

DISTRICT NEWS

Would Use Beauty Spots

Terrace Chamber of Commerce Considers Many Matters

TERRACE — Certain beauty spots on the highway between Prince Rupert and Hazelton will be set aside for the enjoyment of the travelling public as picnic and camping grounds if a request of Terrace Board of Trade to the government by a letter written to the Hon. E. T. Kenney, is granted. There are nine such areas.

Twenty-mile point on the Hazelton-Smithers highway.

- Porphyry Creek.
- Whiskey Creek
- Coyote Creek
- Big Oliver Creek
- Gold Creek Canyon
- Edgar Creek Flats
- Exchamsiko River

A site approximately 3 miles west of Kitselas tunnel at a point where a fill has been made in the riverside and a waterfall comes down at a point immediately opposite.

If the minister of lands and forests sets aside these areas for picnic grounds it is expected that they will be cleared and cleaned up by the forestry department.

Highways were the main topic of discussion at last Wednesday night's meeting of the Board of Trade held in the dining room of the Silver Tip cafe.

As chairman of the highways committee Mr. McAdams reported that a great change is taking place on the Lakelse Road where the Department of Public Works is doing a good job. However the road from Williams Creek on, is still in poor shape. The winding highway from 2 1/2 mile to 6 1/2 mile is proving to be very hard to keep in shape. A shorter and straighter route to the lake has been suggested by going straight ahead at the top of Cut-off Hill to the base of Thornhill Mountain to a junction with the present road at approximately the 6 1/2 mile point. The board decided to send a letter asking for an investigation and reconnaissance to be made of this route and also of the continuation of the road from the airport to the head of Lakelse Lake. In the highways report the Kalum Road was stated to be still in poor condition but improving and the Skeena Highway is fairly good.

Mr. Kennedy said that although large sums of money had been

allotted to this district for road work, none had so far been received. As for releasing funds before April 1, a letter had been received from the deputy minister of public works, N. McPherson who stated that it was not according to policy to do this. The board, therefore decided to refer this matter to the Premier and ask that, due to the peculiar circumstances in this district, a change in policy is needed so that money is made available for the necessary work at the time the roads break up in March. A copy of this letter will be sent to the Associated Boards of Trade.

There had been no word regarding the estimate of the cost of work on Deep Creek hill and this matter will be attended to. The pipe for the drainage of Lakelse Avenue is due around July 1 and George Martin has been given the contract to lay it.

In regard to the highway signs, Mr. McAdams said that the one near the Franks Farm has been cleaned but it is very weatherbeaten. Time and help will be needed to have it relocated and re-lettered.

The sidewalk to the Civic Centre has not yet been made and, asked why, C. Adams said that there was no money for it at present but, by the end of June, when the taxes come in, the commissioners expect to have enough.

The gravel shovel is needed and as this is out of town, Mr. Kennedy will be contacted when it is brought in again. A point was raised that the road machinery was not kept working to capacity.

There were idle periods which, it is said, were due to the lack of manpower and this is a situation which should be remedied. Up to date, 1 rock crusher, 1 grader, and a light delivery truck have been delivered to this district but 2 three ton trucks and one heavy power grader allotted to the district have not arrived and a letter of inquiry is being sent by the board to the Minister of Public Works to find out where they have been delivered.

A report was given of the Safety Council meeting and it was stated that the children seem to be doing their part and adhering to the traffic regulations but the adults are now the offenders. A resolution was, therefore, passed that the traffic by-law of 1943 be brought to Constable Brue's attention for him to act upon in all cases of traffic infractions.

POST OFFICE BUILDING
A letter from the office of the Minister of Transport had been received in which it was stated that a federal building at Terrace had been under consideration. However, a wartime ruling, whereby the postal revenue must be \$10,000 per annum at least, before a new building could be considered, was still in force. Knowing however, of the present unsatisfactory conditions at the Terrace post-office, they were endeavouring to seek new quarters for it. The secretary was asked to ascertain the annual revenue of the Terrace postoffice before answering the letter.

A letter from the Juneau Chamber of Commerce was read and, concerning this, president D. Little said that Colonel J. T. Danaher had been in Terrace and was met by himself, Jim Stevenson and Duncan Kerr. Col. Danaher expressed the opinion that 100 cars a day would use the ferry between Prince Rupert and Juneau which, if it went into service, would mean improved roads for this district and would provide a second road to Alaska. Using the present Alaskan Highway, a triangle route for the tourist trade could be developed.

Harry King announced the arrival of 150 elm trees, 50 of which he had already planted. They were rather small though and should be planted immediately, so he was asked to hire someone to do the work.

William H. Martin was admitted to the boards membership. The date of the annual convention of the Associated Boards of Trade was announced to be held at Smithers on August 18, 19, 20. Delegates will be appointed when the membership has been canvassed although several of the members present at the meeting stated their intention of attending the convention.

The secretary was instructed to contact local printers for the Board of Trade constitution, printing in booklet form of the copies of which will be sold to

WOMEN OF MOOSE NAME OFFICERS

STEWART—The Women of the Moose Chapter elected their officers for the ensuing year at the regular semi monthly meeting held in the Moose Home. Regent—Mrs. Ann Geddes. Junior Regent—Mrs. Muriel McKay. Chaplain—Mrs. Sybil Rozare. Treasurer—Mrs. H. C. Bennett.

Recorder—Mrs. Hazel Tooth. Graduate Regent Mrs. Jean Stewart will act as Installing Regent assisted by co-worker Miss Juanita Hawkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Mansell, who have been on a buying trip which took them as far east as Toronto, returned to the city by car last week-end. Six weeks ago they shipped their car to Vancouver and travelled south by steamer and then took the American route east. On their return trip they re-entered Canada at Osoyoos, stopped for two days fishing in Okanagan Lake and then continued on by the interior to Prince Rupert.

An inventory of the goods and chattels of the board of trade will be made.

A letter wishing long life and happiness to C. H. Sawle on his retirement from the newspaper business will be sent by the board.

The monthly meetings are to continue to be held on Wednesday evenings during the summer months and the next meeting will be held on July 5 at the Oddfellows' hall and will be the fourth annual Strawberry Social. A film of Northern Highways will be shown.

Scholarship For Drama

Prince Rupert and District Music and Drama Association moved closer to one of its ambitions last night when members attending the annual meeting gave unanimous support to a motion calling for a start being made on a scholarship fund.

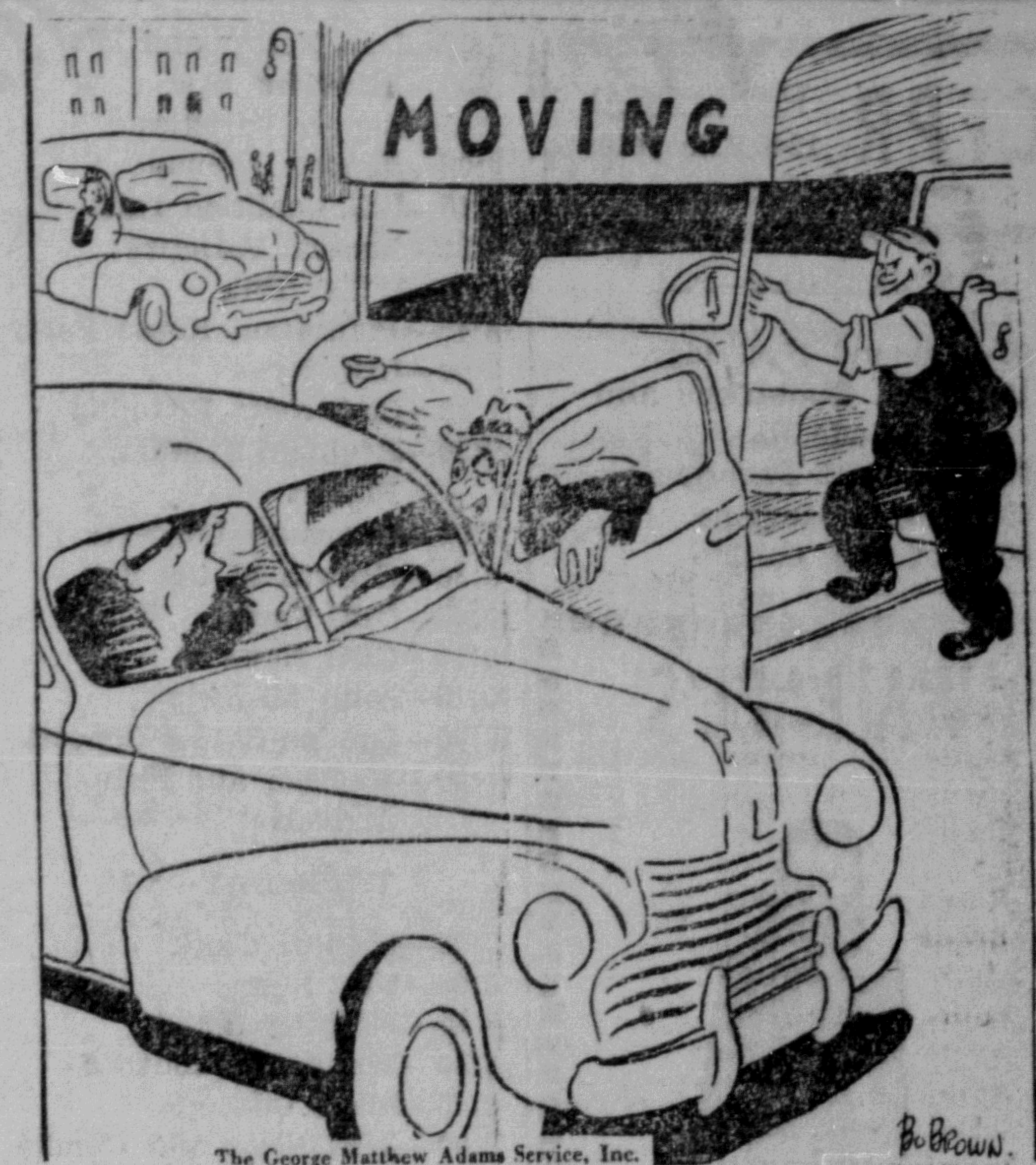
In his presidential report to the meeting, R. D. Cleland recommended and moved that this year money in excess of \$100, after all accounts are paid, be used to form a nucleus for the fund. The \$100 will be set aside for operating expenses of next year's Association. The access is not expected to exceed \$25.

Mr. Cleland also recommended that the 1949 festival be held in March but it was left for another meeting to decide the exact date.

Arising out of further recommendations by the president, the meeting authorized that a membership fee of \$1 be collected from individual members of the association and that organizations who appoint representatives to the executive be asked to pay a fee of \$2.50. The meeting also favored the recommendation that all members of the association be permitted to attend executive meetings, their roles being limited to that of observers unless specific authorization is made. The meeting also adopted a recommendation by Mr. Cleland that the secretary be paid an honorarium in the future.

Membership will now be open to any one and the executive will be increased by the appointment of representatives from city organizations and by the election of several more committee chairmen.

During the reading of a set of suggested bylaws, which were



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Old Timer Returns To Stewart Camp

STEWART—Charles Knipple, old timer of this district, arrived on the Ketchikan boat from Juneau, Alaska. Mr. Knipple, his son Schubert and Tony Retvedt plan on leaving shortly for the Unuk River area on a prospecting tour of that district. Mr. Knipple has done extensive prospecting in the area in pre-war years and has the honor of having a mountain named after him, "Mt. Knipple".

Olof Hanson arrived in the city today from Vancouver on a business trip to his local and Smithers interests.

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