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**Many Books At Library**

Many new books of current interest—fiction and non-fiction—have been added recently to the shelves of the Prince Rupert Public Library. Here are some of them:

Barkins—"The Doctor Has A Family."  
Bowles—"The Sheltering Sky."  
Brown—"I Married a Dinosaur."  
Campbell—"The Saskatchewan."  
Chute—"Shakespeare of London."  
Clift—"High Valley."  
Corbett—"The Reluctant Landlord."

Crawford—"The Little Princesses."  
Dickens—"The Happy Prisoner."  
Foley—"The Best American Short Stories."  
Kelly—"Eleanor of Aquitaine and the Four Kings."  
Larson—"Wild Flowers in the Rockies."  
Loring—"A Certain Crossroad."  
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McConnell—"Never Marry A Ranger."  
Mackay—"Great Lady."  
McNeilly—"Each Bright River."  
Miller—"The Horns of Capricorn."  
Moray—"Untamed."  
Peachcock—"The Story of H.R. H. Duchess of Edinburgh."  
Peale—"The Art of Real Happiness."  
Rinehart—"Episode of the

**25 Years Ago**

**October 14, 1925**  
Hallbut at the exchange hit the highest figure in many a month this morning when the Wabash disposed of 12,500 at 27.1c and 10c.

Meeting of the board of trade last evening with the city council represented passed a resolution that Vice-President J. H. Pillsbury and Mayor Newton appoint a permanent committee of seven with the view to starting grain movement through Prince Rupert.

Mrs. K. E. Birnie is in the city from Smithers for a few days renewing old acquaintances.

**10 Years Ago**

**October 14, 1940**  
Lieut. James Bryant, who went overseas last spring, has completed his training and is now in charge of his own motor torpedo boat, one of the Wasp type, operating in the area between Britain and the European continent.

Miss Tona Blain was hostess at a delightful shower in honor of Miss Margaret Fritz whose marriage to Ray Montgomery will take place shortly.

Wandering Knife.  
Robinson—"The Cardinal."  
Sitwell—"Left Hand, Right Hand."  
Slaughter—"That None Should Die."  
Stegner—"The Women on the Wall."  
Thayer—"Within the Vault."  
Trapp—"The Story of the Trapp Family Singers."  
Warren—"All the King's Men."

A. J. CROXFORD—

**Wood-Carving Hobbyist Derives Much Satisfaction From Interesting Work**

(By MIKE HOLMAN)

Although A. J. Croxford, Eighth Avenue and Claude Street, has been given a life membership in the Canadian Legion Prince Rupert Branch 27 for the work he has done in making war memorial plaques, he believes there are far greater ways of preserving memory of the dead.

"The most fitting memorial for dead veterans would be looking after the living ones," Mr. Croxford suggests. "The Legion has helped the world war two veteran 100 percent over the help given after world war one. But hundreds of aged veterans are hardly able to eke out their living. They could be helped by building them rest homes, something like sanatoriums or old age homes."

"These homes would almost be self-operated, since they could look after the heating and caretaking themselves—there's no handier man than the old army or navy trained vet," says Mr. Croxford.

He feels that monuments or drinking parlors do little to help the old vet.

"But a rest home where they could work with tools, or do a little fishing, would be better than these memorials," he said indicating what he made for the Legion auditorium.

Near the end of the second war Mr. Croxford remembered how easily veterans of the first war were forgotten. His daughter, who was then in the airforce,

sent him the stump of a crashed trainer plane's propeller, stamped at the factory '1943.' I received it September of that year—some of them don't last very long," noted Mr. Croxford. "I thought it would make a good memorial for the pilots."

**WAR MEMORIALS**

On the propeller he mounted the names of M. Hudema, A. Leighton, R. Morin, E. A. Smith, William Brown, R. F. Warne, G. B. Finley, W. A. Hadden and G. J. Zbura, men from here who were lost with the airforce. Mr. Croxford says that more names are to be added with names of men who died later from wounds. Metal letters of Latin and English print out "Lest We Forget" on the mahogany base of the propeller.

By 1945 he had finished a third dimension gothic-arch memorial plaque bearing the names of deceased Prince Rupert army and navy veterans: David Oland, Aldo Compagnola, Frank E. Hodgkinson, D. J. Edlund, Thomas H. Ryan, James Suden, Jack Campbell, Whitfield Elder, D. Mont-

gomery, Edward L. Smith, and old Ponder, Alan Davies, Harry Monkey and E. L. Keays.

The natural grain of birch, mahogany, pine, Sitka spruce, yellow cedar and teak—the wood that has been used for the memorials—have been brought out by skilled workmanship. Mr. Croxford, who works as a pattern maker at the C.N.R. drydock, collected the wood during the war. One piece of Ontario elm that came into Prince Rupert as scrap wood for flat car props was made into an ornamental vase. While turning the wood Mr. Croxford left some of the elm bark on the base of the vase, which contrasts between the circular grain of the wood above.

"When I had finished the 1939-45 memorial, it didn't seem right unless we had one for the first war," noted Mr. Croxford. An old St. Andrew's Society plaque with the names of A. Brighton, C. Dennis, W. Elliott, J. Florence, Geo. Heggie, H. Hunter, N. Keith, F. Watt, N. MacKay, J. W. McKenzie, R. G. McKinnon, F. McVittie, Jas. Russell, R. A. Stalker, Jas. Stewart and J. S. Watt, members of the Prince Rupert society killed in the 1914-18 war, was mounted on another panel. "To add to this, part of Macrea's poem, 'Flanders Field,' which goes:

"To you from falling hands  
"We throw the Torch"  
"Be yours to hold it high,"  
was written below the 1914-15 panel. Then in an answer for the 1939-45 panel these words were written:

"The Torch you threw we caught,  
"Passed it on burning clear,  
"Rest in Peace."

Mr. Croxford denies having literary talent. "Why, when I read anything except the Daily News I fall asleep," he states. But when cornered Mr. Croxford admitted writing the answer to Macrea's poem.

**HONORED BY LEGION**

The Legion life membership was given to Mr. Croxford in 1946 after he made an original flag standard for the Prince Rupert branch out of scrapwood. Upon the base, made from stained white pine, are printed in metal letters General Currie's words: "They served till death, why not we?" At the top of the standard is the Legion emblem. From this to the base run the letters in clear yellow cedar, "Prince Rupert 27," contrasting against the varnished yellow cedar background. In the centre of the standard an ornamental vase embossed on the wood, slides out to show the crossed

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Each steamer Captain, Capt. John Boden, arrived in port from Vancouver at 6 o'clock yesterday evening enroute to Alice Arm and Stewart. She sailed at midnight. Disembarking here were A. C. Paddock, H. J. Ayres, B. D. Chancellor, Mr. Dickenson, Don Miller, Mr. and Mrs. S. Barton, Mr. and Mrs.



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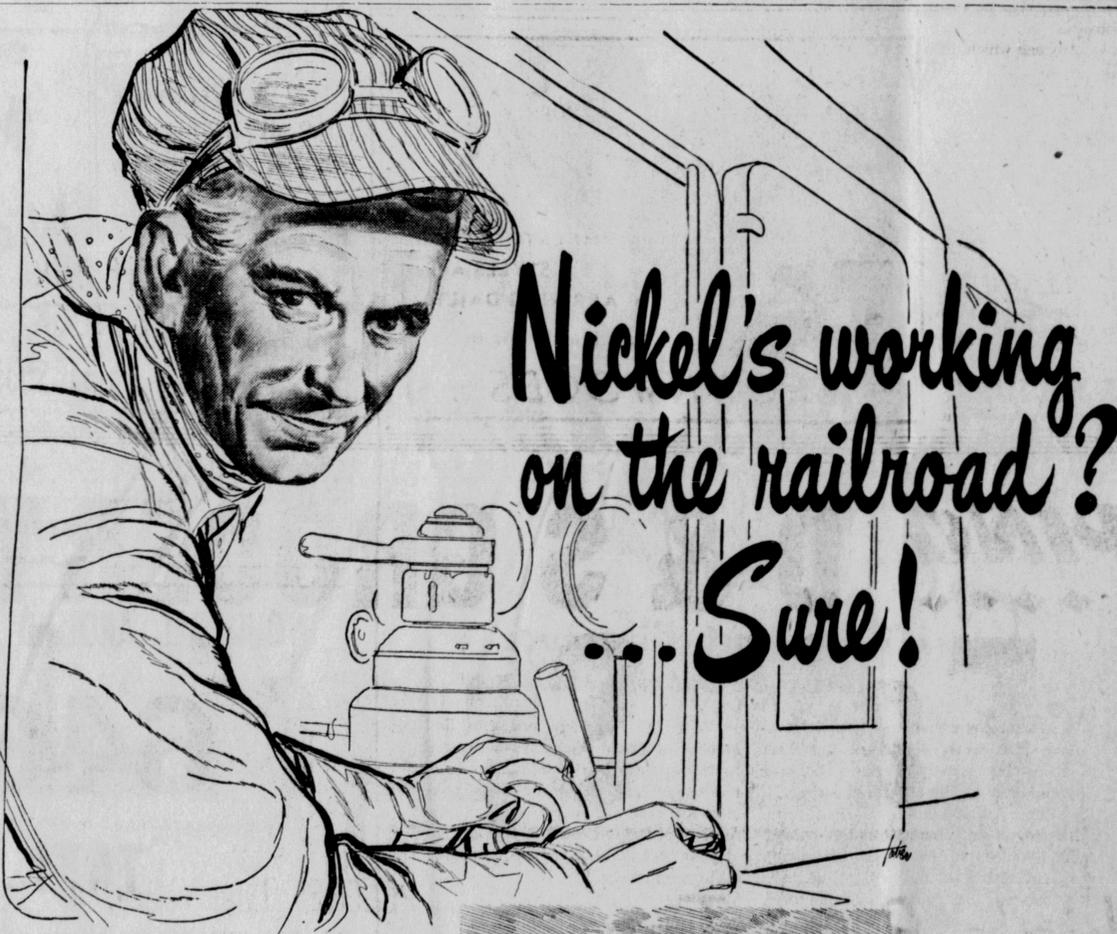
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