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EDITORIAL

Changing Days . . .

Here in Prince Rupert with so many developments going on these days, the majority of them blacked out altogether or shrouded by censorship, many local people have long since come to the point where they "cannot see the forest for the trees." Casual visitors who come here from time to time see great changes—immense undertakings and transformations—and they wonder why the newspapers do not tell about it all. They cannot understand that we are not writing big stories about this building or that, this excavation and that and a good many things "this'es" and "that's" which to mention even in this vague way we are inviting trouble with the censors.

Yes, there are many big stories in Prince Rupert these days. Things are going on that as late as a year or so ago we would not have been able to find headline type big enough to shout about.

It is the newcomers and the casual visitors who are impressed. We people who stay in Prince Rupert have come to take these things in our stride although we may feel somewhat overwhelmed.

A mere two-storey building can go up almost overnight and most of the local people, whose tongues a few years ago would wag about such a thing, are not even impressed enough to inquire what it is. There are so many big things going on that they are just overcome with it all. They just cannot keep track of it.

The fact of the matter is that we are becoming metropolitan. If Jones paints his house, if Brown puts on a lean-to, it is no longer something for the friends and neighbors to talk about. The same applies to the more personal things that used to keep the gossips' tongues wagging. The old community intimacy is passing. Whereas a couple of years ago we used to go down the street and know ninety percent of the folks . . . now we don't know ten per cent of them and we don't care.

Not only is the town being transformed physically but it is also having a social transformation. For a lot of the old timers the change is quite unwelcome. They feel that the old friendly days are gone and they hate to see it that way. They find it difficult to keep up with changing times and different ways.

Prince Rupert is "getting out of the rut" and the process is just a little painful. There is a feeling of being baffled and overwhelmed—being smothered by the pangs of the growing pains if we may put it that way.

Our town is being reborn in more ways than one. That is what the war has done for us. Maybe it would have been less painful if the circumstances of our transformation had been different.

Everything is so sudden, so drastic that many folk are finding it hard to take it. Some are benefitting. Some are suffering. For more it is stimulating. For some it is stifling.

It is indeed a "changing world" here in Prince Rupert. Some day we hope to be able to tell about it all.

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THRILLS IN HOOP PLAY

Navy, Midlands and Dry Dock Are Winners Last Night

Basketball fans were treated to thrilling games at the Armories with the Navy just edging out the snappy United States Headquarters team 27 to 26. In the other two games the Midlands shaded the Grenadiers 30 to 20 in a wild and woolly game while the Dry Dock easily walked through the Co-op team 55 to 26.

Taking the offensive from the opening whistle the Navy had the fans on their feet the whole way as they checked the highly touted Headquarters team to a standstill. Lefty Moline scored 15 points for the U. S. five but he missed enough to win many a basketball game.

The Navy's top scorer, Sparks, paced them to their win, flipping in 13 points, followed by Munro with 8 points.

The Midlands outran the Grenadiers to chalk up a 30 to 20 win in a rugged game. The Grenadiers led 9-8 at the first half but in the second half the Midlands started to click with Corbett, Hunt and MacKenzie leading the offensive. The first-mentioned made an even dozen points. Tait, Midland guard, went to the showers in the last half with four personals.

The Dry Dock coasted to an easy 55-26 win over the Co-op five. The Grocers just couldn't keep up with the smart passing and shooting of MacPhee, Santerbane and Fitch. MacPhee ran in 17 points closely followed by Fitch, Santerbane and Murray with 10 points each. The Co-ops looked flashy as far as their new uniforms went but they couldn't keep up with the fast pace set by the Shipbuilders. Vukovich led the Grocers with 8 points. This gives the Shipbuilders seven wins in as many games. They now lead the league by four points over the second place High School.

Line-ups:
Midlands—Hunt 9, MacKenzie 6, Graham 1, Tait 2, Walbeck, Corbett 12. Total, 30.
Grenadiers—Semmons 7, McLeod 3, Perederka, Small, Olsen 4, Kuc 4, Schmelinski, Foucard 2. Total, 20.
Navy—Johns 2, Elliott 2, Baird 2, Munro 8, Sparks 13, Brown. Total, 27.
U. S. Headquarters—Moline 15, Aubrey 4, Bertrand 3, Summerholder, Switela 4, Manders, Martinez. Total, 26.
Dry Dock—MacPhee 17, Persons 7, Fitch 10, Santerbane 10, Lewis 1, Murray 10. Total, 35.
Co-op—Vukovich 8, Petersen 6, Petanuzzo 6, Astoria 4, Husik 2, Smith. Total, 26.
Referees, Lewis and MacKenzie. Scorer, Mrs. H. R. MacKenzie. The league standing to date:

	W	L	F	A	P
Dry Dock	7	0	278	188	14
High School	5	1	223	156	16
U. S. Headquarters	4	2	255	176	8
U. S. Transport	4	1	181	88	8
Co-op	3	4	214	264	6
R. C. A. F.	2	3	167	174	4
Navy	3	3	135	146	6
Midlands	2	5	201	234	4
R. C. C. S.	0	5	118	221	0
Grenadiers	0	6	73	188	0

ACTIVITIES OF Y.M.C.A. AND Y.W.C.A.

By DOROTHY GARBUTT, Hostess

There are such a lot of comings and goings to report today. Carl Clay has returned from his holidays in the south looking very well and feeling very fit. He says his program went exactly to schedule and that he had a whale of a time. He saw Ina Robertson and Mrs. Black down there and he brought back buckets of one-act plays with him.

Flying Officer "Bud" Boyd leaves soon for parts unknown. He and Harvey Orr, the Y.M.C.A. supervisor at Seal Cove, used to drop in of an afternoon for a spot of tea. Harvey trotting ahead and Bud, at least a foot taller, looming up in the background. The irreverent ones here used to speak of "Harvey and his little Bud behind."

I met Officer Lister who is in town with the R.C.A.F. concert party scheduled for this week-end at the Capitol in the regular "Y" concert. He promises us a first-rate all-male show. Harvey says the talent in the group is remarkable. Len Moss is here with them and you remember what a musician he is.

Gordon Wilson, telegraphist in the navy, came a cropper at ping pong the other day and had to retire in haste to the family lounge while Rene Jeanotte ran up the offending seam on the sewing machine. Gordon, not being a contortionist, couldn't do his own mending in this case, if you see what I mean.

Glad to hear that Mrs. Muirhead who substituted for me this summer while I was on holiday is better now after her spell of illness. She attributes her return to health to an intensive course in detective fiction. She was so enthralled she had no time to think about herself. Mrs. Muirhead is the Y.W.C.A. hospital visitor and the lady who takes all you girls magazines when you are in the hospital with your babies and what not.

SPORT CHAT

Most of Britain's professional boxers are in the armed forces but Gunner Johnny King—who announces he has no intention of defending his bantamweight title—is the only British champion serving overseas. Johnny is in South Africa at the moment. The other titlists, heavyweight Len Harvey, light-heavyweight Freddie Mills, Welter Ernie Roderick, lightweight Eric Zoon, featherweight Nel Tarleton and flyweight Jackie Paterson, are in the R.A.F. PO. Len, only one to reach commissioned rank, is sports officer at an air station. Jock McAvoy, middleweight king, is not in the services. He's doing war work and running a butcher shop in northern England. King is an anti-aircraft gunner and has had a more adventurous career since the start of the war than he ever had in his 16-year ring career. He was on the battleship Prince of Wales from the time she was commissioned until she was sent to the bottom by the Japanese. On that trip, Johnny was picked up after being in the water nearly three hours. He was bombed and machine-gunned in Singapore, then transferred to a minesweeper in the Pacific. The sweeping was hot stuff, too.

King first won the British bantam crown in 1932, lost it to Dick Corbett in 1934, and regained it in 1935 when Corbett relinquished it.

"Fearless Freddie" Mills, the Bournemouth Bomber Britons look on as a world champion, stepped through six furious rounds in a charity exhibition at Manchester that he won't forget in a hurry—even if he wants to. Making his first appearance since he won the British and Empire lightweight titles last June, unorthodox Freddie met a young giant from Leeds who played him at his own game. For young Al Robinson dared to swap punches with the champ in a manner that had the packed house on its feet. It wasn't an auspicious debut as a titleholder for 23-year old Freddie who took the crown when he slugged ageing Len Harvey right through the ropes in two rounds. Before the fight Robinson wasn't conceded a chance against Mills' vaunted hammering ability.

Alan Tomkins, writing in the London Sunday Dispatch, said he had a "revelation" after participating in a practice game of softball with a bunch of Americans in Hyde Park. This is it:

"Cricket sometimes provides a pleasant spectacle and is fine and dandy for people of unlimited leisure. But it is so often deadly boring and is vastly overrated as a national game. It cannot compare with softball for excitement, or as a means of giving hard, fast exer-

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