Official Opening Ceremony, Stage Show, Movies, Dances Mark YMCA Opening Week

The YMCA will have its official public opening at 3 p.m. tomorrow. Features of this ceremony will include visits from high ranking Army, Navy and Airforce officers from the Pacific Coast Commands, and brief adderesses by senior officers of the Prince Rupert Area. T. S. Dixon will represent the Depart-

Ottawa, and John W. Beaton, talent, featuring John Beadell, Senior Secretary for YMCA War noted concert tenor; Noreen me Services in Canada and over- Bristow, soprano; Kit Schooley, etre seas, will be feature speaker, comedienne; Dick Benz, and his Alan M. Hurst, Area Secretary Marimba; Geneva Calangis, acfor the Pacific Coast region, will companiste; and Jessie and preside. Mayor H. M. Daggett Katheleen Nicholson with their will officially represent the city Rythm Reels. Prince Rupert and leading citizens of the community and the YMCA will have its first its various organizations will be movie, "Lost Angel," in the new special guests. The band of building, and it is expected there H.M.C.S. Chatham will play will be three movies each week. selections at the opening cere. These are free of charge to all mony and the Prince Rupert service personnel. An agree-Army band will play during the ment with the movie industry actual inspection of the build- and the Customs and Excise deing by the public which will partment of the Dominion gov-

ceremony.

In the evening at 6:00 o'clock these free movies. the building will be thrown open to the service personnel of Prince ing feature in the nature of a Rupert Area, both Canadian Band Concert at 9:00 p.m. and American, and two big Through the kind permission of features have been planned. The Commander .M. A. Wood, the Vancouver stage show, "Merry- H.M.C.S. Chatham Band will Go-Round" will perform in the play from the stage of the main main auditorium at 8:30 p.m. auditorium. and two outstanding floor hockey teams will officially in- and, with the large space proaugurate play in the new gym- vided for dancing, there should nasium. Floor hokey is the be no reason why every servicenewest sport in Prince Rupert man cannot be accommodated. and, being very popular is a fit- "Y" Dance Hostesses will be in ting inaugural sport. A feature of the basketball court vitation is extended to all girls is the plate glass backboards of the services. Girls attendbelieved to be one of the very ing with Service personnel are few sets in Canada, which will enable spectators to get a full view of all play.

The main event on Friday is a repeat performance of the YMCA's Vancouver stage show, first meeting on Monday night "Merry - Go - Round." For the Friday evening performance which commences at 8:30 p.m., to attend meetings of this group Service personnel will be allowed the privilege of bringing of the educational officers of their families and sweethearts. the various services. Tuesday This show, produced by Yvonne Firkins of Service Shows, Vancouver, has some outstanding

Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. take place directly after the ernment does not permit the civilian personnel attending

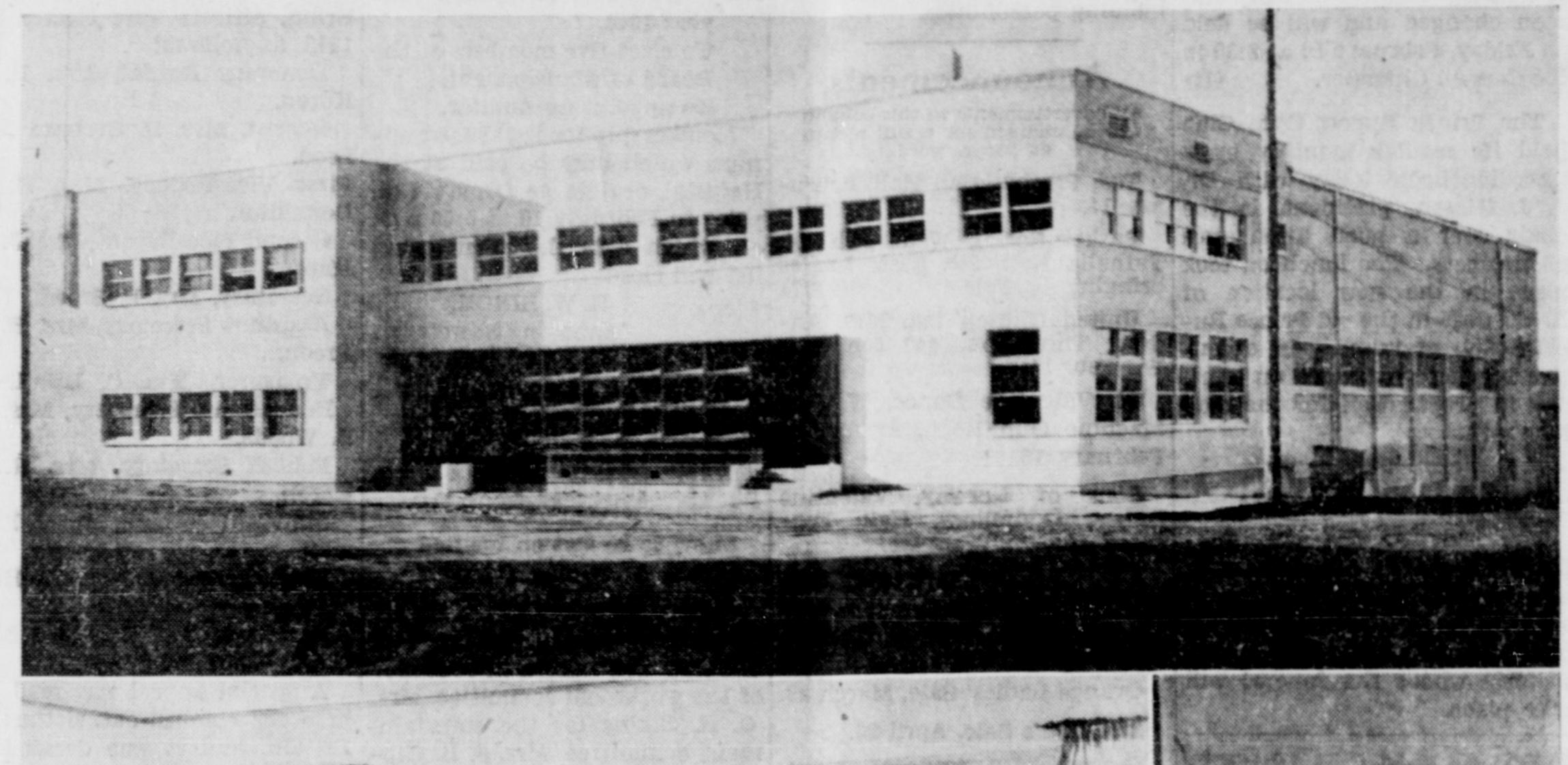
Sunday will have its outstand-

Monday night is dance night

attendance and a particular inwelcome but are asked on entering the auditorium to check with the YMCA Hostess, Mrs. Noblston. The "Y" Discussion Group, which formerly met at the Moose Hall, will have its in the Men's Lounge upstairs. All service personnel are invited which is under the leadership night's movie will be "The Con-

Opening Of YMCA War Services Centre

NEW RESORT IN PRINCE RUPERT





Top - Exterior view of \$200,000 structure at Seco nd Avenue and McBride. Lower right - Common Lounge. Lower left - Don Forward, area director of YMCA War Services.

-Photos by U.S. Army Signal Corps.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED

The General Public and Service Personnel are invited to attend the Official Opening of the YMCA at 3 p.m. on Thursday, February 15. Following the opening ceremonies the building will be thrown open for public inspection at approximately 4 p.m. The Prince Rupert Army Band and the Navy Band will be in attendance. The YMCA realizes that it is impossible to send written invitations to every resident but nevertheless every resident of the Area is cordially invited to attend the opening ceremonies and inspection.

Growth of YMCA Services In Prince Rupert Since Early Days of War Is Outlined

Shortly after the commencement of Great II the Department of National War Services as ed to the YMCA the task of providing for the R. in the Prince Rupert Area recreational and time activities. From the very outset the YMC continued to grow in this Area. After Ernost

Secretary for the B.C. region, of 1500 or more customen provided movies, sports equip- the construction of w ment and other recreational homes and the complete supplies to the first army many of the large project camps set up in the Area and need for this cafeteria was to the then small naval base, ually dissipated and it With the rapid growth of Army closed its doors on Octob and Navy and with the open- 1944. ing of an R.C.A.F. base at Seal There has been a YMC Cove. the YMCA kept apace and ervisor stationed in each set up a permanent staff in Camp and in the Navy Prince Rupert and also opened Force bases in the vicinity downtown centre at the since these stations were Stork Block near the Prince Ru- opened. At the present pert Hotel where Toc H operat- the "Y" has Supervison ed the Canteen. The Stork Block old Crowe, Pat Tradnt and did not provide adequate facili- Van Luven attached w ties and finally negotiations Army in the Prince Ruper were made with the Moose Lodge Supervisor Pete Collins a whereby the YMCA took over ed to the R.C.A.F., and a the top floor of the then Moose visor Frank Watson at H building and there they have Chatham. operated the Red Triangle Club | Prince Rupert people have for more than three and a half a large number of YMCAS It is estimated that in this these Supervisors are now

time the aggregate total gross the Forces serving Ore attendance has been over one among them are Summ million. In addition to the Ivan Mallett at HMCS Moose Hall the YMCA operated in Scotland, Jack Mck the former Empress Club as a serving with an R.C.A.F.B centre for their movies and Group in Europe, Cheste dances and many thousands of Maistre serving with the Service personnel enjoyed the in Belgium, a former Am popular Monday night old time retary Bob Gibson m dance, Wednesday night modern charge of YMCA War & dance and the Tuesday, Thurs- for the British YMCA in day and Saturday movies held Supervisor Hec MacKenie while this building was in the Canadian Army in

During the period when there McDuffie both Overses was a tremendous number of the Air Force, and construction personnel in the Thomas with force "W" Area and city restaurants were foundland. overtaxed, the YMCA was re- Other Supervisors whi quested by the Department of served locally are Breen! National Defence to operate a now with the University cafeteria for Service personnel. tension Dept., Cliff Lei This was in operation for over

Ewan had started the work in two years, and on some 1940, Alan Hurst, now Area served the tremendous n

visors come and go. We George Wilkinson and

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(Continued on Page 5) Local Citizens Are of Invaluable Assistance in Activities of YMCA

Many local citizens give of their services volun- the YMCA War Services has tarily in the Prince Rupert YMCA. There are more carried out important duties in than 40 volunteer Canteen workers—young ladies the extension of YMCA activithrough its red doors tomorrow. who devote an evening each week or fortnight in ties. This committee composed helping the "Y" to serve their many canteen patrons. of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Winslow, They help to make life more enjoyable for service

I.O.D.E. and the Red Cross.

One of the important volunesses are needed at the weekly fications. With the opening of property was made available many people neglect. One of the possibilities of serving the men modern dance and the always the new YMCA it is expected and the funds were finally main reasons for this is that and women in the armed serpopular old-time dance. More that many more local young voted for the new building there is more global geography vices as a recreational and "Y" hostess group. They are Hostess organization.

personnel stationed or visiting, here. These volunteers are many dances conducted in the tinued expansion of the YMCA. from such local organizations YMCA building and the outly- They have acted as a liason beas Cambrai Chapter of the ing camps under YMCA and YWCA sponsorship. The girls negotiations of this committee teer services of local girls is that have their own Hostess organi- with municipal, provincial and of dance hostesses. "Y" host- | zation with rigid rules and quali- dominion governments that the than 80 local girls are in the ladies will be eager to join this project.

always willing to attend the The Advisory Committee to

THE NEW

P. H. Linzy, Mrs. L. W. Kergin and Wm. Cruikshank, *greatly aided in the early and contween the YMCA and the local citizens and it was through the

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PUBLIC WILL SEE NEW YMCA CENTRE AS SOURCE OF SERVICE

In spite of the glowing stories that have been circulating about the new YMCA War Services centre, corner McBride and Second Avenue, Mr. and Mrs. Prince Rupert are due for a surprise when they pass Secretary of the new YMCA and am, and the Prince Rupert Red ent athletes, was active

do justice to. You have to see it

reason Don Forward and hi

YMCA staff are holding open

house as the centre starts its

It's a place that mere verbal description cannot

EVENTS, PLACES, MEET ON NAVY

BULLETIN BOARD Keeking track of the advances useful life in the community. of Allied armies in exotic parts | The YMCA staff hope that of the world where place-names everyone in the city will be able effect a derisive resistance to to see the new building. They pronunciation is a pursuit that want the public to appreciate its involved in this war than the av- social centre. Local women's organizations erage person carries in his head. "Many people are aware of And an atlas is too big to carry what the YMCA in the Prince

in pocket. which the navy boys profit by important job and in the past Macaulay Hut. and appreciate. The scheme em- we have had to do it with

the European theatre and the other the Far East. Colored ribbons connecting the day's news stories with the scenes of action on the map take the reader of the flat page and waft him to Bastogne or Manila or the Oder

"I recognized the need for some sort of visual connections between the stories and the scenes of world happenings when I realized that I didn't know where half those foreign places were myself," Frank confided. "It helps a lot to be able to read a front page story and then follow the ribbon to the exact spot where it is happening."

Each day the ribbons change as the news picture shifts. Direction of army movements is indicated by broad arrows pinned on the maps.

"I'm really quite pleased at the popularity of the scheme," said Frank as he watched a group of seamen before the bulletin.

Meet the Staff of Prince Rupert's New YMCA War Services Work

Assistant Area Secretary for B.C., the University of California, semi-pro baseball in La originally hailed from Ontario, Bruce was a staff member of geles and was recommend but received his education in the Army and Navy YMCA in the Oakland Pacific training at the YMCA Secretaries Summer School at Seaback, Wash., and at various summer camps. Prior to entering YMCA War Services over three years ago, Mr. Forward was for eight and a half years Religious Education Director and Boys' Worker in St. Andrew's Wesley Church, Vancouver, where he also for a considerable time supervised the downtown Community Centre operated by this church. Be-Rupert area has done to bright- fore his transfer to the Prince Realizing this, Frank Watson, en the lives of service people, Rupert Area, Mr. Forward was YMCA supervisor at H. M. C. S. most of whom are a long way for nineteen month's Super-Chatham has evolved an enter- from home," Mr. Forward says. visor of YMCA War Services for taining method of enlightment "We have undertaken a mighty Victoria District Forts and

ploys two large hemispheric maps scattered and often inadequate BRUCE McINTYRE - YMCA

to appreciate it, and for that the Ladysmith, B.C. Public and San Francisco. Mr. McIntyre League Team, but his an High Schools, and had additional has been one of B.C.'s promin-

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DONALD FORWARD-General |-

and the current copy of the Daily | fachities. Now that we have Program Secretary, has had a this new building we want wide and varied experience. He Frank pins the day's copy of people to inspect it. We want was a teacher in the Vancouthe News between the two maps them to enjoy their visit, and ver schools before entering on the bulletin board in the hall- hope that they will realize what YMCA War Services and has way to the social room at the a factor it will be in enttrtain- served with the YMCA at H.M. navy drill hall. One map covers ing and assisting service people." C.S. Givenchy, H.M.C.S. Chath-

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