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A WORTHY SCHEME

The housing scheme which the minister of finance is presenting to Parliament at Ottawa and which is already being submitted to the communities of the Dominion, such as was done in Prince Rupert this week, should meet with widespread approval. Certainly, there is no city in the country to which it would be more acceptable than Prince Rupert where, generally speaking housing is none too good to say nothing of its scarcity. Even before the war decent houses were few enough here and since, of course, the housing situation has been notoriously desperate. After the war, or even before it is over, as acute manpower and material shortages become relieved, there will be many who will be anxious to grasp the opportunity of being able to build homes of their own under such generous terms as the government's new scheme offers.

There will, no doubt, be much activity in the way of home building as the war ends and it is gratifying to see that the government is taking action toward a program which will be adaptable to a large proportion of the population. The ownership of homes by the people at large would be one of the important means of ensuring happiness and prosperity.

VISIT OF AMBASSADOR

An event of importance to Prince Rupert and another recognition of the position of this port in the affairs of the country will be the official visit next month of the United States ambassador to Canada, Ray Atherton. It is well that Mr. Atherton should be fittingly received in token of the international post which he holds.

Prince Rupert is one of the places where, under the arrangements of war prosecution, the people and interests of the United States and Canada have been closely inter-associated. And, even after the war is over and the normal pursuits of peace are resumed, that association may be expected to continue and, quite possibly, be further developed.

THE PIONEERS' HOME

It is to be hoped that the project of the establishment of a new Pioneers' Home in Prince Rupert, no matter how the much-needed establishment is to be brought into being, will not be unduly deferred by any bickering over its location. Some exception has been taken to the Westview site but the city council has decided and reaffirmed the decision that it is the best available. So far no more acceptable site has been definitely suggested.

South Africa Is Romantic

Hospital Meetings End in Marriage for Many Canadian Military Nurses

JOHANNESBURG, July 28 (C)—About 300 Canadian military nurses have come to South Africa in batches since the end of 1941, and between 40 and 50 of them—nearly one-sixth—have married here, mostly South Africans. Nearly half of the 300 have since returned to Canada; 75 are at present working in South African hospitals all over the country and recently 25 others left for the Mediterranean theatre as members of the South African military nursing service.

Marriages between Canadian nurses and South Africans "are a small but very pleasant way of doing a lot to promote good feeling between the two dominions," said a Canadian nursing official. Most of the marriages started as hospital romances.

Several French-Canadian girls who could hardly speak English when they arrived in the Union have married into Afrikaans families. They have learned to speak excellent English and a fair amount of Afrikaans.

One Canadian nurse now is the wife of Col. Douglas Haigh Lottus, D.S.O., D.F.C., well known South African fighter pilot. Another has married a newspaper editor.

Canadian nurses here for two years automatically receive the courtesy of Union nationality and also can claim a South African passport. If they marry South Africans they still retain Canadian citizenship, but this is not the case if they marry men of foreign nationality.

SPORTS

Joe Wright, Jr., of Toronto, Diamond Sculls winner in 1923, was defeated by two lengths at the 47th annual Canadian Henley regatta at St. Catharines, 15 years ago yesterday. His conqueror was Jack Guest who won the Diamond Sculls himself the next year.

Joe Louis defended his heavyweight boxing title in a four-round battle at Yankee Stadium in New York that left Tony Galento, the Orange, N. J. bar-keeper, bleeding and helpless, five years ago tonight. The burly Tony exercised his frightening portside first in the third round, dropping the Brown Bomber suddenly and amazingly to the seat of his pants on the canvas. But from then on it was Louis' fight.

Military Band Concert Sunday

Prince Rupert Garrison Band and Sault St. Marie and Sudbury Regimental Band, directed by Bandmaster WO 1 Frank Delament will give an open air band concert Sunday at 3 p.m. on the Court House green.

A cornet solo, "The Holy City," by Adams, will be played by Bandmaster Delament, and Bandmaster Robert Wybrow's arrangement of "Begin the Beguine" will be featured by the band. Other band numbers will be "O Canada," "Steadfast and True," "Bohemian Girl," "Bells of London Town," the popular George Gershwin melody "Liza," "Cossack Invocation and Dance," "Moonlight Madonna," "Tales of Vienna Woods," "Desert Song," "Abide With Me," "The Washington Grays" and "The King."

LETTERBOX

PIONEERS' HOME

The Pioneers' Home Fund Committee has heard statements to the effect that other good sites besides the one at present determined upon are available. As our committee is anxious to see the new home built on the best possible location, I have been instructed to ask any one knowing of a suitable parcel of land consisting of at least five lots, to communicate with the secretary, before August 5, giving full particulars.

The committee will carefully investigate all such proposals and will make recommendations to the City Council accordingly. To avoid all delay, interested persons are asked to address themselves to the Secretary, Box 61, Prince Rupert, B.C. Thanking you in advance for publication.

H. E. E. FAURE.

THE RIDLEY HOME

The oldest institution interested in the welfare of the needy young, in this north country, is the Ridley Home. It was founded for the care of white children who were orphans or lacked proper social or educational facilities. The home gave the children educational-cultural and domestic training in a sympathetic home atmosphere, and at a minimum cost.

While the home is under the auspices of the Anglican Church it is undenominational in its acceptance of children. The child and its needs come first, always.

It is a non-profit making institution. It gets no government aid but is assisted by the Anglican W. A. and in times of stress by a kind public. Prior to the war an annual grocery shower was held which guaranteed a fair supply of tea, coffee, sugar, jam, etc. Rationing has changed all that and the home at present is considerably in the red.

The reason for this deficit is partly accounted for above but another factor is certain indifference or careless parents or guardians and a very kindly—I was going to say too kindly matron (God bless her!) The former frequently failed to meet their obligations. The matron will turn no child out, nor allow one to go ill-clothed—or to be physically neglected as to dental or other medical care. Hence the extra financial burden and the red.

The home needs your help to give the children a chance.

During the present matron's short tenure 128 children have been cared for.

We are hoping for generous donations.

New Rotarians Talk of Selves

Interesting autobiographical talks by two members—A. F. Field and Harry Hewson—featured the regular weekly luncheon of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club yesterday.

Mr. Field, accountant for the Lindsay Cartage Co., informed the club that he was born in London, England, and had his first employment with the Great Eastern Railway for which he worked ten years. Then he came to Canada and was engaged in farming in Saskatchewan for fourteen months after which he entered the employment of Canadian National Railways temporarily. Following that he was associated with accounting departments of mining companies at Anyox, in the Cariboo and at Copper Mountain, coming to Prince Rupert only last fall.

Mr. Hergert told his life story in a breezy and entertaining manner. He was born in Boston of Canadian parentage and, as a small boy, went to Winnipeg in 1902. In 1917 he joined the United States Navy and soon transferred to the transport service as a fireman, making trips to the West Indies and across the Atlantic. His ships had included the great German ship Imperator which was seized by the Allies. The adventures experienced on the first voyage on the Imperator, which functioned none too well and nearly met with disaster on at least a couple of occasions, were described in a racy manner. Mr. Hergert joined the Canadian National Express Co. in 1917 and became manager at Portage la Prairie in 1938, being in Chilliwack before coming here.

Members were reminded of the forthcoming local regional meeting of Rotary to be held in Ketchikan September 7, 8 and 9, it being planned to have a good attendance of officers and members.

T. N. Youngs expressed appreciation of assistance given by Rotary members at the recent Civic Centre Carnival.

Birthday congratulations were extended to C. A. Bind and A. D. Ritchie.

Announcement was made of the resignation from membership of J. W. Nicholls.

President R. C. St. Clair was in the chair and Rotarian Neil McKelvie of Prince George was a visitor.

With the Forces

News of the Men and Women on Active Service (Contributions Welcome)

Kenwood Green, son of Capt. Reg Green of this city, who is studying medicine at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, is now in uniform. He will go into active service with the Royal Canadian Medical Corps when he has completed his medical studies.

FOUR YEARS AGO IN THIS WAR

July 28, 1940—Admiralty announced loss of destroyer Wren; R.A.F. bombed north and west Germany, Holland, occupied France and Belgium; four Italian planes destroyed by British forces in repulsing attack on Valetta naval base; R.A.F. raided Italian African possessions.

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