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Divorces at Local Court

Four of Ten Petitions
Granted at Opening Day

Four divorce decrees were granted by Mr. Justice A. D. Macfarlane on the opening day of the session of the Supreme Court Assizes yesterday. Five more petitions awaited disposal.

Decrees were granted in the following cases:

Alexander Hirczog vs Eunice Hirczog, G. Durree, correspondent. T. W. Brown, K.C., for petitioner.

Olga Edith Kronhaus vs Michael Alexander Kronhaus; J. T. Harvey for petitioner.

Chester Douglas Benson vs Annie Dora Benson, Donald Irving correspondent; A. B. Brown for petitioner.

Percy James Curle vs Margaret May Curle; Kenneth Nesbitt correspondent. Willa Ray for petitioner.

The cases in which decrees are awaited are:

Arthur Arason vs Johanna Wilhelmina Arason; Jonas Eythor Jonasson correspondent. A. B. Brown for petitioner.

Charles Wilfrid Jenkins vs Joyce Jenkins; Jens Knudson correspondent. J. T. Harvey for petitioner.

Elizabeth Forest vs Thomas Forest. J. T. Harvey for petitioner.

Spiro Gurvich vs Clara Thesia Gurvich; George White correspondent. A. B. Brown for petitioner.

Beatrice Grant vs Victor Grant. A. B. Brown for petitioner.

May Kathleen Roy vs Frank Stafford Roy. J. T. Harvey for petitioner.

Chinese Wife Civic Minded

CALGARY (CP)—Few citizens are more active or more community-minded than a young Chinese housewife here, Mrs. David Ho Lem.

After a busy period as a canvasser for the Community Chest drive, Mrs. Ho Lem began canvassing on behalf of a free chest X-ray survey among her Chinese neighbors. After that she's on the list of canvassers for the Cancer Society's campaign for funds.

Those are only part of the duties looked after by Mrs. Ho Lem, mother of two small children.

Living right across the street from the Chinese United Church she gets plenty of calls for assistance from that organization and is a member of the Chinese Ladies' Aid of the church.

In addition, she takes an active part in the home and school association of her nine-year-old son's school.

Several weeks ago she was asked to become a member of the Calgary ladies' Jaycees.

"And I'm going to join shortly, too," the attractive dark-eyed housewife confided. "I don't know how I'll ever do it but I guess I can manage."



REACHES CANADA — The noted French singer, Maurice Chevalier, is shown aboard the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Canada on his arrival at Montreal. Refused a visa to enter the United States, he plans a tour of Canadian cities. (CP PHOTO)

Board Asks Speeding up

Impatient over the slow progress that is being made on the finishing of the new Booth Memorial and King Edward school buildings, the board of school trustees decided last night to remind B.C. Bridge and Dredging Co. that their original contract called for these buildings to have been finished by March 15 of this year. The contractors will be told that the buildings are definitely required to be finished by June 30 so that the full summer vacation period will be available for moving.

Feeling was expressed that better headway would be made if more men were put on the job by the contractors.

The board heard detailed reports on progress of the work from the architect's representative, Mr. Sangster, and considerable discussion as the whys and wherefores of the slowness of the work ensued.

Certain "extras" were also brought to the attention of the board including a notification from suppliers of folding doors for Booth School that, whereas the original tender in May 1949 had been for \$9300, the price had gone up to \$10,944.35. The board was not very happy about this and decided to refer the matter to the architects.

Born Yesterday Totem Comedy

"Born Yesterday," great stage comedy success, comes to the screen of the Totem Theatre here this Wednesday and Thursday. Judy Holliday recreates the role she originated in the stage play and William Holden and Broderick Crawford are also starred in the mature, hilarious screen hit.

"Born Yesterday" tells of a pretty, blonde, and pretty dumb ex-chorine, girl friend of a rich and raucous millionaire junk dealer, who learns from a newspaperman that there is more to life—and love—than the acquisition of mink coats. A highlight of "Born Yesterday" is its Washington background with many historic landmarks.

More Teachers In Province Now

An administrative circular from the Department of Education advised the board of school trustees last night that an estimated 1000 teachers would be available in the province this year and in view of the situation, engagement for public schools of teachers without British Columbia certificates or on superannuation would not be allowed without special permit. The circular also set down certain suggestions as to the handling of correspondence between the Department and secretaries and boards.

COSTLY DISEASE
Canada had 37,515 deaths from diabetes in the 20 years from 1930 to 1949.

Advise Caution In Using Drugs

Should Be Used Sparingly,
Says Royal Obstetrician

By J. C. GRAHAM
Canadian Press Correspondent

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (CP)—Sir William Gilliat, chief obstetrician to Princess Elizabeth, believes that anaesthetics should be used sparingly in childbirth.

Sir William, who inaugurated the New Zealand regional council of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, is one of the world's leading authorities on his subject.

"I am in favor of anaesthesia for childbirth providing it is used by someone who knows the dangers as well as the assets," he said here. "All drugs hinder the involuntary muscular action and anaesthesia make the job longer. In some cases it increases the possibilities of hemorrhage. It is not a panacea that can be handed out indiscriminately. Pain is a most important signal to the doctor. He can tell how far the patient is advanced and it lets him know if the birth is proceeding normally."

Sir William said he had experienced two or three cases when the woman did not feel any pain at all. This had been a disadvantage during the birth. **BABY AFFECTED**

"It must be remembered that the baby is usually affected to some extent by the drug," he added. "This can affect the baby's respiratory action. Many babies have lost their lives because of the use of drugs."

"I believe it is correct to save women pain, although it says in the Bible 'And we shall bring forth in pain.' There is a great deal of sense in that statement. However, pain varies considerably with every woman and some do not even know what is happening. The advantage of anaesthesia is to save pain, which after all is the doctor's business, but in my experience I have found that although pain is exhausting it deters only about one per cent from having other babies."

The relief of fear was more important, Sir William said. It was a necessary factor in the doctor's curriculum. "It is up to the doctor to gain the confidence of the woman, in order that she may put her trust in him to see her past her difficulties," he said. "I think it is also necessary to tell the woman, from time to time, just what is going on. This helps her to lose any fear she might have."

It was wise for a woman to have her first baby away from home, Sir William said. She could usually have her second, third and fourth at home if necessary, but if she had any further children it was safer for them to be born in an institution.

Director, Civic Centre, Resigns

TERRACE (Special to the Daily News)—Nick Schmeling has resigned as director of the Terrace Civic Centre, a post he has held for the past year or so. A special meeting of the Civic Centre executive was held last night to consider the matter of a successor. Nick Schmeling is a nephew of Max Schmeling, former world's heavyweight boxing champion.



STANDARDIZER—Cmdr. James V. Steele, 38, of Ottawa has been appointed director of standardization of the Canadian Navy. A former British Commando, Cmdr. Steele is a native of Tralee, Ireland. Awarded the George Medal for his exploits during the Second World War, he transferred to the Canadian Navy in 1946. (CP from National Defence)

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MISCHIEF

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Herman and kicked in the face. From that accusation arose the charge of assault, claimed the crown.

In cross-examination, T. W. Brown, K.C., counsel for the defence, went into detail as to exactly what took place.

In one instance, near the beginning of the two session hearing, Crown Council Mr. Hogg objected to the "long and tedious" cross-examination.

"This is a very simple case, why drag it out so laboriously?" **"FRAME-UP" SAYS DEFENCE**
"You might as well know now," answered Mr. Brown. "The defence hopes to prove that this case is a frame-up. That all the evidence of the Crown is incredible."

Nine witnesses were called by Mr. Brown, including the accused, Herman and Cyr. Most of the defence witnesses were loggers, several admitting to cross-examination, they were members of the Wheaton gang. They worked, or had worked for Matt and Wheaton, at Telkwa, a lumbering firm.

They all had been at the dance they testified, but all agreed they had not seen Herman do any damage to the car in question. Herman, they said, had been "out cold" in a ditch for about two hours, the time when the car was supposed to have been damaged.

None of the defence witnesses had seen Cyr near the car with any intent of damage to it, nor close enough to the car to do it.

Testimony of the defence held there was a fight at the dance and that it had started when Alfred Wheaton hit Herman and knocked him in the ditch in a quarrel over a bottle of whiskey. Then a general affray ensued, they said, with most of the defence witnesses—those of them Indians of Moricetown.

During the fight, Wheaton testified, Joseph got in his car and ran the car up and down in front of the dance hall trying to run over him and some of his friends. In order to stop the car Wheaton said he "grabbed the door handle" and so pulled it off. All defence witnesses, with exception of William McKenzie, said they had been drinking. None of the crown witnesses admitted they had been drinking that night.

McKenzie said when he came out of the dance hall a woman shouted, "there he is, there he is," and then he saw a car come at him. He jumped out of its way, he said, and grabbed the aerial which remained in his hand when the car passed on.

Another witness, Alfred Larsen, said he saw no fight. He said he saw someone puncture a tire on the car owned by Joseph. He said he knew the man who did it. It was one Wilfred Thompson. Larsen didn't know where Thompson was now.

Other defence witnesses referred to a "slim, tall man" whom they had seen cutting the tire.

Earlier, Joseph testified he had given Herman a "lift" to Smithers after the fracas at the Houston dance hall was over, about 2 a.m.

On the stand, Herman admitted this was true.

One defence witness, Joseph's brother Gordon, who said he had driven with his brother, said Herman was not in the car.

When Esther Joseph was called by the Crown, an interpreter, Agnes George, was permitted to speak for her. Later, the witness herself answered in English.

The jury deliberated 45 minutes after they were charged by Justice MacFarlane. First session of the case was held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. It was then adjourned until 7:30 p.m. The jury brought in their "not guilty" verdict at 10:23 p.m.

Foreman of the jury was George Roger. Other members were David Abel, Ralph Hood, William Nesbitt, Leslie Helgeson, T. A. McMeekin, William Martin, Trevor Johnson, Edward Evans, Clarence Goodacre, Lloyd Rice, and Andrew Cadol.

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8:00 p.m.
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