

Local News Items...

▲ Sons of Norway meeting, Friday, March 15, I.O.O.F. Hall. (63)

Mr. and Mrs. J. Comer are sailing Friday on the Catala for a trip to Vancouver.

▲ Sheardown's deliver daily. Today's orders delivered tomorrow. We're as near as your phone. (tf)

▲ Prince Rupert Automobile Association meeting, City Hall, Friday, 8 p.m. Public invited. (1t)

John Runsmuir, prominent Vancouver business man, is paying a brief visit to the city. He arrived on the Prince Rupert yesterday from the south and will be returning to Vancouver tonight.

Col. Hamilton Grant, veterans' re-establishment officer in connection with the local Unemployment Insurance Office, and Mrs. Grant are sailing tonight on the Prince Rupert for a trip to Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stoller and children are leaving tonight on the Prince Rupert for Vancouver enroute to Winnipeg where they will pay a visit before proceeding to Los Angeles to make their future home.

George Milburn, president of North Coast Timber Co., Vancouver, and G. V. Robinson, superintendent of Edgetts Ltd. sawmill, arrived in the city Wednesday on the Prince Rupert on business. They will sail for the south Friday on the Catala.

Mayor H. M. Daggert left on last evening's train for Smithers to attend an organizational meeting of northern and central British Columbia municipalities to be held today. His worship expects to return to the city from the interior on Saturday night's train.

Miss Mary Ellen Moore, who has been in the civilian clerical service of the American Army since September, 1942, here, leaves tonight for Seattle where she will continue similar work. She is the daughter, or wife, and Mrs. R. E. Moore, well known Prince Rupert residents.

Two delegates of the Prince Rupert local, United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union, will sail tonight on the Prince Rupert for Vancouver to attend the second annual convention of the union to be held in Vancouver next week. They are Mrs. Frank Greening, who will represent the women workers, and Stan Boshier, who will represent the men.

BRITISH WOMEN STICK TO JOBS

Only 70,000 of 6,000,000 Workers Expect to Return To Home Life

LONDON (C)—English women aren't flocking back to cradle and kitchen quite as fast as was expected. But the reason the British girl is clinging to her job is not purely a desire for a career. More often than not it's a case of "I would if I could but I can't" become a housewife wife again.

Last available Ministry of Labor reports admitted that the November estimate of 170,000 expected to go back to home life now has shrunk by 100,000. The exodus of married women from their jobs definitely is slackening. More than 6,000,000 women hold jobs in Britain today—over 1,600,000 above the pre-war figure.

"I've had a job for six years now. Can't afford to stop work, duckie." Legs apart, hands on hips, the stocky little railway porter at Charing Cross terminus grinned ruefully. "The old man don't make enough, not with those two youngsters of mine wearing out their boots the way they do. Besides—I've got used to it now. Like the life, you know. Like all the people and all." And off she trundled a mountainous truck full of baggage.

"I'll stop work just as soon as my husband comes home," declared the slim, pretty, dark-haired London bus clipper, juggling her ticket puncher and a handful of pennies as she spoke, and breaking off repeatedly to call, "Pass down the car, please" or "Plenty of room upstairs, dear."

"We've been married five years. Since I was 18. But we've never had a home yet. I'll stay on until he's been demobbed. It's good to have the money, and living in one room what else is there to do? But once he's back—it's home and a baby for me."

Woman Holds Political Job

But the immaculately dressed, highly efficient member of England's titled landed gentry, mother of an eight-year-old daughter and holder of a responsible political job since 1939, was as emphatic on the other side.

"I've tasted blood now," she declared firmly. "I've known what it's like to hold down a paid job during war. I'll never go back to doing nothing at home again."

The worn looking, gentle faced countrywoman from the Women's Voluntary Services smoothed her neat bottle green uniform lovingly as she talked.

"I'm terribly tired. There's the family, and the rationing, and the evacuees only just gone home, and all the W.V.S. work. And then, of course, the garden. I feel now I want three months' rest. But I know I'll want to do something after that. Perhaps not full time, with my husband home again. But something useful; part time perhaps."

Typical of many of their countrywomen, if not of all, these women in their answers probably give a fair indication, of how their sex is feeling. There must be thousands like the titled worker, who feel they can never give up the satisfaction of being needed in a real, honest-to-goodness job.

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PRESENTATION AT LEGION LADIES' ANNUAL BANQUET

The presentation of a gold pin and a bouquet of flowers from the current president to the past president of the Canadian Legion Women's Auxiliary was a feature of the annual banquet of the organization held in the Boston Cafe last night. The tokens, recognizing appreciated service, were presented by Mrs. Dan Parent, 1946 president, to Mrs. G. V. Hanley who recently retired from office.

The 42 members who attended the function enjoyed an excellent entertainment program following the dinner, and there were a number of toasts, one to Mrs. Hanley, proposed by Mrs. Parent.

Toasts were also proposed to Mrs. Parent and to Mrs. C. V. Morrow in recognition of a birthday cake she prepared for the banquet.

Grace was said by Mrs. William Rothwell and the meal was followed by a toast to The King. Entertainment included community singing, and a vocal solo by Mrs. Taylor, who sang "If I Were A Wishing Cat," accompanied by Mrs. J. S. Black; a piano solo, "Stardust," by Mrs. Brown, a recitation, "Little Alfie," by Mrs. Murdoch, and a recitation, "Three Little Monkeys," by Mrs. Parent.

The evening was concluded with bingo and bridge. Mrs. Frank Elison was bridge winner, and Mrs. T. J. Boulter received second prize.

Announcements

C.W.L. St. Patrick's Tea and Sale of Home Cooking, 2:30 to 6:00. Card Party, 8:00 p.m., K.C. Hut, March 16.

St. Patrick's Dance, Saturday, March 16, Oddfellows' Hall, Bobby Woods orchestra.

Varden Singers Concert, Booth Memorial Auditorium, Wednesday, March 20, 8:15 p.m.

Jobs Daughters Tea, home of Mrs. L. W. Kergin, 4th Ave. West, March 21. Come and bring a friend.

Ski Club Dance, Oddfellows' Hall, Friday, March 22.

United W.A. Tea, Mrs. David Allan, 420 4th Ave. West, March 23.

L.O.B.A. tea and sale, April 3, Oddfellows' Hall.

Women of the Moose Bazaar and Tea, Oddfellows' Hall, April 11.

Help Norway Committee, Basket Social, April 12, Oddfellows' Hall, 9 to 1 a.m.

Presbyterian Spring Sale, April 18.

United W.A. Spring Sale, April 25.

St. Peter's Spring Sale, May 2.

W.A. Canadian Legion, Tea and Novelty Sale, May 10.

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