

### Speech Therapist Teaches Veterans

TORONTO ©—It takes much patience and understanding to do Margaret McCurdy's work at Christie Street Hospital here. But the young Montreal-born speech therapist has won praise from both doctors and veterans alike for the help she has given aphasic patients at the hospital. Miss McCurdy is the only speech therapist in Canada working for the Department of Veterans Affairs. In her "classroom" at Christie Street are some speechless veterans, some unable to read or write and a few who cannot understand speech. A mirror plays an important part

### LIME AGAINST ACID

The use of lime to counteract an acid condition of the soil which is unfavorable to plant growth has been known since the earliest days of agriculture.

in her classroom. Standing before the mirror the patient sees how he forms his lips for words, guided by Miss McCurdy. Twenty-four-year-old Tommy, a private in the 48th Highlanders, was knocked back into infancy when he was shot in the left side of the head during the fighting in Holland. Today thanks to Miss McCurdy he can speak again and is learning once more how to read and write.

## CIVIC CENTRE, REC COUNCIL FUTURE POLICY

A joint meeting of the Civic Centre Association executive and the executive of the Prince Rupert Recreational Council was held last night in the Civic Centre building to inform members of both executives of the work done by the Civic Recreational Board in connection with acquiring the building and to approve tentative budget and operational policies drawn up by the board.

The members of the two executives ratified decisions made by the Recreational Board which is a functional body composed of members from both. Plans for the opening program on Sunday were left to the board. During the ceremonies on Sunday afternoon, it is expected that members of the executives of the Civic Centre Association, Rec Council and City Council will be on the platform.

The meeting approved the purchase of canteen stocks from the Y.M.C.A. The canteen will be open from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. on week days. The building itself will be open from 2 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. except for special events, when it will remain open for any required further length of time. Saturday mornings it will be opened for young people for organized classes.

The meeting agreed that the building will be open for use of community organizations for meetings without charge, providing it is not done for profit. Emphasis was placed on the fact that the building is to be a community centre.

Appointments of staff members and employees, effected by the board, were also ratified.

## WHAT Prince Rupert Needs

(The Sixth of a series of suggestions by readers of the Daily News for the betterment of this city)

First—Co-operation with Boards of Trade in districts adjacent to this city to promote canning and dehydrating of such field crops as peas, beans, corn and other vegetables which could be transported cheaply west to this port by our local railway, in refrigerator cars which usually return here empty for fresh fish. Canning could possibly be handled by our local canneries which also have facilities for cold storage.

Second—Our provincial government to give more encouragement to prospecting in the north. Also the need of a mining engineer in the field and a custom concentrator to handle high grade ore.

Third—Our local members to federal and provincial parliaments to encourage the Saskatchewan government in handling grain to our local elevator and port. Direct route Saskatoon, Edmonton, Prince Rupert and the Orient. Shipping subsidies to again be taken up with the federal government.

Fourth—A box factory and plywood industry, possibly shared by employer and employee. Box ends, slabs, sawdust in many of such plants pay operating expenses. I understand a vast amount of cottonwood is available near here.

GEORGE JACKSON.  
City Hall.

## GARDEN NOTEBOOK

Back to Normal—After six years of war the world workshops are beating their swords back again into plowshares. For the gardener that will mean re-seeding the front lawn, which has been plowed up and put into a Victory garden, and again planting freely flowers and nursery stock. Freely may not be quite the right word because Canadian seedsmen state that supplies are not altogether normal yet. There are a few shortages in some garden seeds though the situation is much better than a few years ago. In nursery stock, however, certain lines are still scarce because foundation stock for them came from Europe and this, of course, was cut off completely from 1940 to 1944.

### A Cure for Jaded Nerves

For ex-service men, for all those who have worked too hard or at too fast a tempo during the war, and for that vast throng of normal, average human beings who get a natural craving to dig in the soil every spring, gardening offers a cure, rest and recreation all rolled into one. There is fresh air, healthful exercise and the solid satisfaction of seeing things grow. One can take as little or as much as one likes and the cost is hardly worth mentioning—a few dollars for tools, a few cents for seeds—and nature with a little help will do the rest.

### Planning Will Help

While the soil is getting warm, garden experts advise doing a little planning. Especially where the plot is small and one wants to make the very best use of this limited area, a rough sketch on paper of the general layout will help. On this mark the main boundaries and the permanent fea-

tures like fences, driveways, sidewalks, house lines, garage, etc. In planning shrubbery and flower gardens the beginner is advised to bear in mind that each plant should have half as much room either way as it will be high at maturity. This means that shrubs like lilacs, which grow about eight feet high, should have at least four feet between, ordinary shade trees like maple should be from 20 to 30 feet apart, though one can plant temporary shrubbery between. With foundation planting about the house, too, it is important to give space, and not get this right under the eaves. Most shrubs will make a much better show if planted at least three feet in front of any wall or fence.

### In the Vegetable Garden

Planning the vegetable garden will be more simple. Little and quick-growing things like radish, spinach and lettuce can be planted in rows a foot apart when one is going to cultivate by hand. Carrots, beets, beans are a little larger and grow more slowly. Minimum space here would be about 15 inches and rather more for the larger beans. Peas can be planted in double rows about a foot apart, then twice that much space until the next double row. Tomatoes require at least 18 inches when staked, and three to four feet if not staked. Corn rows at least 30 inches apart, the same for potatoes. Melons, cucumbers and small table squash do best in hills about 30 inches square and eventually about eight to twelve plants to a hill. Space between hills should be at least 15 inches to allow for spreading and cultivation.

## FURNITURE FOR FATHER

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NEW YORK ©—Men who have rarely been fans of modern furniture will welcome the new modern pieces which are designed for comfort as well as beauty. Now those gentlemen who have found modern furniture too stiff and formal will find that they can curl up on a modern sofa or snooze in a modern chair without getting a kink in the neck or back.

New interesting modern pieces designed by Lester Tichy of New York, who won first prize in House and Garden's architectural awards, are the last word in comfort and compactness.

Arm chairs are more rounded in design so that instead of the arms of the chair being completely out of line as rests for weary elbows, they are curved and comfortable. The furniture of natural birch is upholstered in cotton and mahair and the back and seat are slanted so that the maximum comfort of a chair is achieved. You can sit in these new modern chairs without aching to get out of them.

Mr. Tichy's tea table which could adequately serve as a game table has a swivel section underneath which swings out to hold cigarette accessories, glasses, extra china or playing cards. And these are curved as are all the tables in this modern house. Sofa and coffee tables are low.

Desk and cabinets in Mr. Tichy's new modern house hang from the wall though all of them can be similarly used with legs. He found, however, that the desk without legs gives more leg room and the light which hangs from the gooseneck wall bracket gives more work space.

Cabinets are decorative and of white lacquered birch with perforated wood fronts. They can generously house the radio, phonograph, record albums, magazines, and all the little things that normally clutter up a house. The sideboard has a clappboard arrangement for drawers eliminating hardware.



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