

Timely Topics from Terrace

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Burial Service for Late J. E. Boddie — New Legion Building Going Ahead Town Gets Laundry

Funeral services for the late J. E. Boddie of Prince Rupert were conducted at the graveside in the Kalum Cemetery by Rev. Canon Basil S. Prockter. Conducting the Oddfellows' rites were H. King and Jack Barman. Pallbearers were W. Bailey, J. H. Smith, W. Warner, J. Barman, Will Robinson and C. J. Norington. Chief mourners were Mrs. J. E. Boddie, Mrs. R. Burnett and daughter of Vancouver, Robert Boddie, D. C. Stevenson, Mrs. James of Prince Rupert. Also from the coast town were Wilfred McLean and Albert Dalzell. Following the funeral the mourners returned to Prince Rupert immediately by car.

A laundry is now operating in the municipally owned building near to the Civic Centre, one part of which is occupied by the R. Baxters. Mr. and Mrs. Wynne are operating the laundry.

Mrs. Lloyd Johnstone is a patient in the local hospital where she had an appendix operation on Monday.

Mrs. F. Eve and Lynne Gordon of Prince Rupert spent last week in town looking over several properties and finally purchasing the Billson place on Eby Road.

Pearl Faugland had an appendix operation at the local hospital on Wednesday morning.

Gordon Little, Edith Little and Mary Crawford arrived back in Terrace at noon on Thursday driving in from the east over very bad roads. George Little left the party at Vanderhoof and proceeded to Terrace by train. Since leaving Terrace several weeks ago, he and the two ladies have travelled over 8,000 miles.

The Firemen's ticket selling and fund raising campaign is now on. These volunteer firemen, both young and old are doing a splendid job in the town and it is surprising how many householders there are who owe a debt of gratitude to these men for saving their homes from possible destruction by fire.

The money they are trying to raise now is for their own insurance and to buy a 2½ inch fire hose which will cost about \$2,000. The sum total of their donations up-to-date is \$90.

Mrs. Martin Miller is spending the week in Prince Rupert with her daughter, Marion. Under her maiden name of Anna Louise Cerf, Mrs. Miller has written some beautiful poems some of which have already appeared in the daily press. Her friends hope that more of these will be forthcoming soon, in book form.

Work is going ahead on the new Canadian Legion building, the old guardhouse of the army camp, to have it ready for early occupancy. Tom Turner is putting in the windows all of the old ones having been broken.

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HIS OWN DEFENCE
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through a revolving door, and into the storage section of the establishment. Mrs. Hardy testified that she asked the two men the nature of their business in the rear section of the building — not open to the public. She identified McKnight and reported him as saying: "I got the wrong store." She asked him what store he did want. He asked the location of the B. C. Butchers.

All three witnesses testified that McKnight was one of the men. Defense counsel pointed out that none of the three witnesses could identify the other man.

The establishment was closed at about 6:50 p.m., testified Mr. Rance. All doors and windows were locked. Returning at about 1 p.m. the next day, he found the safe ruined, the back and only window broken and what he thought was plaster, upon the floor. He was later informed that the substance was ballast, used in safe blowing. The safe till, statements and two wills, belonging to Mr. Rance and his wife, disappeared.

Roste Holmquist, a carpenter testified for the prosecution that he was walking home along 3rd Avenue on the night of December 24 when he heard a blast. Holmquist said he had had experience with dynamite, having worked in mines for a number of years. He testified "the sound struck me as a charge".

"It went off in the general direction of the Three Sisters Cafe or the store," he said (Rance & Hardy's adjoints Three Sisters Cafe). Two other persons stood in the doorway of the Victory Cafe nearly opposite Rance and Hardy and remarked about the blast. Holmquist said. He was told by one of them that the time was about 11 p.m.

Native Girl
A 23-year old native girl Violet Sampare testified that late on Christmas Eve in the King George Hotel, McKnight told her that he had blown some safes open.

"He showed me some money," she testified, "and said he got it from what he did". The girl asked McKnight: "What would you do if I went to the cops about it". She reported him as saying that it would be the last time that she would go to the police.

"He tried to give me \$20 but I wouldn't take it," she said. "He gave it so I wouldn't go to the police." She said she saw McKnight in the Grand Cafe on Christmas night and that he told her to be careful. "I think he meant not to talk," she said. In front of the St. Elmo Hotel that night she saw Stewart Thompson and McKnight. The latter was showing Thompson a piece of iron. She said she overheard them saying:

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Bought Acid
George Castagner testified he was approached by McKnight at approximately 9 p.m. prior to Christmas eve in a Sixth Street and Second Avenue pool room. McKnight, the witness said, asked him to purchase a quantity of nitric acid and handed him a five dollar bill. Castagner said he bought 20 ounces for \$1.50 and returned the change receiving 50 cents for services.

Clifford MacDow had quite a bit of difficulty answering questions put forth by McKnight who is acting in his own defence. Even Mr. Justice Coady leaned back and pronounced that he was not able to follow the witness. The matter of a midnight show helped to clear the matter up.

MacDow said he ate with McKnight in the Grand Cafe at approximately 1 p.m. Christmas Day. McKnight was carrying a pair of trousers which appeared to be dirty. MacDow said. He testified that McKnight had remarked that they (McKnight and Thompson) had completed three jobs but that there was not much in it—about \$300.

MacDow said McKnight started to say more but finished off by telling MacDow to read it in the next edition of the newspaper.

After completion of cross-examination by McKnight, MacDow was asked by Prosecutor T. W. Brown if anyone connected with the prosecution "told you to say anything untruthful. MacDow said no one had. McKnight earlier in cross-examination, suggested that MacDow had been influenced.

Daniel James Lippert, McBride Street service station operator, identified Ernest Jabor as the man who came to his garage on Christmas Eve to borrow a crow bar which was returned to him an hour or so later. Jabor drove up in a car but whether there was anyone in the car with him witness was unable to say.

Constable White
John Robert White, city police constable, told of the call to the Rance and Hardy store on Christmas Day. A badly damaged safe had been found. There was ballast (safe packing) on the floor. The safe was open. It appeared to contain little of value. A high window at the rear of the store had been forced open. On the window sill had been found fibres adhering to splinters of wood. An almost indiscernible footprint was seen below the window. Two electric bell wires with explosive detonators attached were also found under the ballast close to the safe.

Vials containing files and other items were offered as exhibits including the inside metal door of the safe, badly torn, bent and buckled.

On December 28, witness testified, a visit was made to the King George Hotel with Cpl. Wales and Constable Redhead. McKnight, Thompson and John Waldon were in the room, apparently all occupying one bed. Wales picked up a pair of rubber shoes (they were presented in court.) Accused said the shoes were his. Later at the police station a pair of pants were taken from McKnight. Dust and wood taken from the cuffs of the pants were tendered as evidence in vials. The trousers were produced in court.

Cross-Examination
Cross-examined by Mr. MacLeod, witness said he had no knowledge of Thompson in connection with this charge.

McKnight inquired as to how long White had been in the force. The officer replying thirteen years with the exception of time out for Air Force service. "Absolutely not," declared witness when asked by McKnight if he had manufactured evidence in this case. Nor would witness do anything to hinder a proper defence. All effects had been taken from McKnight in the usual way.

McKnight asked White—You wouldn't want a fair trial, would you?

White—Certainly I want to see a prisoner given a fair trial.

Question—Wouldn't you go to any length to convict us?

Answer—No.

Question—Isn't the police force prejudiced against us?

Answer—Not that I know of.

Question—Was it possible you put evidence in the pants?

Answer—No.

White said "we were fortunate" in finding so much evidence in the pants. It had not been considered necessary to send accused's jacket as well as pants to the analyst.

In answer to McKnight, White admitted frankly that he had once been in trouble—an auto accident with a police car for which he had been reprimanded and fined.

The hour being nearly 5:30 p.m., Crown Prosecutor T.W. Brown suggested that the jury must be not only tired but bored so adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock this morning.

The following are the jurymen: Foreman, William Scuby, Alex. Bill, Robert Armstrong, James Clarke, Norman Edwards, John Willan, Richard Brash with explegge geomators attached were also found under the ballast close to the safe.

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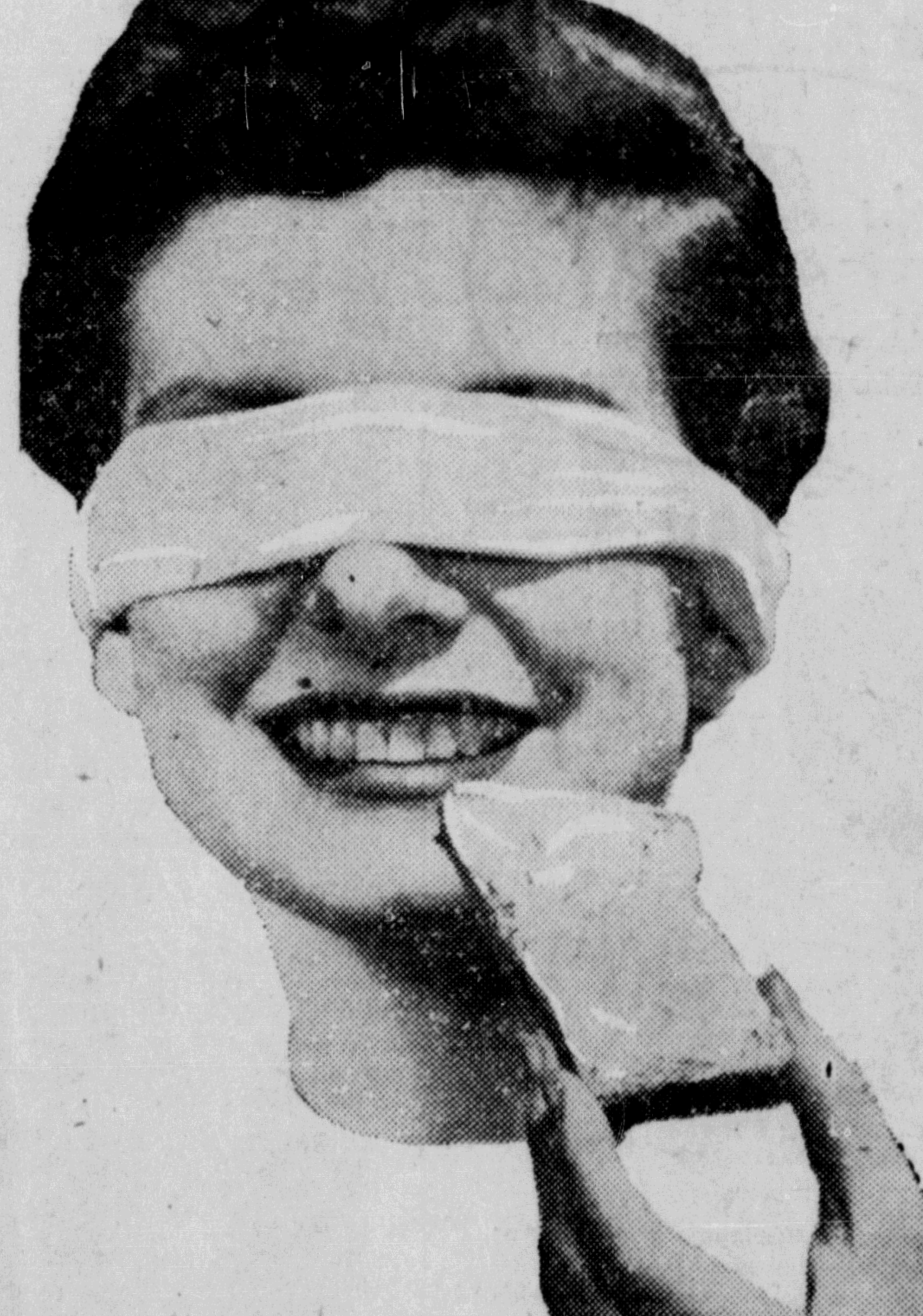
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