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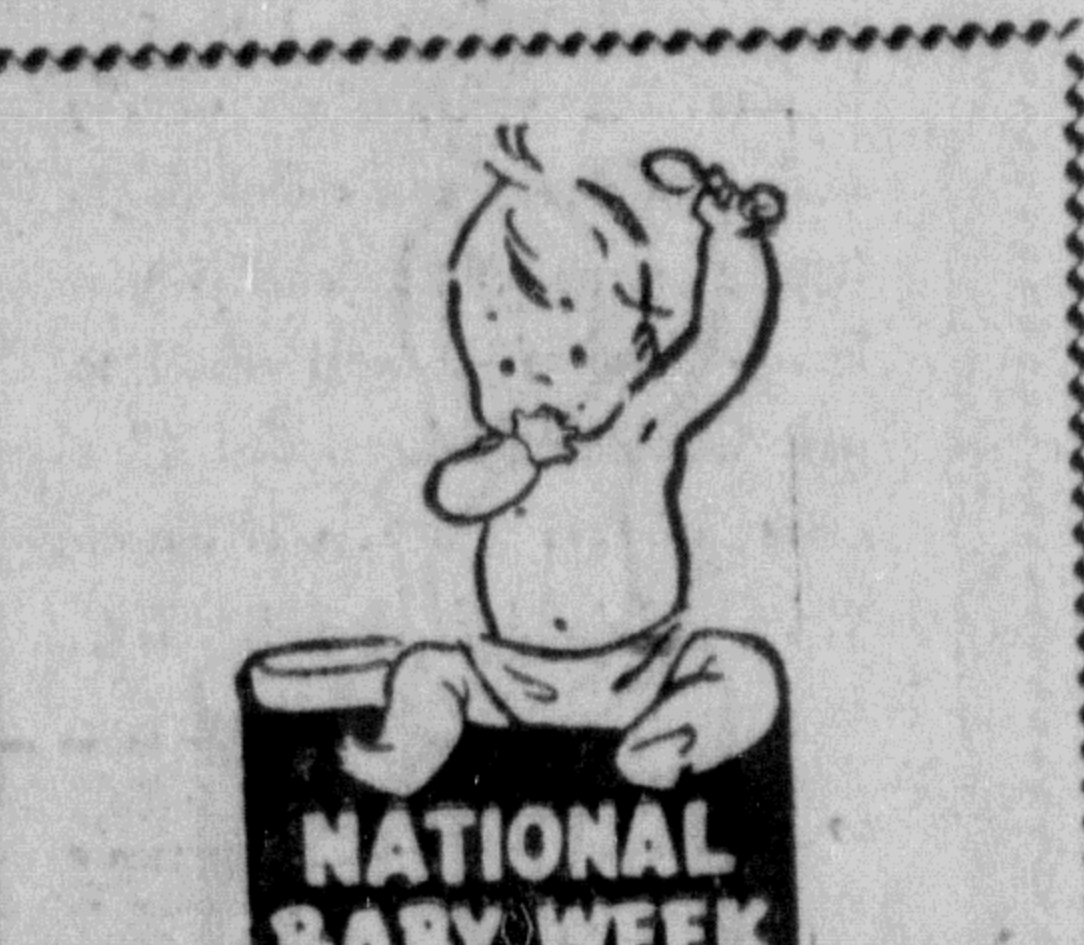
While not remarkable as a growing month, April in Prince Rupert is entitled to honorable mention. There were a few gusty mornings and, at times, precipitation was noticeable. The flowers that bloom in the spring (etc.) flourished. And yesterday morning we met a Fifth Avenue friend who was looking quite well pleased with himself. Pressed for a statement, he said he had enjoyed at breakfast a dish of April grown rhubarb right out of his very own garden and the flavor was superior.

The late Alderman Hamilton Douglas, member of Prince Rupert's early city councils, would have anticipated the next two months with greatest of zest. In small town politics he found his keenest relish. Defeat never

soured him. He was incapable of making enemies. To be a winner never uplifted him. To everyone, he was "Ham." He was never known to be angry and withal he had a fund of good common sense. If politics can be called a game, he dearly loved to play it. Once he polled thirteen ballots and, with his throaty chuckle, remarked he never imagined there were so many misguided ratepayers in town. He looked the part—short, gray, comfortably built and companionable.

It is true that while something has been done to make more convenient the distribution of mail, including the whole townsite, yet the time is approaching when a regular delivery system will become a necessity more pressing than it is now. It is quite probable that there can be found in Canada many a town, less populous and more compact, yet with a postman regularly on the job.

Fairbanks is seeking a new police chief, and a paper published in the northern city submits qualifications necessary to hold down a job like that. It says: He must be both tough and kind hearted. He must be able to take criticism, even when it's unjust, as a police chief is bound to make enemies. He must be prepared to work long hours. He must be able to hold together his police force and this is not easy. He must be above bribery or granting favors although he is in a position where the temptation is great. And first, he must first pass an examination.



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OBSERVED AT HOBBY SHOW

AMATEUR RADIO
The members of the Prince Rupert Amateur Radio Association put on an excellent active exhibit at the Hobby Show. Henry Bennett and Frank Parlette brought down their machines and sent messages. For messages close to Rupert the phone was used by Frank Parlette. Messages that had to go farther were sent by Bennett on the key. Due to daylight saving and the time of year it was rather late before messages could be sent through readily. Two members of the club, Bill Wrathall and Fred McDonald, were working at home. Messages were relayed out by them as well as from the Hobby Show. One message was delivered in Seattle two hours after leaving here the other night. There was a backlog of thirty-seven messages but these were all cleared before Saturday night. Dave Smith set up much of the informative display beside which Rex Thompson set at a desk writing messages. Kelowna and Kamloops radio clubs sent congratulations to the local group on their work as well as on their past good work in emergencies. Both had stations listening in each night and were relaying the messages sent from here.

RUGS
The hooked rugs displayed this year caused quite a sensation. Muriel Vance's large one with the intricate design was the favorite along with the octagonal one with the larkspur sprays made by Mrs. Vance. The grey background in the ones made by Willa Ray and Ruth Jerstad showed up the large roses, while the effect gained with different backgrounds was shown where Mrs. Kellett uses green, Mrs. Breimrose, Mrs. Cruikshank tan and W. Berg a deep maroon.

FANCIWORK
The fanciwork displayed was of the high calibre that continued throughout the Show this year. There was the beautiful cutwork tablecloth made by Mrs. Louise King and the crocheted one of Mrs. H. M. Woodside. There was Mrs. D. P. Stone's neat tatting, the bedspread made by Mrs. Amstutz, the beautiful children's dresses knitted in every color by Mrs. Krause. Mrs. W. V. Tattersal, aged 79, entered a large selection of Children's socks all with a dainty checked design on the sides or around the cuff, while Mrs. J. W. McKinley had an effective cushion.

OUTSTANDING EXHIBITS
The men weren't to be outdone by the women. T. J. Boulter had a large exhibit of bowls, candlesticks, lamps, trays, and boxes all in laminated wood in varied designs. Mr. Faught had unusual canes and tables made of Alberta willow, while D. H. Hay had an exhibit that shows expert workmanship as well as artistic ability. He had made from lemon wood two sets of long bows and slender arrows. Then as well he had a large exhibit of plastic work with inlaid carving. The prism with the daffodil inside reflected four times was very beautiful, and the cigarette case made in



A BIRTHDAY PRESENT FROM THE DUKE AND DUCHESS—When Their Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh visited a new flat in Manchester, recently, they met the Egerton family, and it happened to be the eighth birthday of little Ann Egerton, who asked for the royal couple's autographs. Smilingly the duke replied that they were not permitted to give autographs, but that they could regard the book as a visitors' book, and would therefore oblige her. Ann replied by offering a little dog mascot for the infant Prince Charles, which the duke accepted adding that he would certainly see that his son received it. Here Ann, before going to sleep, just had to have another look at the treasured signatures in her book.

the shape of a baby grand piano was a delightful thing. Mrs. Applewhite had an exhibit of watercolors in which her fog against the mountains and light on the water was very vivid. Mrs. M. Brain did a lovely horse's head, while the favorites in W. E. Chapple's exhibit were his dogs and the large Persian cat.

Miss Randi Thorsen, sister of Mrs. Jens Munthe, arrived in the city on the Chilcotin yesterday afternoon from her studies at the University of British Columbia for a visit here. In the Miller Bay exhibit, from the purses of Arthur Adams, Roderick Bolton and Raymond Cross to the linographs of Isadore Alphonse and the beadwork of Mrs. F. A. Antoine and Nora McKinnon, there was an unrivalled excellence of workmanship and a display of rare artistic taste.

NORTHERN B. C. ART
An interest in painting seems to be growing in various parts of Northern B. C. Quesnel has a very active Art club which sent an interesting display of studies and more serious work by several members of their group. Outstanding were two Indian portraits by Reba Lewis, but also popular is Baker, Creek Bridge by H. Siemens as well as one of a house on a hillside by M. J. Nell.

Smithers made an attractive contribution. One of Lake Kathryn by C. Seaman was much admired. The reflections of the mountains in the lake and its fall atmosphere were very good indeed. Effective is the tumbling green water in Miss Seaman's Glacier Creek and Edna Eastwood's fall trees. Mrs. J. A. Findlay sent two delightful water colors from Masset, while from Hazelton came two oils by R. W. S. Sarthe and an attractive display of watercolors by Mrs. Phyllis West. Favorites among them

WEATHER WAS WET

Something of a Record for Dampness in Prince Rupert This April

April 1949 appears to have set a record for precipitation in that particular month. Examination of records available shows nothing to approach it in previous "showery" months. The rainfall for this April was 14.73 inches. It was the wettest month here since last October when 15.51 inches was recorded. The precipitation for this year is now 29.13 inches as compared with 29.29 inches during the corresponding period of last year.

Sunshine this April was meagre with 36.7 hours on twelve days, making the aggregate for the year to date 221.4 hours as against 375.4 hours in the first four months of 1948.

Here are the official precipitation figures for April:
Maximum temperature, 51.2 on April 23.
Minimum temperature, 31 on April 5.
Mean temperature, 41.8.
Maximum barometer, 30.12 on April 13.
Minimum barometer, 29.30 on April 28.
Rainfall, 14.73 inches on twenty-seven days.
Sunshine, 36.7 hours on 12 days.
Maximum wind velocity, 48 miles per hour, southeast, April 2.

DOCTOR LECTURES LOCAL FIRST AID
A medical doctor will give a series of lectures to the local St. John Ambulance Brigade to augment instruction that is being given by R. E. Eyoifson. The regular weekly class of the brigade was held last Thursday night with Mr. Eyoifson conducting the instruction in his usual capable manner. In order to accommodate more members, the weekly class night has been changed from Thursday to Wednesday.

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