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## Keeping Us Reminded...

Every time Ed. Kenney, the energetic and popular member of the Legislature for our neighboring riding of Skeena, comes to town from Terrace he seems to have some interesting and constructive suggestions in regard to what we ought to be doing to further the development and interests of this part of the country. The port of Prince Rupert appears to have a most consistent and active friend and advocate in the person of Mr. Kenney, the interests of whose own riding of Skeena are, of course, so completely linked up with Prince Rupert.

Today we have an interesting interview from Mr. Kenney telling us to keep on driving for the Peace River railway and highway outlets and to campaign for a steel mill on this part of the coast in view of the iron resources readily accessible in the Copper River country to the southeast of Terrace. Mr. Kenney also includes as something a little newer in his list of undertakings for the development of this part of the country a rural electrification scheme for the central interior.

The western railway and highway outlet proposals for the Peace River are not particularly new but, in these times when important plans are being made for postwar rehabilitation and development, it is important that they should be kept to the fore. The steel mill project has been mooted for years but there has been a tendency of late to lose sight of the advantages of this immediate district for such a project. The benefits that would be derived from a rural electrification project in the interior are, of course, obvious.

We are busy people here in Prince Rupert these days with our immediate tasks in view of the intensity of war conditions. We are inclined to overlook the importance of keeping driving for projects that will be required by Prince Rupert if the stimulus presently caused by the emergency requirements of waging war is to be retained in at least a measure after the war is over. It is well that there are men like Mr. Kenney around to remind us of such things. We would do well to keep them to the fore.

## Sidestepping the Japanese Issue...

The Co-operative Commonwealth Federation in British Columbia should not endeavour to sidestep the Japanese issue which is much to the fore in the province at this time. However, to say that it is a matter which will be for Ottawa to decide after the war does not in any way alter or moderate the stand that has already been expressed on behalf of the party and its members on the subject. It could not be, of course, that the C.C.F. would endeavour to postpone a definite expression of its attitude until after an election. Surely the Socialist party would not be weakening on its convictions. If the C.C.F. senses that it would be well to change its stand altogether on the Japanese issue in order to fall in line with what appears to be the popular attitude on the matter the least it could do would be to express itself to that effect. Later dispatches today indicate it is not changing its mind.

## Overseas Mail Service...

During recent weeks there have been many complaints of delay and non-delivery of mails to and from members of the armed forces overseas. There is no doubt that there have been delays. Some, possibly, might have been avoided but some were probably quite unavoidable. Relatives and friends, on the one hand, and the men in the services themselves, on the other, are naturally impatient for their mail and it is sometimes difficult to explain to them acceptably the whys and wherefores of delays.

Meanwhile the Postmaster General has authorized an advertising campaign in the press explaining the reasons for delays in the mail and the steps which should be taken by those in Canada sending mail overseas to insure its proper delivery including proper addressing, the use of lightweight paper and the proper packaging of parcels. We would suggest that each and one of the advertisements be perused very carefully.

The principal causes for delays to overseas mail have been listed as follows:

- (1) The lack of transport, both air and surface, on account of the imperative and incessant requirements for vital operations.
- (2) Adverse transAtlantic weather usually prevalent in the winter months.
- (3) The necessary movement of personnel from unit to unit and location to location to meet the exigencies of active operations, and the need of tracing these men and re-directing their mail.

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

(By DOROTHY GARBUTT)

Tuesday night is the night of the big dance up on the Hill, the first of a series of monthly dances the Acropolis boys are holding in their new Recreation Hall. All the services and their girl friends are being invited. It is under the auspices of the Special Branch of the American Army.

Thursday night the Eleventh Avenue Camp has "the usual". By the way how are the dancing

lessons out at that camp coming along, Carl? There ought to be a lot of hep cats out there by now—or are the boys the alligators? I'm not quite up on the proper jive vocabulary.

It has just been brought to my notice that Mrs. J. H. Sheddon has been very kindly giving our hospital visitors magazines to distribute to the services' wives. It is very kind indeed of her and we appreciate this good will gesture on her part.

I had such an interesting letter from Mable Darling who was one of our hostesses during the year and a half she was in

Prince Rupert working with one of the construction companies. She is now up in Whitehorse and says...

"We had a rather rugged, eventful trip getting here and now that it is all over naturally a lot to laugh about, yet at times none of us were in a laughing mood. This town is definitely not the same town I knew when last here but then I did not expect to find it so. Our living quarters are nice, the food excellent, would love you to have lunch with me, you really would enjoy it. As far as recreation is concerned that is a subject I cannot judge fairly as yet. I certainly miss all the fun I had

in connection with 'Y' affairs, and I also definitely miss the Navy, bless 'em and tell them so for me too. I had an interesting trip since coming here when I flew out to Fort St. John, from there over part of the Alcan by car to Dawson Creek. But I've never seen such mud, mud of the nice sticky, gooey variety that adheres beautifully to one's feet. Have found two of the girls who used to be in Rupert with me, Alice Briggs of Lethbridge and Ivy Hartwell of Edmonton, both lovely g'ls and good company. Their office has a bowling league and I had the good fortune of being added to their list. Had a real work-out

for me—two hours and a half, seven games, low score 43 and high 117. Now I work all week just waiting for Sunday morning to roll around when I can bowl again. My love to the "Navy" and much to yourself. Sincerely, Mable Darling."

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## Junior Chamber Members Take Public Speaking

At least a dozen members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce are taking a course in public speaking which is being given by correspondence from the University of British Columbia. Colin McCarthy and R. are organizing the course. It is arranged in groups of eight for mutual instruction.



# A MINUTE TO GO..

If you had the power  
To shorten the war  
By a day  
Or an hour  
Or even a minute...

Would you balk at the task  
Would you grumble  
And ask  
"What's there in it?"

Would you stop to ask "why"  
When a dozen will die  
In the tenth of a moment  
It takes you to sigh?

You can shorten the war  
By a minute or more  
With a magical wand  
Called a Victory Bond

Get ready to Buy...

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