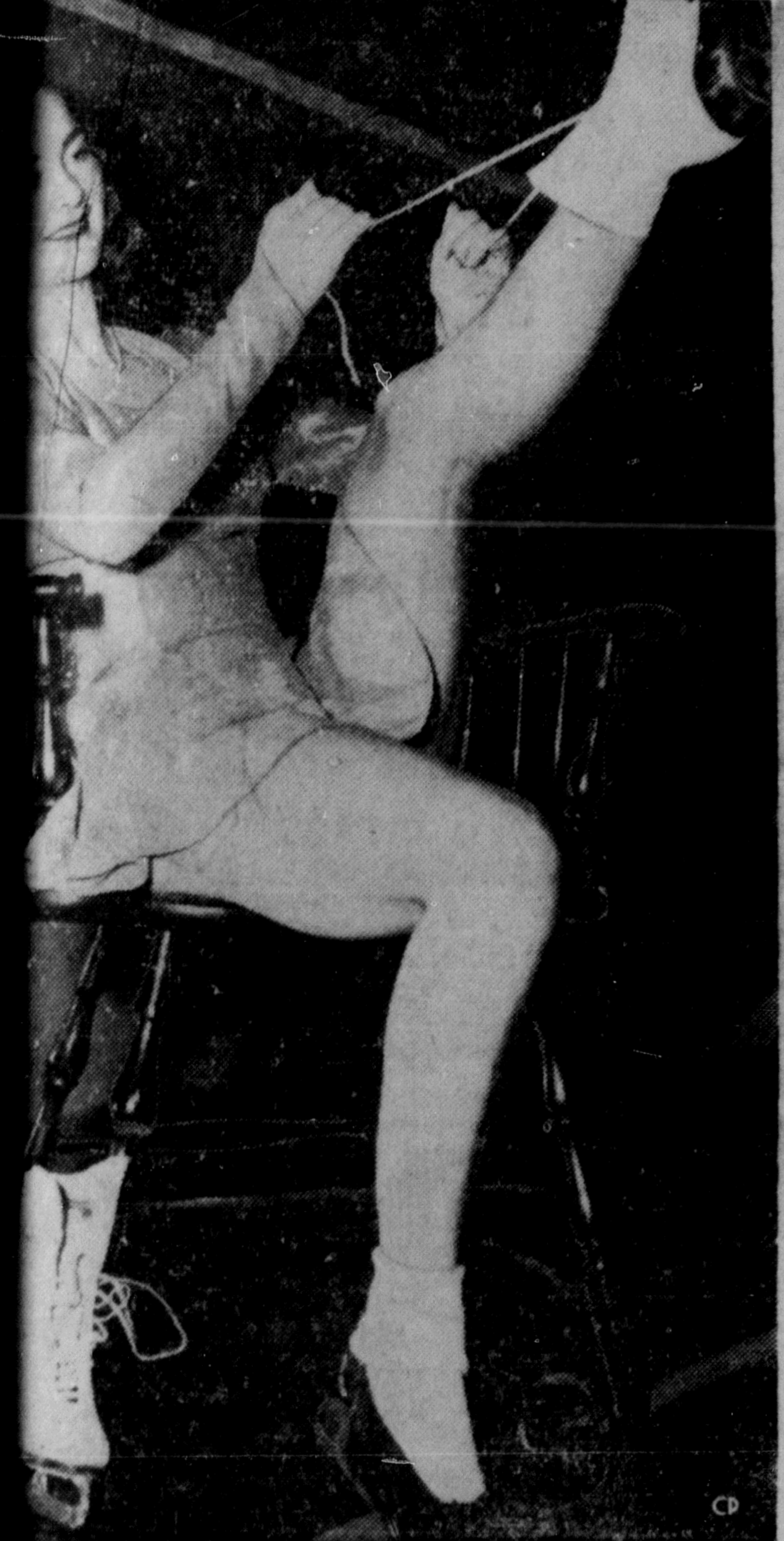


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SECOND—Barbara Ann Scott, Canada's skating darling, second to Bobby Rosenfeld in the choice of Canada's man athlete in the last 50 years. In 1948 she held the Olympic, North American and Canadian skating titles. She won the Lou Marsh Trophy in 1945, 1947 and 1948 as Canada's leading athlete, the first woman ever to win the trophy. (CP PHOTO)

United States Congress Warned Panama Canal Vulnerability

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A Congressional committee today that Panama Canal could be knocked out by a bombing attack and urged speedy action looking toward construction of another waterway linking up Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

The group suggested prompt study of possibilities of building a companion waterway along the general route of existing canal or a new canal in some other spot, by Nicaragua.

The group ruled out Mexico as a site for a new canal because of "intense national spirit of the Mexican people." However, the report said that Nicaragua would co-operate in building one.

Well Seeks Price Controls

W.A. — M. J. Coldwell, of the CCF, accused the government yesterday of protection in setting up price controls.

Walter Johnson, Seattle, arrived today on the Chilcotin to spend the Christmas holiday with his family.

TODAY'S STOCKS :

VANCOUVER			
Time	5.90	Beattie	.62
Quartz	.04	Bevcourt	.45
Consol. Smelters	1.00	Bobjo	.12
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East Sullivan	.05	Conwest	1.75
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East Sullivan	1.80	Eldona	.23
East Sullivan	.71 1/2	East Sullivan	7.30
East Sullivan	.06	Giant Yellowknife	6.40
East Sullivan	3.90	God's Lake	.34
East Sullivan	.02	Hardrock	.22
East Sullivan	1.25	Harricana	.08
East Sullivan	.26 1/2	Hewa	.08
East Sullivan	.06	Hosco	.51 1/2
East Sullivan	.09	Jackknife	.05
East Sullivan	.02	Joliet Quebec	.85
East Sullivan	.41 1/2	Lake Rowan	.61 1/2
East Sullivan	2.23	Lapaska	.41 1/2
East Sullivan	1.20	Little Long Lac	.46
East Sullivan		Lynx	.13
East Sullivan		Madsen Red Lake	2.34
East Sullivan		McKenzie Red Lake	.45
East Sullivan		McLeod Cockshutt	2.09
East Sullivan		Moneta	.35
East Sullivan		Negus	.80
East Sullivan		Noranda	71.00
East Sullivan		Louvicourt	.17 1/2
East Sullivan		Pickle Crow	1.70
East Sullivan		Regcourt	.04
East Sullivan		San Antonio	2.30
East Sullivan		Senator Rouyn	.20
East Sullivan		Sheriff Gordon	2.74
East Sullivan		Steep Rock	6.65
East Sullivan		Sturgeon River	.13
East Sullivan		Silver Miller	.90
East Sullivan		Upper Canada	1.75
East Sullivan		Golden Manitou	6.00

TORONTO	
Time	.73 1/2
Quartz	.24

Red China Spurns Korea Cease Fire

War May Be More Intensified; New Communists Drive?

TOKYO (CP) — Red China today rejected the United Nations' repeated appeals to negotiate for a cease-fire in Korea. It could mean war to the bitter end unless other means for peace can be found.

A Peiping radio statement of rejection by Premier Chou En-lai spurned the proposal of a special

New Red Strike— Evacuation Of Hungnam

Twenty-five Thousand North Koreans Are Being Removed—Seoul Next?

HUNGNAM BEACHHEAD, Korea — Nearly 25,000 North Korean refugees have been removed from the Allied beachhead at the port of Hungnam. Most of them, ordinary citizens fleeing from the Communist return, have been carried to southern ports in tank-landing ships of the South Korean navy.

Some 300, all officials or prominent persons who directly aided the United Nations cause, were brought out under special orders of the Tenth Corps.

The officials were police, mayors and political and industrial leaders. These would be in the greatest danger from the returning North Koreans.

The Communists today increased attacks on northeast Korea approaches to Seoul. Initial assaults in regimental strength rolled back the South Korean forces nearly two miles northeast of Chungchon, highway junction 45 miles northeast of the republic's capital.

A large build-up of Reds—Chinese, North Korean or both—was reported north of Chungchon.

In northeast Korea, American rapid-fire rocket ships moved close inshore at Hungnam and joined other warships, planes and field artillery in laying a fiery shield from close range around the beachhead.

The use of rocket ships indicates that the Reds are closing in.

Observers are guessing that Christmas Eve might be the signal for a new Red drive because of the Oriental practice of striking on Occidental holidays.

Flash

CANADIANS WITH FLEET
TOKYO—Units of the Royal Canadian Navy are operating off the West Coast of Korea with warships of other countries in the United Nations fleet, a United Nations summary said today. The Canadian units were not identified.

T.K.O. WINS FIGHT
VANCOUVER—Jimmy Langston, 156 1/2, Haney, B.C., scored an eighth round technical knockout over Pedro Jimenez, San Francisco, last night. Jimenez was down three times in the final canto before the referee stopped the fight.

Big Four Meeting

PARIS — Western powers agreed today to a Big Four meeting proposed by Russia if the Kremlin will agree to broaden the agenda to include outstanding world problems in addition to Germany.

Foreign Office sources said notes delivered in Moscow tonight suggested that the four powers' United Nations delegates work out an agenda and time and place of meeting.

There have been reports that the four foreign ministers would be invited to meet in February in New York City.

Boy Drowns In Bridge Fall

Elderly Man Dies of Heart Failure in Trying Rescue

LAKE COWICHAN — Twelve year old Alec MacDonald was drowned and 68-year old fishing guide died of a heart attack yesterday as he tried to launch a rescue boat.

The lad lost his life when he fell from a railway bridge into Cowichan River.

William Palliser, the guide, suffered a fatal heart attack a few minutes later.

Negotiate For Europe's Army

BONN, Germany — Western Allies have offered to sweep away most of the occupation controls in West Germany in return for use of German soldiers in the defence of Europe.

The invitation was made by the Brussels North Atlantic alliance conference and eventually may bring German soldiers shoulder-to-shoulder with Americans and West Europeans in the status of virtual allies to face up to Moscow.

Negotiations on the plans will be opened after Christmas.

Sullivan Case— Brain Tumor Death Cause

OTTAWA — Mrs. Marion Sullivan, Toronto matron, arrested November 19 on a charge of murdering her husband, will face an Ontario Supreme Court jury on a reduced charge of manslaughter. Formal committee took place today before Magistrate Glenn Strike and Mrs. Sullivan was released on \$2000 bail pending the higher court trial early in January.

After hearing the summing up of argument at the preliminary. Magistrate Strike said he might have entertained consideration of the murder trial before December 6 but not after that.

On December 6 Dr. Max Kloz, Ottawa Civic Hospital pathologist, discovered that Francis J. Sullivan, 52-year-old lawyer, had suffered from angina, a rare form of brain tumor, which was the immediate cause of his death in a Chateau Laurier bedroom.

Miss Edith Barlow, New Westminster, arrived on the Chilcotin today to spend the Christmas holiday with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hurst.

34 Persons Die In Czech Train Crash

PRAGUE — Thirty-four persons were killed and 54 injured when an express train and a large bus collided at a railroad crossing near Podivan, Moravia, last night.

CAROLL COLLEGE WINS

Carroll College defeated Ketchikan 74 to 72 in basketball here last night.

Hungnam Is Quiet Today

Frozen Bodies Litter Korean Battlefield

TOKYO — Hungnam beachhead lay quiet today after Allied land-sea-air barrages had mown down and rolled back the Communists' most menacing attack on the perimeter.

The frozen bodies of Chinese and white-robed Korean Reds littered the snow-crusted east flank of the United Nations defence ring, where the attack was made.

Communist survivors were apparently numbed to a standstill by the fury of the round-the-clock bombardment by Allied warships, planes and artillery. Quiet was also reported on the western Korean front.

Caught In Act Of Shoplifting

Unlawful activity came to an abrupt stop yesterday afternoon when E. D. Manson caught Harry Innes, 26-year-old Indian, with articles of jewelry that he had not paid for in his pocket. Mr. Manson, while waiting on customers in his store, had seen Innes slip a diamond ring and a set of earrings into his pocket. After checking to see that they were actually there, Manson notified the police and detained Innes until the officers arrived.

Innes pleaded guilty to a charge of theft in magistrate's court this morning. He was remanded for sentence. The ring was valued at \$135.

Boxer Dies After Bout

NEW YORK — Al (Sonny) West, 21, negro boxer from Washington died last night after a knockout loss to young Percy Basset, Philadelphia, Wednesday night. West was carried unconscious from the ring. The knock-out came in the seventh round.

West died at St. Clare's Hospital after having been kept alive for several hours by artificial respiration.

It was the ninth boxing fatality in the world in 1950 and the third in the United States.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis

Another active Pacific storm was centred about 400 miles southwest of Vancouver Island this morning. Gale warning have again been issued for the waters of the southern British Columbia coast. Continuous rain is expected to spread to the southern coastal regions this afternoon, then becoming showery overnight as the disturbance moves inland.

Cloudiness is general in the southern interior. Clear skies in the Prince George area will become cloudy during the afternoon. Scattered shower activity is likely in most of these regions during the next 24 hours with intermittent to continuous rain tonight in much of the southern interior.

Unsettled weather will continue through Saturday.

Forecast

North Coast Region—Increasing cloudiness over the region during the day. Scattered showers during the morning with intermittent rain this afternoon and tonight. Intermittent rain Saturday. Little change in temperature. Winds—Light, increasing to southeast, 30 miles per hour, in the exposed areas tonight. Lows tonight and highs Saturday—At Port Hardy and Sandspit, 42 and 48; at Prince Rupert, 40 and 45.

HOCKEY SCORES

National
Boston 3, Chicago 1.
Mainline-Okanagan
Kamloops 4, Kelowna 2.
Western International
Trail 9, Nelson 1.

\$5000 Damage In Night Fire

Fire shortly after midnight caused approximately \$5,000 damage to the home of Pierre LeRoss, Fourth Avenue East. Fire Chief Earl Becker was crippled with a wrenched knee received when kicking in a shutter on a basement window.

The fire, believed by Chief Becker to have started in a pile of hot ashes in the basement, spread quickly to the den on the same floor and upstairs to the kitchen. The entire basement and kitchen were gutted. Roof rafters over the kitchen were badly burned and smoke damage was caused to three bedrooms and living room. A large plate glass window in the living room was smashed with the heat.

Mr. LeRoss smelled smoke shortly after retiring and immediately sent in the alarm. Quick action by the fire department prevented the blaze from spreading throughout the house.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoss and their seven children were uninjured. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

Federal Cabinet Was In Session

OTTAWA—No major decisions were made yesterday at a meeting of the cabinet where Hon. B. Pearson reported on the conference of Atlantic Pact nations at Brussels and Hon. Brooke Claxton reported on the United Nations meetings. Rt. Hon. L. S. St. Laurent reported.

The Prime Minister announced that he was delighted at the appointment of General D. P. Eisenhower as Allied commander-in-chief in Europe. "This should really get going now," he said.

Exposure Death In Sankey Case

Death from exposure as he lay intoxicated during Wednesday night is indicated in the case of Phillip Sankey, 20-year-old Indian, whose body was found at 10 o'clock yesterday morning at the end of Comox Avenue. This belief was expressed this morning by Sgt. L. A. N. Potterton, RCMP, following a post-mortem examination. An inquest has been called by Coroner M. M. Stephens for this afternoon.

AIR PASSENGERS

To Masset (today)—Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon, Miss R. Benson, Miss D. Benson, J. Bellis, Mrs. T. White.

To Stewart (today)—Mrs. M. Meger, J. Powell.

To Sandspit (today)—J. T. Parker, Mr. Larson.

To Vancouver (today)—J. Sutherland, G. Barr, H. Tucker, C. A. Walker, R. Jorgensen, H. Duffy, R. Miles, A. H. Dowsley, D. Ligetti, M. Gordon, J. L. Henderson, Mr. Eamor, J. Russell, Mr. Kelly, H. Harrison.

From Alice Arm (today)—W. A. Burgess, W. H. Barnes, C. Cousineau, Norman Potter.

From Vancouver (yesterday)—G. N. Moore, W. Seymour, W. White, Mr. McIntosh.

To Vancouver (yesterday)—J. Durrupt, W. Hale, H. Laing, J. Ramsay, J. Umphrey, A. Young, Mr. Mosier, Mr. Gatenby, J. Scott, H. Jackson, R. Amren, J. McKinnon, S. S. McLaren, Mr. Young.

To Sandspit (yesterday)—A. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Nybloom, K. Vognild.

E. Wahl, Department of Veterans' Affairs, arrived in the city today on the Chilcotin.

Pioneer Dies— D. C. McRae

Prominent Business Man Since Early Days Succumbs in South

Duncan Cunningham McRae, prominent pioneer citizen of Prince Rupert and founder of the well known McRae Bros. business, passed away at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at King's Daughters' Hospital, Duncan, Vancouver Island, where he had been a patient for the past week. His passing culminated a long period of failing health. He had lived in retirement at Duncan since 1945. Prior to that he had been a continuous resident of Prince Rupert since early 1909. There was no better known or more highly esteemed pioneer of Prince Rupert.

Born near Mooretown, Ontario, Mr. McRae would have been seventy-nine years of age had he lived until January 12 next. Leaving home as a boy, he went to North Dakota and attended the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks. Then he took up school teaching for a time and the post office of McRae, North Dakota, was named for him as he was instrumental in securing it for the community. Later, Mr. McRae headed further west and for a time was with another brother, James, at Bonner's Ferry, Idaho. In 1898, he settled at Greenwood, then a booming Boundary district mining town, and was identified with the establishment of the stationery business of Smith & McRae there. Brothers James, John and Alex, having arrived in the meantime, the firm of McRae Bros. was started with stores in Greenwood and Phoenix. In 1909, deceased came to Prince Rupert and opened up McRae Bros. first stationery store here on Second Avenue in premises now occupied by the Regal Printers. Later the firm moved to Sixth Street, then to Third Avenue (in the present Variety Store premises), finally acquiring their own property at the present location on Third Avenue where sons of deceased, Jack and Duncan McRae, carry on.

In addition to being a successful business man, Mr. McRae found time to devote to public affairs and was an ex-alderman as well as being prominently identified with the affairs of the Prince Rupert General Hospital, first as director and then as president of the Board, for many years. He was also active in his time in the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce and Prince Rupert Retail Merchants' Association and was a charter member of the Rotary Club.

Mr. McRae is survived by his widow, Mrs. Maggie G. McRae, at Duncan; two sons, John D. (Jack) McRae, M.L.A. for Prince Rupert, and Duncan; and three daughters, Mrs. Jack (Helen), Bulger, Prince Rupert; Mrs. O. A. (Mary) Qualley, Duncan, and Mrs. Maurice (Lois) Fitzgerald, Vancouver. Of a family which originally consisted of six boys and four girls, Alex McRae of Prince Rupert is now the sole survivor.

The funeral will take place next Wednesday at Duncan. Jack and Duncan will leave next Tuesday by plane to attend.

LOCAL TIDES

Saturday, December 23, 1950
High 1:05 17.9 feet
12:33 21.0 feet
Low 6:31 9.7 feet
19:19 3.6 feet

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