

News of the District

News Rep. Wins Interior Friends

BURNS LAKE — Evangeline Vann, whose interior column in the Prince Rupert Daily News is read with interest, is on a goodwill tour of the central interior and is not missing anything. Making a host of friends wherever she goes, she has surely added to the popularity of the Prince Rupert paper. She has now invaded Prince George.

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Teachers' Problems

Numerous Interesting Situations Discussed at Prince George Meeting

PRINCE GEORGE—At the fall convention of the north central district teachers held in Prince George at the weekend, the Rural Teachers Forum, under the leadership of Mrs. A. Woods, discussed problems common to all teachers in the small rural school.

The question of suitable games for the noon hour and recess recreation, was the first to come up. Well tried favorites, like marble tournaments, vied in favor with quoits played with mother's botling rings thrown over pop bottles, and tumbling on a mattress.

Out of doors, building a tree house had been effective in occupying youthful energies, but a game called, "wild horses," took the biscuit for complete absorption. This game entails scattering, sometimes for as far as a mile in all directions. As few children have watches, this activity can present problems and the summoning whistle is not always effective in recalling the wildest of the wild horses, in time for the afternoon session.

The high price at present obtainable for the skins of weasel, rabbit, and squirrel, appeal strongly to the business acumen of some youngsters, who set trap lines out in the bush round the school. In pursuance of such a goal, an occasional twenty two rifle has been heard, so we were told by one of the delegates, in the vicinity of the school.

The teaching of spelling and reading can present difficulties in small schools, especially in cases where children come from a few families only, with a large number in each family. Thus, when older brother Johnny is put temporarily in charge of a group, he is apt to get wild every now and again and take a swipe at an obstreperous brother or sister.

A boy of fifteen, who couldn't spell was a real problem to one teacher. Cases similar to these are not made easier by the fact, that sometimes parents, for some reason or another, cannot themselves read. One delegate revealed that he had met a case of a parent firmly believing the world was flat.

No longer, do children believe that, because teacher says so, it follows as the night the day that it is so. Far from it, most children have the correct scientific attitude of enquiry, but one youngster mentioned by a worried teacher didn't carry the scientific attitude far enough. This teen-ager girl would not believe anything this teacher told her, to be true, unless it was okayed by her ex-teacher, with whom she lived, and whose word was final.

"Spoiling the ship for a ha'porth of tar," seemed to be the short-sighted policy of a firm of publishers who put out a well-bound spelling book, about which there were many complaints that it almost disintegrated on sight, because of the poor quality of thread with which it was stitched and discussion flowed on ways and means of saving the books from complete dilapidation—an extra chore for the already fully occupied teacher.

Armistice Day Dance at Stewart

STEWART — Stewart Branch of the Canadian Legion held their annual Remembrance Day dance on Saturday in the Moose Hall. The affair was a brilliant success. Residents from Hyder, Alaska and Premier joined to make it the success it was.

In place of the usual ribbons, poppies were distributed as favors. Music was supplied by Mrs. Jean Stewart and Mrs. Edith Behnsen at the piano and Gordon Dick at the drums. Sam Kirkpatrick acted as master of ceremonies and Jack Bouzek presided at the door.

The Women's Auxiliary provided the supper. In charge was the entertainment committee—Mel Genge, Al Robinson, Sam Kirkpatrick and secretary Jack Bouzek.

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Teachers Hear of Alcan

Happy Town of 7000 at Kitimat Predicted

PRINCE GEORGE — It might well be that final expenditure of Aluminum Co. of Canada could amount to five hundred million dollars, George Vincent told a teachers' convention here at the weekend. Kitimat would be a town of between six and seven thousand people. It was not wished that it would be solely a company town. Private enterprise would be encouraged, and every opportunity would be given for its eventual municipal recommendation. "It is desirable," Mr. Vincent added, "that it should be a town where people are going to be happy and will want to bring up their families."

Mr. Vincent is no stranger to this part of the world, as he was with Mr. Frank Swannell surveying, in the early days, and knows the faith which has kept people going. "The country is now coming into its own," he said. "I am amazed at the stirring, moving, and growth of the country. The amount of transport, alone, is startling."

Mr. Vincent showed a film, setting forth the germ of the idea of the lean project, and showing the original surveys. He then proceeded to talk of present construction, at the Nechako Dam site, head of Tahtsa, Ke-manac, and Kitimat.

Teachers Hear Pension Plans

PRINCE GEORGE — J. A. Spragg, assistant executive officer of the B. C. Teachers' Federation, in an address on pensions to the North Central District Teachers' Convention, explained the reason for a referendum vote to be held in the last week of November.

It will be made so the B.C.T.F. executive can ascertain the wishes of the teachers, whether the present service annuity pension scheme be retained, or a percentage of final salary plan be adopted. Mr. Spragg explained that the difference will be in the spread between the lowest and highest pension. The present scheme is not satisfactory under inflationary conditions.

Contributions by the teachers and the government have built up a surplus of fifteen million dollars between 1940, and 1949, he said.

The percentage of salary plan will automatically take care of the surplus, and forestall the government asking a lowering of contributions. Teachers retiring now under the present plan, receive pensions on the 1940 costs level, whereas living costs have gone up eighty percent, and salaries, seventy percent.

BCTF ADVANTAGES
Mr. McAllister, second executive officer of BCTF outlined some of the advantages of BCTF membership, the Teachers' Credit Union, and BCTF Building Co-op. The Credit Union started operating last August, and has eight hundred members, and two hundred and fifty thousand dollars capital.

The BCTF Building Co-op is to help teachers who have housing problems, throughout the province. It is hoped that long term deposits will be made by the teachers for this purpose.

Mr. McAllister in speaking of membership advantages, pointed out that in the crisis caused by the dispute between the Municipal Council and the School Board at Salmon Arm, the Federation is paying the salaries of the six teachers thrown out of employment.

Stewart News

A shower was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Genge, honoring Miss Greta Soderlov whose marriage is to take place during the month of December, to Mr. Nick Lupick. The bride-elect was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts.

Roy Stanich took a party of nimrods down the canal on his gas boat during the past week. The bag was rather light.

A lone wolf has been making night hideouts with its din during the past two weeks and has been sighted on the highway half-way between Stewart and the Bear River Bridge. So far, however, no one has been able to bag him or her as the case may be.

"Hey, Doris . . . will you toss a bar of soap in here?"
"It never falls . . . someone used all the hot water."
"How about it! Did you fall asleep in the tub?"

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Westerns In Return Bill

Two famed action films describing the early days of a pair of western pioneer towns come back today and Thursday for a return engagement at the Capitol Theatre. They are "Virginia City" and "Dodge City." Both star Errol Flynn in typical roles.

"Virginia City" is the story of three rugged men of the saddle, a beautiful girl and five million dollars in gold. Flynn, Humphrey Bogart, Randolph Scott and Miriam Hopkins perform in the lead roles, with a supporting

"People Will Talk" Unusual

A social comedy with unusual theme, "People Will Talk" is the picture which is coming to the Totem Theatre here this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Cary Grant and Jeanne Crain have the leading roles with a stellar supporting cast including Walter Slezak, Hume Cronyn, Sidney Blackmer, Basil Ruysdael and Finlay Currie.

"People Will Talk" is the serious and melodramatic study of a physician who believes—and is attacked for such belief—that medicine should concern itself with more than the physical side of the human body. The basic idea of Curt Goertz' original play is retained but is given humorous treatment which provides the film with warmth, reality and appeal.

In the doctor's role, Cary Grant brings both dignity and comedy to the part. He snipes at some of the conventional medical and hospital methods in his conviction that patients are sick people—not merely inmates of an institution.

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cast of hundreds headed by Alan Hale. As the quick-triggered sheriff of "Dodge City," Flynn, together with Olivia DeHavilland represent the law-enforcing forces as opposed to Ann Sheridan, Bruce Cabot and Victor Jory. The roles of dance hall and desperadoes.



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