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Two Principals In Burke Air Tragedy—Martin and Wasson—Here On Way South Yesterday

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it. He will say that Joe Walsh,, his guide over the desolate snow wastes, was the real hero. But those who know know that there were two heroes—Joe Walsh was one and that fine youth the other.

Great honors are being prepared for Everett L. Wasson in Vancouver and elsewhere in the south. But a much more momentous thing is to occur for him than these tributes. His prime purpose in going south at this time is to marry a pretty Vancoucver nurse, Miss Florence Jones, whose acquaintance he made a few months ago at Whitehorse where she was carrying on her duties of mercy. Miss Jones, just resigned from the Whitehorse hospital staff, was also aboard the Princess Norah yesterday afternoon.

Another member of the party was Mrs. Bob Martin who waited long anxious weeks at Wrangell for word of he rhusband and then, when she had nigh given up hope, learned that he was safe. The news was almost unbelievable, Mrs. Martin said. She had been rejoined by her husband at Wrangell Tuesday night, the day before they arrived here.

Also associated with the Burke episode more or less indirectly was another passenger aboard the Princess Norah yesterday afternoon in the person of Mrs. W. J. Barrows of Victoria, whose husband was pilot of one of the Pacific International planes which crashed at Telegraph Creek a few weeks ago while enroute north to join the Burke search. Barrows' plane went through the ice of Sawmill Lake and he had a miraculous escape from drowning. He is now at Whitehorse with his plane, having arrived there from Telegraph Creek about the time Wasson was bringing the Burke party out.

Mrs. Burke Coming Out

It had been expected that Emil Kading, Capt. Burke's mechanic, might also have been coming south on the Princess Norah yesterday but it was learned on arrival of the steamer that he was still at Atlin and would probably come out in a few weeks' time in company with Mrs. Burke, the widow, and her small family. Kading, a sturdy German air mechanic, is reported to have suffered the least of the trio from that racking experience in the north. Although having lost some twenty pounds before being rescued, Kading's resiliency soon restored him to normality after he had been brought out.

Mrs. Burke is preparing to come south to Vancouver as soon as possible. With husband and father gone, the little family has no further interest in the north except for cherished memories which distance will never prevent from reverting to that small graveyard under the pines at Atlin. There a brave gentleman and fond husband and parent rests in his long sleep. And for the most of people the Burke epic will gradually become a dim recollection.

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or informally. Ex-Ald. Perry was under a misapprehension in regard to the council's attitude. He explained clearly the unemployment problem and said he believed the council had been acting in the best interests of the city. He paid a tribute to the engineer and other heads of departments in the city and spoke of the spirit of co-operation that had prevailed in the council. The aldermen had disagreed in many matters but had treated each other courteously. If there had been any success in the past year, it was the team work that was responsible for it.

The Aldermen

Alderman Linzey said he was glad to see competition for the offices. He had been on the utilities committee and referred to the work done by that committee. The new street lighting system and the elimination of wooden sidewalks were marks of progress. He had not been influenced in the council by any party, group or club. He spoke of the false representations that had been made against the retiring members of the city council. He welcomed the activities of the Ratepayers' Association and would join it. He characterized the criticism that the members of the last council were too harmonious as just an election dodge. There had been no scrapping or swearing at each other.

Alderman Macdonald dealt particularly with the work of the utilities committee of which he was the chairman. While the city had lost revenue from disposing of its best paying utility the finances were in a healthy condition.

Telephone System

Dealing with the telephone system, Ald. Macdonald said the profit on it for the past year amounted to nearly ten thousand dollars. In January of last year there were 1661 installed telephones and, by the end of the year, this number had increased to 1712. At the beginning of the year the number of subscribers was 1453 and at the end 1490.

The fire department, which came under the same committee, had a good record.

Mr. Macdonald explained the street lighting plan and said that soon the property owners on the streets lighted down town would have to pay possibly fifty per cent of the cost. He was opposed to taxing improvements. While he had moving for a two year term for mayor, it was not part of his policy. He was not an aspirant for the mayoralty and never would be. He also mentioned the radio situation and favored trying to remedy the present situation. Concluding he said that labor in this city was out to upbuild. Their whole thought would be for the benefit of Prince Rupert.

At the conclusion of the speech John Carrol asked a question in regard to an interview he had had with Mr. Macdonald in which he claimed unseemly language had been used. Mr. Macdonald apologized for any hasty words that were spoken in anger.

In Critical Mood

Mr. McCutcheon was in a critical mood. He announced that he was opposed to a tax on improvements. He feared that if the present bunch were returned, they would put it in force. He also was critical of the work of the city engineer and said he had heard that the work could have been done for half the amount it cost. He favored annual elections of mayor and aldermen. He thought there was poor management in the city with extravagance. One of the first things he would urge if elected was a road to the new floats from Sixth Avenue.

Alderman Collart answered a number of Mr. McCutcheon's criticisms and then gave the figures mentioned at the beginning of this report. One or two questions were asked by George Casey and answered.

First Appearance

N. Mussallem explained that this was his first appearance in the role of an aspirant for office. If he were elected he would do his best to serve the city.

Alderman Brown, last year's chairman of the board of works, explained what work had been done this year, referring particularly to the savings which had been made by the engineer as published in the Daily News that evening. In addition to extending the fire protection system, through building water supply loops, they had cleaned up Cow Bay, Hays Creek and done a lot of detail work. The sum of $10,300 had been expended in good work. They had taken the preliminary steps toward the building of the road to the fishermen's floats but the permission of the railway commission to use the crossing was still lacking. It had been applied for. There had been a great saving in street maintenance and he believed the board of works had done good work this year. He was running as a labor candidate but he and Ald. Macdonald were not Reds or Communists or destroyers.

Questions were asked by Messrs' McLean and Carrol after which the meeting adjourned.

ENROLMENT IN SCHOOLS

Total Number of Pupils for Month of December Was 1061—Sickness Lowers Percentages

Steadily growing enrolment in the schools of this city totalled 1,061 in the month of December, reports of principals, read at last night's monthly meeting of the board disclosed. Attendance figures were as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Totals
High School	92	113	205
Booth School	224	224	448
Borden Street	162	161	323
Seal Cove	34	26	60
Westview	13	12	25
Totals	525	537	1061

Percentage attendance for the month were as follows: High School, 94.7 per cent.; Booth 91.87 per cent; Borden, 91 per cent.; Seal Cove, 93.63 per cent.; Westview, 90.12 per cent. Mumps and other ailments accounted for the low percentages principals reported.

In the High School report, Principal Hartness stated that a total of 830 persons had paid to see the school's Christmas entertainment, "The Gypsy Rover." The school flag-pole was broken down. Mr. Hartness asked for certain mimeograph supplies the purchase of which the board authorized.

Miss Mercer referred to the splendid co-operation of the teaching staff in connection with the staging of the Christmas entertainment. The board met with Miss Mercer's request for the installation of some cupboards in the primary rooms.

Effects of recent rains in causing some of the school buildings to leak were reported. The board decided to defer the making of repairs until spring when weather will be more favorable for the work.

School Trustees Are Farewelled

Teachers Express Appreciation for Happy Relations With Board

In view of the fact that two members of the 1930 board—J. H. Thompson and W.R. McAfee—were retiring, Miss S. A. Mills, principal of Borden Street School, on behalf of the city teaching staffs, took opportunity at last night's meeting of the school board to express appreciation for co-operation and amicable relations which had prevailed between board and teaching staff during the past year. It was to be hoped that similar relations would continue in 1931.

D. H. Hartness, principal of the High School, endorsed Miss Mill's remarks.

Mrs. Spencer, board chairman, expressed appreciation for the sentiments which had been voiced and added her hope that relations during the coming year would be as satisfactory as they had been in the past.

Examinations Of Children

All Five Doctors of City to Take Part in Work—Closer Quarantine Urged

In answer to an inquiry by Trustee W. R. McAfee, Secretary J. O. Williamson stated at last night's school board meeting that arrangements had been made whereby all five doctors of the city will carry on medical examination of school children in February and March.

Mrs. T.M. Spencer, chairman, thought there should be closer quarantine than was now being observed. Trustee McAfee agreed with this.

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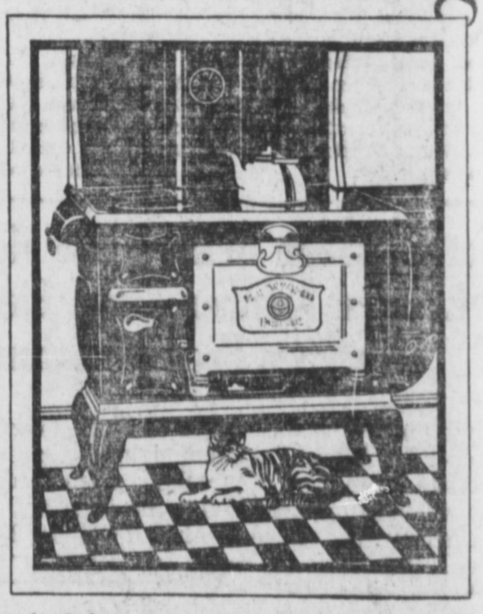

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