Rupert.

The Theseus arrived November 2 and will depart November 14. The Meiyo Maru docked October 29 and is expected to leave either November 17 or 18.

A grain ship is expected in at the Canadian Government Elevators about November 14 and two vessels are expected to dock at the sawmill for timber in December.

Prince Rupert has now gone 1,021 days without a fatal traffic accident and 221 days without a fire fatality.

Impaired driver gets 14 days

Having care and control of a motor vehicle while impaired landed a city man in jail for 14 days this morning in police court.

Artur Saiga pleaded guilty to the charge before Magistrate R. A. McLean and was also given an order prohibiting driving anywhere in Canada for one year.

Saiga was charged after being checked about 4:30 a.m. yesterday in the 220 block Eighth Avenue East. He had been previously convicted of the same charge at Sumas in April last year.

KELOWNA (CP) — The former Burnaby assistant city engineer has become engineer of the city of Kelowna. E. F. Lawrence will assume his new duties January 15.

Fish nations form policy

TOKYO (AP) —The U.S.-Japan-Canada North Pacific Fisheries Commission meeting today adopted a four-point agenda dealing with king crab, salmon, halibut and herring fishing in the North Pacific.

The three countries represented on the commision are signatories of a North Pacific fishery conservation agreement signed in 1953.

The four-point agenda dealt with:

● The commission's research on king crab resources.

● Application of studies made by the commission in determining whether there is need to move the North Pacific fishery agreement boundary beyond the 175-degree west longitude line. Under the agreement, Japan has agreed not to fish east of this boundary.

● Whether Japan should continue to refrain from fishing American stocked halibut and salmon and British Columbia stocked herring.

● Financial and administrative matters of the commission.

Bonner considers figures to double

VANCOUVER (CP) — Attorney-General Bonner says he expects British Columbia's population to double by 1975 and new money to be invested in the province at the rate of $1,350,000,000 a year. The attorney - general made the statement Monday in an address to a meeting of electrical engineers.

World News Briefs

ACCRA, Ghana (Reuters) — Security measures were stepped up today in the wake of two explosions overnight that threatened to cancel a visit by the Queen, scheduled to begin Thursday.

UNITED NATIONS (CP)—Acting Secretary-General U Thant started his first week on the job by seeking advice on the Congo problem and other matters that fall on the shoulders of the United Nations chief.

BASTIA, Corsica (CP from AP-Reuters) — President de Gaulle said today France will not negotiate with the Russians on Berlin and Germany unless the Soviets withdraw their threats.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A multi-million dollar fire, soaring across the Hollywood hills' narrow canyons, spread destruction today throughout the movie-millionaire colony, one of the richest residential areas in the United States.

Magnates, movie stars, school children, housewives and former vice-president Richard Nixon fled from homes and classrooms to escape the blaze, termed the most damaging in southern California history.

BERLIN (CP from AP-Reuters) — British military police escorted some 200 Russians into West Berlin today to place three huge wreaths at the Soviet War Memorial near the Brandenburg gate. The 15-minute ceremony in the British sector was part of Soviet celebrations of the 44th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution.

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WEATHER

Cloudy Wednesday with rain beginning in the morning. Little change in temperature. Winds southeast 35 tomorrow. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 35 and 45.

TIDES

Wednesday, November 8, 1961
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	01:11	20.2 feet
	13:08	22.1 feet
Low	07:05	6.0 feet
	19:36	2.8 feet