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EDITORIAL

OTHERS ARE OPTIMISTIC

Increasing interest in Central and Northern British Columbia by the three daily papers of Vancouver should convince even the most skeptic among us that our part of the province has a future and is destined to play an important role in the near future.

These newspapers are close to the political and business powers and, armed with advance information of development, send their staff writers into districts ahead of such developments for special stories.

In the last two months, the Vancouver Province has had two of its feature writers visit Central B.C., B. A. McKelvie and Gordon Root. True, Mr. Root came primarily to cover the provincial tour of John Bracken, national leader of the Progressive Conservatives, but he is doing more than that.

Al Williamson, feature writer and columnist for the Vancouver News-Herald, will be at the opening of the Skeena River Highway, as will Mr. Root. Their stories will include more than the ceremony—all to this country's good.

Both Mr. McKelvie and Mr. Root while here intimated that the country through which the new highway and the road to the east ran was destined for big things. Just what that development or developments will be they were not prepared to say.

While promises and hints of visitors actually contribute little to this country's welfare their value lies in the reassurance they give us that the residents are not alone in appreciating the potentialities of this land.

We in Central and Northern B.C. should take new courage and new confidence and join in the growing program to publicize our country, and what it has to offer.

Salvation Army Doing Good Work Among Children

With growing concern for the increase in juvenile delinquency, the Salvation Army provides, and has provided for many years, safe, effective antidotes to benefit children in all walks of life, officers reported.

Great stress is placed by the Salvation Army upon young people's activities. For the young, beginning with the Cradle Roll, there are Cubs and Brownies, Scouts and Guides to give young folk the much-needed and wholesome outlets for high spirits and youthful energies.

The importance of music is stressed, and thousands of children from 8 to 15 are being taught to sing and play instruments in the junior music groups. The Army is proud of its boy and girl instrumentalists, many of whom attend vacation music camps where under trained leaders they develop into accomplished musicians and later augment the numbers of senior bandsmen. Throughout the Army world today there are some 50,000 bandsmen and 85,000 songsters.

Corps Cadet training covers a six-year course of study which fits hundreds of young people for lives of Christian service. Youth groups attached to Salvation Army Corps, provide education, entertainment and social diversion.

In an effort to build strong characters and to maintain high moral standards, the Army's program develops many exceptional talents and much self-reliance among young people, and is a recognized force in combatting the alarming rise in the problems of juvenile delinquency.

Annual contributions of public to the Red Shield Home Front Appeal go a long way toward making the continuance of this work possible.

BUSINESS REPORT

British Columbia — wholesale and retail trade volume for the month of July was reported slightly lower than for June, but approximately 5 per cent higher than for July, 1943. Collections are good.

Manufacturing, shipbuilding and aircraft industries continue active. Building construction continues to be impeded by the scarcity of materials; permits issued in Vancouver in July numbered 495, amounting to $1,030,000, as compared with 345 ($308,000) in July, 1943.

Crop prospects are good. Tree fruits are sizing and coloring well and good yields are indicated. Small fruits are plentiful. Vegetable and field crops are making good progress.

Logging and lumber industries continue to be affected by shortage of trained men. Log scalings for July totalled 141,491,000 feet, as compared with 169,958,000 feet in July, 1943. Lumber mills are operating at about the same capacity as a year ago. The demand for lumber continues very strong.

The canned salmon pack to August 5 totalled 365,900 forty-eight-pound cases, as compared with 378,400 cases to the corresponding date last year and 411,300 cases to August 5 in the cycle year 1940. Gold production in June was down to 17,106 ozs. ($598,700 U.S.), as compared with 21,497 ozs. ($752,400 U.S.) in June, 1943.

LONDON (AP)—The Ministry of Labor is exempting from war work mothers whose children were evacuated because of flying bombs.

KINCOLITH BOY DIES IN HOSPITAL

The death occurred in the Prince Rupert General Hospital this morning of Richard Angus, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Angus, of Kincolith.

Sgt. O. L. Hall to Head City Police

Sgt. O. L. Hall, of B.C. Police district office, will take charge of the city detachment Saturday, replacing Staff Sgt. G. A. Johnson, who will become head of Prince Rupert district office.

The changes, announced early in the month by The Daily News, are part of a rearrangement program which followed the death in July of Staff Sgt. F. W. Gallagher, former head of the city detachment.

Americans Prefer Air Strips Built Canuck Style

By ALAN RANDAL

SOMEWHERE IN NORMANDY, Aug. 29 (AP)—The Hessian process of building air strips, a method devised and perfected by Canadian army engineers, is being used throughout Normandy in the rapid construction of permanent landing bases for aircraft of this largest air force in the world.

Scarcely six weeks after the beachheads were established, enough air bases had been constructed by the engineering branch of the 9th U.S. Air Force to handle hundreds of fighters.

Additional bases are being built just as fast as the forward troops take more ground and this work of building air strips is proceeding all along the Allied front. Many of these bases were built under shellfire and bombing; sometimes under both. Casualties among the American engineering outfits in this work average about two a day, from enemy action, a group of war correspondents were told when they visited these forward bases.

Great masses of men and machinery of all kinds and sizes have been thrown into the job of air field construction.

Of three methods used for laying out these strops the Canadian method has been found the best, so good that the 9th Air Force now insists on Hessian strips.

The other methods consist of laying square steel mesh in strips, pinned together, on top of a smooth, hard-packed surface or the lafing of inter-locking steel plates on a similar surface. The wire mesh method is a British development and the steel plates were an American idea.

The Hessian strip, so fliers say, is good. The surface is little more than two tough layers of building paper which are unrolled onto the surface by a machine which resembles nothing quite so much as a much-oversized, mobile stamp licker. It has no inherent strength and merely serves to keep the weather off the hard-packed earth.

All runways on these air strips are long with additional footage at either end for extra safety.

Col. Harold B. Schilling of Wilmington, Del., in charge of this airport construction said that in most cases it was easier to build an airport out of new territory than to use captured airfields. For one thing the Germans mined any airfield they abandoned. For another, the German airfields were not much good.

The landing points on the French coast were surprises to the enemy, because people kept their mouths shut. Why help the enemy?

From The Daily News Files . . .

THIRTY YEARS AGO

Word received here today is that despite the temporary setback business has received by the war, the Grand Trunk Pacific management has decided to put on a full through passenger, freight and express business from Prince Rupert to the East. It is an epoch long looked forward to and it is the opening of a new era to Prince Rupert's commerce.

Prince Rupert customs returns for this month of August totalled $24,850.38. This is far in excess of the receipts for July, which were $11,463.04.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

W. W. C. O'Neill, formerly of Burns Lake and Terrace, is taking over the vice-principalship of Borden Street School.

Mrs. Arthur Broksbank and her children, Fred, Billy and Lucille, have returned to the city from Ladysmith, where they have been residing for the past years.

NO SAVVY MATCHES

Some Australian aborigines find fire-making so difficult they will take a long journey to borrow a light from a distant tribe rather than make a fire themselves.

September Coupon Calendar

The following coupons become valid in September:

September 7	BUTTER	76, 77
September 14	TEA-COFFEE	T-40
September 21	BUTTER	78, 79
September 28	TEA-COFFEE	T-41
	SUGAR	42, 43
	PRESERVES	29, 30

The following butter coupons expire on September 30, 1944: Nos. 74, 75, 76 and 77.

Tea-Coffee coupons and spares E-1 to E-6 in Book 3 expired on August 31, 1944.

LETTERBOX

ROAD OPENING CELEBRATION

Editor, The News:

As a citizen I would like to know what happened at the meeting of delegates chosen from Mayor and City Council, Board of Trade, Junior Chamber, and Gyro, also Canadian Legion.

Were they only thinking of themselves and do they realize that they are suposed to represent the community at large? Yet they go ahead and arrange a caravan for a selective few, when there are hundreds of citizens with over 30 years' standing who would like to avail themselves of the opportunity to make the trip.

This road has cost the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars and we have been waiting years for this road to open. Now only the selective few can participate.

Why not run a special train to Terrace for the occasion, or get the army, both Canadian and American, to co-operate with the help of the navy, with trucks for transportation? Surely something should be done to make this thing a success, and not leave a disgruntled bunch of people like myself in dispense.

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