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NORTHERN B. C. NEWS

SMITHERS

Although the revenues were reduced to the vanishing point as a result of an untimely and persistent rainfall, there was a multitude of fine exhibits at the Smithers Fair. The fair was formally opened by Olof Hanson, M. P. for Skeena.

The board of village commissioners is planning to institute an aggressive campaign against the spread of noxious weeds on the townsite. Already some money has been expended in the cutting of sow thistle before it reaches the stage of germination.

The Smithers and District Chamber of Commerce has been advised by the federal Department of Public Works that an investigation into telegraph and telephone tolls throughout the district is to be instituted.

The northeastern mineral survey district, over which Douglas Lay exercises control as resident mining engineer, scored a signal triumph at the Vancouver Exhibition last week when it carried off first prize in competition with all other districts in the province. L. S. McGill, manager of the Smithers branch of the British Columbia Chamber of Mines, was largely responsible for the splendid exhibit which was sent south.

The Women's Guild of the Smithers United Church held a successful tea and sale recently at the summer home of Mrs. Olof Hanson at Lake Kathlyn.

A Bryan Williams, provincial game commissioner, held a session here recently for the purpose of hearing local views on game matters.

About twenty-five men were laid off from the Babine road construction last week pending announcement by the district engineer of the public works department regarding terms under which unemployment relief camps are to be operated.

Word has been received here of the marriage at Yuma, Arizona, on August 24 last of Miss Muriel Adams, formerly of Smithers, to Carl Carson Cowen.

VANDERHOOF

Dr. W. Ross Stone, coroner; Provincial Constable H. J. Jennings; D. H. Hoy, justice of the peace, and Rev. Basil S. Procter returned here recently from a trip into the Driftwood River and Takla Lake country where the body of Adolph Wilson, who fell into Driftwood River last June, was recently recovered. The coroner deciding that an inquest was not necessary, burial took place at Bulkley House.

A big Labor Day dance was held in the Canadian Legion Hall here Monday night.

Chipman S. Wells, formerly engaged in boatbuilding at Prince Rupert, is now located at Fort St. James on Stuart Lake.

The local men's basketball team made a trip to Burns Lake and played a game there recently.

A Bryan Williams, provincial game commissioner, and District Game Warden T. Van Dyk paid a visit here and at Stuart Lake a few days ago.

Relief crews are engaged in slashing and widening the road from Beaumont Crossing to Stella Bridge between Fort Fraser and Endako. Six men are engaged in slashing brush off the corners on the Fort St. James road at the Stuart Lake end.

The public works department is putting a rock dam in the river at Glennan near Francois Lake in order to raise the water about two feet to permit of logs and ties being driven in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hitchinson are on a holiday trip through eastern States. During the absence of Mr. Hitchinson, Mr. Portsmouth is acting station agent here.

Mrs. R. J. Steen motored recently to Vancouver and Victoria to visit friends.

STEWART

The Premier Gold Mining Company, Ltd., is reported to have recently secured an option on a group of mineral claims situated on the divide between the Salmon and Naas Rivers from Ted Morris and associates of Stewart, the owners. The property, which has good prospects for gold values, will be subjected to preliminary investigation and development before any definite plans are decided upon by Premier. The company recently released its option on the Lakeview property on Mount Olie, near Kamloops.

Gordon Cook has been here for some time endeavoring to secure cutthroat or steelhead trout fry for planting in local streams and lakes. Victor B. Harrison of Nanaimo is co-operating in the work.

The first softball game of a proposed softball series was played recently, the Moose team defeating the Legion by a score of 12 to 4.

Having completed a grading contract on the Salmon River road from Mile 7 to well up onto the Daly Alaska hill, Gardner, Johnson Co. of Portland was recently breaking camp and pulling its machinery into Hyder. This stretch of road is now a splendid motor highway.

An electrical inspection bylaw is being prepared by the board of village commissioners.

Oscar Landry, district superintendent of Government Telegraphs, Prince Rupert, paid a brief visit here recently on official duties.

Mark D. Ickis, 83-year-old prospector who had been found a few days previous in a cabin on his mining property in the hills after having suffered a paralytic stroke which left him helpless, was taken last week to his home in Ketchikan.

Harry Quickstad paid a brief visit recently to the Barite property on the upper Bear River, in which he is interested. He stated that he was well pleased with the results of the season's development work.

Dr. Joseph T. Martin, resident mining engineer, in his annual report, recommends that further exploratory work be carried out on the Lucky Date group of claims on Bitter Creek owned by W. Yonkin and O. McFadden of Stewart.

Wm. Bunting, well known Portland Canal mining man, has been spending the past summer on Jarvis Creek, a tributary of the Klehini River, in the extreme northwestern corner of British Columbia.

Mrs. S. McDonald of Premier has left for a trip to Vancouver and elsewhere in the south.

Mrs. Slater and Mr. and Mrs. Maisson were among passengers leaving for Vancouver.

Don Matheson returned here recently after a brief visit at his home in Prince Rupert.

H. Stewart, son of H. A. Stewart, made a trip to Prince Rupert recently.

Misses Katherine McMeekin and Grace Allen of Prince Rupert have returned after having spent the summer vacation here.

Miss Dorothy Shrubbsall, after spending the summer vacation here as the guest of her sister, Mrs. David Bennett, has left on her return to Prince Rupert.

J. Buckshon, qualified druggist representing the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association, has been here from Vancouver recently taking stock in the Northern Drug Store.

ALICE ARM

Practically all of the many Anyox people who spent the summer vacation here have now returned to the smelter town. Weather throughout July and August was ideal for camping.

Stewart W. Barclay of Anyox and Harold Vickerson Tensing of Alice Arm recently made a successful prospecting trip overland from

Hastings Arm to Stewart. The trip took a month and at times they climbed to an elevation of more than 5000 feet.

Mrs. J. Kirkland and family of Anyox have spent the past week here on vacation.

C. Mann of the Alice Arm Herald staff has returned here after a nine-day cruise on the Anglican mission boat Northern Cross.

Art Beaudin left last week for Terrace, where he has purchased an ice cream parlor and lunch counter and where he will spend the winter. Mrs. Beaudin and son had already left for Terrace.

Inga Fiva, who received head injuries from a falling tree while working on the telegraph line down the inlet, is now a patient in the Anyox Hospital where he is making a speedy recovery.

PRINCE GEORGE

By the end of last week it was expected that an additional number of camps would have been established on the location of the highway between Aleza Lake and McBride, and a reduction made in the number of men making application to the government for direct relief. Accommodation for about 500 men has been provided on this particular piece of work.

H. S. French, district agriculturalist, returned to town recently after acting as judge at the Woodpecker Fair. The quality of exhibits there was very good, he stated.

W. M. Ferrier, district fisheries inspector, has returned from an inspection of sockeye spawning beds off Middle River in the Stuart Lake watershed. He stated that he secured conclusive evidence of the success of seeding operations conducted some years ago in that area. The sockeye are now finding their way back in quite considerable numbers to the spawning beds there.

C. J. Haddon, district forester, is investigating a serious blight which is afflicting jackpines and spruce trees in an area extending from Prince George as far west as Isle Pierre and north as far as Chief

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Lake. Jackpines seem to be suffering the most, a large number of them having turned red.

Robert Saul, well known Decker Lake rancher, was killed on Sunday afternoon last on the Cariboo highway just south of Blackburn's ranch when a car in which he was driving to Victoria, where he was to have been married, struck some loose gravel and overturned. Carl Holmgren, Saul's friend, who was to have acted as best man at the wedding, was at the wheel of the car at the time. A technical charge of manslaughter has been preferred by the police against Holmgren.

The migratory bird shooting season opened in this district at the end of last week, the occasion being duly observed by local Nimrods who went out and secured satisfactory bags.

John A. Fraser, M. P. for Cariboo, has recommended to the director of unemployment for Canada the erection of federal public buildings in Prince George and the construction of a telephone line between the city and Summit Lake. This information has been conveyed to the Prince George Board of Trade.

Harry Bowman, agricultural and colonization representative for the Canadian National Railways, returned to town last week from an extended visit to the McBride and Dunster districts. He was favorably impressed with both districts, which he considers are ideal for the carrying on of mixed farming. Mr. Bowman also attended the Woodpecker Fair.

Gordon Wood has been notified that he was winner of the Canadian intermediate pistol shooting contest, having made a score of 437 out of a possible 500. This places the local marksman in the senior class.

Corp. Stewart of the provincial police received a request at the first of last week to dispatch a plane to the Upper Manson Creek district to bring out William Lowery, a mining engineer, who has been seriously hurt. No action has yet been taken.

Henry Vorberg, who has been on the government relief for some time, has been disqualified from receiving further assistance owing to the fact that he refused employment in cutting wood for a settler who offered him \$5 per week and board.

The police having been unable to secure any trace of the person or persons who left the body of a male child in front of the City Hall on June 13 last, the coroner's jury will shortly close its inquiry.

The local Auxiliary to the Order of the Eastern Star held a meeting Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Gaul.

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