

# Local Pioneer Perishes In Burning Cabin

McRAE REPORTS—  
**Aluminum Industry For Part of Province Looks Very Promising**  
Member Meets Dubose—Police Change Not Immediate—To Speed Road Work  
Preliminary to the ultimate establishment of an aluminum manufacturing industry with a base in the Tweedsmuir Park area and great quantities of bauxite are proceeding smoothly and McRae, vice-president of Aluminum Company of Canada, is enthusiastic about the prospects, says M. L. A. for Prince Rupert.

McRae had dinner with Mr. Dubose, who expressed satisfaction that there is a suitable bauxite area in the Tweedsmuir Park area and great quantities of bauxite are proceeding smoothly and McRae, vice-president of Aluminum Company of Canada, is enthusiastic about the prospects, says M. L. A. for Prince Rupert.

**Masset Players Score Success**  
NEW MASSET — A three-act mystery-farce, excellently enacted, was presented to a full house by the New Masset Community Players and an appreciative reception was given. The play was directed by Neil Kingston of Limerlost Lodge and those taking part were Owen Kingston, Jean Findlay, Muriel Anderson, Jessie Simpson, Norman Burton, Marion Anderson, Margaret Green, Phil Burton, Jack Findlay, Arden Crist, Bob Mallory, Harry Archibald, Jim Currie and Wilfrid Smith.

**Native Night For Jaycees**  
At an executive meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce it was announced that five of the young Metlakatla villagers have accepted invitations to attend the regular meeting this Wednesday night. Peter Leighton of Metlakatla will be the guest speaker.

The resignation of Harold Helgeson as vice-president because of business pressure was accepted with regret, also the resignation of Lt. Mike Stapleton from the executive was accepted. The latter has left for a new post in Edmonton with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Eric Speers was appointed vice-president and Dave Hays was appointed as second vice-president for the remainder of the Club year. Sid Gonick and Vernon Arndt were appointed to the executive committee.

**Country Football**  
League, Division 1  
1. Charlton Athletic  
2. Newcastle United  
3. Sunderland  
4. Middlesbrough  
5. Huddersfield Town  
6. Burnley  
7. Bolton Wanderers  
8. Preston North End  
9. Blackpool  
10. Rochdale  
11. Bury  
12. Oldham Athletic  
13. Wigan Athletic  
14. Barnsley  
15. Doncaster Rovers  
16. Gillingham  
17. Luton Town  
18. Notts County  
19. Shrewsbury Town  
20. Torquay United  
21. Weymouth  
22. Yeovil Town  
23. Exeter City  
24. Truro City  
25. Falmouth Town  
26. St Austell  
27. Bideford  
28. Tavistock  
29. Bude  
30. Newquay  
31. Looe  
32. St Ives  
33. Penzance  
34. Falmouth Town  
35. St Austell  
36. Bideford  
37. Tavistock  
38. Bude  
39. Newquay  
40. Looe  
41. St Ives  
42. Penzance



WHERE SIX PERISHED — A bucket of coals, fan ned by the wind, is believed to have started the fire which claimed the lives of six children in Scarborough, near Toronto, early Thursday morning. This photo shows Roy Harding, father of the victims, who escaped with his wife and two sons, searching through the ruins of his home. The six children, ranging in age from 8 to 16, died in the upstairs of the building. (C.P. Photo)

## Vancouver Eilers In Two Game Lead Was Crawling Along Beach

**WINNIPEG** — Vancouver Eilers defeated Toronto Montgomery Maids 57 to 51 last night to take a two to nil game lead in the Western Canada senior basketball championship series.

**BANGKOK, Thailand** — The United States has granted \$10,000,000 worth of arms and other military aid to Thailand to fight communism, Premier Pibul Songgram said today.

**Dr. Kergin's Story** — Crawling along the beach on his hands and knees, dazed and beaten from the ordeal of an ice cold swim, Dr. William S. "Bill" Kergin was spied from a gas boat by a native resident of Metlakatla, Henry Ryan, hours after the doctor had been dumped off his yacht into cold Chatham Sound Easter Sunday.

He described the rock, his home for the next four hours, as flat and about four feet long and two and one-half feet wide. The victim sat contemplating his fate. The tide was going down and would continue to go down for the next two hours.

While perched on the slimy obstacle, he watched the search boats comb Tugwell Bar. He stated that if he could have remained on the rock for another 15 or 20 minutes the boats would probably have spied him.

But the four hours were up and the tide was licking at his heels. Garbed in a heavy Indian sweater, corduroy trousers and "Romeo" slippers, he again slipped into the water and set out for the shore "like a huge black wall in the distance."

"That Indian sweater was a Godsend," he said. "It shedded the water."

Swimming and floating, he pushed forward but the beach seemed far away. "Then my knee hit a rock. But the discovery did not dawn on me. My knee hit another rock."

**TELLS OF CRASH** — "All of a sudden, we crashed and the boat went up to high heaven and over the reef and

## Flash Jock Harris Loses Life In Early Morning Fire

A 75-year-old pensioner, resident of this city for 34 yrs, perished in his flaming cabin on Wantage road at 6 a.m. today. The dwelling is a total loss.

Body of John (Jock) Harris, former owner of the Atlas Boiler Works, was found in his bed by firemen who hacked through the rear of the building and pulled out the badly burned remains. The front door, only entrance to the cabin, was a mass of flames. There was a cookstove in front and an oil heater near the bed.

On November 1, 1948, a similar blaze occurred at the same address and a companion of Harris was admitted to hospital. Fireman Jack Furness, on call at that time, remembered the location of the bed. Therefore this morning firemen chopped through the rear wall and found Harris' body.

Police were searching the ruins this morning against the possibility of anyone else having been with Harris. Across the road from the razed cabin lives Bert McEachern, war pensioner. He told a Daily News reporter who visited his dwelling, that at 5:30 a.m. he slipped into bed and dozed off. Shortly after, he heard a dog barking, and looking out the window, noticed the flames. "I don't remember anyone seeing him yesterday but occasionally he had visitors."

Alf Rivett, of 239 Fourth Avenue West, noticed the flames from his back porch and promptly notified the Fire Department. They pumped water from a creek across the road from Harris' cabin. No utilities are located along Wantage road.

Const. Jack White is conducting an investigation and plans for an inquest are being made. The victim has a son, Mathew Harris in Vancouver, a World War II Navy veteran. He is also survived by other children and sisters in Scotland.

Deceased was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and came to Canada in 1908 and to Prince Rupert in 1916.

## Job's Daughters' Nets Sum of \$150

Over \$150 was raised last week at a Job's Daughters' tea and home cooking sale at the home of Mrs. Alex Mitchell, Fourth Avenue West. A large attendance of ladies purchased the attractive articles on sale. Highlight of the affair was the drawing for six prizes on which tickets have been sold for the past month, and five raffles for various other articles.

Mrs. Mitchell and Miss Donna McArthur, Honored Queen, received the guests. The event was convened by Mrs. M. McArthur, Mrs. Carl Brechin, Mrs. Harry Calderwood, Mrs. R. Strachan and Mrs. N. S. K. Brewer. The conveners were assisted by Mrs. S. R. Donaldson, Mrs. W. Eastwood sr., and Mrs. H. Mork, who were also in charge of the home cooking table. A sale of daffodils was in charge of Miss Barbara Teng.

Pouring were Mrs. L. W. Kergin and Mrs. Robert Gordon for the first hour and Mrs. J. Simpson and Mrs. J. McLeod for the next hour. Servitors were members of Job's Daughters.

Following were the draw winners: Mrs. George Cook—permanent wave set, donated by Modern Beauty Shop.

Mrs. J. Redpath, Rogers silver steak dish, donated by Manson's Jewellers.

Mrs. E. Gardner, Auto travelling rug, donated by William F. Stone.

Mrs. Pete Adlem, embroidered linen pillow slips, donated by Miss Dorothy Kergin.

Mrs. B. Wick, 30 quarts of milk, donated by Northland Dairy.

Miss Lynn Gordon, three Pyrex sauce pans, donated by Kalen Hardware.

Raffle winners and prizes were as follows: Mrs. G. Shenton and Mrs. A. M. Hurst, plants donated by Mrs. R. Gordon.

Mrs. A. Husoy, a crochet set, made and donated by Mrs. Best.

Mrs. W. Reid, handkerchiefs, made and donated by Mrs. Geo. Frizzell.

Mrs. Bert Morgan, tray cloth, made and donated by Mrs. Geo. Frizzell.

Mrs. Albert Stiles, Norwegian biscuits.

Mrs. H. Tattersal and Mrs. T. Gowen were in charge of raffles. The money raised at the affair will help to send the drill team of the organization to Long Beach to compete in the annual competitions this summer. The local girls took first honors last year at Spokane.

"I thought I could find some nice soft grass and fall asleep." Then it was that Henry Ryan spied the mysterious figure in sand.

## Montreal Jewish Team Champions

**MONTREAL**—Montreal Young Men's Hebrew Association Blues defeated University of Manitoba Bisons last night to win the Dominion senior basketball championship. Score was 57 to 38. The Montrealers won the final three games to one.

## THE WEATHER

**Synopsis**  
The Pacific storm which caused gale force winds over the coast last night is now weakening and will move into the interior today. Winds up to nearly 80 miles per hour were reported in the Charlottes while two inches of rain or more was reported at several points along the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Cloud has spread into the interior but little precipitation has fallen. A few showers are forecast as the storm moves inland. Temperatures will continue a little milder as the Pacific air moves over the mountains.

Over the coast the weather will continue quite unsettled with cloud and frequent showers expected at most points through tomorrow.

## Forecast

**North Coast Region**—Cloudy with showers today and again tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Winds—southerly, 30 miles per hour, decreasing to (20) this evening. Winds southwest-erly (20) tomorrow. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—at Port Hardy and Prince Rupert, 35 and 50. Sandspit 33 and 48.

J. E. Ormheim returned to the city on Sunday afternoon's train after a business visit of a few days to Terrace.

## LOCAL TIDES

Wednesday, April 12, 1950

	High	Low
10:14	17.6 feet	
23:11	18.2 feet	
4:21	8.9 feet	
16:45	5.5 feet	