

NEWS OF NORTHERN B.C.

BURNS LAKE

The Lakes District School Fair, at its annual meeting last week, elected officers as follows: president, M. F. Nourse; treasurer, Rev. W. R. Ashford; secretary, R. W. McGowan; vice-president, A. L. Petersen. There was a deficit of \$200 on last year's fair but it is intended to carry on.

A pound building is being built here by the village commissioners and, on its completion, the Pound bylaw will become effective.

All residents of Burns Lake are busy in their gardens just now, weather of late having been good for such work.

Mrs. W. J. Kutt of Winnipeg is visiting with her cousin, W. A. Allen, and other relatives in the falling district.

George Lemieux has completed a contract for the painting of the office of the Burns Lake Observer.

John J. McKenna and W. A. Allen returned last Wednesday night from an auto trip to Lillooet.

Business visitors in town during the week from the district have included: Norman Schriber, Otsa Lake; Mr. and Mrs. John Bench, Bald Hill; P. L. Mulville, Grassy Plains; Ed. Newman, Bald Hill; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lukens, Balling; Del Cassidy, Colleymount.

TERRACE WILL CELEBRATE ON VICTORIA DAY

Arrangements Made for Sports and Games on Annual Holiday

TERRACE, May 13.—The chief business before the meeting of the Parent-Teachers on Thursday was the arrangements for a school sports day on May 24. A committee consisting of Mrs. Moore, Miss Davis and Miss Wright was named. Rev. A. W. Robinson will have charge of tagging on the grounds. Assistance was offered from the Native Sons and W. A. Kirkpatrick was named to assist the sports committee. Mr. Holmwood reported that two baseball games were being lined up—one between the Trail Rangers and Outsiders and another between the high school team and a town team. A girls' game might also be arranged. The volley ball apparatus was now here and a volley ball game could be played if desired.

PRINCE GEORGE

A delegation representing the Women's Institute and consisting of Mrs. George Abbott, Mrs. A. K. Nicholls and Mrs. George Milburn waited upon the city council Monday evening to seek support for the establishment of a children's playground in the west end of town. The council will consult with the school board on the matter.

James Stevens was sentenced to six months' imprisonment here recently for the theft of a watch and chain as well as other articles from Arthur Bellos.

James Moriarity, veteran C.N.R. roadmaster who has retired from the railway service, has arrived here from Vancouver and will make his future home in Prince George.

A. D. Cruickshank of the Western Canada Airways is here to make arrangements for the inauguration of an air service between Prince George and the northern mining districts.

The city of Prince George had a surplus of \$16,106 during the year 1928 according to the auditor's report which has just been presented to the council. Revenue amounted to \$108,633 and expenditures, \$92,547.

The new short route from the city to the Fair Grounds by way of Vancouver Street is expected to be completed within the next week by the provincial department of public works.

SPECTACULAR BLAZE SEEN AT VICTORIA

Paper and Shingles on Bobbyalla Burned After Vessel Was Benched

VICTORIA, May 14.—One of the most spectacular sights ever witnessed here was seen when the motorship Bobbyalla, carrying a cargo of paper and shingles, went ashore at Albert Head, a few miles from the city. The vessel was ablaze from stem to stern. The Bobbyalla caught fire Saturday morning off Discovery Island and strenuous efforts were made to extinguish the blaze. Owing to the vessel being of wooden construction and carrying a cargo of unsinkable goods she would not go to the bottom, so it became necessary to beach her. This was done at Albert Head within full view of the city.

This afternoon's train, due from the east at 3:30, was reported this morning to be on time.

AIR SERVICES NORTHERN B. C.

Fisheries Patrol to Have Headquarters at Swanson Bay It is Announced

VANCOUVER, May 14.—Western Canada Airways Ltd. is inaugurating an air service in northern British Columbia this summer which gives promise of developing the untouched mineral areas of the northern portion of the province in the same manner that this enterprising aviation firm made possible rich discoveries in northern Manitoba.

One plane will operate from Prince George, another from Stewart. If negotiations already far advanced are concluded, an air base will be established by the company at Hudson Hope. While primarily for survey purposes this base would offer still another approach for prospectors and mining men to areas which are practically inaccessible by any other mode of travel. Flying

boats or seaplanes are used exclusively by this firm, the multitude of lakes in northern British Columbia affording ready access to almost every section. The fisheries patrol for the northern district will have headquarters at Swanson Bay.

WILL REPAIR GRANDSTAND

City Council Grants \$200 for Improvements at Acropolis Hill Grounds

On recommendation of the finance committee, the city council last night decided to expend the sum of \$200 for repairing the grandstand at Acropolis hill grounds.

Mayor McMorde explained that the stands were in a rather serious condition at present and dangerous for the public. The sum of \$200, it was felt, was the minimum figure for carrying out the work.

The stands will be put in shape before May 24.

SCHOOL GARDENS AT TERRACE INSPECTED

TERRACE, May 13.—An inspection of the high school gardens preceded the business meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association on Thursday evening. Much time and work has evidently been spent on the artistically arranged flower and vegetable gardens. Many shrubs and perennials have been planted and the grounds should soon be very attractive.

USE OF POWER PER CAPITA

The steady increase in the use of power per capita in Canada is shown by a comparison of the figures for 1920 and 1927. During this period the amount of power used per 100 of population increased from 43 to 63 horsepower, or the use of power per inhabitant increased over 46 per cent.

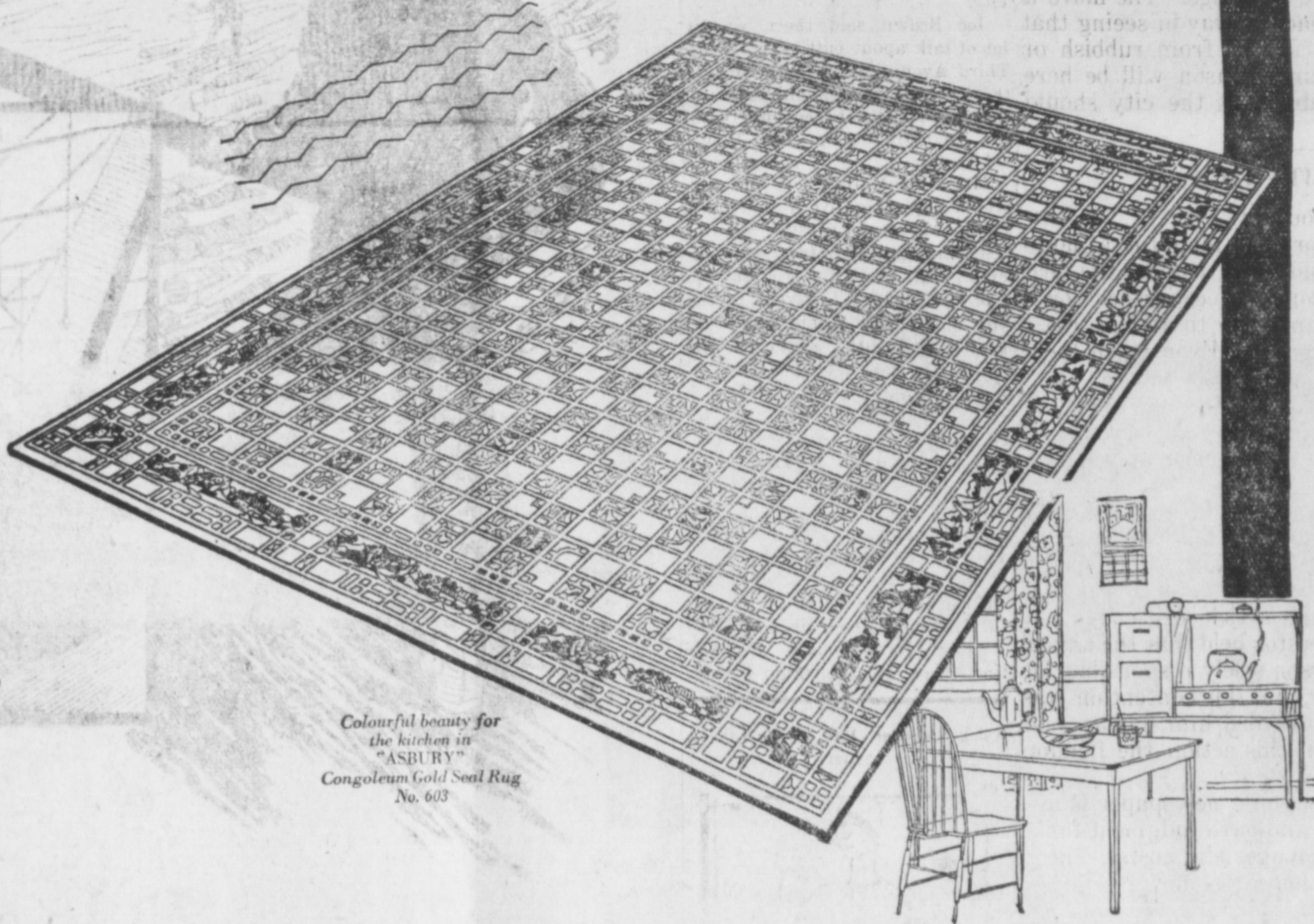
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