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## Prince Rupert Road...

A road connecting Prince Rupert with the highway system of British Columbia has long been desirable, but because of the difficulty and cost of construction, the provincial government always held back, says the Vancouver Province editorially. Then came Pearl Harbor and the Japanese threat to the northern end of the Pacific coast. Cost and difficulty in construction no longer counted. The military authorities considered a road necessary and work was begun.

The road is not finished yet, but \$10,000,000 has been spent on it. The threat from Japan has disappeared and there seems some question now as to whether the road will be completed.

In the debate at Ottawa on the development of the north country, some interesting information came out in connection with the Prince Rupert-Hazelton highway. Mr. Crerar, minister of mines and resources, told the House of Commons that some 23 miles remained unfinished and that about \$500,000 would be required to bring this stretch up to the standard of the remainder.

British Columbia members have been pressing to have the road completed, and deserve all support. Even if the Japanese threat has vanished, it is absurd to leave a \$10,000,000 project uncompleted and unusable for lack of the expenditure of another \$500,000. Even if the road is no longer useful as a military highway, it can be made highly useful from a development point of view.

In any case, who is to say that its use for military purposes is gone? The war is not over yet. And there is, as yet, no guarantee that when it is over there will not be other wars.



### PILOTS WANTED

Applications from qualified persons to enter the Pilotage Service in the British Columbia Pilotage District are invited by the Department of Transport, conditional on the applicant being able to pass an examination on pilotage and related subjects.

#### QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

Applicants must be British subjects, resident in Canada between the ages of 30 and 50, of good character and habits, and with a good record of service at sea. A certificate of health, eyesight and hearing must accompany application.

A certificate of Competency of a grade not lower than Master, Steam Tugboat Home Trade, with proof of at least three years' service as Master, or not less than one year's service as Master and for the balance of the qualifying period above mentioned double service as Chief Officer or First Mate in a vessel required by the Canada Shipping Act to carry a certificated mate, this service to be performed in a vessel engaged in the coastal trade of British Columbia. Certificate of Competency and testimonials must not accompany application.

Applications for examination, in the applicant's own handwriting, must be in the hands of the Superintendent of Pilots, Federal Building, Vancouver, B.C., not later than June 15, 1944. An examination will be held on or about June 26, 1944, for establishing an eligible list from which, as necessary, appointments of probationary pilots for the District will be made.

Department of Transport, Ottawa, May 30, 1944.

C. P. EDWARDS, Deputy Minister.

### ACTIVITIES OF Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.

(By Dorothy Garbutt)

I had a short note from Petty Officer John Pratt of "Meet the Navy" asking me to send him a couple of copies of the local papers with the write-ups of the show for his theatrical scrap book. At the time of writing he was laid up in the isolation hospital in Montreal with German measles, of all things. Rash of him wasn't it?

More YMCA babies. This time our YMCA supervisor in Terrace, Ed Selyan, had a little daughter born in Toronto on May 21. Ed and his wife visited in Prince Rupert last summer for a short while.

In today's mail there was a letter from Dorothy and Louis Bon Bernard. They were up here for a couple of years while Louis was with the Navy communications branch and made a great many friends in Rupert. They now have a bonny young son called Allan, or "The Admiral." Enclosed in the letter was a lovely photo of the admiral afloat in his bath tub. He's the jolliest, happiest, smilingest duck of a baby you'd ever hope to see and very diplomatically he resembles both of his parents.

The same mail brought me a card from Staff Sergeant Otto Nordling of the R.C.A.S.C. He has been on furlough all the way to California, hitch-hiking most of the way. The card he sent was a picture of the Hollywood serviceman's canteen. I pinned it up on the notice board as I thought the boys and girls would be sure to be interested in it.

Four new rooms registries on the list in one day! And after we had struck an air pocket and thought we would never get out of it! Then, bingo! Four at once. They can't do this to me, my heart won't stand it.

Well we're now in the June-Moon-Croon-Spoon season, not to forget June bugs (glow worms I believe is the polite name) and June brides. Knee deep in June! Wasn't it Riley who wrote those lovely words?

#### TURNABOUT

During the late glacial period, 15,000 to 25,000 years ago, Alaska was without ice, although glaciers covered most of North America.

#### HOME PROTECTION

There are 300,000 English words stigmatized as vulgar, low, etc., and therefore are not recorded in dictionaries designed for the home.

## SPORTS

Britain's cricket future — the post-war plan for country cricket put forward by a select committee — generally swept into public fancy but disappointed those who sought to revolutionize the sport. Recommendations which are almost certain to be adopted, included plans for a knockout competition after the war when countries will instruct their teams to "aim for victory from the first ball and maintain an enterprising attitude until the last over." Another move to brighten the game, often the butt of British wit because of its slowness, was a call for players to "adopt a dynamic attitude towards the game, whether batting, bowling or fielding." The report of the committee, appointed by the famed Marylebone Cricket Club last year and presided over by Sir Stanley Jackson, former all-England player, received more space in skimpy newspapers than almost any other sporting event since Britain went to war.

The committee turned thumbs down on Sunday country cricket and recommended earliest possible resumption of three-day day matches may be played at matches, starting on Saturdays and Wednesdays. It ruled two-the discretion of the home county. Hours of play were not to be more than 18 or fewer than 16 in a three-day affair, and not more than 14½ in two-day play. Other recommendations included a return to the six-ball over, an experimental alteration in rules, to allow a new ball to be taken after 55 overs, and a modification to permit a declaration at any time on the first day of a three-day

match after a side had scored 300 runs. Fast wickets were held to be in the interest of the game and the committee agreed there should be less doping of wickets and counties should instruct groundsmen to prepare fast ones.

For the first normal season after the war the committee suggested that all counties play 26 matches and each county meet each other at least once. Under this system the championship would be decided by straight points and not by average points a match or by percentages. The committee said it realized that the first post-war season would be bristled with difficulties and offered an emergency scheme, with its main objective the revival of public interest, which would operate until the first season was declared. It provides for regional cricket between the two groups, North and South, each divided into two regions.

Writing in the London Daily Mail, Sports Editor James Freeman said the committee report was "a mixture of bold and forceful language and timidity of action, of vigorous thought and hesitating conclusion." Among players welcoming the idea of a knock-out tournament was Squid. Ldr. Arthur Gilligan, former England and Sussex cap-

### Animal Clips Are Her Meat

BALTIMORE, June 1 (AP) — A collection of about 15,000 animal news stories and pictures might be just a conglomeration of clippings to the casual observer, but to Mrs. Hazel Freese of Baltimore, it's "animalana."

The Martin aircraft personnel worker, who says she would rather be "personnel director of a zoo," holds a master's degree in philosophy from the University of Chicago. She began her hobby seven years ago.

Mr. Justice J. O. Wilson, after conducting the spring session of Supreme Court Assizes here this week, left on last evening's train for Prince George. At the end of next week he will be flying into the Peace River district to preside at an Assize Court session at Pouce Coupe.

"There is a football cup, why not a cricket cup?" he asked. "Anything that helps the players receives my support." Herbert Sutcliffe, the England and Yorkshire batsman, said "the proposals will encourage cricket."

### Royal Reception Flusters a WAC

LONDON, June 1 (AP) — In the royal reception line, along with an American soldier, sailor and marine, stood a slightly nervous young woman in the trim uniform of the WACs.

As the King and Queen of England came down the line at the American Red Cross Mostyn Club, Private First Class Mary Gentry, of Elwood, Indiana, curtsied, blushed and was aware that the Queen was asking her some questions.

Her replies must have been audible, for the Queen smiled, nodded, and after a few moments passed on with the King.

What Mary Gentry wants to know is precisely what answers she gave.

"A fine showing I made, I must say," she said after the reception was over. "I couldn't even think offhand how long I had been in the Army."

In her calmer moments, Mary remembers that she has been in service 14 months and that she was one of the members of "the lost battalion" that spent 46 days at sea on a ship that developed engine trouble and had to leave its convoy.

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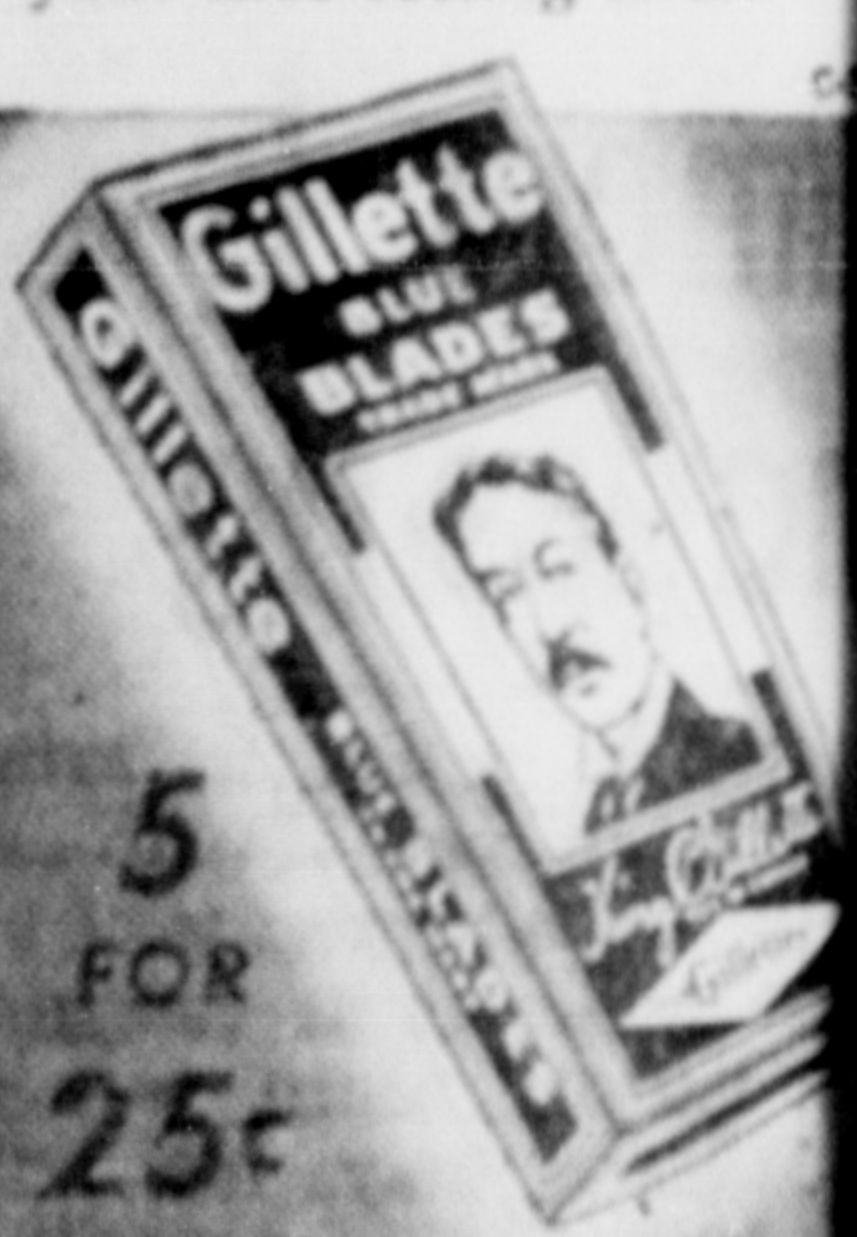
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