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Enrolment At School Is Record

Enrolment in Prince Rupert schools climbed another 20 in November to reach a new high record city total of 1,349. This compares with 1,266 at the same time last year. Figures were obtained from the Principal's reports.

Following are the enrolment figures with last year's figures in brackets:

Booth	Enrolment	Pct.
Booth	479 (454)	93.3
Borden	273 (236)	92.86
Conrad	276 (253)	93.4
King Edward	321 (317)	94.3
Digby Island	19	87.3
Pt. Essington	51	85.1
Pt. Edward	32	81.1
Pt. Simpson	7	82.

One accident report was contained in the report from Principal A. H. Hurst of Booth Memorial School. A boy had cut his hand when a piece of glass tubing had been broken while he was trying to put it through a hole in a stopper. The cut required medical attention.

Principal J. S. Wilson of Borden Street School reported the fence agreed upon at the last school board meeting had been installed and that the city had repaired the road cribbing.

The principal of Port Edward School gave an explanation of the dropping off in attendance 20 cases of communicable diseases among the pupils.

MAY CLOSE SCHOOL

The teacher at Port Essington reported she had difficulty maintaining attendance. The board decided to send letters to parents in the area advising them that continued low attendance might force them to close the school, since enrolment was so small.

Reporting for King Edward School Trustee Bruce Brown said the furnace was working well after repairs following a breakdown in November.

Trustee Mrs. E. W. Becker reported the lavatories and approaches to them at Booth School were badly in need of paint. It was decided to have the work done during the Christmas holiday.

A delegation from the school janitors asked the board for an across-the-board increase in salaries of \$15 per month. The request was granted effective January 1, 1951.

A letter of thanks from the Kinsmen's Club for the board's cooperation in their Halloween shellout was received and filed.

A letter from A. P. Gardner & Company informed the board they had opened an office in Prince Rupert and asked the board's consideration when appointing an auditor. The secretary was instructed to acknowledge the letter and state the letter would be kept on file for reference.

A request from the teachers at Port Essington to have their Christmas holiday extended one day to give them five days at home instead of two was granted.

Accounts for November were approved and ordered paid. Ordinary expenses were \$2,032.17 for October, and \$21,631.18 for November. The building account amounted to \$91,982.32.

It was agreed to accept from James Collins \$200 cash for the teacherage at Port Essington.

Conrad New Scout Head

At the Prince Rupert Boy Scouts Association annual meeting last night, Fred Conrad was elected president.

Boy Scout provincial commissioner, R. Kenneth Jordan, attended the meeting at which other officers elected were:

President—Fred Conrad

Vice-President—Edward Boulter

Treasurer—Grant Stewart

Secretary—W. H. Doumont

A special meeting of the local troop's group committee and interested public will be held tonight to discuss the new two-year achievement plan. Commissioner Jordan is here to promote the plan which will co-ordinate administration.

AIR PASSENGERS

To Vancouver (today)—L. M. Felsenthal, W. A. Smith, P. L. Johnson, B. Orr.

To Sandspit (today)—Mr. and Mrs. Croft, A. V. Hill, M. Kostach, R. W. Gardner.

To Marret (today)—D. Kelly, R. Russ, C. Parnell, A. Adams

To Port Clements (today)—Mrs. Krug

From Vancouver (yesterday)—F. W. Richardson, W. McIntyre, J. C. Carter, P. Pohalyk, Mr. Maguire, R. H. Parker, J. Gavin, Constable F. L. Briggs, M. Miller

From Sandspit (yesterday)—Mr. Hale, Mr. McKenzie, Mrs. C. Knuockle, Mr. Allen, G. Skakun.

BASKETBALL HOLIDAY

A letter from Principal Hurst asking permission to allow the basketball team two days off before the Christmas holiday in order to make the trip to Ketchikan received the board's approval. Mr. Hurst will accompany the team.

A letter from Principal Robert G. Moore of King Edward School stated the tape recorder used by the music teacher had proved valuable in instruction and asked that the board take over the cost of repairs and replacements. The request was granted with the amount to be spent left at the discretion of the school secretary.

Another letter from Principal Moore asked permission for two teachers to leave early for their Christmas holidays in order to make better connections. Both requests were refused.

A letter from the Department of Education approved the cost of \$4 per week per pupil to bring students in from Port Edward but asked that they try to find a less expensive means of transportation.

A letter from B.C. Bridge and Dredging asked permission to use the Booth School 220 volt three phase power outlet to operate their power equipment. They were advised that they could make the necessary arrangements through Northern B.C. Power Company.

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WALL SAVES THEATRE—Only a thick brick wall saved the Empire Theatre as flames engulfed four adjoining business blocks in a \$500,000 fire in Thessalon, Ont. No one was injured, but 15 persons were made homeless. (CP PHOTO)

Employment Good Here

Industrial Payrolls Being Well Maintained

Prospects for employment in the Prince Rupert area continue good with junior clerks, stenographers and sawmill workers most in demand. Shortage of housing for workers is the main drawback to expansion of the city, an official said yesterday. "We have to have more houses," he said, "or burst wide open."

Mining continues to be exceedingly good with a good many more men employed now than at the same time last year in the Hazelton-Smithers area. However Dorreen Mine has been closed down for the winter. Torbrit silver mine at Alice Arm is still working as are Silbak-Premier and Indian mines. Metal prices are good and the situation generally satisfactory.

Khatzemyaten logging camp of Columbia Cellulose has been closed down but logging operations at Terrace and Smithers are active.

Bulkley Valley Collieries are generally active. It is expected Columbia Cellulose Company will start stockpiling coal from Telkwa early in the new year.

Interior sawmills, where weather permits, are operating. There is a good demand for labor from them.

The shipyards here are busy at the moment but it is expected there will be a decrease in demand for manpower in the near future.

Construction employment continues good. Columbia Cellulose is still employing many men. They have gone on a six day week.

Work is proceeding rapidly on the new schools and the new theatre. Work at the latter place now is mostly interior finishing. In addition, there are many smaller jobs progressing.

There is still a great shortage of junior office clerks and stenographers. Lack of proper accommodation is the cause put forward.

Fishing is in an ebb for the lowest ebb for the year. There are a few loads of block fish being landed. Although herring fishing has been active in the north, local boats have not yet been engaged in the fishing. There has been some herring landed at Port Edward by Vancouver boats. Fishermen have settled with companies for the same prices as last year. It is expected the demand for both meal and oil will be good this year.

HARD TO POLICE
More than four-fifths of the area of the Federation of Malaya is still covered by jungle.

Anton Halverson Is Laid at Rest

Friends and pioneers met at Greenville Court yesterday for the funeral service of Anton Halverson, 88 year-old Prince Rupert citizen, who died Saturday in the city hospital.

Ald. G. B. Casey, Robert McKay, O. A. Johnson, A. O. Morse, Charles Lundquist and Knut Halberg were pallbearers at the service conducted by Rev. E. Soland.

Hymns, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less," were sung with organ accompaniment by Mrs. J. C. Gilker.

Mrs. Alex Drummond, the deceased's daughter from Vancouver, and other members of the family attended the service. Next of kin are: Mrs. Anton Halverson, wife; three children, Carl, Hilda and Theodore; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. All of the grandchildren, except Frank who lives here, are in Vancouver. Two sons, Richard and Rudolph, and one daughter, Heiga, died previous to their father's death.

Among the friends of the funeral of Mr. Halverson, who lived 45 years in Prince Rupert working as a blacksmith and member of the Valhalla Lodge, were G. Gustafson and Victor Johnson. There were many floral tributes.

HOCKEY SCORES

National

Chicago 4, Boston 5

Detroit 9, New York 0

Montreal 1, Toronto 3

Pacific Coast

Seattle 7, Tacoma 1

Mainline-Okanagan

Kelowna 4, Vernon 3

Western International

Nelson 6, Spokane 3

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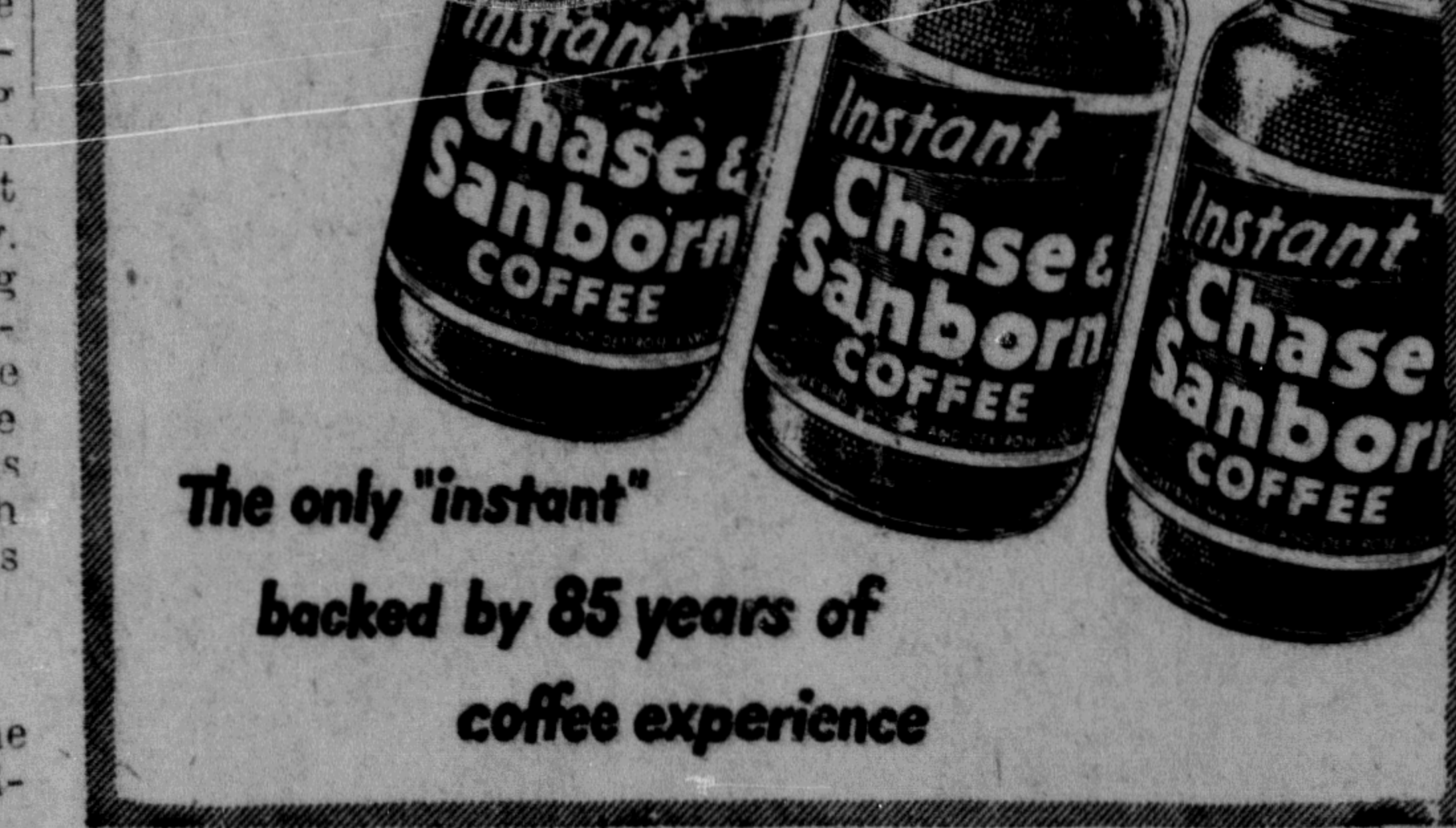
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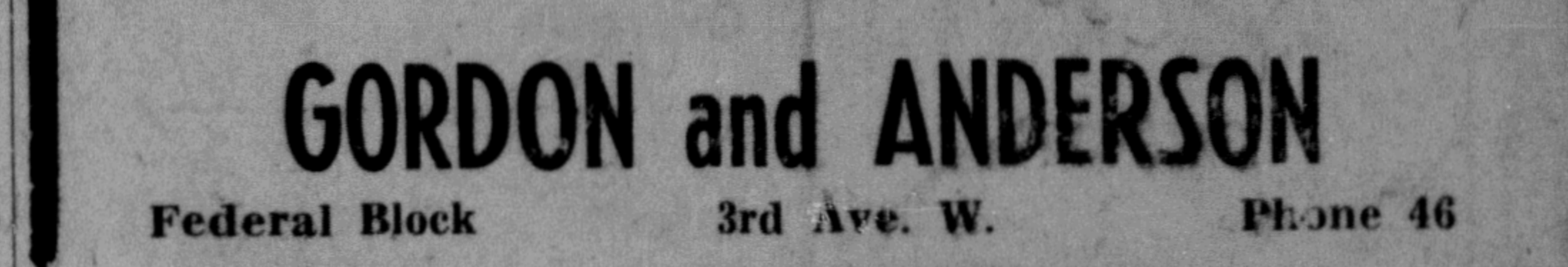
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