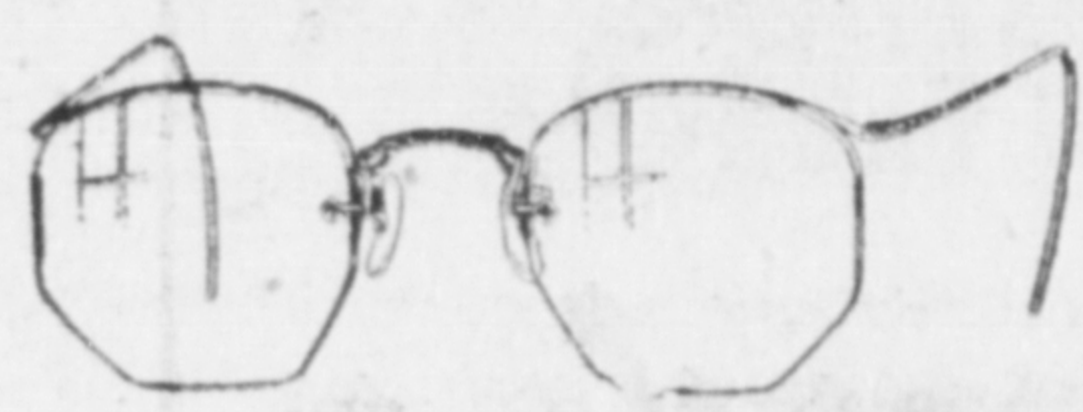


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FIRE HALTS FINE DANCE

Home Of Mr. And Mrs. Holland At
Masset Destroyed—Communi-
ty Club Busy

MASSETT, April 26:—On Friday evening of last week the New Massett Community Club brought to a close a very successful season with a romfort danre, the ladies attending in housedresses and the gentlemen in shirt sleeves. The evening went off very successfully until midnight when the alarm of fire was given. Everyone ran out and found the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Holland in flames. The bucket brigade got busy protecting the neighboring homes of C. G. Martin and Axel Johanson which are on either side. Luckily for the town there was no wind so the flames did not spread although the Holland home burned to the ground.

The Community Club has had a busy winter with both work and play. The hall has all been beautifully lined with a green fibreboard with white ceiling, the stage has been finished in beaver board. The play which was to have been given in the Easter holidays has been put off till the fall.

The bridge club, branch of the Community Club, closed the winter season on Monday evening April 14. Mrs. Phil Burton was again winner of the cup for the season and holds it for the year but must win it again next season in order to hold it permanently, three years in succession being the order. The bridge club has decided to carry on until the end of June donating the contributions to the Red Cross.

Another highly successful enterprise which was started this past winter season by H. B. Pearson has been the lending library. There is a nice room in the annex of the Community Hall where there are over six hundred books. The librarians, Mrs. Dunn and assistant, Mrs. Phil Barton, are kept very busy every Tuesday evening indexing and looking after the reader's wants.

The Red Cross is also a very busy department. A meeting held every Thursday afternoon in the sunny upstairs flat of the works convenor, Mrs. J. C. S. Dunn, where there is a large table on which the quilts are laid out and put together. When four or five industrious ladies get busy around a quilt it does not take long to complete.



Waterfront Whiffs

Goody Number of Springs Being Caught
—Ken Harding to Run New Halibut
Liver Processing Plant—Halibut
Landings Coming Up

The last week or so has seen quite a number of fine spring salmon being caught in gillnets both on the Skeena and the Naas Rivers. Several gillnet boats have been doing quite well. The fish is being delivered to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. and the fresh fish market at Prince Rupert. Some springs are also being taken by a few early trollers in waters around Port Simpson. The opening price of the season at Prince Rupert for red springs was 20c per pound but, as more fish began offering, this fell off to 15c. Still it is profitable fishing for those who are able to get the fish.

Kenneth Harding, for the past few years a laboratory technician at the Prince Rupert Fisheries Experimental Station, has resigned from the service of the Fisheries Research Board as from the middle of April to take charge of the halibut liver processing plant being established by the Canadian halibut vessel owners and fishermen of Prince Rupert who were unable to come to terms this year with the pharmaceutical firms in regard to the price of livers so, therefore, decided to process their own. As previously announced, premises on the government wharf formerly occupied by the J. H. Carson Co. liver processing plant have been secured by the boat owners and fishermen. The machinery is now on order and is expected at Prince Rupert soon.

Halibut landings at the port of Prince Rupert for the 1941 season up to and including yesterday totalled 1,844,400 pounds as compared with 2,156,269 pounds at a corresponding date last year. The Canadian total so far this season is 994,700 pounds, slightly in excess of last year's 944,469 pounds at the same time. American landings, however, are decreased to a total of 849,700 pounds this year from 1,213,800 pounds in 1940. For the week ending yesterday landings totalled 674,000 pounds of which 337,800 pounds was from Canadian vessels and 336,200 pounds from American. Prices held up quite satisfactorily during the week with 9.5c and 7.1c, the high bid of the week for Canadian fish being received by the Lake Biwa for 11,500 pounds, and 9.8c and 7c, the top price for American fish being received by the Helga for 7,000 pounds. The low price of the week for Canadian fish was 8.2c and 7c paid for the catches of several boats. The minimum American price was 8.5c and 7c which the Pioneer III was paid for 11,000 pounds.

Union steamer Cardena, Capt. John Boden, arrived in port at 3 o'clock this morning from the south and sailed at 5 a.m. on her return to Vancouver and waypoints.

Having made a speedy voyage under excellent weather conditions from Vancouver via the Queen Charlotte Islands, Union steamer Camosun arrived in port at 11 o'clock last night with passengers, mail and freight. She sails at 10 o'clock tonight on her return south over the same route.

Northland Transportation Co.'s steamer North Sea, Capt. Len Williams, was in port from 9:45 to 11:30 this morning discharging fish from Ketchikan for transshipment East over Canadian National Railways. The vessel proceeded from here to Seattle.

Islands Pioneer Has Passed Away

Joseph Peterson of Lawn Hill Dies—
Many Attend Funeral

QUEEN CHARLOTTE CITY, April 26:—Another of the pioneers of the Queen Charlotte Islands passed away recently in the person of Joseph Peterson. He was a bachelor and lived with his brother, John, who survives him. His home was near Lawn Hill on the Queen Charlotte-Port Clements highway.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Basil Hartley of the United Church here. The number of mourners and floral offerings testified to the esteem in which the late Mr. Peterson was held.

Queen Charlotte Concert Enjoyed

Delightful Affair Staged In Aid
Of New Community Hall

QUEEN CHARLOTTE CITY, April 26:—A substantial sum towards the new community hall was raised at a concert given by the Farthest West Dramatic Club recently. The program, under the direction of Mrs. Duncan McColl and Mrs. George Chastaney, was as follows: Opening choruses, "O Canada," "We're Proud of Canada," and "There'll Always Be An England." Recitation, M. A. Duval. Song, "Playmates," by Beatrice Haan, Grace Atkins, and Heather McColl. Recitation, Berma Roberts. Dance and Song, "Alice Blue Gown," by the girls. Dramatized songs by the adult members of the club, "Memories," "Missouri Waltz," "Juanita," "Down by the Old Mill Stream," "Colorado Moon."

One-act play entitled "Hist, She's a Man," Edna Beaven, Claude Duval, Ruth Barry, George Turner, George Rudge, Christina Svang, Alwyn Chastaney. Gordon Jolliffe acted as master of ceremonies.

Candy donated by members of the club was sold during the intermission.

An eight-pound box of homemade sweets was raffled by members of the Queen Charlotte Knitting Club and the proceeds donated to the hall building fund. Winner of this was Mrs. K. Kobvasch. Odd boxes were auctioned by Mr. Jolliffe and the money added to the funds.

A jolly dance was held at the close of the concert. The piano recently purchased by the Dramatic Club was used for the first time and made a decided improvement to the orchestra. Miss Evelyn Fairbairn and J. Habkirk were accompanists.

Q. C. CITY

Easter services at the United Church here were very beautiful and impressive. There was a good attendance and Rev. Basil Hartley's sermon was simple and sincere. The church was beautifully decorated with spring flowers. Miss Velma Fairbairn presided at the organ. A feature of the service was the

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Queen Charlotte City Is Very Busy

QUEEN CHARLOTTE CITY, April 26:—Spring has come to the Islands and the gardens are beginning to look lovely with daffodils, primroses, etc., blooming on every hand. There is a great rush of activity here on the sound end of Graham

Island. Men are preparing for the fishing season by repairing and painting boats. New homes are being built and improvements made on others. The logging camp is running full swing.

At Queen Charlotte there is quite a housing shortage on account of many of the Alford Bay airmen and the Pacific Mills loggers bringing their families up for the season.

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presentation of medals for proficiency to two very young members of the Canadian Girls in Training group, Miss Grace Atkins and Miss Beatrice Haan. In making the presentation Mr. Hartley congratulated the girls on their loyalty and help. They are, he told the interested congregation, two of the youngest members of the association in all Canada. At the close of the regular service Holy Communion was celebrated.

Ten members of the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society met recently at the home of Mrs. J. O. Hill and cut out garments for refugees. These articles will be distributed to workers of the community for completion. At the close of the busy afternoon tea was served by the hostess.

During the Easter holiday the school children enjoyed a glorious day at Sandspit when they were taken on a picnic there by Rev. and Mrs. Basil Hartley. The mission boat Udal made the trip. It was greatly enjoyed on account of beautiful weather.

Rev. and Mrs. Basil Hartley are leaving for Vancouver where they will attend the conference of the United Church of Canada held there. They expect to be transferred to another field this spring.

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