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Cars Still Get Through

But Highway to Terrace
Could Be Blocked Any Time

Although the Skeena River highway has been closed officially since the first heavy snow fell, there are still automobiles getting through between Terrace and Prince Rupert.

In a statement yesterday afternoon, Divisional Engineer L. E. Smith said some cars had been trapped during the first storm and they had to be got out. Since that time there have been no major storms and the odd car has been getting through. However, he warned, there is danger of being trapped in a very short time—as little as one half hour—if there is a heavy snowfall. So far it has been unusually light.

The road from Terrace to Enderby is being kept open, Mr. Smith said because of extensive logging operations. It is open from Terrace east. He reported that the last time he passed over the road two weeks ago the surface was icy from Salvo to Hazelton.

Of practising oculists would be entirely inadequate to meet the needs of any comprehensive health insurance scheme.

Canada's non-pensionable blind are not eligible because they are under 21 years of age, because they have incomes sufficiently high to exclude them; or because they have not lived in Canada for the 20 years necessary.

The maximum basic pension for a blind person is \$40 a month. A single blind pensioner is permitted a maximum of \$720 annually in pension and other income. If a man is blind but has a sighted wife the two are permitted \$1,200 between them. Two blind persons who qualify under the pension are permitted \$1,320 pension and income.

In British Columbia and Alberta the blind pensioner, under certain conditions, is paid an additional bonus of \$10 a month. In Saskatchewan, the only other province, to pay a bonus, the pensioner receives an additional \$2.50.

Canadian Girl Ballet Pianist

TORONTO (C)—As the great ballerinas of the Sadler's Wells Company whirl and spin on the stage above her, the equally nimble fingers of a Canadian girl pianist are keeping time in the orchestra pit.

Pretty, brunette Jean Gilbert, a Calgarian, as the troupe's permanent accompanist, has the distinction of being the only Canadian connected with the renowned British ballet.

It's a tough job, Jean admits. "Banking hours" just aren't time enough for Margot Fonteyn to get in the ceaseless practice her brilliant dancing demands. And the company's prima danseuse must have music to practise to, as must Moira Shearer and the rest of the company.

That's where Jean comes in. For 2½ years her slim fingers have supplied the beat for the dancers' feet, both during rehearsals and in ballets which call for a solo piano.

Jean joined the troupe in 1944. Her RAF husband, Flt.-Lt. John Andrews, was killed in action only five months after he'd taken his bride to England.

START WITH BALLET
Kathleen Tierney, a fellow Calgarian, got Jean a job with Sadler's Wells when the troupe went on tour of Britain and needed a pianist to play in the "Dante Sonata." The job led to a permanent position, although Jean still does some concert playing on her own.

Actually, her position with Sadler's Wells is an extension of her own ambition to be a concert pianist. Jean had studied under Gladys McKelvey Egbert in Calgary and achieved a keyboard competence that won her a scholarship to the Royal Conservatory in London, England.

She says her parents and four brothers, who still live in Calgary, are all musically conscious, although she's the only member of the family who has made music a career.

"I feel I have had the opportunity and the training," Jean says, "and it's up to me to put it to a good use."

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United Nations Vote Deferred

LAKE SUCCESS.—The political committee of the United Nations adjourned again yesterday without a vote being recorded on the United States resolution which would declare Communist China an aggressor in the war in Korea. The United States has the support of France, Australia and New Zealand.

Great Britain has adopted a wait-and-see attitude. Twelve nations want another conference on the whole Far Eastern situation.

Warren Austin, chief United States delegate, accused Communist China yesterday of "blackmail and bad faith." A nation could not be expected to shoot its way into membership, Austin asserted in referring to the Communist demand for a seat in the United Nations. He charged that China was endeavouring to belound the issues and divide the United Nations. It was necessary, Austin said, that each member nation be faithfully protected against aggression.

Earlier reports yesterday of a new Chinese offer brought the information last night that Communist China's attitude is little, if any, changed. China has indicated that she would favor a seven-hour conference, not necessarily to be held in China but certainly not in the United States.

The debate was resumed today.

More Vehicles In This Province

VICTORIA.—Officials of the motor vehicle branch report that 36,389 more cars and trucks were licensed in British Columbia at the end of November than at the same time the previous year.

The total at November 30 last was 255,189 and the comparative figure for the previous year was 218,791.

Of this total, 190,117 were passenger cars in 1950 and 159,944 were passenger cars in 1949; 65,053 commercial vehicles in 1950 and 58,847 commercial in 1949.

There was a drop in the number of motorcycle license plates issued in the period—4,547 up to the end of November last year and 4,618 in 1949.

There were more trailers licensed in 1950—10,293 against 10,610, and more drivers' licenses—320,165 against 295,473.

Free Legal Aid Plan Now On

VICTORIA.—A legal aid scheme for Vancouver persons without funds went into effect as the Vancouver Bar Association completed plans for three-man teams of lawyers to be available in the Court House for consultation. If the lawyers are satisfied the applicant is unable to pay for legal services, they will give the legal advice free.

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Eton College Is Rebuilding

ETON, England (C)—Eton College, one of Britain's oldest and most exclusive institutions of learning, is to undergo a costly face-lifting under a £1,000,000 (\$3,000,000) re-building and modernization scheme.

To help defray the bill more than 12,000 letters are being addressed to graduates all over the world, appealing for contributions to the fund. Among the graduates are men of great wealth, including sons of royal families and aristocracy of many countries.

One building alone, to accommodate 5 pupils, will cost approximately £100,000 but the program provides for reconstruction of nearly all the boys' houses associated with the 500-year-old college.

The plans also call for modernization of the science school as well as restoration of the 15th century chapel and other ancient buildings.

For centuries the boys of Eton have done their bathing in the Thames. Because of river pollution, however, the authorities are considering installation of a large college swimming-pool.

Picture Bares Race Secrets

How America's ruthless \$3,000,000 gambling syndicate and its hoodlum empire smuggles racing information out of the tracks under the very noses of the police, is revealed in "711 Ocean Drive," starring Edmond O'Brien and Joanne Dru at the Capitol Theatre this Friday and Saturday.

The secret signalling devices employed, the concealed walkie-talkies, the electronic innovations that defy police detection, furnish exciting sequences in this expose, which was filmed under armed police protection.

Secret paraphernalia was re-created and operated for the film.

Otto Kruger tops the important cast appearing in support of O'Brien and Miss Dru. Barry Kelley and Dorothy Patrick are featured in the film.

Hotel Arrivals (Prince Rupert)

C. Nordstrom and W. J. Clark, Seattle; Mrs. E. Moore and family, Vancouver; J. Carter, W. Bonar, O. J. Moscrip, W. H. Traeger, D. G. Stenstrom, R. A. Fraser and E. B. Harkness, Vancouver; H. L. Hansen, Nanaimo; W. F. Veitch, Victoria; A. R. Kinney, Everett, Washington

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