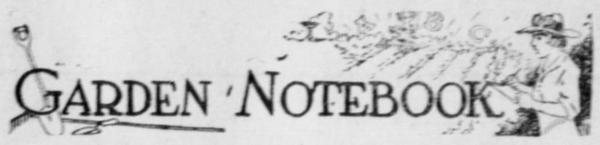

Evelyn Wrench the well known British journalist, writing in "Overseas," tells of the early spring flowers in and about London this year and adds "How many years shall we have to wait before every house in England's green and pleasant land has a garden of its own, the true test of civilization?" So you see, they have their garden problems in that country. There are there thousands of houses without a vestige of green around them. There are also some very beautiful gardens, finer than most people here could ever hope to get. Yet we can do our bit.

The fine weather has brought out many local garden enthusiasts who have been digging and transplanting and fertilizing and tidying up their places. Then there are a number of people who keep their places in good shape all the time and who feel that it is early enough for turning over the soil. Many old-fashioned people always do their first gardening on Good Friday, irrespective of whether the day comes early as is the case this year or nearly a month later.

Mrs Norrington sends in a list of twelve best dahlias as contributed to one of the Vancouver dailies. They are Satin, a red cactus; Murphy's Masterpiece, red; Daily Mail, bronze; Jane Cowl, bronze; Alex Craig, cream and pink; Lady Moyre Ponsonby, yellow; Air Mail, mauve; Beau's Ideal, red; Lord of Autumn, yellow; General Gordon, Maroon; Sanigan's Cameo, Apricot orange; Kathleen Norris, rose pink.

Already the spring bulbs are making a little showing in the local gardens. Snowdrops are pretty well over and crocuses are coming into bloom. Early daffodils or jonquils are showing flower buds and tulips and bulb iris are above ground. The cold nights have kept the flowers back considerably. A few warm showers and the early flowers will leap into bloom. White Arabis is beginning to bloom, other rock plants will be following colse. The mauve arabis is rather a disappointment as a flower, but it comes early and gives color when there is little else in the garden.

I have been too busy to see many gardens this spring. What with moving and transplanting and other duties, there has been practically no leisure. Later I hope to tell what my neighbors are doing in the way of gardening.

It is getting near the time when we have our annual Horticultural Association meeting. President Theo Collart is planning an early meeting of the executive to decide on a date. It has taken the form of a dinner meeting for the past two years. I have heard no comments lately as to what would be best this year.—H. F. P.

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Terrace Lads Safe; Found In Roothouse

District headquarters of the provincial police here have been advised of the safety of Ted and Bob, young sons of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Brookes of Terrace, who were reported missing for several days from their home. The lads were found living out in a roothouse. They were in fair condition.

It was the roothouse on the home place from which the lads emerged for breakfast yesterday. Having worn their knee rubbers for six days, they were suffering from swollen feet. Their only means of subsistence during the week had been the raw contents of the cellars.

Galvanized Iron In Canada Short

Due to British Demand For Arms Materials—Bennett Suggests Tariff Cut

OTTAWA, March 24: (CP)—Owing to the demand from Great Britain for materials used in arms manufacture, a shortage of galvanized sheet iron in Canada is likely. This led Leader of the Opposition R. B. Bennett to suggest in the House of Commons yesterday that the tariff on United States imports be dropped.

Flying Duchess Is Lost in Air

Elderly Peeress Missing in Course Of Flight From Woburn, Bedfordshire, To London

LONDON, March 24: (CP) — The seventy-one year old Duchess of Bedford, better known as "The Flying Duchess" is missing on a solo flight from Woburn, Bedfordshire, to London which should have taken only two hours. Last [illegible] had been unreported twenty-four hours. Scores of land and aerial search parties are looking for the Duchess.

District News

LEGION AT SMITHERS

Officers Elected at Annual Meeting in Railway Town Last Week

SMITHERS, March 24:— The annual general meeting of the Bulkley Valley Branch of the Canadian Legion, British Empire Service League, was held in the Legion Hall on Thursday evening.

Owing to the condition of the roads, a foot of snow having fallen the night previous, there was not the large attendance of members that had been anticipated but a fairly good number assembled for the meeting.

President Newberry was in the chair and, after the transaction of regular business, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place and the following officers were duly elected:

Honorary President, Gen. Alex Ross.

Honorary Vice-President, Col Bluell.

President, Frank Newberry (re-elected).

First Vice-President, J. H. Byrne.

Second Vice-President, W. J. Howells.

Chaplain, Rev. W. J. MacIntosh.

Executive—J. L. McEwen, R. L. Gale, A. L. Evitt, Robert Elliott, A. E. Samuels and James Hogg.

The veterans decided that they wished to take an active part in the celebration of the Coronation on May 12 and Mr. Gale was appointed in charge of a committee to carry out the decoration of the Legion Hall for that occasion.

Smithers Pioneer Loses Building

Pete Gruich's Greenhouse Destroyed by Fire on Sunday

SMITHERS, March 24:— The residents of the town of Smithers were awakened from their sleep at 12:30 on Sunday night by the siren of the fire engine as it tore through Main Street to a blaze which had been discovered in the greenhouse of Pete Gruich on the Bulkley hill at the edge of town.

Mr. Gruich was sound asleep when the fire fighters arrived and was unaware of the fire in his greenhouse. The fire truck was not able to get in to the scene of the blaze on account of the depth of the snow and the fact that there had been no road broken there all through the winter but those on the scene went to work with shovels and fought the fire with snow, eventually winning the fight but not until the greenhouse itself had been pretty well destroyed.

The log building adjoining the greenhouse was saved although the end of the building was scorched pretty badly.

Mr. Gruich is an old timer of Smithers and has been very successful in his line of work. The loss will be a severe blow to him as there does not appear to be any insurance on the building.

Easter Gatherings At Kitwanga Of District Natives

KITWANGA, March 24:—Anticipations are running high at Kitwanga for Easter. There is to be a large gathering of natives from Kisgagas, Kitwancool, Kitzegukla and Kitanmax. The White Cross and the Women's Auxiliary together with the Church Council and Church Army committee, are making great preparations and arranging an extensive program. Special services are to be held in the Church Army Hall and Rev. B. Shearman is also arranging special services in the Anglican Church. The church choir, under the able leadership of Solomon Bryant, has been practising special Easter anthems. There is also to be a conference on Easter Saturday and a banquet on Monday, following ball games.

Many Mourn At Loss of Doctor

SMITHERS, March 24:— The funeral of the late Dr. F. V. Agnew was held from the Anglican church here on Sunday afternoon and was very largely attended. The Church was filled with friends of the deceased who came from all over the district and there were as many more outside who could not get into the church.

The funeral was in charge of the local Masonic Lodge and there was a large attendance of Masons from various points in the district.

STEWART

For the purpose of making the public of Stewart more interested in the federal government's home loan improvement plan, a committee consisting of H. W. M. Rolston, chairman, H. V. Littler, E. T. Applewhaite and P. S. Jack has been formed. Charles Lake, who is at present away from Stewart, will be asked upon his return to join the committee.

The Coastwise Steamship & Barge Co.'s freighter Amur called at Stewart last week and, after discharging local cargo there, loaded eight hundred tons of concentrates from the Silbak Premier mine with which she sailed for Tacoma.

W. D. Smith and T. C. Melville of Stewart have issued a challenge to any two members of the community to a public debate on the resolution: "Resolved that the Meziaden Lake road project is necessary and timely and would be of great advantage to the Portland Canal district."

Mrs. W. H. Watson of Stewart, who has been confined to her home for several weeks with influenza, is now able to be up and about again.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Summers will be leaving early next month for Allenby.

The mining town of Stewart celebrated St. Patrick's Day last week with a big dance. There was a large attendance at the affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cave, who are well known in Prince Rupert, have moved from Stewart to Premier.

Weather conditions in the Stewart district continue to point to an early spring. Due to the light fall of snow during the past winter and the excellent work done in keeping it ploughed, many parts of the Stewart-Hyder road are now down to the gravel, a condition that has not been known before at this time of year.

The annual meeting of the Stewart Tennis Club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bennett Monday night.

Curley Barbour has been able to resume his mining work after having been in Stewart for several days for medical attention.

Miss D. Stewart left last week on the Prince George for a trip to Vancouver.

Henry Stewart has joined the diamond drill crew at Premier.

Mrs. Campbell Dickson of Premier returned last week from a trip to Vancouver.

L. McMillan, who has been in the employ of the Big Missouri mine, left Stewart last week for Vancouver.

E. White and William Gosnell returned to Stewart last week after a visit to Prince Rupert and Port Simpson.

Tom Coley is expected back in Stewart this week after having spent some time in Prince Rupert under medical care.

Sergeant J. H. McClinton, chief of the Prince Rupert district detachment of the provincial police, paid a brief visit to Stewart last week on official duties.

THEATRE PROGRAM

Two Lively Pictures on Screen With Display by Recreational Centre Rounding Out Bill

"Speed," a thrilling drama of dare-devil drivers with a cast which features a number of the rising young players, and a highly amusing comedy entitled "Three Married Men" with William Frawley, Roscoe Karns and Lynne Overman in the title parts comprise a double bill program at the Capitol Theatre this mid-week. Another attraction, in addition to the pictures, will be the presentation of two displays by the local recreation and physical education centre with twenty persons taking part. One of the displays will be a pyramid demonstration and the other a tumbling act.

The picture "Speed," goes behind the scenes of the vast, interesting and intricate automobile industry, depicting on the screen virtual miracles that are performed in great car manufacturing plants. There are also scenes at the Indianapolis Speedway. The story deals with a young inventor's discovery of a supercharger that powers the world's fastest car. The cast includes Wendy Barrie, James Stewart, Una Merkel, Weldon Heyburn, Ted Healy and Ralph Morgan.

"Three Married Men" is the story of a young couple who get married in spite of parental disapproval and have a hectic time in general until everything winds up happily with an hilarious scene in a Pullman car. Mary Brien has the leading feminine role.

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