

FRANCOIS LAKE— DANGEROUS TRIP ON ICE FAILS TO SAVE SAWMILL FROM FIRE

FRANCOIS LAKE—On Saturday morning Everead Hickey brought word to the Landing that the sawdust pile near Hamre and Waale's mill was burning fiercely and threatening the mill itself. Mrs. Cowan, of Clemetta was informed by telephone and asked to get word to the Hamre brothers who have moved across the lake for winter logging.

Tom Cowan borrowed a bicycle and in spite of his mother's advice, cycled over the newly-formed ice to carry the message. When a hundred yards from the other shore the ice gave way and he went through. As he tried to climb up on the ice it kept breaking away under his weight.

Hans and Peter Hamre and Nils Waale managed to push a log towards him but it sank. Then they tied a rope to a slab of wood and pushed this out. Young Cowan got hold of it and was pulled out still wearing his glasses and cap when rescued. The bicycle was lost. The mill caught fire and burned down on Sunday afternoon.

Francis Kennedy who taught school here last year is spending the holidays at the Keefe ranch.

"Sandy" Junkons has moved back to Colleymount from the Landing where he has been working on the Perlite Claim.

Timely Topics from Terrace

Mrs. C. R. De Kergommeaux, Terrace Reporter

It was a very quiet Christmas in Terrace this year. The weather was seasonal and ideal for getting out on foot to "make the rounds." There were no disturbances on Christmas Eve and the local policemen were able to enjoy the festive season with their families. Over 30 guests attended a banquet given by the Silvertip staff.

There were five adult patients and one baby to spend Xmas in the hospital. The wards were decorated by the nurses and a large Xmas tree held gifts for all. A turkey dinner was served and the whole staff joined in making the occasion as happy as possible for the "shut-ins."

Mrs. Sherwood returned to Smithers on Tuesday morning's train after spending Christmas with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. V. Giraud.

Mrs. D. Brentzen and daughters left on Tuesday's train for their homes in Prince George, after a Yuletide spent in Terrace.

Jimmy Arseneau is spending a few days in Terrace.

Absent members of the Irving family (local station agent) have returned home to spend the Christmas holidays. Dorothy Irving R.N. will be leaving at the end of the week for the Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops, where she is supervisor of the operating room. Gerry Irving, operator of the B. C. Power Commission at Vanderhoof and Victor Irving of St. Anthony's College, Edmonton will be leaving early in the New Year.

Alfred Timms, who has been visiting his parents at Kitseles leaves on Tuesday for the south where he will rejoin his ship, the oil freighter, "Imperial Edmonton."

The L.O.L. held their annual Christmas party in the Orange hall last Thursday evening. The hall had been seasonably decorated by the lodge members and under a large Xmas tree, gifts for 25 children were placed ready for Santa Claus to distribute. A long table was set up and refreshments were served to the children after which games were played. In charge of the refreshments and children's games were Mrs. F. Jackson, Mrs. H. Fisher and Mrs. Gordon Haugland, while the men served the refreshments. A social evening followed for the adults. Mr. G. Haugland was Santa Claus.

Miss Patricia Moore left on yesterday's plane for Vancouver after spending the Christmas holidays with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Priest, Graham Avenue.

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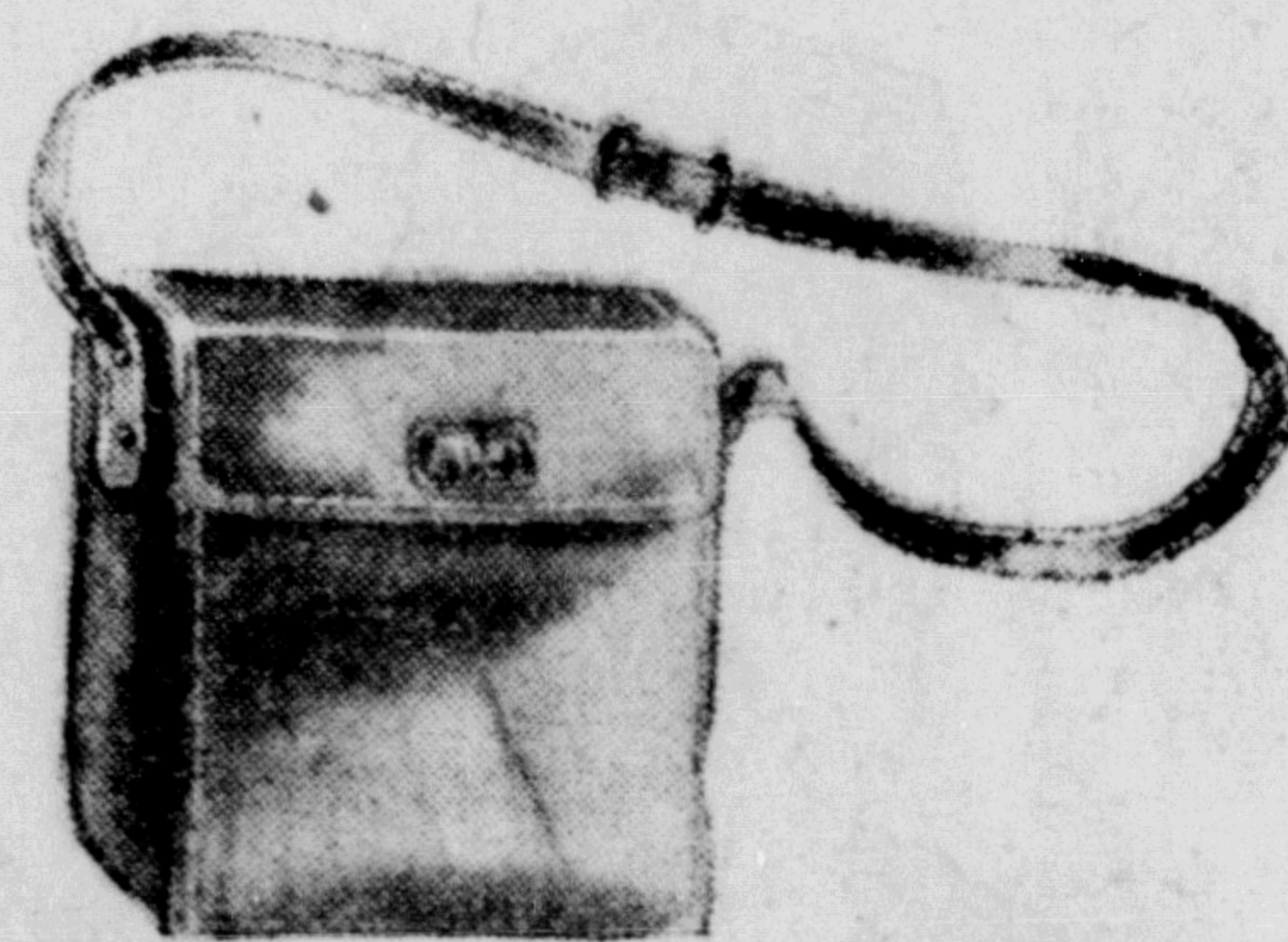
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