

Child Burned To Death In Interior Village



IMPOSES ON MAMA'S GOOD NATURE—Pride of the London zoo is the newly arrived polar bear cub, "Brumas." A lively little fellow and apple of his mother's eye, Brumas spends a good part of his time annoying Mama Ivy by nipping at her hide. Mama doesn't get her customary afternoon naps, but she doesn't seem to care.

Adjudicator Is Talented

Drama adjudicator at this week's Music and Drama Festival will be James McGrath. According to word received by Canon Basil S. Prockter, president of the Festival Association, the Department of Education was unable to send Mrs. Johnson again this year and arranged for Mr. McGrath to replace her.

Mr. McGrath is a former professional actor and director. After many years on the stage in England and India he came to Canada with the McLeod Repertory Players and continued with the company until their return to England several years later.

Mr. McGrath both sings and recites and the Festival committee hopes that there will be opportunities to make use of his talents during the Festival sessions.

Stanley Bligh, music and drama editor of the Vancouver Sun is here to act as adjudicator for all music classes. Mr. Bligh is no stranger here for he was in the city in a similar capacity last year. He arrived from Vancouver on the Princess Norah this morning.

Winter Ending, Spring Begins

Winter ends and spring begins at 2:36 a.m. tomorrow. Of course, this is just the official change of the season. Actually, Prince Rupert has been enjoying typical spring weather for the last few weeks. Gardeners have been bestirring themselves and there has been the urge to clean up and improve. Civic beautification and town planning ideas have taken new birth.

For those who may be interested in the technical determination of where winter ends and spring begins, it may be explained that it becomes spring at the vernal equinox when the earth's axis is perpendicular to the plane of the orbit of the earth around the sun, is at right angles to the direction of the sun and the length of day equals the length of night. From now on day become longer than night in the northern hemisphere until the summer solstice on June 21 when the North Pole starts tilting away instead of toward the sun and the days start shortening again.

LOCAL TIDES

Tuesday, March 21, 1950		
High	2:46	21.0 feet
	15:08	19.2 feet
Low	9:06	3.9 feet
	21:03	5.8 feet

Would Make Road Repair

Community Ratepayers Discuss Various Matters at Meeting

Residents of Rushbrook Heights are to be canvassed to sign a petition regarding the road situation in that area, it was decided at a meeting of the Community Ratepayers' Association in the Civic Centre last week. The petition requests repairs to roads be carried out by the city or private contractors at the Association's expense. The petition had been held up for the past four months but was finally brought into the light at the meeting.

R. D. Cleland, member of the I.T.A., attended the meeting and requested support by the Association in establishment of a kindergarten program. Mr. Cleland had not sufficient information with him but would compile all necessary data. He stated that during last year, 180 children were eligible for the pre-school classes and more will be available this year. Ratepayers were of the opinion that a kindergarten operated by the school board would be better than the present set-up. They believed regular school teachers were favorable.

Ald. Wilfrid McLean, representing city council, took an active part in discussions and presented valuable information to members.

In regard to the city's present building bylaw, he explained a person can construct any type of building in the city without much opposition. Further discussions in reference to zoning and the building bylaw will take place at the next general meeting. Meanwhile more information will be gathered.

It was decided that the harbor facilities committee should approach owners of property on the waterfront and ask them to provide proper ladders and lighting along the docks. Present ladders are old and dangerous, members agreed, and repairs or newer facilities are required. The committee consists of chairman Ald. McLean, Secretary Herman Thorsteinson and B. J. Eyoifson.

The matter of civic employees using gasoline which was discussed at a meeting of city council Monday, was also brought up. Ald. McLean was loath to discuss the matter feeling that it should first be dealt with by city council. Members agreed that the em-ployees, especially the Fire Chief, should be able to use reasonable amounts of fuel for their own vehicles. It was much cheaper than buying an automobile, they thought.

A town planning program was to be presented by Allan Armstrong but Mr. Armstrong was absent, so the matter will be brought up at next month's meeting.

In the chair was President R. Ferguson.

Applewhaite On Warehouse Deal

Suggests Chamber of Commerce See Madsen Regarding Future Use

Inquiries instituted by wire late last week by the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce in regard to disposal of the American-built warehouse on the local waterfront, demolition of which was to be commenced today by its purchaser, Soren Madsen of Edmonton, have brought a reply from E. T. Applewhaite, M.P. for Skeena, to the effect that, when not owning the land, War Assets procedure is always to sell outright on restoration of site basis as only the owner of the land can make further agreements for its use.

(Canadian National Railways are the owners of the land in this case.)

Mr. Applewhaite's message to the Chamber adds: "You all know of my efforts to preserve these buildings for use and my promise to Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe not to raise further objections to the sale if the administration building is held up long enough to enable us to get it into use. (The administration building has been since purchased by Frank Kaf-pel of Toronto who is having it converted into an apartment house).

Mr. Madsen, who was interviewed soon after he arrived in the city last week both by the Daily News and the Chamber of Commerce, said that "the door is open," as far as he was concerned, to any negotiations with a view to use of the building but, unless other arrangements were made, it would be demolished although not hurriedly.

Basement Fire Caught In Time

A fire which had evidently been smouldering for several hours around an old stump at the rear of the former Hyde Transfer and bottling works building at 171 Third Ave. East, resulted in a call at 5:30 Saturday morning for the services of the fire department. By that time a patch under the building was afire and smoking profusely. The alarm was turned in from the adjoining Pioneer Rooms. Soon after Mr. and Mrs. Russ Gatske, who occupy the upper floor of the building, were aroused by smoke.

No damage was done to the property which is owned by Oscar Havroy.

Plumbers were reported to have been working on water pipes under the building on Saturday.

Communists, Police Fight

SAIGON, Indo-China— Communist-led Indo-China rioters battled with police for four hours yesterday in protest at Americans backing Viet Nam, the new pro-French government.

Students and laborers, waving the gold-starred flag of Moscow-trained Ho Chi Minh's guerrillas, burned a block of market buildings before French police dispersed them with tear gas and volleys fired into the air.

It is estimated that eighty rioters were injured but no deaths are listed.

George L. Rorie and S. B. Laird are leaving on tonight's train for a week's business trip to Smithers and Hazelton.

Hopes Are Raised— Landing On Mainland

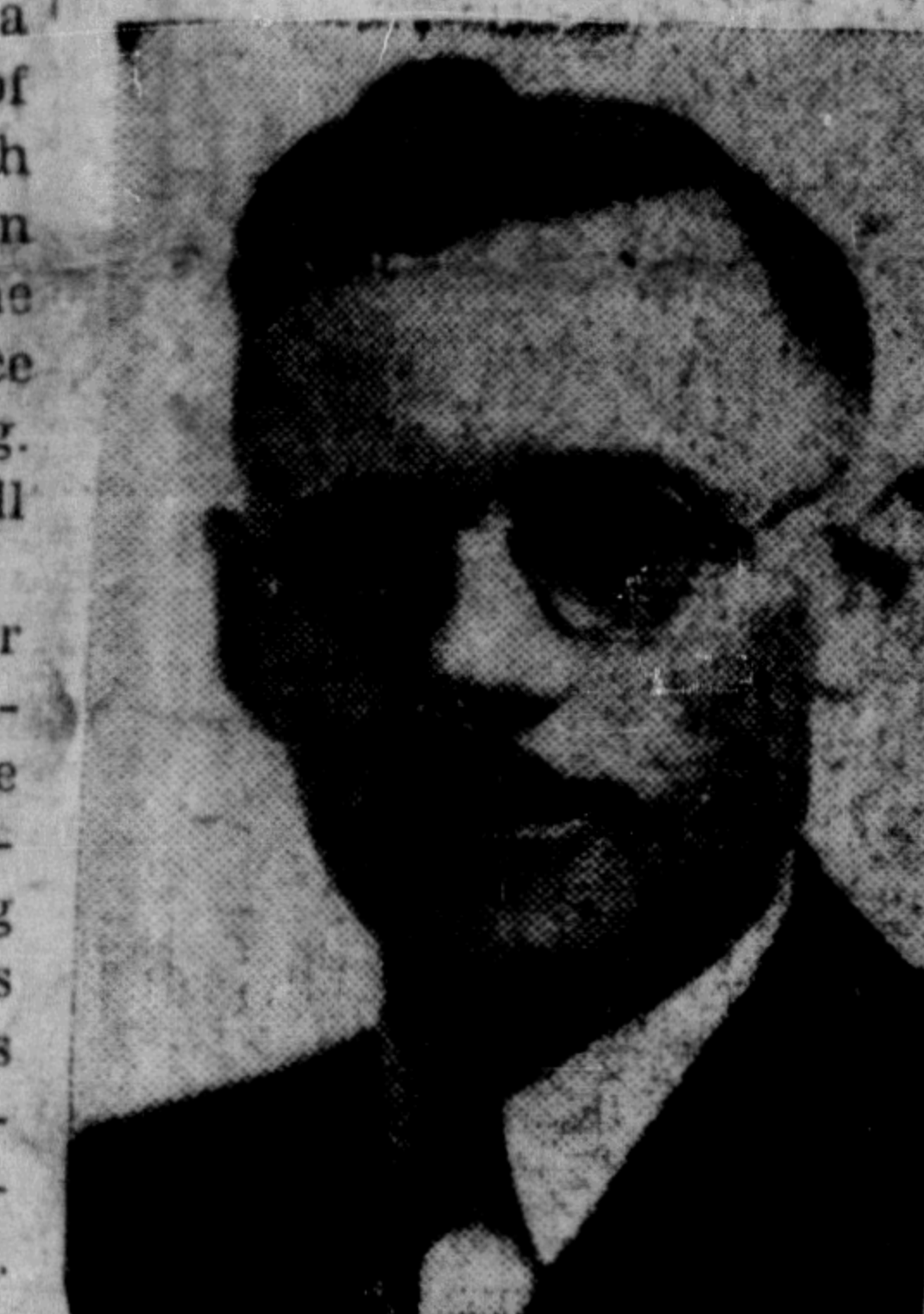
TAIPEI—Capture of the mainland town of Sungmen, 200 miles south of Shanghai, in a commando-type operation has raised Nationalist hopes for more extensive future attacks on the Communist coast.

Seizure of Sungmen Wednesday did not represent the establishment of an invasion beach-head.

It is generally believed in this Nationalist capital that the landing party was prepared to withdraw any time superior forces showed.

Wing Tip Of B-36 Sighted?

VANCOUVER—A Royal Canadian Air Force plane and a salvage launch are searching off the northern tip of Vancouver Island following report of a freighter that an airplane wing tip had been sighted 30 miles north of Cape Scott in Queen Charlotte Sound. It might have been from the B36 bomber ditched February 13, off the British Columbia coast, twelve men parachuting safely to earth and five others still being missing.



ARTIST-PREACHER—Well known throughout Western Canada and the Northwestern States, Rev. H. G. Jorgenson will shortly conduct a series of on-the-spot illustrated lectures at First Baptist Church here.

Mr. Jorgenson, who comes from Fosston, Minnesota, has been engaged in missionary and evangelistic work in the four western provinces for nearly seven years. His work is under the Baptist Union of Western Canada and the Norwegian Baptist Conference of America.

Commencing Friday evening of this week, he will be here for ten days with meetings each evening except Saturday and Sunday. He will take part in church services on Sunday. Mr. Jorgenson's procedure* is to transform what he is saying into a large picture before the audience, the picture being usually given to the person who has brought the most visitors.

Canada And Britain Tied

LONDON—The Edmonton Mercury's today coasted past Norway 11 to 1 for their first straight victory in the round robin finals of the world's amateur hockey tournament.

Edmonton Mercury's threw a four-goal third period splurge at the United States Saturday night for a 5 to 0 victory and moved closer to the world's amateur hockey championship.

The victory left Mercury's at first place tied with Britain for that time with four points each but Canada's goals for and against record is far superior.

All other teams have been defeated once or more.

Flash

BUDGET NEXT WEEK

OTTAWA—Finance Minister Douglas Abbott announced today that he expects to bring down his budget at 8 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) Tuesday, March 28. The finance minister said that, barring unforeseen events, he will ask for unanimous consent of members to start the speech at that time.

BELGIANS STRIKE

BRUSSELS—Belgians, opposed to the return of King Leopold III to the throne, began a round of work stoppages today, calling out 30,000 men to underscore determined Socialist opposition to pro-Leopold forces. Tramway and foundry workers walked off their jobs in widely scattered parts of the country but the hardest hit city was Antwerp where 128 ships were immobilized. Then entire administrative staff of the port, including 126 pilots, joined with 11,000 dock and shipyard workers in a 24-hour strike.

"TARZAN" CREATOR DIES

ENCINO, Cal.—Edgar Rice Burroughs, aged 74, creator of the fictional Tarzan, died at his home yesterday. His death resulted from a heart attack. Prolific writer of "Tarzan of the Apes," he was rated as a multi-millionaire in royalties including the moving pictures.

KILLS TWIN SISTER

FRESNO, Cal.—A 14-year-old girl, yielding to long-smouldering hatred, calmly killed her sleeping twin sister yesterday. Sally Richard was killed by a 22-calibre rifle slug into the brain as she lay sleeping about 3 a.m. She defiantly confessed to an assistant district attorney.

FIRE AT GOLDBRIDGE

GOLDBRIDGE—A \$20,000 fire early today destroyed a general store and cafe here and badly damaged the post office and telegraph office.

DO OWN ROAD WORK

COWICHAN BAY—Sixty residents of Cowichan village turned out today to repair the main road running through the town and said they would deduct the cost from their taxes. Their spokesman, Don Peck, said they had failed to get action from the provincial department of public works after repeated requests.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis

The sun was shining brightly over much of the interior of British Columbia and the lower mainland this morning but unsettled weather is expected to herald the arrival of spring on the west coast.

Another active centre appears to be developing off the west coast of Vancouver Island and rain associated with this disturbance will spread over most of the Island by mid-day and into the lower mainland and the lower Fraser Valley this afternoon. Increased cloudiness and scattered showers will extend to the interior by this evening. Outlook for Tuesday is very little better as another storm appears to be developing about 600 miles off the coast.

Forecast

North Coast Region—Cloudy today and Tuesday. Scattered showers today and intermittent rain beginning Tuesday afternoon. Little change in temperature. Winds—southeast, 20 miles per hour, in the exposed areas and light elsewhere today, becoming southeast (25 miles per hour) over the entire area Tuesday morning. Lows to night and highs Tuesday—At Part Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 35 and 45.

Local Pioneer Dies Suddenly

John Eklund, 77 year old pioneer of this district was found dead in his cabin at the Fisherman's Floats east of the dry dock shortly after 5 p.m. Sunday by his friend Charles Erickson and two companions.

Prior to 5 o'clock, Erickson had been visiting the deceased and thought that he was dying. He immediately left the dwelling in search of Bart Hedstrom, another friend. Not being able to locate Hedstrom, he contacted two other persons. Upon arrival at the cabin, Mr. Eklund was found dead.

Police and Coroner M. M. Stephens were notified and an inquiry was held at the Sheriff's office this afternoon. Cause of death was found natural and due to coronary thrombosis, the coroner reported.

Mr. Eklund had lived in this district since 1914, the most of the time spent in this city. A logger by trade, he was also employed as a rock man by the city during the early days of construction. He also worked in Alaska.

Born in northern Sweden, he came to Canada in 1908 and later journeyed to the west coast. An old age pensioner, he had been retired since 1941. For the past two years, he had been a member of the Valhalla Lodge. He was single.

Funeral arrangements, under the direction of B. C. Undertakers, will be announced later.

Kispiox Tragedy— Native Town Has Tragedy

A two year old native boy was burned to death Friday in a fire which completely destroyed his home at the Kispiox Indian reserve near Hazelton, B.C. police reported Saturday.

Daughter of Mrs. Christina Green, she and her mother shared the dwelling with the Magnus Johnson family. Police at Hazelton report that on two previous occasions, Johnson's 13-year old daughter Lillian had attempted to set fire to the dwelling.

On Friday she was left in the house with the youngster.

The coroner at Hazelton is in contact with the Attorney-General in Victoria to obtain permission for an inquest. The body of the infant has not been located.

Queen Mary Chapter— Furnishing New Ward

Queen Mary Chapter, Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire, is now concentrating all its efforts on the furnishing of a private ward in the Prince Rupert General Hospital. The Chapter held its monthly meeting last week at the home of Mrs. D. Orchard McLeod, Lewis Apartment, with the report, Mrs. J. Stewart, in the chair.

The chapter decided to take out membership in the Prince Rupert Music and Drama Festival and Mrs. J. Stewart was appointed representative.

Mrs. D. Orchard McLeod was appointed representative to the Women's Co-ordination Council.

Arrangements were completed for the annual Daffodil Tea to be held on Easter Monday.

More food parcels are to be sent overseas and the chapter has decided to adopt another family.

Mrs. J. A. Teng was appointed delegate to the provincial annual meeting to be held in Vancouver on April 24, 25 and 26.

The monthly raffle was won by Mrs. J. Carr.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Carr Borden Street, on April 11th.

Shoots Wife, Child, Self

RODNEY, Ont.—Lewis Sunegi, tobacco farmer, shot and killed his wife and son on their farm today and then drove to town where he shot and killed himself in front of the Town Hall. Sunegi's farm is about one mile from this community, about 35 miles west of St. Thomas.

SASKATCHEWAN FIRE

KINISTO, Sask.—Two persons, a former girl employee of the hotel and a book salesman from Regina, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a hotel here at the week-end.

VETERAN STAFF

BEDFORD, England (CP)—Six workmen with a combine service of nearly 260 years are retiring from a Bedford firm.



UP IN THE AIR—With such jumps as this Suzanne Morrow, shapely Toronto miss who holds the Canadian senior women's figure skating title, is attracting the attention of the judges in the world figure-skating competitions in London, Eng. As the world event entered its final day, Suzanne was 35 points behind the present champion, Alena Vrzanova, for the title. (C. P. Photo)