Francois Lake News

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Dr. W. H. Mathews, department of geology, UBC, and Dr. G. E. Rouse, department of biology and botany and department of geology, UBC, are working on a project of dating the younger rocks in the interior of British Columbia.

They have shown that several basins from Princeton north to Francois Lake are approximately of the same age, 45 to 50 million years old. These basins were formed during periods of volcanic activity, and the climate was almost sub-tropical. Drs. Mathews and Rouse are working as a team, Dr. Mathews dealing with geology, and Dr. Rouse with plants. Between them they hope to answer many problems concerning the ages of the rocks throughout British Columbia so that others interested in geology will know the relations of the rocks.

We enjoyed meeting these scientists very much. They looked through several specimens of rocks we have collected and had given us, and were very interested in them. They pitched their tent on our camping ground for one night as they were working around the Landing, and showed us several specimens they had found where we advised them to look.

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On Sunday afternoon we went with friends in their posh cruiser on an agate hunting trip up the lake as they are keen rockhounds. We found a beach where we picked up quantities of green and blue agates which delighted our friends as they had not seen such lovely pieces before.

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We were sorry when Mr. and Mrs. Bernard, Suzanne, Ronnie and his small sister, left for their home in Prince Rupert after spending a week in one of our cottages. It has been very hot and dry here, so that the youngsters and grown-ups have been in the lake swimming. Since they left our cottages have been vacant except for a family from Toronto in the Log Cottage, and the ponies have had nothing to do. Although we need rain very badly for the crops and gardens, this hot dry weather is wonderful for those on holiday.

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As my husband and I were sitting quietly in the garden in the evening we saw a humming bird working away at a flower. Then another came along and started sucking at another flower on the same plant when the first one attacked it and chased it into a poplar tree. It amused us to hear the first one scolding the second, using what we are positive were unprintable words in hummingbird language.

When Mrs. Beaver of the Southbank store heard that Mrs. Dave Mathieson was ill and had to go to hospital, she simply drove over to the Mathieson home and told Dave that she had come for the baby, picked up the baby's clothes, and told Dave to put the child's cot in her car, and off she went with the baby! The older Mathieson children are able to take care of themselves, but the baby was the problem as Dave is engineer on the ferry.

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When Hal and I were out fishing on Sunday we saw an eagle flying over us with a trout in its claws. The fish gave the eagle a sort of seaplane look as if it had a float.

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Fred Roe is lookout man at Verdun Lookout not far from Ootsa Lake, and one night last week he saw a red object crossing the sky towards the north. It appeared to be round, and about three feet in diameter. It was going so slowly that the dog saw it and barked at it. The object seemed to fall into a canyon but there was no smoke as far as Fred could see.

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Staying with the Calder family are their old friends Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Evans of Prince Rupert. They travelled by car.

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Our good friends Terry and Henry Mason whose home is in Saskatoon, have been having a grand time holidaying in Prince Rupert, Kitimat, Lakelse and Terrace, fishing and enjoying the scenery. Henry, who comes through perodically on business, seems to find himself where exciting things happen. He was coming out of the bank in Terrace when he met two men who went in allegedly to hold it up some time ago. On this trip he was at Lakelse when a man drowned last week and he helped carry him out. He and Terry were passed on the road by a man who is now missing, and when they caught up with the vehicle it was beside the road with nobody inside. They stopped and looked in the car and saw a box of groceries on the front seat. An old grey car was parked the other side of the road. Later on when the police arrived the box of groceries was gone, and an empty wallet found not far away.

Fishing for spring salmon July 2, Henry caught a 29½ pounder, which he carried still kicking to weigh in for the Rod and Gun derby. He was two minutes after the closing time, but was presented with a gift although he missed the trophy, as his was the largest fish caught.

CNR MANAGER MOVES OFFICE TO STATION

Canadian National Railway's local branch manager for sales (freight and passenger), W. J. (Bill) McEachran, has been "working overtime" lately — moving his office.

Mr. McEachran, well-known member of the city's transportation fraternity, is now located in the CN Station. He was formerly in an office upstairs at 608 Third Avenue West. His telephone number remains the same at 6119.

ON AN 8,000-MILE JAUNT for their summer holidays, these students at Hazel Park High School at Hazel Park, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit, and their teacher Edward J. Kuhn, stopped off in Prince Rupert Tuesday when the Princess Louise docked en route south. The lads were taken on a tour of fish packing and storage plants by arrangement of Rotary Club. Highlight of their visit to Juneau was a meeting with Alaska's Governor. The boys, who earned a third of the expenses of the trip themselves (their parents paid the rest), are Pat Pawlus, Gerry Murphy, Bill Robertson, Tom White, John Jassy, Robert Brothers, Brett Sutton, and William and Ward Kuhn, nephews of the leader. Their travels took them to Banff and Lake Louise en route west, and after disembarking at Vancouver they will go on to Victoria, Seattle, Mount Rainier and Mount Hood. They left Detroit July 7 and will be back there July 26.
— Staff photo by Leslie Drew

PERSONALS

Richard Large of Toronto, is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. Geddes Large, 219 Fourth Avenue West, for a couple of week's holiday.

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Mrs. John Johnson, 142 Fifth Avenue East, and her granddaughter Miss Patricia Cameron, who has been renewing friendships here for a few days, will leave by Canadian Pacific Airlines plane tomorrow for Vancouver where they will meet Mrs. Johnson's daughter, Mrs. R. R. Cameron of Kelowna. From Kelowna they will take a holiday trip to the United States for several months. Mrs. Johnson will be joined in about a month's time by her husband for their southern travels. They plan to return to Prince Rupert around the end of the year. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron and Patricia are former residents of this city. Mr. Cameron is supervisor for the National Employment Service at Kelowna.

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Leaving by plane today, Mrs. O. M. Skog, 1021 First Avenue West, and her three-months-old son Martin, will visit Mrs. Skog's sister in Los Angeles, California, until October. Travelling with them to Los Angeles will be another sister, Mrs. Maurice Valliers and son Maurice of Vancouver, who have been holidaying with the Skog family in Prince Rupert.

Miss Lana Young of Smithers arrived by train Tuesday night to spend the summer holidays here with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Young, 1643 Atlin. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Young of Smithers, well-known former residents of Prince Rupert.

HARD ON FEET

BRAINTREE, England (AP) — Girls in Essex schools are being advised to avoid shoes with high heels or pointed toes. A medical inspection report showed 72 per cent of the girls were wearing ill-fitting shoes.

WINNIPEG (CP)—Winnipeg district of the Women's Christian Temperance Association passed a resolution asking that an alcohol education program be introduced in public schools at the Grade V level, instead of Grade VII as at present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

● The Public Library will close for the holidays, Saturday, July 29th, and reopen Tuesday, September 5th. (145)

STABLE INFLUENCE

SELKIRK, Man. (CP)—Men give stability to the nursing profession because young women may marry after graduation and leave the profession, said Dr. George Sisler, professor of psychiatry at the University of Manitoba. He was speaking at graduation of nurses at the Hospital for Mental Diseases, when almost half the graduates were men.

John Pain elected by Officers' Mess Club

John F. Pain has been elected president of the Officers' Mess Club, succeeding Captain T. A. Harris who will be leaving Prince Rupert shortly.

Robert Whiteley has been elected secretary - treasurer of the organization.

Mr. Pain, who is news editor of The Daily News, served in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War and fought as a fighter pilot in the Battle of Britain.

FIGHT FIRES

COURTENAY, B.C. (CP)—Twenty four women firefighters convened here. Residents of coastal logging communities, they have been trained to fight fires in the absence of their husbands.

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