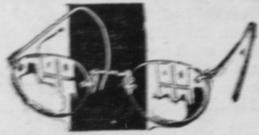


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SMITHERS BAND MEET

Is Maintaining Membership and Interest—Max Collison President

SMITHERS, January 21 — The Smithers Brass Band held its annual meeting in the band hall recently when the president and secretary made their reports on activities of the organization during the past year.

Despite the many vacancies caused in the ranks of the bandmen these have practically all been filled by younger material that has been taken in as pupils who are now the mainstay of the organization.

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SMITHERS

The Smithers and District Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting on January 29. The meeting will be preceded by a banquet at the Hudson Hotel and it is expected that there will be a large attendance both at the banquet and the meeting which will follow.

The coldest snap of the year hit the Bulkley Valley Friday night and on Saturday morning the temperature reading was 20 below zero. The weather is fine and still and is not nearly as unpleasant as it had been during the past few days when the temperature was around zero with a wind blowing.

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Jack gets that way sometimes and when he wants to write a verse he is not very particular about whether it is in accordance with fact. When I pointed out that most of the Irish were not going to Europe, he said they would at any rate cross the Queen Charlotte Sound and that was across the sea. He thinks some local girl may need help in expressing herself; that is why he wrote the verse.

Gayda says the Greek army is terrible when aroused. Evidently they have been aroused recently.

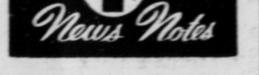
Come to think of it I am rather glad Premier Pattullo prevented the sabotaging of British Columbia by the Ottawa conference recently.

Wilkie will land in Great Britain pretty soon. We hope he successfully dodges some of those devilish bombs aimed at London.

The owner of the country newspaper went home to dinner, smiling radiantly.

"You must have had some good fortune this morning," greeted his wife.

"Indeed I did," announced the owner. "Jan Smith, who hasn't paid his subscription for ten years came in and stopped his paper."



CALL FOR MITTS

Last week the British Columbia Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society received an urgent call from Mrs. Wallace Campbell, Toronto, National Red Cross Chairman of the Women's Work Committee, for as many woolen mitts of all kinds (two-way, whole, and rifle) as the women of this province could make, and for the next six weeks to knit these in preference to everything else, as gloves of all types were needed overseas at once for the cold winter weather.

When Mrs. H. A. Ramsden, provincial chairman of the Women's War Work Committee received this message she immediately got the workers in the Provincial Red Cross warehouse in Vancouver to pack all mitts and wristlets on hand and that day four large cases were shipped east for overseas. Included in these cases were: 600 pairs two-way mitts, 9 pairs half-mitts, 234 pairs rifle mitts, 150 pairs whole mittens, 12 pairs of gloves, 1044 single wristlets, 48 pairs broadcast wristlets. Ninety wool chest-protectors were included to complete the last case. The value of the wool of these articles was estimated at \$732.66.

Shortage of mitts in Britain is due to the fact that huge quantities are being handed out at eastern Canadian ports by the Canadian Red Cross Society to men of the British Navy who arrive in desperate need of clothing.

Wool has been rushed to the B. C. branches. Instructions are in the Red Cross knitting book "I urge every woman to consult her local Red Cross branch and to work with all the strength and might at her command. Now is the time to knit these mitts—not next week or the week after, but today," says Mrs. Campbell, National Work Chairman.

GAY COMEDY IS PICTURED

Greer Garson and Laurence Olivier Head Cast of "Pride and Prejudice" at Capitol Theatre

Another famous romantic classic is brought to the screen in "Pride and Prejudice," picturization of Jane Austen's gay comedy, starring Greer Garson and Laurence Olivier, which comes to the Capitol Theatre for the first half of this week.

The amusing story deals with the romance of the eldest of five unwedded daughters living in a small provincial English town and a handsome, wealthy young aristocrat who comes as a visitor from the city. The girl's flirty mother has designs on any eligible bachelor who comes within her vision. The young man falls in love with the girl but cannot stand her family. However, he finds that family pride is not nearly as strong as love and in the end comes to the rescue from one of the girls' sisters who runs away with an adventurer. This brings the original couple together again.

Miss Garson and Olivier are said to excel in the leading roles while hilarious comedy performances are given by Edmund Gwenn and Mary Boland as the parents of the five daughters. Edna May Oliver has a typical character role as a cringing old dowager. Miss Garson's delightful sisters are Maureen O'Sullivan, Ann Rutherford, Marsha Hunt and Heather Angel. Others in the cast include Melville Cooper, Bruce Lester, Frieda Inescort, Karen Morley, Edward Ashley and E. E. Clive.

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