

Decides Against Buying Property For Ice Arena

The Prince Rupert Civic Centre Association changed its mind last night about spending \$5800 of its reserve funds to purchase property on First Avenue from the Canadian Legion to be held as the site for an ice arena to be built some time in the future.

Two weeks ago the association, at a sparsely attended general meeting, decided to make the purchase.

With the opening of negotiations for the purchase of the property, it was found that exemption of the property from city taxation could not be obtained without the ratification of a city bylaw.

Thereupon the Civic Centre executive decided to take the whole question back again to a general meeting of the association.

This meeting last night, much more largely attended owing to new interest being aroused in the issue, decisively rejected the purchase idea. About sixty were present.

Dr. R. G. Large, president of the Prince Rupert Civic Centre Association, called upon the director, Don Forward, to report on negotiations which had followed the previous meeting in regard to the purchase.

GREENE PERSISTENT

Dr. L. M. Greene, chief advocate of the ice arena project, moved that the Civic Centre purchase the property as previously instructed and that the city council be asked to prepare a bylaw for submission to the ratepayers validating the tax exemption for the Civic Centre. William Murray seconded, at the same time giving assurance that the Canadian Legion would be willing to repurchase the property at the same time in the event of the taxpayers failing to grant the tax exemption. W. J. Scott led the opposition against the purchase of the property by the Civic Centre Association. The ice arena committee had done an excellent job, he admitted.

Everyone in Prince Rupert would like to see an ice arena. The Civic Centre had been on the look-out for revenue-producing enterprises but he did not think the ice arena would be profitable. Further, there was city park property, he understood, that would be equally as suitable for an ice arena.

Ald. Douglas Frizzell also favored the ice arena but he questioned the wisdom of removing from the city tax roll property which was now bringing in \$400 per year when there was park property available for such a purpose as this. The city needed all the revenue it could get from taxes and he felt that one of the four park corners at Sixth Avenue and McBride Street would be suitable.

TIME FOR LEADERSHIP
Question of adaptability of sites came into discussion. Dr. Greene contended that the First Avenue site was most suitable with its solid rock and ample room for parking. Further, Dr. Green felt that it was time someone was taking the leadership in putting an ice arena in Prince Rupert. Surely the Civic

Centre, dedicated to providing recreational facilities for the city, was justified in buying and holding the property?

T. Norton Youngs recalled the original concept of the Civic Centre Association as being to provide the city with a community centre and a swimming pool. What consideration was now being given to a swimming pool? He felt that there was no right to dissipate Civic Centre funds to go into the ice arena business, a project which he questioned would ever be profitable and which he doubted the Civic Centre would ever embark upon anyway. He had had some experience in raising money and the only way in which he saw an ice arena could ever be financed would be by a bylaw. He doubted if such a bylaw would ever be approved when the city needed so many other things.

A. M. Hurst thought purchase of property might well be deferred until such time as the funds were available for the project.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The meeting also adopted a constitutional amendment to the bylaws increasing the quorum for general meetings from 20 to 50 members.

A further bylaw change provides that in future any single capital expenditure of the Civic Centre exceeding \$2000 must be approved by a general meeting of the association with a three-fifths majority. The three-fifths majority was chosen over an originally proposed two-thirds by a close vote of 23 to 21.

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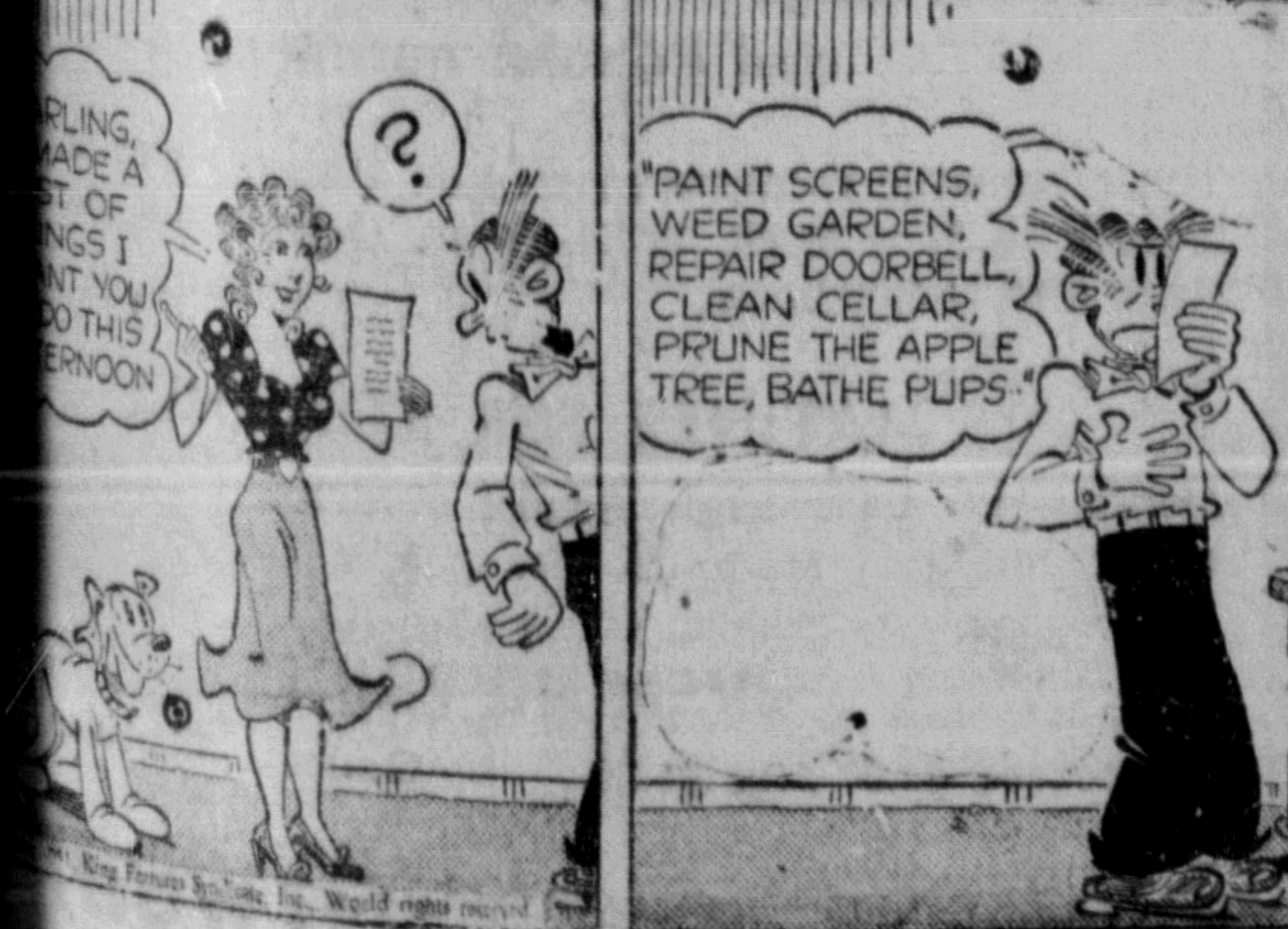
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