

Saturday, April 1		
High	7:49	16.7 feet
	21:21	15.9 feet
Low	1:10	10.7 feet
	14:25	7.0 feet

War In Pacific Is Increasing

Japanese Bases at Truk, in Carolines, Hollandia and New Guinea Hit

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, March 31 (CP)—American heavy bombers smashed at Japanese bases at Truk, in the Carolines, Hollandia and northern New Guinea on Wednesday and destroyed 172 enemy planes, Allied headquarters announced today. In the first bombing of Truk from the South Pacific, the bombers scored more than two hundred direct hits on shops and hangar areas and parking aprons to destroy forty-nine enemy planes on the ground. The Allies lost only one plane. At Hollandia the raiders destroyed 108 Japanese planes on the ground. Other Japanese plane losses were interceptors sent against the bombers over Truk, Hollandia and the Carolines.

R.A.F. HAS BIG LOSS

Ninety-seven Planes Fail to Return from Raid on Reich Last Night

LONDON, March 31, (CP)—Royal Air Force and Royal Canadian Air Force bombers numbering more than one thousand smashed at the southeast German transport centre of Nuremberg and other targets last night at a cost of ninety-seven planes, the heaviest toll ever taken of an Allied air fleet in a single operation. The Royal Canadian Air Force lost thirteen planes. It is estimated that 700 Allied airmen were killed or captured. British planes were over Europe again today.

March Police Fines \$1520

Ninety-eight cases in police court during the month of March yielded \$1,520 in fines, according to the police record. Three cases were dismissed by the magistrate.

Total of the fines assessed against law offenders in police court so far this year is \$4,240, with \$2,105 being taken in during February and \$165 in January.

There were 89 cases before the magistrate in February and 38 in January.

Missing In Air Service

Ewart Hetherington, Former Local Welfare Officer, Listed

Many friends in Prince Rupert have heard with regret that Ewart Hetherington, who became well known as provincial government welfare officer here, is reported missing after operations overseas with the Royal Canadian Air Force. His home is in Vancouver where his mother resides.

Rotarians Are Asked to Visit English Club

The Rotary Club of Enfield, Middlesex, England, had an invitation before the local club yesterday extending an invitation to members of the local club who happened to be overseas to visit the club there and accept such hospitality as might be made available. The invitation was accepted and members of the local club who happened to be overseas will be advised of it. A brother of G. R. S. Blackaby, a local Rotary member, resides in Enfield.

The officer was Lieut. G. S. Ritchie, D.S.O., Royal Navy, of Aberdeen. He had several ratings and some gear so, he said, "to go by train was the simplest way."

ADVANCED TO FINAL

Montreal Canadiens and Chicago Black Hawks to Start Closing Series Next Tuesday.

MONTREAL, March 31 (CP)—Montreal Canadiens and Chicago Black Hawks last night qualified for the Stanley Cup hockey finals and will meet in Montreal next Tuesday in the first game of the best out of seven series.

The Canadiens defeated the Toronto Maple Leafs eleven to nothing in a wild scoring spree last night while the Black Hawks eliminated the Detroit Red Wings by winning five to two.

JAP MENACE TO IMPHAL

NEW DELHI, March 31 (CP)—The Japanese were disclosed today to have penetrated into the main allied communication lines of the vital Manipur plain. Jap infiltration parties laid down mortar fire on the main road running north from Imphal, capital of Manipur province, and another party was reported north of Kohima striking at communications on the road to the Brahmaputra valley and the main Allied supply system.

Navy Officer Makes Invasion Appear Easy

SYRACUSE, Sicily, March 30 (CP)—They tell a story now about a naval officer who landed with invasion troops at Licata on the southern coast of Sicily and had to go to Syracuse 200 miles away. All railway traffic had stopped because the line ran too close to the fighting front. So the officer borrowed a train from the local stationmaster and ran his own "special."

ISLAND-STUDDED There are 500 islands in the Aegean Sea.

INSPECTOR SPEAKS

COMMUNITY SURVEY IS PROCEEDING

Rotary Club Hears What is Being Done to Improve Social Conditions

Speaking before the Prince Rupert Rotary Club at luncheon yesterday, School Inspector B. Thorsteinsson told of progress that had been made in connection with the recently inaugurated community survey of social conditions in Prince Rupert with special reference to steps being taken to counteract a tendency towards juvenile delinquency and to improve nutrition of the children. Mr. Thorsteinsson also mentioned some ideas which had been developed and were being worked upon in the matter of public safety and vocational. The speaker suggested possibilities of young people entering industries on an apprenticeship plan.

"The only way we can obtain action on these matters is to get together on a community basis and formulate intelligent plans," asserted Mr. Thorsteinsson "and we would like to have your encouragement in every way possible. What we require is the interest, time and intelligent assistance of the citizens." Mr. Thorsteinsson acknowledged financial assistance that had been given by the Rotary Club in connection with preliminary organization of the council.

Mr. Thorsteinsson spoke of how the advent of the forces and the sudden arising of war industries and defence construction had all at once completely changed conditions in Prince Rupert. A situation, unavoidable but undesirable, had been created and the idea was to meet it as effectively as possible.

The halls and places of recreation in the city, limited as they were, had been taken over. Men and women as well as older adolescents were busy working and certain groups in early and middle adolescence were left unprovided for. Home influence had also been relaxed. The situation was reflected in the schools. Juvenile delinquency had increased suddenly.

While this was by no means the full solution, it had been felt that it was important to do something in connection with recreational facilities.

A public meeting had been called at which it had been decided to institute the community survey with a view to obtaining a complete picture of the whole social situation in the city under such headings as recreation, health, vocation, youth, industry, safety, housing, culture, etc. Of course, it was not expected to suddenly renovate or moralize the city but it was felt that here was a good opportunity for effective community action. A central co-ordinating committee had been formed and sub-committees on various subjects were being set up, some having already commenced their work.

Under the heading of safety, Mr. Thorsteinsson made one suggestion that, in travelling the streets on dark mornings and evenings during the seasons when there was little daylight, white raincoats might be worn to reduce the risk of traffic accidents.

The results of a food survey among school children had already been made known. The speaker suggested that, where sunshine, so important during the years of children's growth and physical development, was lacking, it was important that the Vitamin D compounds should be made available. Indian children living in the neighborhood were supplied with cod liver oil without charge but what were the youngsters of Prince Rupert getting in that way?

Turning to the vocational field, the speaker suggested the organization of an apprenticeship system with school authori-



ROLAND YOUNG, stage and film actor, a guest star in the British Broadcasting Corporation's New York studios in a trans-Atlantic program. London-born, he studied for the stage at the Academy of Dramatic Art. After several appearances in London he went to New York and played the part of Alan Jeffcoat in "Hindle Wakes" at the Maxine Elliott Theatre. Subsequently he appeared with the Washington Square Players, at the Bandbox Theatre, in Ibsen's "Doll's House" and "Hedda Gabler," in Shaw's "The Devil's Disciple" and at the 49th Street Theatre, and in innumerable films.

DEFER FARM LABOR TRANSFER DATE

Those in Outside Industry Now Have Until April 15 to Get Back — Not Many Affected Here.

The date upon which agricultural workers employed temporarily in outside industries are required to report to their local Selective Service officers to resume farm work, has been set back from March 31, as originally directed by the National Selective Service Commission, to April 15, according to word received by the Selective Service office here.

The order does not affect many persons in Prince Rupert. It was learned from E. V. Whitney, local Selective Service officer.

"This office has not issued that sort of permit to anyone directly around the city although up the railway line we have issued about 50 permits to small farmers who wish to work in nearby mines and sawmills during the winter," he explained.

The authority of the local Sel-

ective Service office extends as far east as Endako.

Mr. Whitney said that the order would have its greatest local effect on prairie farmers who have spent the winter working in this area.

"There are not many of those, either," he continued. "There are only about a dozen in the dry dock, and not more than six working on the highway."

Any in this area who are affected by the order will have to pay their own fares back to their prairie homes, it was understood.

While the government will pay the transportation costs of any farm worker who was ordered out of farm work and into another industry by the Selective Service commission, those who left their farm jobs voluntarily will have to pay their own way back.

None of the farm workers holding temporary war jobs around Prince Rupert were ordered to come here so all are responsible for their own transportation costs when they return to their homes.

New President Of Rotary Club

R. C. St. Clair Nominated as President Yesterday — Dadds Again Secretary and McRae, Treasurer

R. C. St. Clair, district forester, will be president of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club for the coming year. His was the only name presented when the nominating committee submitted its choices for officers for the ensuing year at yesterday's regular weekly luncheon.

The nominating committee proposed that B. R. Dadds be re-elected secretary and Alex McRae, treasurer, with W. R. McAfee, Fred Scadden and C. A. Brind as members of the executive for the year.

W. J. Davies, local manager of Canadian National Telegraphs, was welcomed as the latest new member at yesterday's luncheon which was presided over by President A. S. Nickerson.

Theo Collart was congratulated on the occasion of his birthday.

Winner of the weekly luncheon war savings certificate raffle for the Queen's Fund was Theo Collart.

A guest at the luncheon was W. R. Butchart of Edmonton.

LOG SCALE INCREASED

Year to Date Well Ahead of 1944 in Spite of Lag During Past Month.

In spite of a March lag, log scaling in Prince Rupert forestry district for the present year to date has reached an aggregate of 27,938,526 board feet as compared with 16,562,636 board feet in the corresponding period of last year.

The scale for this March has been 5,574,906 board feet compared with 6,880,777 board feet in the month of March, 1943.

The scale of forest products—poles and piling—in the interior is also up this year from last amounting to a total of 594,085 lineal feet for the first three months of 1944 as compared with 375,289 lineal feet in the first three months of 1943.

The forest products scale for this March has been 49,475 lineal feet as against 60,468 lineal feet in March, 1943.

Ties scaled this March numbered 6053 pieces — 748 spruce and 5305 jackpine — as compared with 7,594 pieces in March, 1943.

Cordwood this March was scaled at 1207 cords compared with 391 cords in the same month last year.

FIGURES GIVEN

Wartime Housing Locally

Expenditure Has Been Million And Half Dollars, Olof Hanson Advised

OTTAWA, March 31, (CP) — Wartime Housing Limited has spent \$1,526,754 for the purchase of land and construction of 501 houses at Prince Rupert, Hon. Clarence D. Howe, minister of munitions, said in the House of Commons Thursday in a reply tabled for Olof Hanson, M. P. for Skeena.

Wartime Housing also built a six room school at a cost of \$50,000 and a general sewage system was estimated to cost \$75,000.

Cost of each of the small two bedroom houses was estimated at \$2,813 and the cost of large two bedroom houses was set at \$3,161 each. Four bedroom houses cost \$3,402.

RED ARMY ADVANCES

Across Prut River and Through Carpathians Toward Hungary and Rumania

MOSCOW, March 31, (CP) — Across the northern Prut River and through captured Czernowitz the Ukrainian army is moving into the Carpathian Mountains toward Hungary and Rumania. The advance force is within fifteen miles of Hungary and near a pass through the Carpathians into Czechoslovakia.

Englishman Invents Jet Driven Ship

LONDON, March 31 (CP)—Close on the disclosure that a jet-propelled aircraft had been built came word that a jet-propelled ship is actually in existence, capable of making fair speed through water although without engines, propeller, rudder or funnels. It is the invention of P. H. Wild, an Englishman, whose brother, S. O. W. Wild, has renewed the patent on the invention in Britain.

"My brother has carried out experiments with a ten-ton boat," said Mr. Wild. "It is propelled by jets of highly compressed products of combustion. He prefers to describe his method as 'ejector propulsion'."

Jet propulsion for ships has long been a subject of experiment and the Admiralty were responsible for some which were carried out nearly 80 years ago.

Record Twin Births Three Times in Row

Six Children Born to Swift Current, Sask., Mother in Three and Half Years.

SWIFT CURRENT, Sask., March 31 (CP)—Doctors are interested in the birth of three sets of twins in three years and five months to Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Shiek of this city. The births were successive.

Mr. and Mrs. Shiek have been married seven years and now have eight children. The first two children were born singly.

Dr. J. C. Burroughs, who attended Mrs. Shiek in all her confinements, said he had neither read nor heard of three sets of twins in succession.

Local Temperature

Maximum	42
Minimum	32

Handing Back Oil and Coal on Sakhalin Island to Russia; To Leave That Area

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C. (CP)—Japan's concession to Russia oil and coal concessions on Sakhalin Island twenty-six years scheduled to expire, the Moscow radio reported today. The concessions granted Japan concessions in Japan and off the Siberian coast in 1918, scheduled to expire in 1970.

Japanese nationals are to be removed from the island at a date not yet announced.

Japan owns the southern half of the island.

Report is that, in return for relinquishing the island, Japan is to receive 50,000 tons of oil from Russia after the war.

Soviet newspaper Izvestia said today editorially that the growing strength was one of the reasons for Japanese giving up the concessions.

Pact Signed Up

That Relations Between Two Countries Remain Unchanged

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C. (CP) — Yesterday renewed the pact with Japan, Japanese companies to fish in Russian far waters.

The pact expired Dec. 31 and renewal has been agreed since the beginning of the war.

The pact means that Japanese fishing vessels remain unchanged. The terms of the agreement were immediately known.

FUTURE BRIGHT

For Independent Operator Not Very Cheering, Cruiser and Broker.

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C. (CP)—Rupert, timber cruiser and broker, yesterday told a committee investigating British logging industry the future of the independent logging on the open market. Few stands of fir are to independent logging companies are being bought up by large hemlock logging companies, narrowing the opportunity for independent operators, Mr. Hibbert said.

Journalists Good Weekly

Former Newspapermen on Paper Put Out at H. S. York

TORONTO, March 31, (CP) — The Canadian Navy (C.S. York, Toronto, are out a crackerjack week-end with news and features and edited by a staff including seven newspapermen now in the service. The paper is on blue paper, with pages of "The Yorker" illustrated with sketches and photos by Steve Finnie, for the Toronto department store. The paper even contains a column of world news by OS. Scott Young, former Canadian Press staff writer and reporting experience. Editor is Sub-Lieut. "Pep" and other Toronto newspapermen on the staff are the brothers, Hal and Gordon Pitkin, Annis Stukas, and Jack Mosher. The paper is the "Big Stuke" of famous Toronto football players.

HUNS RETAKE CASSINO HILL

NAPLES, March 31 (CP)—German troops moved into positions evacuated days ago by Indian and New Zealand troops and small enemy troops attacked inside Cassino.

NEEDS HER FLEET Japan has 17,000 miles of coastline.