

Improvements For Hospital

First move of the committee which has been appointed to correlate plans for improvements and extensions at the Prince Rupert General Hospital will be to have a complete inspection of the hospital for the purpose of familiarization.

On Thursday evening the board, which deliberated in the

directors' room which is in the process of undergoing sound-proofing installation, was advised that contractors, Mitchell and Currie, were now at work on the preparation of a post-anesthetic recovery room which was costing \$357. This room, where from five to six patients will be handled on an average day, will require a re-arrangement of equipment and the services of at least a part time nurse.

The board debated the necessity of a new card filing system for the recording of doctors' orders for medication and diet. It was proposed by Dr. L. M. Greene but, costing an estimated \$200, was dubbed a "luxury" by Administrator D. C. Stevenson. Outcome was to table the matter for a month, obtaining meantime advice from hospitals of comparable size elsewhere in the province as to the systems they used.

Dr. L. M. Greene reported to the board that negotiations with a view to the setting up of a radiologist in the hospital were proceeding.

Switchboard Out
Another new installation which received the attention of the board meeting was that of a telephone switchboard which it was estimated would cost \$1290. Estimate of the administrator was that the monthly city telephone bill would be reduced from \$618 to \$456 with such an installation. On the other hand, W. M. Watts pointed out, there would be the added overhead of one or possibly two switchboard operators. The project came under the class of

another "luxury" at the present time and the correspondence was ordered filed for future reference.

Another installation reported to the board was that of a miniature x-ray system by electricians Grant and Newton at a cost of \$151.

In line with the clearing up of unsightly structures from the vicinity of the hospital, Dr. Greene mentioned an old coal shed in the rear lane and was told that this was to be removed as soon as the coal it now contained was out.

Dr. Greene, full of suggestions for hospital improvement, had other proposals—one that the present cinder driveway in front of the hospital be black-topped and another that the building be made identifiable as the hospital with some sort of sign. The former proposal was referred to the new "master plan"

committee and ready approval was accorded the idea of the sign.

In the course of the meeting the board was reminded of expenses that were now facing it such as a new \$2500 operating room table, \$400 for x-ray equipment in addition to the major items involved in the nurses' home addition and new heating system.

The "master plan" committee may also give consideration to such suggestions as an Indian wing and a pharmacy.

Mrs. W. M. Smith, after a brief visit to the city, sailed by the Chilcotin last night on her return to Masset.

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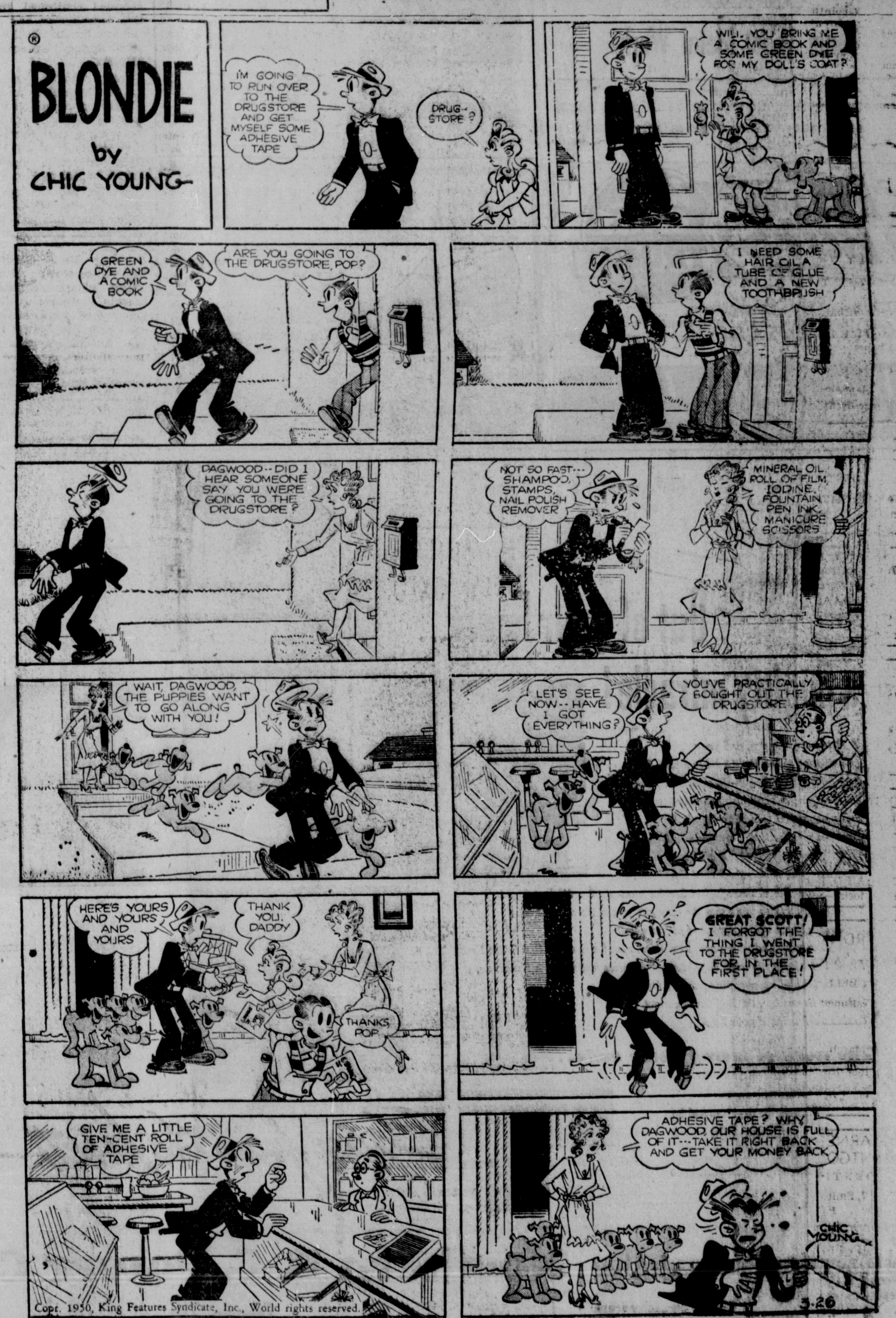
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BLONDIE
by CHIC YOUNG



Panel 1: Blondie asks Dagwood to go to the drugstore for a comic book and adhesive tape. Dagwood agrees.

Panel 2: Dagwood is at the drugstore, looking at a comic book and adhesive tape.

Panel 3: Dagwood returns home with the items. Blondie asks if he got the comic book and adhesive tape.

Panel 4: Dagwood shows Blondie the items. Blondie asks if he also got a tube of glue and a new toothbrush.

Panel 5: Dagwood shows Blondie the items. Blondie asks if he also got mineral oil, film, fountain pen ink, manicure scissors, shampoo, nail polish, and a remover.

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