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"This is not just another place operated by someone else where you can buy some of your social amenities or a place where you can send your children to get them off the street. It is more than that. It is your program," Civic Centre General Secretary Don Forward said in his report to the Civic Centre annual meeting last night.

"This past year has been one of pioneering, of pathfinding and of adventure," said the report. It has been a period of foundation - laying and seedsowing. We enter the new year with larger knowledge and priceless experience. We have many unsolved problems and our organization must be flexible and resourceful if we are to work cooperatively with other organizations in the cultural, educational, and recreational fields.

"Since we first opened our doors as a Civic Centre the year has ben eventful. We were fortunate in taking over a fully equipped and completely modern building with a staff of janitors, housekeeper, office secretary and professional workers. We found our storerooms adequately stocked with supplies, and sports equipment, and were able to settle down immediately partment of National Defence to of all ages. ately united all organizations in months of March, April and the community.

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DON FORWARD-General secretary of Prince Rupert Civic

to the task of providing pro- the community and our nine the addition of another fullgram and facilities for a war- months of experience as a Rec- time worker in this field and weary civilian population and reational Council had built up have undertaken an experimenfor increasing numbers of re- an organization of volunteer tal program of physical training turning demobilized personnel. committee workers, Rup - Rec with grades 4, 5, and 6 of King of skaters here having a good Our surcessful plea to the De- Leaders, and interested groups Edward School. It is our dream time. The three Wheeler boys

May, and in June moved outdoors with organized play and supervision in the various city playgrounds which included operation of a softball league at Gyro Park and swimming classes at McClymont Park.

"During the late summer months and the autumn, we embarked on a major program of building renovation and alteration. On the whole the building was ideally planned for our local needs, but many changes were necessary to convert it from a war service centre to a civilian community centre. I will enumerate some of the added facilities

A rifle range under the main auditorium.

A hobby room and workshop (we are waiting for proper equipment).

Construction of balconies giving a total seating of 700 in the gymnasium.

A photographic dark room. A sunlamp room with four

A locker room. A weightlifting and barbell

Installation of a fire alarm system.

Provision of adequate accommodation for the Public Library.

as our feature program for away for two months spent young and old. We are increas- mostly in Vancouver. He returning our efforts and scope with ed this week also. and ambition to eventually pro- walked across on the ice from have our claim to the Y.M.C.A. "We successfully operated an vide a physical training pro- Southbank and reported that building recognized had immedi- indoor program during the gram for every school pupil in the ice was good and strong.

> "You need only to read our statistical report to realize this is an all-embracing community | Keefe residence on January 31. project. No group is barred from our doors. The political parties use our meeting rooms; various unions and labor groups meet the same evening as the Chamber of Commerce and employer groups; Little Theatre and Symphony organizations are rehearsing in one section of the building while a jive orchestra practices in another section. The Civic elections are held within our walls and the Teen Town elects a mayor, a police chief, and a city clerk, after a lively campaign.

Many are the groups that benefit directly and indirectly through our sports and entertainment facilities. The Basketball Association raised \$500 through its efforts to bring good sport and competition to the community. The Pioneers' Home benefited by \$135 proceeds of a Toc H concert, and \$444 proceeds of a Co-op dance. Gyro raised \$450 for playgrounds at their Hallowe'en Hoedown, and Kinsmen \$500 for summer camps for children at their May 24 dance. Rotary brought a famous violinist to our community and a substantial sum is raised for a children's ward in Wallace's Course! the hospital; Canadian and American warships visited our waters and we were able to offer fine entertainment at no cost fine entertainment at no cost to the city or to the visitors. Proud parents saw their children perform at the school concerts in the auditorium and I.O.D.E. annual children's ball.

"We are not perfect. Our free services to members are not being used to anywhere near capacity. Our work has just be-

Rt. Rev. James B. Gibson, Bishop of Caledonia, sailed last night on the Prince Rupert for Terrace | a trip to Ocean Falls on eccleiastical duties. Yesterday afternoon Bishop Gibson had the misfortune to lose a wallet containing a considerable amount of money.

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### Francois Lake

Bob Peebles has returned from LAR MEETING a two-weeks holiday in Van-"Rup-Rec of course remains couver. Peter Hamre was also

> The ice on the lake is good and on Sunday there was a crowd

> The Women's Institute sponsoring a Beetle drive at the

The school bus started on Monday morning, bringing the west end of the district. Jack 22. Reed drives the children with a team and sleighs.

Advertise in The Daily News. | was read.

# FRANCOIS LAKE

FRANCOIS LAKE-At the annual meeting of the Burns Lake, Francois Lake and District Fal Fair Association in Francois Lake Hall last week with ten members present and Mrs. Earl Deeder in the chair, the following board was elected for 1947:

Chairman-Mrs. Lee Cooper. Secretary Treasurer - Mrs. Partington.

Directors-George Axon, Neill Kelly, Verne Taylor, Mrs. J Keefe and Mrs. H. Neave. The annual report and finan-

cial statement were presented by the secretary, Mrs. Partington. Suggestions were presented to be discussed at the first board meeting to be held at the home youngsters to school from the of Mrs. Partington on January

> An encouraging report by W J. Bonevia, secretary treasurer of the B. C. Fair Association, on the 1946 fair at Francois Lake

### THIS AND THAT



"The children are sure enjoying their new sled."

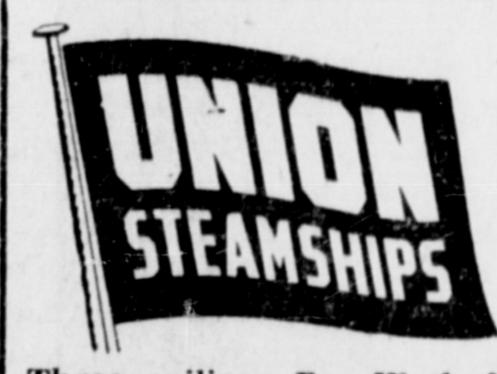
is a native son of Prince Ru-

was guest speaker at the club weekly luncheon meeting at the Commodore.

port at Vancouver, the air-sea rescue group maintains a constant state of emergency and its fully equipped land planes bring any point of the coast within their life-saving scope, he said.

force in B.C. include the stationing of a squadron of Mosquito planes at Sea Island and a number of Lancaster bomber at the Patricia Bay air field near Victoria.

He carried his audience through his wartime training in Canada to operational flying on bembing runs over Germany in which on one occasion antiaircraft fire blasted a hole in his



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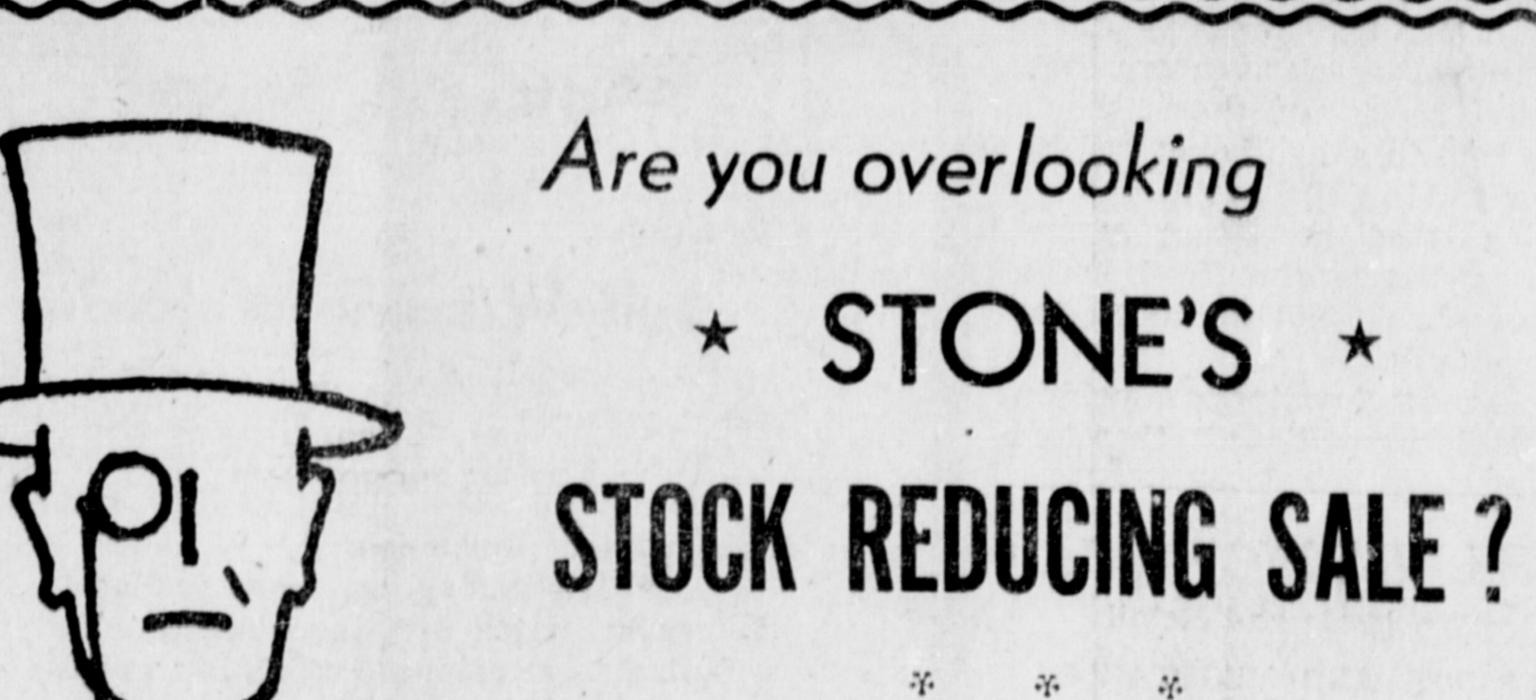
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### Hanging At Burns Lake Merely Hoax

BURNS LAKE - There was great excitement in Burns Lake on Thursday when the hardware store 'phoned the police The Royal Canadian Air Force office that the body of a man air-sea rescue squadron on the was hanging from the high rail at the public works. Const. Pacific Coast is a magnificently Strouts's car was out of comequipped and trained organizamission so he asked two lad tion geared to answer mercy who had a car to rush him over calls all along the coast, Flying town to find that the man was Officer Jarvis H. McLeod Jr. told the Prince Rupert Rotary Club a very realistic dummy and that it was all a hoax. Here on duty at the Seal Cove

## HUGH NEAVE IS FARMERS' HEAD

Elected Head of Institute at Francois Lake

FRANCOIS LAKE-The Francois Lake Farmers' Institute held its annual meeting last week. It was well attended. The following officers were elected:

President, Hugh Neave. Vice-President, Neil Kelly. Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Reg Partington.

Directors-R. E. Lord and J Auditors-Mrs. E. Deeder and

Mrs. H. Neave. It was decided to hold a St

Patrick's Day dance on March 17

Lancaster bomber immediately

behind him. Flying Officer McLeod was

thanked for his address by club president Dr. 1. W. Kergin. Guests at the meeting were William Cruickshank, Capt. William Bussey and David Allen of Prince Rupert and Don McKenzie of Vancouver. Milton Scott of Vancouver was a visiting Rotarian.

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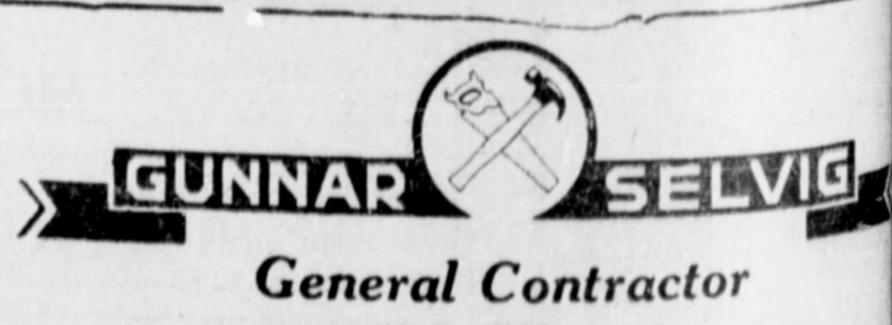
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