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Chinese Situation Improves . . .

For some little time the situation in China has been one of the most disturbing factors in the general war picture. It was, therefore, most gratifying to get the good news yesterday from that theatre that the siege of Hengyan, which had been made a virtual Chinese Stalingrad, had been broken and that the Japanese forces which had by-passed that important Chinese transportation centre had been successfully thrown back, thereby preventing the enemy from gaining control of the Canton-Hankow railway line and cutting China in two.

The situation in China had been looking really serious of late but there has now been a real and definite turn in the tide there and, in this war of surprises, it is not beyond the realm of possibility that the Chinese, with what aid the Allies may be able to give, may now go on to further success in the campaign to liberate the long and brave fighting nation from the Nipponese aggressor.

Details of troop movements and war industry can be cleverly pieced together by the enemy and provide a mass of useful information to him. Deny him this advantage. Remember Security!

The first bicycle was made in Scotland in 1839.

Most of the American birds known as hawks do not kill poultry or small birds.

CIVIC CENTRE ASS'N SET-UP

The Civic Centre Association of Prince Rupert was incorporated under the Societies Act on March 24, 1942. Its first objective is to furnish facilities for the amusement, entertainment and instruction of the citizens of Prince Rupert. Any person may become a member upon payment of the \$1 annual membership fee which entitles one to vote and to hold office in the Association. A membership fee of 25c per year applies to students without the privilege of voting.

The annual general meeting is held on the third Thursday in January of each year.

The constitution requires there be ten directors—two each from the four local service clubs who formed the original Civic Centre Committee and two appointed by the citizens. The citizens' representatives must not be members of any of the other organizations represented. All directors must be of the full age of 21.

The present directors are as follows: Citizens' representatives—Robert Gordon, Mrs. N. E. Arnold, Gyro Club—Dr. R. G. Large, William Stone, Rotary Club—A. S. Nickerson, D. C. Stevenson (treasurer), Junior Chamber of Commerce—T. N. Youngs (president), C. G. Ham (secretary), Sons of Norway—Oscar Haveroy, Gunnar Selvig.

TWO-TONE TREASURE
Wampum, the shell money of the North American Indians, was in two colors, dark purple and white.

Prince George Man Honored

VANCOUVER, July 8 — T. P. (Percy) Swift, special agent, investigation department, Canadian National Railways, Prince George, was highly honored at a ceremony held at the C.N.R. station here Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Swift, police sergeant for 15 years until his promotion to Prince George, last January, made hundreds of friends during his service in this city.

In the presence of a large company of fellow workers, many of whom had received first aid instruction from him, Mr. Swift was presented with a commendatory vote of thanks by the St. John Ambulance Association. The parchment, a beautiful piece of work and signed "Athlone, Knight Commander," was from the Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem, commandery in Canada, and recorded the special thanks of His Excellency, the Knight Commander of the Commandery in Canada, for valuable assistance in furthering the work of the order. Few persons are singled out for such recognition.

J. B. Scott, assistant director of investigation, C.N.R., Western Region, Winnipeg, presented the framed parchment to Mr. Swift and paid tribute to the good work he had performed for 16 years in the interests of first aid. Others who spoke briefly were Jack Cook, regional supervisor of first aid, C.N.R., Winnipeg, now conducting classes in this district; O. J. Wheatley, inspector of investigation; J. Knight, special agent, and Sgt. D. Geddes, Vancouver.

Alfred Nobel invented dynamite in 1867.

Vancouver Girl Seaman's Bride

A quiet but pretty wedding took place last evening in the presence of a few friends of the contracting parties at First Presbyterian Church, when Miss Sharon Ruth Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thomas, 974 West 21st Avenue, Vancouver, became the bride of Able Seaman Stewart Nisbet, Prince Rupert.

The bride was given in marriage by D. W. Haywood and attended by Miss Hilary Graves. The groomsmen were PO. Bernard Forsyth, and the ceremony was conducted by Rev. A. F. MacSween. The groom's home is at New Westminster but the young couple plan to make their home here for the present and will have the good wishes of the community.

Two Cedarvale Men Go Active

Two young Cedarvale men have "gone active" this week, and are leaving on Monday night for the Vancouver Army reception centre. They are Raymond Harvey McBride, 18, who has been a truck driver for the Northern Construction Company, and Herbert Frederick Burke, 19, who has been working at Telkwa. The parents of both men live in Cedarvale.

C.N.R. Trains

For the East—
Daily except Sunday . . . 8 p.m.
From the East—
Daily except Monday . . . 10:45 p.m.
For Terrace—
Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday . . . 4 p.m.
From Terrace—
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday . . . 11 a.m.

ACTIVITIES OF Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. (By Dorothy Garbutt)

It's far more fun to see a show after you've been in on the rehearsal beforehand—you have a fellow feeling with the cast, sympathize with their troubles and so on. There are lights to be adjusted, ropes to go up and down endlessly and curtains to be hooked on little rows of hooks. And chairs to be set in place and rows of them—all in a line and as precise as a group of rockettes. Over in one corner two girls are pirouetting in practice routine, in another several are reading letters, their first mail from home in days. Officers are in a huddle over some matter of importance—we hope—the drummer, in this case Nicky Korn, and the clarinet are having a jam session all by themselves—and all seems confusion, worst confounded. But it is only a "seeming" for, when the curtain goes up on the evening's performance, everything is in order and the jigsaw puzzle of the afternoon has resolved itself into a neat and ordered pattern of entertainment.

There are twenty-seven members in the Army Show now playing here, fourteen of them appearing on the stage. Eight C.W.A.C.s lend rhythm and grace to the singing and dancing numbers—a comedienne of no mean talents, two comedians a comic team well-matched to feed each other their lines, a singer in the Sinatra manner and two men who are effective in the prologue to the Egyptian number.

The whole idea of the show which is not built along the usual concert party lines with a master of ceremonies and individual acts, is that of two soldiers who are on embarkation leave. Wanting to pass the time as pleasantly and as profitably as possible they consult a gypsy fortune teller who by means of her magic crystal wafers them to far off lands.

The first stop on the magic carpet circuit is back home when Private Red looks in on his wife who is trying to hire a private detective to find out just how he has been behaving. This proves to be somewhat of a boomerang as, incidentally, he discovers that his worried (?) wife has been stepping out with a Petty Officer, Labour by name. Recovering from this shock they find themselves in an Italian garden, complete with the modest statuary peculiar to Italian gardens and yards of marble fencing. Here lovely girls in delicate formal frocks dance and sing for them. Next station on this Ottawa to Omdurum route is by way of a detour to Hollywood where a statuesque model in abbreviated Mae West costume sings songs of the Mauve Decade. Then just for contrast

Central Interior Soldiers Wounded

Two soldiers from towns in this district have been wounded in fighting overseas, the latest Canadian Army casualty list reveals.

Seriously wounded is Private Raymond Morgan, son of Mrs. Martha Morgan, of Kitwanga. He has been serving with a British Columbia regiment.

Private John Raymond Le Clair, son of Mrs. Joyce June LeClair of Terrace, is listed as slightly wounded. He too, has been serving with a British Columbia regiment.

TERRACE

"Chuck" Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Smith, was with the Canadian Scottish battalion which landed in Normandy on D-Day, his mother was informed in a letter recently.

The New Hazelton baseball team took a 13-4 victory over the Terrace army team at Smithers on July 1.

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the troupe's Sinatra comes on and even the gypsy fortune teller goes into a dead faint while the boys out front in the audience had masses of fun swooning, sighing and reacting in the established manner. Going directly north by northwest they are surprisingly enough in Russia—a Russian of soul seared peasants and not a balalaika in sight. The two wandering sad-sacks are overcome by the intense Russian winter and to get some warmth into their bones the gypsy turns on the heat and out come all sorts of dancing girls until the atmosphere is suffocating but satisfying. North Africa is their final destination, at El Alamein the night of the big push. Here desert dancing girls, whose costumes were vaguely reminiscent of "The Merry Wives of Windsor," danced with a full complement of exotic wriggles. Altogether an embarkation leave to be envied!

The three stars of the show are the comic team of Red Reid and Jack Kelly and Private Margaret Cross of the C.W.A.C.s. They have continued dialogue and keep it up at a good pace throughout the show. From 1940 to 1942 Red was in a troupe concert party called "Ritzin' the Blitz." This was volunteer evening work while he filled in his spare moments working for the army, driving trucks and little things like that during the day while Jack has done a lot of radio work over the CBC.

The idea of the show was created by Captain Romney Brent—he of the London stage

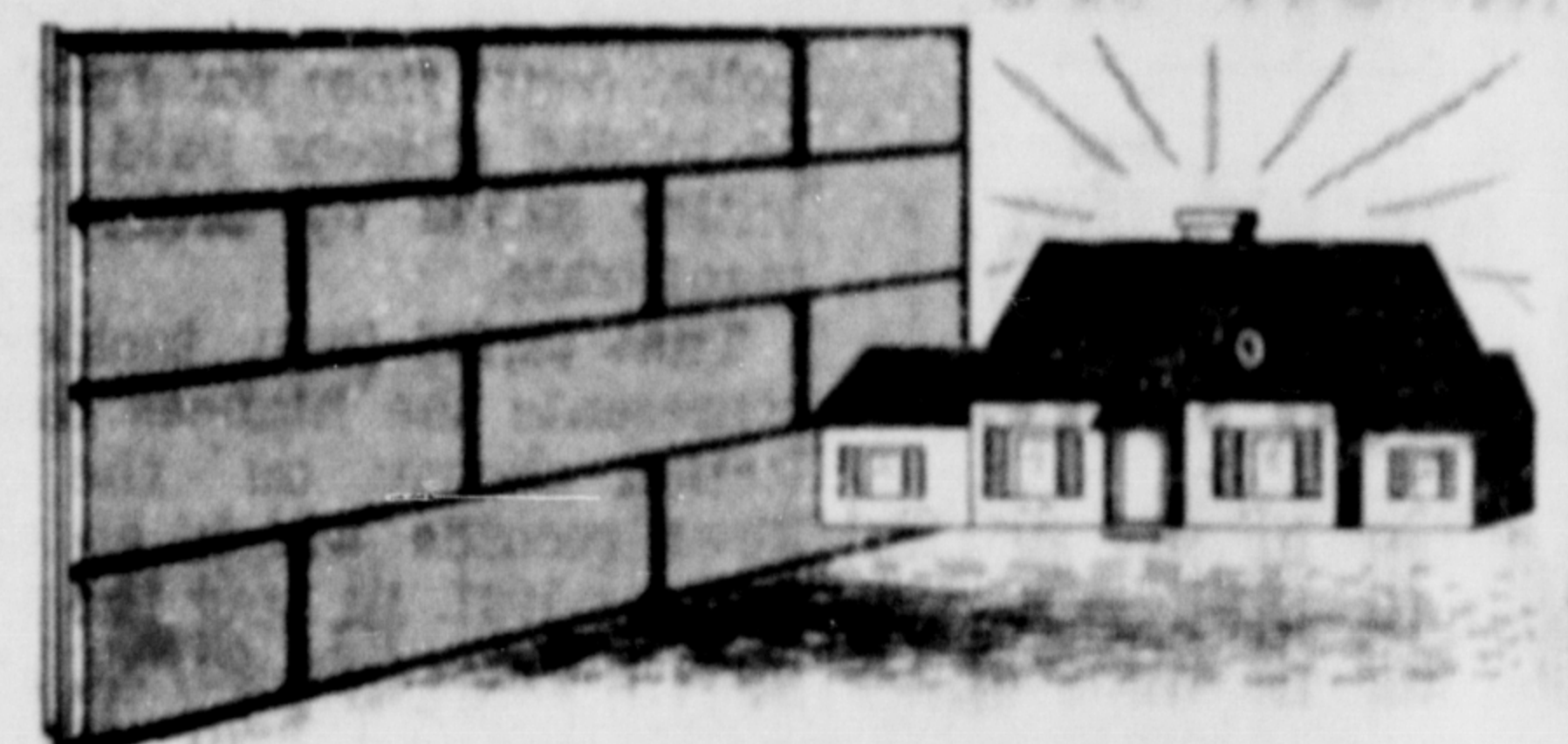
and cinema and BBC—the continuity and dialogue by the Reid-Kelly duo. Dances were created by Sorel of Toronto and Bob Farnon (Captain of the famous CBC "Happy" cmposed the music. This is Unit Number Six of the Shows, the other five were in England and the Manean area the same show saw here in Prince Rupert little over a year ago. It was by the applause the show more than enthusiastically received. Commander Cree led the troupe for their efforts and gave them some of the Navy's appreciation.

The show "About Face 1944" continues at the Navy Hall until the middle of the week, giving all service personnel in the area an opportunity of seeing it.

Members of the cast and extra are as follows:

Girls—Bergeat Beatty, assistant stage manager, Private E. Beatty, T. H. Bishop, E. C. Bell, J. E. Gordon, B. C. Z. Hawley, M. M. Leonard, Tebbis, M. Leger, M. Cross, Men—Sgt. W. Reid, P. Kelly, Sgt. L. A. Clark (manager), Col. F. R. Davey, Lea, Pte. Hardesser, G. E. (technical man), Orchestra leader, Pte. Townley, Pte. N. Korn, Pte. Barber, Ptes. T. F. And J. Cringan, G. DeGagne, Hughes, A. L. Villeneuve, B. Johnston, Officer Commanding Unit, 6. Lieut. Tommy Mason.

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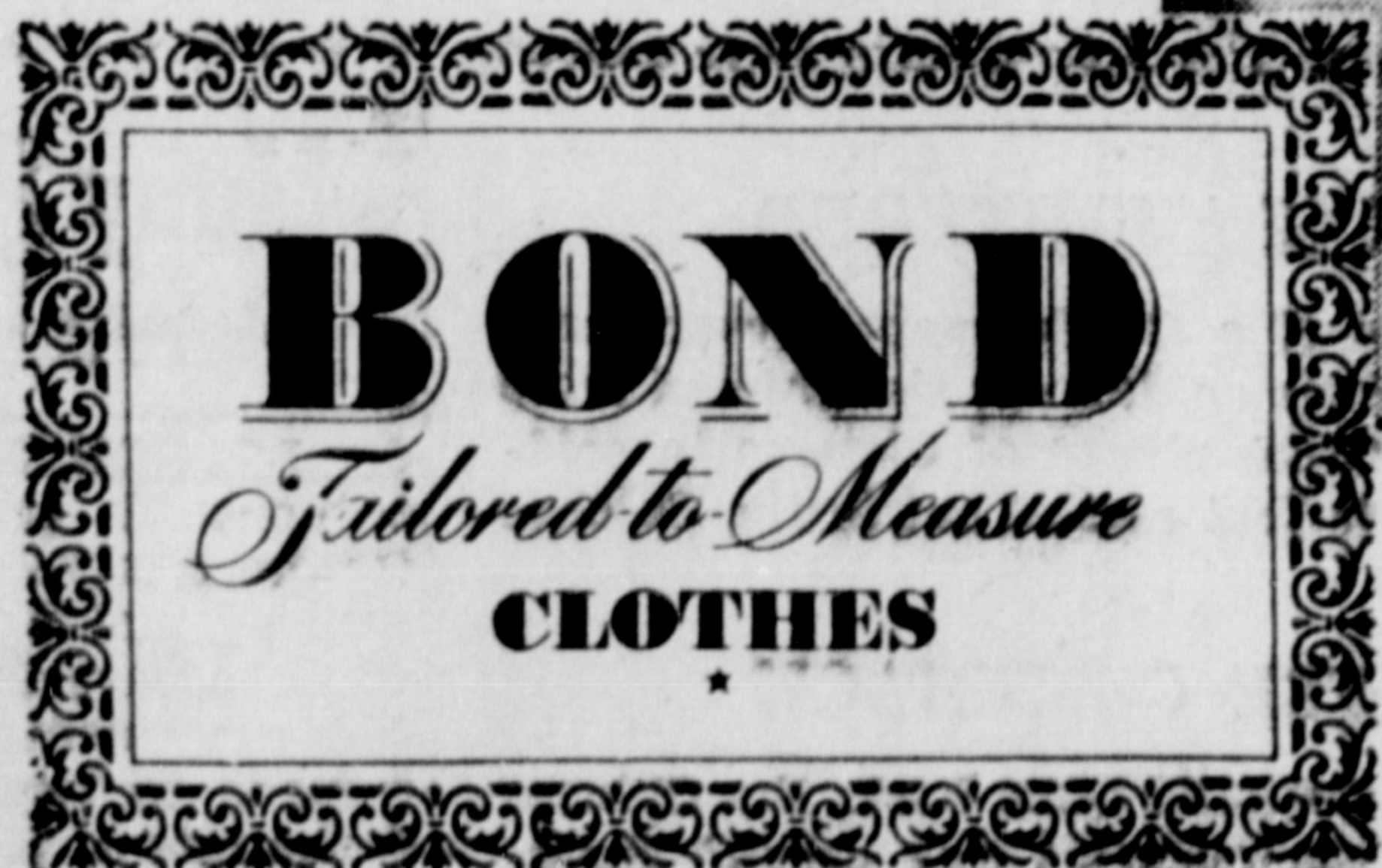
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