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WINTER SCENE—A series of blizzards hit Vancouver early this month, crippling transportation. Robie Wood and two companions took advantage of the snow to make this statue of "Harvie," mythical rabbit of stage and screen fame. (CP PHOTO)

Flu-Stricken Alcan Surveyors Are Flown Here From Kemano

Special flight by the Queen Charlotte Air Lines on Saturday afternoon brought from Kemano Bay, in Gardner Canal, Garth Nicholson, one of the surveyors who are engaged in running lines for the route of the road, and later a railway, which the Aluminum Co. of Canada is constructing into the powerhouse site on the Kemano River.

Pilot Norman Jermyn was the pilot of the plane which made the mercy flight to Kemano Bay.

Mr. Nicholson had been stricken with influenza and the plane was sent for to bring him to the Prince Rupert General Hospital where he is doing well with expectation of being out within the next few days.

Earlier last week, Bruce McLean, another member of Mr. Nicholson's survey party, having contracted pneumonia, was brought here by plane and is also progressing well in the Prince Rupert General Hospital.

Mr. Nicholson's party of five men is located at the powerhouse end of the projected road from Kemano Bay, a distance about ten miles. It reached there a few weeks ago by helicopter which is stationed at Kemano. Nicholson hiked out when McLean became ill and it was necessary to obtain help.

The party has been camped in tents which Nicholson admits are none too stable shelter when blizzard gales blow seventy miles an hour, and the temperature is ten degrees below zero. There is about seven feet of snow on the ground where the party is located.

Western Hit Showing Here

The story of the exploits of a family of bandits who made their names more feared in the days of the old west than even that of Jesse James is recorded on the screen in "The Doolins of Oklahoma" which shows this Monday and Tuesday at the Capitol Theatre.

Produced elaborately with fast action and beautiful, if rugged scenery, the picture is filled with the roar of guns and the fury of flight as it excitingly narrates how outlaws rob banks, trains and stage coaches and then make daring escapes.

Randolph Scott tops the cast with Louise Allbritton, George Macready, John Ireland, Virginia Huston and Charles Kemper featured in the principal supporting roles.

Parliament to Rise Wednesday

OTTAWA—Parliament will adjourn this Wednesday for the Easter recess and is due to reassemble April 2. Before the adjournment, however, several important items of business are to be dealt with including the \$65,000,000 wheat payment bill, the new amending bill to the Indian Act and the supplementary estimates.

NEWCASTLE, England (CP)—Butchers have been competing in eye-catching window notices since the meat rationing got really tight. One sign here said, "Bring your own meat and we'll supply the paper."

Hospital Audit Only Partial

Financial statement of the Prince Rupert General Hospital will be presented to the annual general meeting of the Association unsigned, it was decided at the monthly meeting of the hospital board Friday night.

A complete audit of the accounts receivable has not been made for 1950, D. C. Stevenson, administrator, explaining at the board meeting that the auditor simply had not had time to make the detailed audit.

Only some 13 percent of the accounts receivable are affected, being those concerning uninsured patients. The other 87 percent are accounts covered by hospital insurance and audited at Victoria.

Dr. L. M. Greene of the finance committee was unanimously supported in his motion that in future a "complete audit of hospital books be made."

Blackwood on Bridge

By Easley Blackwood

My friend, Miss Lucy Brash, is at times extremely optimistic in the bidding. But in the play it's different. There she usually gives herself every chance.

For example, in today's hand she didn't blandly count on the heart suit breaking 3-3. Without risk she gave herself an extra trick—and won an extra trick.

Both sides vulnerable.

South dealer
(Mr. Dale)
S-10 7 2
H-A 7 4
D-Q 8 6 2
C-8 7 5

(Mrs. Keen) (Mr. Abel)
S-8 S-9 4 3
H-J 9 H-10 8 6 2
D-J 9 7 4 3 D-K 10 5
C-K Q J 3 2 C-A 10 4

(Miss Brash)
S-A K Q J 6 5
H-K Q 5 3
D-A
C-9 6

The bidding:
South West North East
1S Pass 1NT Pass
4S All pass

This deal is another illustration of when not to take out all of the opposing trumps. Mrs. Keen opened the king of clubs, noted the play of the 10 from Mr. Abel and continued a third club which Miss Brash ruffed with the five of spades.

She now took two rounds of spades hoping they would break 2-2. When Mrs. Keen showed out on the second round, however, Miss Brash stopped leading trumps, leaving the 10 in dummy.

She started the heart suit figuring that if the hearts broke

3-3 she would then pick up Mr. Abel's remaining trump and cash her 13th heart. If the hearts broke 4-2 in the opponents' hands there was still the chance that the hand with the remaining trump also had the four-card heart length.

As you see this last alternative was the actual situation and so Miss Brash was able to trump her fourth heart with dummy's 10 of spades and make five-odd.

If she had taken three rounds of trumps early she would have had to lose a heart. Of course, it didn't make too much difference on this particular hand as the contract was only four-odd. But sometimes this set-up occurs when a lot of points depend on using the same technique Miss Brash used.

If Miss Brash's bidding was as tight as her play, she would win a lot more often.

Gardening

FIRST JOBS OUTDOORS—As a general rule it certainly does not pay to rush the season with most gardening operations, and especially in the planting of things that don't appreciate a late frost. For the great majority of seeds started there is little to be gained and considerable risk in getting them in the ground before the soil and the air have definitely turned warm and our long Canadian winters are really over. But, of course, there are some exceptions.

Jobs that might have been done last fall, if the weather or some other reason interfered, are an example. Under this rough classification will come: the planting of trees, shrubs, and most lawn work. In this category, too, will be sweet peas, which must be planted as early as possible if they are to do well. This sort of gardening can start just as soon as the last snow has gone and the soil is dry enough to dig without puddling.

SWEET PEAS—With sweet peas one should follow planting directions closely; that is, sow in the best possible soil and in a shallow trench. These plants must get growth before the weather turns warm. For their roots they love a good mulch of rotted leaves with some well rotted manure. On top place a few inches of soil.

Later on operations to which one must be provided. Best material for this are some of the branches the good gardener will be pruning off his trees and shrubbery just now. Normally sweet peas will grow about three to four feet tall, but in Western Canada and some other areas where this plant really flourishes much more than this will be necessary. When bloom starts there should be removed daily in order to encourage long stems and continuous blooming.

LAWN WORK EARLY—Grass seed is another thing that should go in while the weather is cool. High quality mixtures as put up by reputable Canadian seed houses are much the best. Good seed mixtures cost more than the

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