

Gardening....

ELECTRIC HEATED HOTBED IS NEXT BEST TO GREENHOUSE

Many of the advantages of a small greenhouse may be enjoyed by the amateur gardener who equips his cold frame with an electric heating cable. Cables and thermostats are now obtainable at less than the cost to a craftsman of suitable manure, and he is able to find it.

Current used for heating depends upon the insulation of the frame and how early in the season heat is turned on, but it adds an important amount to the light bill. Advantages are many. There is a much more even heat, which is beneficial to all plants and vital to those that chill easily. It gives a longer growing period, since the heat does not become exhausted, as does heat from manure, which sometimes fails before the outside temperature is safe.

A frame is constructed in the normal pattern as used for both hotbeds and cold frames, but there is no need to prepare a hot pit such as is necessary when manure is used to supply heat. The frame is sunk in the ground about six inches. Soil is removed within it to an equal depth, and the cable is arranged on the bottom in loops, so that heat will be evenly distributed. The supply wire and cable are both connected to a thermostat, which can be set at the desired minimum temperature, so that as soon as the thermometer falls to that point heat is turned on.

When temperature rises a few degrees above the minimum, heat is shut off, and the variation between maximum and minimum temperature is much less than with the old-fashioned method.

The heating cable is usually covered with three to four inches of soil. It is a good idea to place a sheet of fine meshed poultry wire an inch above the cable, with soil between. Another method is to grow plants in flats, which are placed on a grating just above the heating cable, which is not buried in soil, and thus is always open to inspection. To improve insulation and reduce current consumption, the frame should be banked with cinders, which are covered with soil, to within a few inches of the top.

Hazelton Mines Make Progress

Dr. Mandy Predicts Early Production on American Standard

Operations on the American Standard Mines Ltd. property on Nine Mile Mountain near Hazelton, have made excellent progress since they commenced about the end of September, according to a progress report by Consulting Mining Engineer, Joseph T. Mandy, M.E., Ph. D. The definitely encouraging results indicate that production from this property may be achieved earlier than was originally estimated.

Construction has been completed, equipment and machinery purchased and installed and a well organized and managed operation is proceeding with a crew of 10 men on a two-shift basis. Underground work commenced about the end of November in two faces—No. 3 adit drift on No. 3 vein and No. 1 adit drift on No. 1 vein.

The report continues: The results of this work are definitely encouraging with No. 3 vein showing good strength and mineralization across a width of 1 foot at the face, 133 feet from the portal, and No. 1 adit intersecting No. 1 vein showing a width of 2 feet at 56 feet from the portal. The drifts on No. 1 and No. 3 veins are proceeding.

The second level workings off No. 4 shaft, at a depth of about 170 feet from the surface, have been made accessible for examination. At this horizon No. 4 vein shows very encouraging strength, width and mineralization with galena, zincblende and some grey copper. It is now practically certain that the ore-shoot indicated in this vein between the first level and surface at No. 4 shaft, continues with increased strength, width and mineralization too, and below the 2nd level. This will more than double the ore-shoot tonnage estimated in this vein during my examinations in September 1950. Sampling and mapping of the entire No. 4 shaft workings is proceeding.

No. 1 vein shaft-workings (No. 1 and No. 2 shafts) have also been entered and examined by the management. In these workings a strong, wide and well mineralized structure is reported in No. 1 vein that more than sustains the surface showings and strongly indicates the occurrence of an important ore-shoot in the No. 1 and No. 2 shaft area. No. 1 adit drift on No. 1 vein will enter this area at a depth of 115 feet below the collar.

The work on the American Standard property is being conducted under the local management of Lisle B. Gatenby, P. Eng.

Edmonton's building boom reached a record of nearly \$46,500,000 in 1950, or \$6,000,000 higher than 1949.

Johnny Sims, who has been on a southern run with Union steamships for the past few months, is now on the steamer Camosun for the Stewart run. For a while last year, he was a member of the Daily News staff.

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Heads Burns Lake Board

BURNS LAKE.—At the annual meeting of the Burns Lake and District Board of Trade in the high school building, with J. S. Brown in the chair owing to the absence of President Rudolf F. Bourque, the season's activities were reviewed and showed a year of satisfactory achievement.

In the election of officers for 1951, Charles W. Beck was elected president; T. Ray Cullinane, vice-president; Victor A. Montaldi, secretary; and Douglas G. Boyd, treasurer.

Burns Lake Burns Night

BURNS LAKE.—The Burns Lake Elks Lodge staged a "Rabbit Burns" concert and dance at the Community Hall on the night of the anniversary of the birthday of the Immortal Bard.

Piper Peter Burt piped in the haggis, borne aloft by Robert Homewood, both in full Highland costume. The Ramblers Orchestra contributed splendid music for the dancers with Mrs. Margaret Howell as accompanist for the singing of Robert Homewood in his rendering of "My Heart is at Loch Lomond." He responded to an encore with "Annie Laurie."

J. S. Brown sang "A Wee Doch an' Doris" and responded to applause with "Roamin' in the Gloamin'." He also recited "The Ode to the Haggis," followed by Walter Wilson with the "Selkirk Grace."

During the supper intermission, Mr. and Mrs. Munroe of Decker Lake showed an appreciative audience how the Highland schottische should be danced to the music of Piper Burt and the piano accordion of Mr. Witt.

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There were 5332 events attended by 214,447 persons in Prince Rupert's Civic Centre during the year 1950 as compared with 6934 events and attendance of 216,533 in 1949, according to the annual statistical report.

There were 1758 events during the year in the gymnasium with attendance of 65,349 while the auditorium had 282 events with attendance aggregating 31,850.

Meeting and craft rooms had 10 events with attendance of 1,200.

Basketball had 338 participants compared with 289 in 1949.

Badminton had 245 participants compared with 280.

There were 449 participants in Ping-Pong compared with 437.

Craft activities drew 336 persons as against 221.

Special groups—square dancing, symphony orchestra, band, Little Theatre, camera club, film and bridge club—had 403 participants compared with 215.

Ninety-nine persons made use of the Civic Centre building facilities during 1950.

Funeral of Mrs. Kilby Thursday

Arrangements are being made for the coming Thursday afternoon for the funeral of the late Mrs. Nellie Harlan Kilby who passed away suddenly last Friday at her home at Cow Bay.

Mrs. Kilby had been a resident of Prince Rupert since 1924 and had been engaged in the hair-dressing business. She was well known in the district as far as Terrace and had many friends who will regret her passing. She had spent the summer for several years on her farm at Remo.

Deceased was born in Roumania but came to Canada at the age of one year with her parents and lived in Winnipeg until she was seventeen years of age when she came to British Columbia.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband and two nieces—Mrs. A. K. (Iris) Nelson and Mrs. Fred (Mary) Green and also her nephew, Roy Boychuk, all of Prince Rupert. There are also two brothers, a sister and nieces and nephews in Winnipeg; one daughter and nieces and nephews in the United States and a niece in Vancouver.

SHIPS AND WATERFRONT

Cold Weather Halts Herring Fishing—Week-end Shipping

Herring fishing in Kliddit Sound was at a standstill over the week-end because of extreme cold. Nets were frozen and just about impossible to handle. The 45 seiners in the area were planning to start work again today if weather permitted. There still remains nearly 4000 tons of the 40,000-ton quota for the central sub-district.

The oil tanker, Imperial Namu, Capt. G. D. Marshall, arrived in port early this morning with petroleum products for the Imperial Oil Company here.

Union steamer Camosun, Capt. William McCombe, arrived in port at 2:15 from Vancouver and waypoints and sailed at 11 p.m. for Alice Arm and Stewart whence she will return here tomorrow morning to sail south at noon. Also in port Sunday afternoon was the steamer Chilcotin, Capt. Harry McLean, which returned to port at 1:30 from south Queen Charlotte Island points and sailed at 8 p.m. for Vancouver and waypoints.

Disembarking here from Vancouver aboard the steamer Camosun yesterday afternoon were W. H. and E. Anderson, E. Reid, G. Candy, R. Reid, J. Kates, H. Friedman, J. Galloway, Mrs. Koeh, G. S. Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner.

Union steamer Chilcotin, Capt. H. E. McLean, returned yesterday from the south Queen Charlotte Island run. It was a pleasant trip this week-end compared with riding out the gales on the north Queen Charlottes run a week ago. She sailed for Vancouver at 8 p.m.

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