

## Local News Items...

● The Public Library will re-open Wednesday, Sept. 1. (205)

Kenneth Harris is sailing Tuesday on the Camosun to return to Vancouver to continue his theological studies.

Mrs. R. C. Good and family returned to the city Sunday night on the Camosun after a holiday in Vancouver.

Mrs. H. Holkestad returned to the city Sunday night on the Camosun from a trip to Vancouver.

Eddie Dawes and Jack Eby, who went south a couple of weeks ago in their 18-foot boat El Tibe, returned to the city by air Saturday afternoon.

City fire department answered a call this morning to the home of T. Ternavoy, 536 Seventh Avenue East to extinguish a chimney fire. The blaze caused no damage.

Mrs. S. G. Mills of Terrace, arrived in the city Saturday afternoon by air, en route home after a visit to Vancouver. She was met here by Dr. Mills, who motored from the interior town to drive her home.

● Any person interested in an all-expense trip to Juneau September 20 to 25, contact the Secretary, Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, or Union Steamships. A few vacancies still available. Associated Boards of Trade Convention trip. (204)

E. V. Whiting left today by air on a trip to Vancouver.

Neil Ross is leaving by air Tuesday for Vancouver, where he will take up future residence. Mr. Ross has been recreational director at the Civic Centre for the last couple of years.

● The Booth Memorial High School will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, September 1 and 2, to receive registration of new pupils from Grades 7 to 13 inclusive. Students graduating from local elementary schools into Grade 7, need not register until September 7. (205)

S. Suga, who grew up in Prince Rupert, and who has been away for the past six years arrived in town during the week-end on a brief visit. He has, for some time, been located in Smithers. The Suga family years ago, developed a boat building business in Prince Rupert.

● NOTICE TO AI YANSH PEOPLE—Anyone returning home with empty boats kindly stop at the Philpott, Evitt dock and pick up material for the new church. (208)

● Rex Bowling Alleys will re-open evening of September 1. (206)

Mr. and Mrs. Al Ross returned to the city recently after a holiday trip to Jasper, Edmonton and Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Elder, Biggar Place, returned to the city on Saturday night's train from a holiday trip to Vancouver and Saskatoon.

Col. S. D. Johnston returned Saturday evening from a trip that had taken him from Edmonton north, as one of a party of officers assigned to travel along the Alaska Highway and through Northern B.C.

● Prince Rupert Lodge No. 68 I.O.O.F. regular meeting, Tuesday, August 31. Official visit of Grand Master E. C. Craigen. Members and sojourning brothers urged to attend. H. M. Daggett, N.G. (204)

Brock Hilliard of Penticton, in the Okanagan country, arrived in Prince Rupert by Saturday evening's train, and after a few days spent in the city will return home, travelling south by steamer. Mr. Hilliard, who is a printer and newspaperman of long experience in British Columbia is making his first holiday trip to the north coast. He is on the staff of the Penticton Herald.

### CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. James Hopkins wishes to express sincere and heartfelt thanks for the many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy received in her bereavement.

### Announcement

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Light and shadow of interior roads were part of the holiday magic which lured many Prince Rupert people up country this summer. Here is a study made at Terrace by Larry Moore, local amateur photographer.

## Berliners Dizzy As East West Row Splits City Life

By RICHARD KASISCHKE

BERLIN (AP)—When the Russians withdrew from four-power administration of Berlin and began to split the city, they started a dizzy merry-go-round that gets dizzier by the week.

This has become a city where your money is good in the western part of town but possession of it can land you in jail in the eastern sector.

It's a town where you can drop a letter in the mail in the western sectors but it will be returned to you from the east because your stamps are not recognized as legal by the Russians. You are authorized to go into a restaurant and buy a meal on one side of the street but are banned on the opposite side.

You can belong to a trade union which is recognized as the "only authorized and legal" union in the west but is outlawed on the east side.

That gives you an idea of what Berlin's citizens are up against. The Russians never forgave Berliners for voting resoundingly in anti-Communist in their first—and thus far, only post-war election in October 1946.

Thereafter the Russians and their German Communist allies adopted a strategy of trying to hamstring the anti-Communist socialist administration in order to discredit it with the electorate.

### REFUSED RUSSIAN ORDERS

When this didn't work the Russians withdrew from the four-power Allied Kommandatura and the dizzy whirl of division began. The Russians split the police force, forcing Communists into central headquarters so that the western occupying sectors had to refuse to take central orders in order to protect their sectors from kidnapping, political coercion and persecution.

Then things got really complicated. The Russians muscled into control of Berlin's postal system. The western powers resisted but it only resulted in a tangle.

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**POPULATION DROPS IN SASK., FARMS BIGGER**  
Agriculture Minister Says Number of Farms May Fall From 125,000 to 50,000

REGINA (C)—The population of this agricultural province is shifting towards other provinces and internally as well.

The story as laid down in Canadian census figures shows Saskatchewan had a population in 1947 estimated at 842,000 persons compared with 896,000 in 1931.

Still ranked fourth in population in the Dominion, Saskatchewan is, however, showing a steady decline.

That drop of 25,000 persons between 1931 and 1944 has been attributed by some to a drought-propelled exodus of frustrated farmers and other workers who sought jobs in Eastern Canada and on the West Coast.

For the six-year period between 1941-47, when 54,000 persons left the province, some blame war industry elsewhere. That number, incidentally, is more than the total population of Saskatchewan, second largest city, and is only about 10,000 less than the total population of this capital.

Political opponents of the present C.C.F. government claim that the "crushing" of free enterprise—charged to the government—accounts for the drop in population. They say government policies in handling some industries, labor problems and natural resources not only make the small business man shy away or decamp but also scares off the capital they claim is needed from outside for expansion of natural resources.

### GOVERNMENT'S VIEWPOINT

In power since 1944, and returned June 24, the government counters with the argument that free enterprise had its chance but failed; that the population was leaving before the C.C.F. took over and that C.C.F. policies will diversify the provincial economy and create more jobs.

But when it comes to Saskatchewan's main occupation, farming, the government expresses concern.

Agriculture Minister I. C. Noyes estimates that the total number of farms in the province has declined from 145,000 to around 125,000. "There may come a day when 50,000 to 60,000 farms—and farmers—may constitute the provincial total."

Power machinery, he says, "has sent overhead costs and capital investment up so high, farmers must cultivate more and more land to make a profit."

He believes that even sub-marginal land will have to be used unless the farmers take some action.

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