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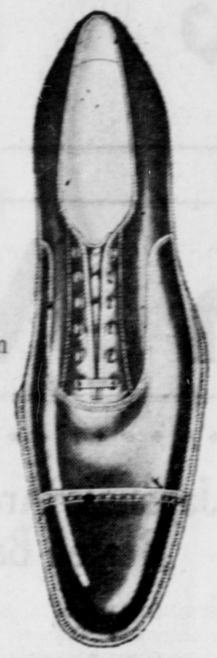

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JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

The world is divided into groups—those who do things and those who object to other people doing them. If the Angel Gabriel were to announce that the new Messianic kingdom was to be set up in Prince Rupert there would be people who would object that the time was not ripe for the movement or that the people had not discussed it long enough to enable them to form an opinion as to whether it would be right or wrong.

The matter of junior high schools has been under discussion for many years. One by one in different parts of the province they have been established until today just a few places like Prince Rupert have failed to bring themselves up to date.

When last week the principal of the High School, before the Rotary Club, outlined the plans of the Department of Education in establishing junior high schools, the scheme was received with enthusium and the speaker congratulated by numerous members of the club who crowded around him anxious to show their approval. He made it clear that many of the students were not fitted for the purely academic courses provided in the High School and were not planning to enter the university. They preferred courses which would fit them for life rather than for the university. This was being done in the junior high schools.

As to the accommodation at the various schools and their suitability for the purpose proposed, we have nothing to say but presume it has been thoroughly investigated. Doubtless, the local inspector of schools would be in a better position to express an opinion than anyone else in the district. The idea behind the change is not to sacrifice anyone but to bring the system up to date. If it can be worked out without spending money on a new building so much the better. Any new building that could be erected now would have to be a very small and cheap one because the city cannot borrow and money is needed for sewers and other purposes and the health of the city is even more important than education.

By all means let us have an education system that will fit our children for life and not force them into the old system which has long outlived its usefulness. The best minds of the province have been working on this scheme for years. One of our own Prince Rupert boys, James Mitchell, is principal of the high school and junior high at West Vancouver and he was until recently president of the Teachers' Federation. The system is not confined to Canada. The junior high schools are a modern institution designated to give pupils a modern education fitting them to take their places in the line of work which suits them best. It is an insult to the intelligence of the people of Prince Rupert to say that they cannot have this just because it may "upset the present system." The people here do not care anything about any system which stands in their way. We suggest that the commissioner investigate thoroughly the feasibility of the scheme and, having satisfied himself that it can be done, that he get to work and do it. We believe that the people of Prince Rupert will back up any move that is designed to better conditions for their children.

SPORTS

ANNUAL SKI TOURNAMENT

Three-Day Affair Drew Big Crowd To Burns Lake over Week-end

BURNS LAKE, Feb. 16:—The annual Burns Lake Ski Tournament and carnival was held over the week-end and proved highly successful, attracting visitors from all parts of the district. In connection with the tournament, there was a school holiday on Monday. Weather was favorable throughout—sunny and bright although rather on the cold side.

Saturday was devoted to the boys' and girls' races. The men's races were held on Sunday. The juvenile jumping took place Monday morning and the men's jumping Monday afternoon.

The proceedings concluded with a grand ball at Skaal Lodge Monday night. The place was crowded to capacity. The feature of the proceedings was the crowning of the Carnival Queen and the presentation of prizes. Music was provided by Harris Bros. orchestra.

PUCK TEAM IS HONORED

Big Banquet at Smithers Follows Return of Hockey Players From Tour

SMITHERS, Feb. 16:—One of the largest affairs of its kind ever held in Smithers took place here Monday evening when ninety people sat down at a banquet in the Hudson Hotel to honor the members of the Smithers senior hockey team, which had just completed a successful tour to the east and south, as well as other hockey players of the Town League.

L. B. Warner was chairman and toastmaster for the evening and several toast were proposed and responded to. Speeches were made lauding the merits of the teams and expressing appreciation of the fact that their gentlemanly behavior during the trip had caused several hotel proprietors, who had been their hosts, to write letters back to Smithers advising the home town that their hockey players were all gentlemen and good sports.

There has been a good winter of successful hockey in Smithers and it was not culminated by the splendid banquet but will continue until the league season has been finished. It is hoped that a Prince George team will visit Smithers shortly for a return series of games.

Thirty-three local players sat down at the dinner which would indicate that Smithers has a good supply of hockey talent and that there will be good teams to represent the town for several years to come.

SOCCER POPULAR

COLOGNE, Feb. 16: (CP)—Soccer players in Germany now number 473,604. The game is played mostly in Westphalia and the lower Rhine region with their densely-populated industrial areas.

HONOR FAMOUS PROS

LONDON, Feb. 16: (CP) — E. (Pat) Hendren and J. W. Hearne, former Middlesex County Cricket Club professionals, were each presented with a silver tankard at the annual meeting of the club.

JOCKEY'S BAD DAY

DERBY, England, Feb. 16: (CP)—In one day's racing here 20 jockeys were given medical attention after bad falls. G. Wood had an arm fractured and T. Carey and J. Ward suffered back injuries.

SPORT CHAT

Sensation of the Northern Alberta Ladies' Curling Association bonspiel at Edmonton was Ethel Neill of Red Deer, Alta., 95 miles north of Calgary. Although only in her early twenties she skipped a rink in the bonspiel, winning high praise for her ability to throw rocks "just like a man." Miss Neill has been curling nine years, five of them as skip. She has a long list of victories in district curling and, competing at Edmonton in her first major competition, she had six victories and four defeats. Lead and second, Flora MacDonald, and Mrs. A. E. Lowe, Miss Neill's sister took all the blame for the defeats. "We let Ethel down," they chorused. "It was our bad curling not hers." Mrs. A. A Prout was third.

Revival of harness racing in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and North Dakota is expected from formation in Winnipeg recently of the Great West Racing circuit. They plan seven meets, at Bottineau, N. D., June 10 and 11; Deloraine, Man., June 16 and 17; Carman, Man., July 1 and 2; Brandon, Man., July 4 to 8; Portage la Prairie, Man., July 11 to 13; Dauphin, Man., July 14 to 16; and Yorkton, Sask., from July 18 to 20. Officials promised eight of the fastest harness racing horses on the continent would compete.

HOCKEY SCORES

National Hockey League

Montreal, 2; Boston, 5.
Canadiens, 0; New York Americans, 4.

Hockey Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE
International Division

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Toronto	17	8	10	108	92	42
Canadiens	14	8	14	95	98	36
Americans	12	8	13	67	70	32
Maroons	10	6	21	70	117	26
American Division						
Boston	23	4	9	101	68	50
Rangers	21	5	9	111	63	47
Chicago	10	8	19	67	103	28
Detroit	8	9	20	72	100	25

RACEHORSES DIE

NEWMARKET, England, Feb. 16: (CP)—Deaths of several racehorses in this district caused concern in turf circles but investigation showed there was no evidence of any contagious or infectious condition.

NEW CYCLING RECORD

NYAH, Australia, Feb. 16: (CP)—Mrs. Valda Unthank established a women's cycling record from Melbourne to Nyah by covering the 234 miles in 15 hours, 28 minutes, 28 seconds, an average of more than 15 miles an hour.

RESIGNS PRESIDENCY

NORTHAMPTON, England, Feb. 16: (CP)—S. Schilizzi, Northamptonshire County Cricket Club president, recently announced his decision to sever his connection with the club.

BREAKS LEG

UPPER BURLINGTON, N.S., Feb. 16: (CP)— Stanley Sanford, Upper Burlington, practised kindness to animals—and broke his leg in the attempt. He was cutting a hole in the ice on a lake here to give his horse water, when he slipped, fell to the ice, and broke the leg.

STEALS BUTTER

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Feb. 16: (CP)—George Thompson, 40, was sentenced to three months' hard labor in police court when he pleaded guilty to stealing six pounds of butter from his employer, P. A. Dodwell.

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RACE IS TIGHTER

Big Sisters Close Up On Annette's In Contest For First Place In Ladies' Bowling League

Big Sisters defeated Annette's two games to one in the Ladies Bowling League last night and as a result, are now but one point behind the ladies' wear girls for the league leadership. Merchantettes scored a three game to nil victory over Our Gang but had to work hard to get it, there being a tie in the first game with the Merchantettes winning an extra frame to get the victory and join Big Sisters in a second place tie. Rangers also had a clean sweep victory over Knox Hotel while, in the fourth fixture of the evening, Telephone Girls downed Blue Birds two games to one. High average scorer for the evening was Mrs. Harold Raybone of Rangers with 235.

Individual scoring was as follows:

BIG SISTERS—	1	2	3
B. Dickens	91	179	189
E. Dickens	143	136	139
E. Rothwell	148	165	175
V. Alexander	115	144	118
Mrs. Dickens	84	121	98
Handicap	130	130	130
Totals	711	875	849
ANNETTE'S—	1	2	3
Basso-Bert	144	206	149
Johnson	151	144	175
Skattebol	181	175	92
Owen	172	130	103
Dickens	78	83	182
Totals	726	738	701
BLUE BIRDS—	1	2	3
Pierce	226	174	146
Turgeon	245	97	149
Boulter	107	187	172
Croxford	161	137	161
Keron	182	214	185
Handicap	29	29	29
Totals	950	838	842
'PHONE GIRLS—	1	2	3
Johnson	106	137	124
McLeod	87	147	145
Peachy	105	160	171
Eastman	131	130	130
Anderson	159	127	123
Handicap	198	198	198
Totals	786	899	893
RANGERS—	1	2	3
Raybone	243	135	326
Berg	169	96	108
Hallberg	116		161
Yager	182	182	187
Ballinger	118	202	193
McFadden		122	
Handicap	28	28	28
Totals	856	768	1005
KNOX HOTEL—	1	2	3
Peterson	171	213	201
Brasell	115	98	168
Scharff	179	92	219
Selig	126	144	170
Schaeffer	135	174	148
Handicap	44	44	44
Totals	770	765	950
MERCHANTETTES—	1	2	3
Colussi	131	177	175
Madill	133	188	96
Halliday	139	117	145
Houlden	111	154	125
La Belle	119	284	202
Handicap	106	106	106
Totals	739	1026	84
OUR GANG—	1	2	3
Ciccone	110	210	159
Fitch	159	166	192
Gurvich	167	174	129
Ingram	147	145	77
Smith	119	188	200
Handicap	37	37	37
Totals	739	890	794

The league standing to date is as follows:

	Won	Lost	Pts.
Annette's	14	7	14
Big Sisters	13	8	13
Merchantettes	13	8	13
Rangers	11	10	11
Our Gang	10	11	10
Blue Birds	8	13	8
Telephone Girls	8	13	8
Knox Hotel	7	14	7

SHOWS PROFIT

NEW GLASGOW, N. S., Feb. 16: (CP)—Pictou County Power Board reports a successful year in its 13th annual report. The publicly-owned enterprise showed a profit of $21,000 for the year, an increase of more than $2,000 over the 1936 figure.

The Letter Box

AN IMPORTANT FACT

Editor, Daily News:

In the latest copy of the Daily News to reach here you mention in an editorial a warning given by a Mr. McKenzie that if Great Britain should be defeated in war Canada would be ruled by the victor.

Mr. McKenzie has missed one important fact. Before any foreign power would rule Canada, it would have to whip the United States. I think I quote the sentiment of nearly every American citizen. Against a combination of the British Empire and the United States no nation or combination of nations could succeed.

R. C. HYDE

Hansen, Idaho.

BURNS LAKE IS AIR BASE

Chosen as Refuelling Point For Weekly Service Between Vancouver and Yukon

Burns Lake has been selected by the Northern Airways as a refuelling base for its weekly run between Vancouver, Carcross, Dawson and other northern points. Pilot W. G. Holland is in charge of the new Waco plane which is being used.

Big Refund On Tax Payment

Toronto Millionaire Gets $46,000 Back From United States Internal Revenue Department

TORONTO, Feb. 16:—J. P. Pickle, Toronto millionaire, announced last night that he had received $43,000 from the United States internal revenue department, being overpayment on taxes paid in 1936.

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Tottenham Wins Cup Football Game

Charlton and Aston Villa Tie Two Goals to Two After Overtime

LONDON, Feb. 16: (CP)—Tottenham Hotspurs defeated Chesterfield two goals to one in the replayed match of the fifth round of the English Soccer Cup series.

In another replay Aston Villa and Charlton were unable to settle which will continue, drawing two goals to two after extra time.

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