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Hundreds of residents take part in Canada's birthday activities

"Party" lasts for four days

Despite overcast skies and periodic rainfall, hundreds of city residents took part in Canada's birthday celebrations held over the weekend.

The birthday, Canada's 95th, was officially proclaimed yesterday but here in Prince Rupert, the Elks Lodge 342 threw a four-day "party" in honor of the event.

The "party" started Friday night with a $2,000 bingo at the Civic Centre.

Following this party - goers were allowed to go home and rest up for Saturday's action.

Saturday's events got underway at 6 p.m. as the Prince Rupert Baseball Association's sixth annual tournament began.

Two hours later, the singing cowboy Evan Kemp, a longtime favorite of local folk, opened his three-day stand here with a two-hour show of music and song. At 10:30 the same night, the first of three dances began.

Sunday the day began at 10:30 a.m. as the baseball tourney continued.

At 2:20 that afternoon an air-sea rescue display was put on by the Department of Transport's recently - acquired helicopter near the Canadian National Railways station.

That night, hundreds packed the Civic Centre auditorium to watch the local talent contest.

The contest, with 13 entries, was won by a young singing duet —14 - year - old Richard Nelson and 11-year-old Brent Miners who sang "Michael" and "The Prince Rupert Twist."

The two youngsters shared $100 in prize money for winning the contest. A special prize of $10 was given to 13-year-old Linda Pagens who sang "Little Jonah" and "Jumbalaya" backed up by Casey Wilson anl his "Rock and Roll Rangers."

Kemp, who is returning to the city with a show August 10 and 11, was emcee of the contest while members of his show acted as judges.

Other entries in the talent contest were: Wilson and his band; Earl Nelson, guitar soloist; Bennett Wilson, vocal solo; Cooper Williams, vocal solo; Dianne Swanson, vocal solo with Victor Pierce on the guitar; Wilfred Baker, vocal with guitar; Alex Leighton, vocal with guitar; Victor Wells, vocalist with Reginald Mason on the piano. Harvey Wilson, accordion solo; Florence Cavanagh, vocal solo; and Reginald Mason, piano solo.

Miss Swanson also received a special prize of $10.

At 12:01 a.m. Monday another dance was held.

The annual Dominion Day parade began at 10 a.m. Monday and wound its way up to Roosevelt Park where the Nelson Bros. Fisheries float was judged as the best entry in the parade.

Other parade winners were: the Sons of Norway lodge, most original entry; Prince Rupert division of Celgar Limited, best industrial entry; McRae Motors, best commercial entry; Prince Rupert Amateur Swim Club, best organizational entry; Miller Bay Indian Hospital, most comical entry; Rupert Motors, best decorated car entry; and in the children's class, James Skelton 11, and Thomas Grantham 10, won first prize. A chuckwagon with six youngsters, Brian Gardiner 6, Debra Gardiner 4, Brian Hadland 11, Leslie Whiteley 8, Robert Whiteley 6, and James Whiteley 4, took second prize.

All other youngsters tied for third and fourth prizes.

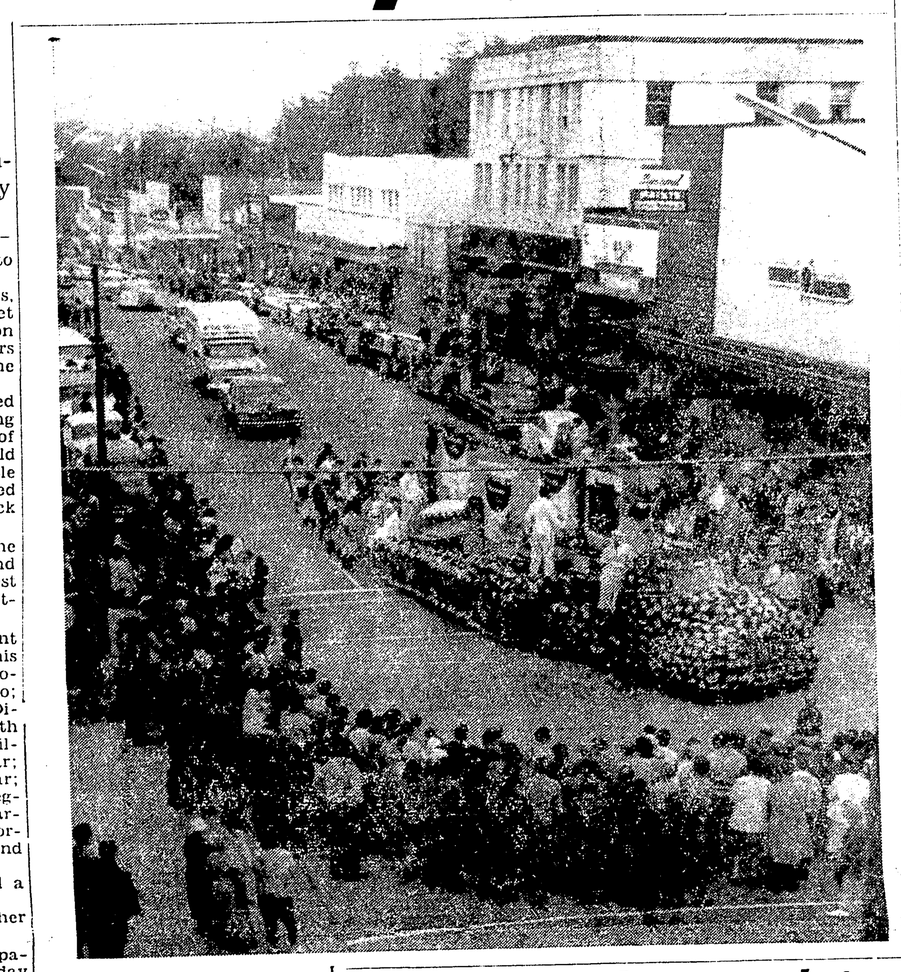
Following the parade, Elks exhalted ruler George Goodwin welcomed everyone and stressed the importance of celebrating Canada's 95th birthday.

Mrs. W. A. McChesney, Royal Lady of the Order of the Royal Purple welcomed people on behalf of her group and expressed the hope that everybody would enjoy themselves.

Prince Rupert MLA William H. Murray congratulated the Elks and brought warm greetings and best wishes from the provincial government.

Mayor P. J. Lester extended greetings from City Council and officially opened the lay.

The weekend celebrations ended with the Dominion Day ball last night.



DESPITE YESTERDAY morning being overcast, hundreds of city residents lined Third Avenue to witness the Elk's Dominion Day parade. This view of the parade was photographed from the top of the Imperial Bank of Commerce. Seen in the foreground is the winning Nelson Brothers Fisheries float followed by a group of young baseball players. Staff photos by Ozzie Zbitnew.

Labor group urges boost in jurors' rates

Special to The Daily News

VANCOUVER—The B.C. Federation of Labor has requested Attorney General Robert Bonner to recommend to the provincial cabinet that jurors rates of remuneration be raised.

The Federation contends, and backs up with a questionaire survey, that there was a varying loss of income occasioned by jurors during lengthy Doukhobor trials at Nelson.

It was found that some of the jurors did not suffer a loss of income because they were retired, their salaries were continued, or they were able to make up lost time by changing to night shifts or otherwise extending their working hours.

Most of the questionaires returned showed that significant amounts of income have been lost by wage earners called to serve during the trials.

According to Federation Secretary E. P. O'Neal, the amounts ranged from no loss at all to a loss of $1,500, with several ranging from $300 to $500.

City resident dies aged 70

Casper Knutson, 70, died at his home at 326 Seventh Avenue East on Sunday.

Born in Skudesnes, Norway, Mr. Knutson came to Canada in 1906 and to Prince Rupert in 1924. He worked in the fishing industry here.

Mr. Knutson is survived by his wife Martha, two sons, Louis of Vancouver, and Cliff of California, one daughter Carol at home, two brothers, Carl of Viking, Alta., and John of Prince Rupert and sister, Mrs. Anna Knutson of Vancouver.

Prince Rupert has now gone 116 days without a fatal traffic accident and 437 days without a fire fatality.

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93 killed during weekend

By The Canadian Press

At least 93 Canadians died during the Dominion Day holiday weekend.

A Canadian Press survey of accidental deaths during the three-day weekend showed there were 55 traffic fatalities and 33 drownings. The survey covers the period from 6 p.m. Friday to midnight Monday.

To stand trial

QUESNEL — David Myers, 19, will stand trial at the Fall Assizes opening here November 13 on a capital murder charge arising from the rifle slaying of his uncle.

Myers was committed for trial at a preliminary hearing into the charge which followed the death of Walter Enders at his cabin near here April 15.

French leader proclaims Algerian independence

ALGIERS (AP) — French President de Gaulle proclaimed Algeria independent at 10:30 a.m. today after 132 years of French rule.

But Africa's newest nation faced the threat of a new civil war from guerrilla troops seeking to put radical Vice-Premier Ahmed Ben Bella into power.

As 4,500 mutinous nationalist guerrillas massed southwest of Algiers, the capital's jubilant Moslems prepared a roaring welcome for Premier Youssef Ben Khedda and his nationalist government. The moderate leaders were flying from their Tunisian exile to try to stifle the guerrilla revolt and assert their rule over Algeria.

Algeria's independence became effective at 10:30 a.m. as the result of a statement issued by de Gaulle following a special meeting of the French cabinet.

"By the self - determination vote of July 1, 1962," the statement said, "the Algerian people called for independence of Algeria, co - operating with France.

"In consequence, the relations between France and Algeria being henceforth founded on the conditions defined by the governmental declarations of the Evian peace agreement, the president of the French Republic declares that France solemnly recognizes the independence of Algeria."

Russian spy attempts suicide

LONDON —Dr. Robert Soblen probably will not be well enough to travel to the United States for at least another two or three days," a hospital spokesman announced today.

The fugitive spy who tried to commit suicide to escape a life sentence in the United States spent a fairly comfortable night and the improvement in his condition was maintained, the spokesman said.

CHILLIWACK, B.C. — Two prison farm escapees held a vacationing Richmond family at gunpoint for five hours Sunday before leaving the campers stranded in a rugged and almost inaccessible bush.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill Larson and their twin sons Chris and Glen, 5, slept Sunday night in the bush and managed to attract a fisherman on Chilliwack Lake Monday morning.

News Briefs

LONDON — Sir Winston Churchill, now recovered enough from a broken thigh to sit up out of bed, was visited by his wife today in Middlesex Hospital. "He is looking very well," Lady Churchill told reporters. "He is getting on very nicely.

PARIS (Reuters) — West German Chancellor Adenauer met President de Gaulle today for talks on the next step in the political integration of the Common Market.

MIAMI, Fla. — The leader of the anti-Castro organization said Monday night "20 specially-trained guerrilla experts this morning penetrated Cuba's coastal defences to land in the province of Matanzas."

BERLIN — Working behind a screen of smoke and tear gas, the Communists began building a wall along West Berlin's border with East Germany Monday night. There was some suspicion they planned to surround Berlin with concrete and steel barriers.

BONN — Attorney-General Wolfgang Fraenkel of West Germany has been suspended from office pending an investigation of charges that he was involved in bloody Nazi trials, the justice ministry announced Monday.

Full liquor privileges extended to all Indians in British Columbia

VICTORIA (CP)—Full liquor privileges are being extended to all British Columbia Indians because the attorney-general's department considers it impossible to enforce federal Indian Act regulations limiting liquor rights to certain bands.

Attorney-General Bonner said Saturday that instructions have been sent by the provincial liquor control board to liquor vendors throughout the province, advising them that they may sell liquor to Indians without restriction.

He said the instructions result from the situation arising from plebiscites being taken among B.C. Indian bands under terms of the federal Indian Act.

In these plebiscites, many Indian bands have voted in favor of permitting their members to purchase liquor and beer from vendors to take to their homes on Indian reserves

British Columbia has roughly 1,400 different Indian bands, Mr. Bonner said, "and we have no basis upon which to distinguish between members of bands which have voted for liquor privileges and those which have not."

MARKS FIRST

Effect of the decision is to grant all Indians in B.C. full liquor privileges for the first time in history.

Under previous regulations, Indians were permitted to drink in cocktail lounges and beer parlors but could not purchase liquor or beer to take home to reserves.

The federal Indian Act provides that Indian bands may request a plebiscite on the question of having full liquor privileges.

Technically, it remains unlawful for members of those bands who have not voted or who have voted against having liquor rights to purchase liquor by the bottle.

But, said Mr. Bonner, from a practical point of view, this law is not enforceable and vendors have therefore been instructed to sell to all Indians without distinction.

Atlin MLA Frank Calder said today that the attorney general's action "has proved conclusively our correct interpretation of the Indian Act that the final act of extending full liquor rights rested absolutely with the provincial government."

He said that the "long uphill fight of the B.C. Indian organizations in their demands for equal rights to liquor and culminating in the action of the Nishga Tribal Council of the Nass River introducing the liquor plebiscite as per the Indian Act has indeed paid off."

"The completion of these plebiscites, which in effect, allows Indians to bring and consume on the Indian reserves would have embarrassed the provincial government.

"The government had to act. My continuing debates on the floor of the B.C. legislature since 1949 and including my several liquor resolutions which were always voted down by the coalition and Social Credit administrations, have now become victory debates.

"I am gratified by the action of the attorney general granting this full liquor right and I am hopeful in this new privilege and that an orderly behavior will prevail.

"The liquor plebiscites however, which allow for consumption on reserves, will have to continue."

Mayor P. J. Lester said: "The B.C. government is to be congratulated on passing this legislature."

Doctors refuse talks on medical care plan

REGINA — Saskatchewan residents were to learn today the extent of the three - day - old doctors' strike.

With the refusal of doctors to negotiate further on the provincial government's medical care insurance plan, the province faced the full effects of the withdrawal of services by doctors.

Many withdrew normal service in protest against the Sunday start of the government plan, but customary closing of clinics and offices for the Dominion Day weekend made it difficult to determine the number on strike.

Major hospitals in the province reported no initial problems in handling patients.

Volunteer doctors continued to provide free emergency service at 34 designated hospitals but by Monday night the number available slipped 231 from the 240 who had volunteered earlier.

PREDICTS TROUBLE

Dr. Sam Landa of Saskatoon, co-ordinator of the emergency service, predicted difficulty in providing the service for a long period.

The 928,000 Saskatchewan citizens—first in North America to be covered by a comprehensive, government medical insurance plan but uncertain what services are available to them—ended the weekend amid a fresh spate of charges and retorts.

In the most extreme doctors' stand taken in the two-and-a-half-yearold dispute, Dr. H. D. Dalgleish, president of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Monday rejected the possibility of any further negotiations without repeal of the Medical Care Insurance Act.

He said the government must bear the "complete responsibility for introducing a plan which has driven a free profession into this stand and for the tragic consequences to the citizens of the province."

Local man dies at age of 68

John Luther Johnson, 68, of 1215 Beach Place died at his resort home in Osland on Smith Island Sunday.

Born in Winnipeg, Man., Mr. Johnson came to Prince Rupert in 1918, and was a fisherman here since then.

He is survived by his wife Thura, one son Robert Johnson of Prince Rupert, and one daughter, Shirlene Blomberg of Merritt, B.C. Funeral arrangements are still pending.

WINNERS OF THE ELK'S-SPONSORED talent show, Brent Miners, 11 and Richard Nelson, 14, right, are seen getting some pointers from an "old-pro" in the entertainment field, Evan Kemp. The show, held in the Civic Centre, saw an overflowing crowd enjoying local talent at its best.

Nine vessels land halibut

Nine vessels landed a total of 428,500 pounds of halibut at the port of Prince Rupert today.

Selling on the exchange: Deep Sea with 12,000 pounds including 7,500 pounds of medium at 30.3 cents per pound, 4,000 pounds of large at 34.2 cents per pound and 500 pounds of chix at 15 cents a pound, sold to Northern; Haida Chief, with 50,500 pounds, including 25,000 pounds of medium at 30 cents a pound, 25,000 pounds of large at 34.4 cents a pound, and 500 pounds of chix at 15 cents per pound, sold to Babcock; Caamano Sound with 90,000 pounds including 52,000 pounds of medium at 30.2 cents per pound and 38,000 pounds of large at 35 cents per pound, sold to Booth; Arden with 18,000 pounds, including 14,000 pounds of medium at 28.5 cents a pound, 3,500 pounds of large at 32 cents a pound and 500 pounds of chix at 15 cents a pound, sold to B.C. Packers.

White Swan, with 55,000 pounds, including 35,000 pounds of medium at 30 cents a pound and 20,000 pounds of large at 34.5 cents a pound, sold to Pacific; Kaary, with 75,000 pounds including 35,000 pounds of medium at 30.4 cents a pound, and 40,000 pounds of large at 35 cents a pound, sold to Atlin; Alaska Queen, with 70,000 pounds, including 40,000 pounds of medium at 30.3 cents a pound and 30,000 pounds of large at 35 cents a pound, sold to B.C. Packers.

Two boats landed at the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative Association's Fairview plant. Fredella with 30,000 pounds including 8,000 pounds of medium, 21,000 pounds of large and 1,000 pounds of chix. Dovre B with 28,000 pounds including 16,000 pounds of medium, 12,000 pounds of large and no chix.

WEATHER

A few showers tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Winds light. Low tonight and high Wednesday 47 and 58.

Daily News Readings

Temperature at noon 55
Barometer, falling 30.0

TIDES

Wednesday, July 4, 1962
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	02:32	21.0 feet
	15:28	10.1 feet
Low	09:08	2.3 feet
	21:14	7.1 feet