

## Pacific Arena

A DELEGATE to the British Empire Service League Conference, Lieut.-General Sir John Brown says the Atlantic Ocean has been declining in importance since the Second World War, and that the arena of future world events will be the Pacific.

It is true the position of Japan, while not the powerful island empire of former years, is not reassuring and inspires much conjecture. The problem of China flows in grave possibilities. There has been no peace in China since long before the second great war, and now, Communism spreads. The far-reaching plans of Soviet Russia are not forgetful of the Western Pacific and East Indies.

It is toward Russia and Siberia that Washington looks. Australia seeks more security, and the western shores of North America think, not so much of the Atlantic as they do the greatest of oceans, and the shock and slaughter known as Pearl Harbor.

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"NO FURTHER LOAN"—CRIPPS—British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, left, and Sir Stafford Cripps, chancellor of the exchequer, now in Washington, for the Anglo-American-Canadian dollar-crisis conference, told newsmen that Britain will ask no additional grants from the U. S. Cripps emphasized his position to devaluation of the British pound as a possible solution of his country's dollar shortage.

## CONGREGATION MEETS PASTOR

"Get Together" Dinner at United Church Friendly Affair

The "Get-together" dinner in the First United Church hall last evening under the auspices of the Women's Association was most successful with upwards of a hundred and forty members and adherents sitting down to enjoy one of the dinners for which the women of the church are justly famous.

The guests of honor were the recently inducted pastor, Rev. Lawrence Sieber and Mrs. Sieber and their two children, Roy and Allan. Mrs. Sieber's father, Mr. Guley was also introduced to the assembly.

Following the dinner and a short community singing programme Mr. Sieber told of the gracious welcome extended to him and his family by the members of the church who greeted them at the boat. It had been a most heart-warming experience. Since then he had experienced the friendly welcome of many of the congregation, a quality that he had been told the people of Prince Rupert possessed in a very high degree. He complimented the women on the banquet that had been provided and said that he and his family were looking forward with pleasure to the rest of their stay in the city. Working in unity they could make the church a great agency for the advancement of Christianity in the community.

Thanks were expressed to the women of the association through their convener Mrs. A. Thompson. The introduction of the members to the minister and his family was carried out by J. S. Wilson who later led the audience in some spirited community singing with Henry A. Phym at the piano.

## JINX VISITS SOUTH SHIPPING

VANCOUVER — Nineteen Americans were rescued early today from the grounded U. S. army tug BT 62 off Camp Point in Johnstone Strait, 125 miles northwest of Vancouver.

The Americans, 18 crew members and one passenger, were taken off by the B. C. fishing boat Haida. No one was reported injured.

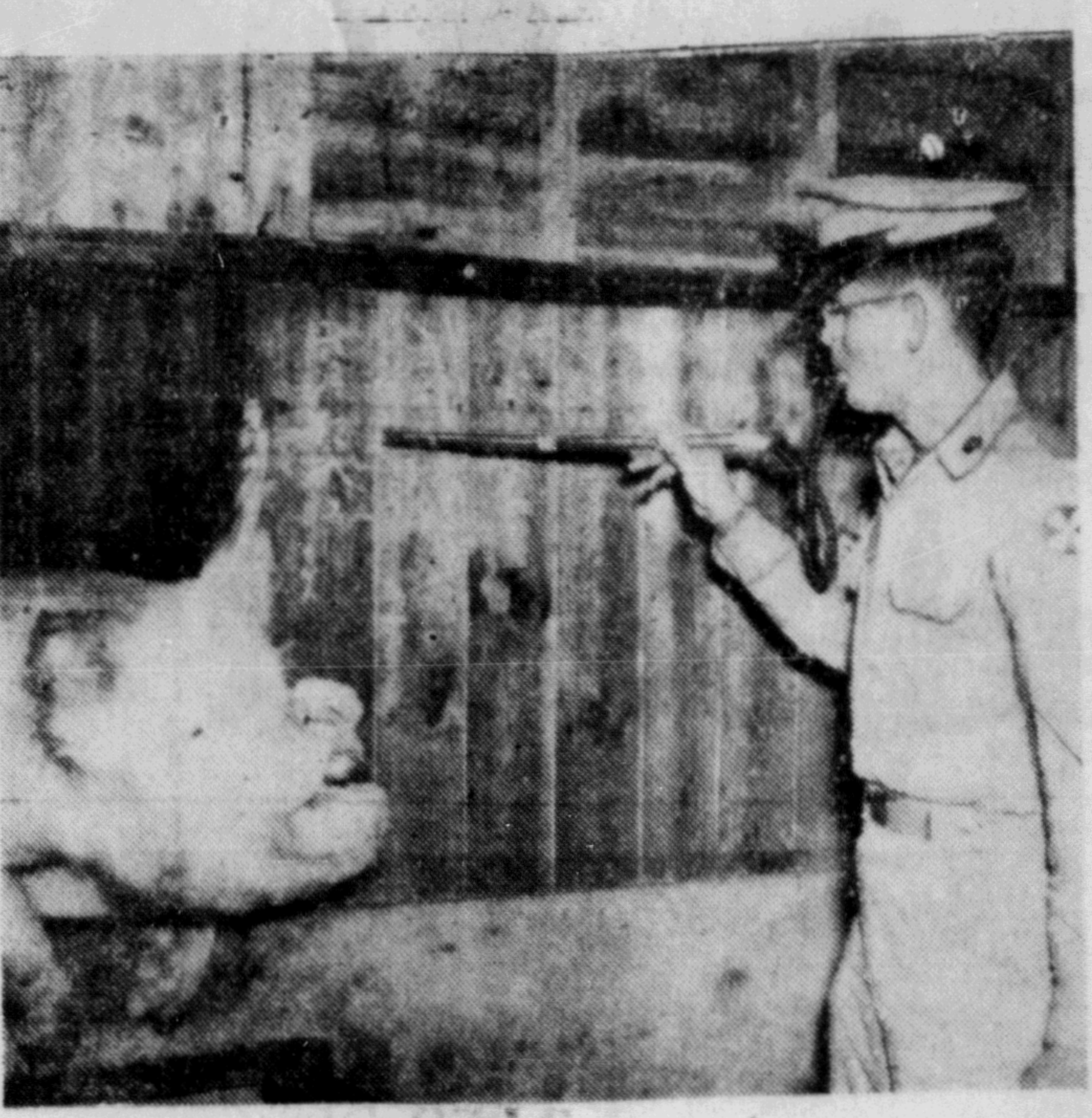
In another marine mishap, the Dutch motorship Maoran rammed the United Grain Grower Elevator dock during a heavy fog early today, causing extensive damage to the dock and grain handling facilities. No one was injured.

Twenty-four hours earlier, 20-year-old Arvid Green was drowned when the North Vancouver ferry and the fish packer Betty L. collided in Burrard Inlet.

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INTERESTED IN SCIENCE—A snobbish looking pig is the fascinated onlooker as U.S. army private Joe McClendon of Modesto, Cal., uses an aspirator to capture disease-bearing mosquito in a house at Okayama, Japan. P.F.C. McClendon is a member of the 207th Malaria Survey Detachment, now engaged in capturing mosquitoes for use in Japanese encephalitis research.

## DRY LAND SHIPWRECK HALTS PLANS P.E.I. FAMILY COMING SETTLE HERE

Four Prince Edward Island fishermen who made a 5,100-mile motor trip from their home to Prince Rupert are probably the only people in these parts who ever had a boat wrecked on dry land.

The quartette are Beecher Court, mustached leader of the Court family and his three grown sons, Qantin, Emard and Veard, of North Rustico, and they came west to see what is doing in the fishing line. Things, according to the elder Court, are slowing down a bit back east.

So on September 1, they put their bedrolls in their 1941 Oldsmobile and headed west. And they meant west—as far west as they could go. Namely, the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Before they left they loaded their 32-foot boat, the Linda, aboard a railway flatcar just so they would have something to fish with when they got here. That's where the shipwreck came in. Seems a landslide hit the flatcar in the interior of B.C., knocking the wheels out from under it. Up to yesterday, Mr. Court hadn't heard how the boat itself had made out.

The Court odyssey was no spur-of-the-moment migration. It was the product of careful planning after canny preliminary investigation. If it hadn't been for the dry land shipwreck they probably even now would be wetting their long-lines in the west side of Bechar Strait instead of waiting around Prince Rupert.

"Things aren't as lively in the fishing industry in Prince Edward Island as they used to be," Mr. Court said. "Not that they are really bad, mind you, but they are slackening off a bit. So just in case things really began to go down hill we decided to investigate some other part of the country."

"We had heard about the Queen Charlotte Islands so last fall, I decided to learn about them. Subscribed to the Prince Rupert Daily News and read all I could about the district. The village of Tlell struck our fancy so we wrote a letter to Mr. Gigerich there and we entered into correspondence."

As a result, they have a house

## Sons of Norway Honor City Man For Outstanding Wartime Work

Although he is not a Scandinavian, J. A. McNaughton of 220 Sixth Avenue West will cherish a memento from the Supreme Lodge of the Sons of Norway and an honorary membership in the Prince Rupert Lodge of the fraternal order.

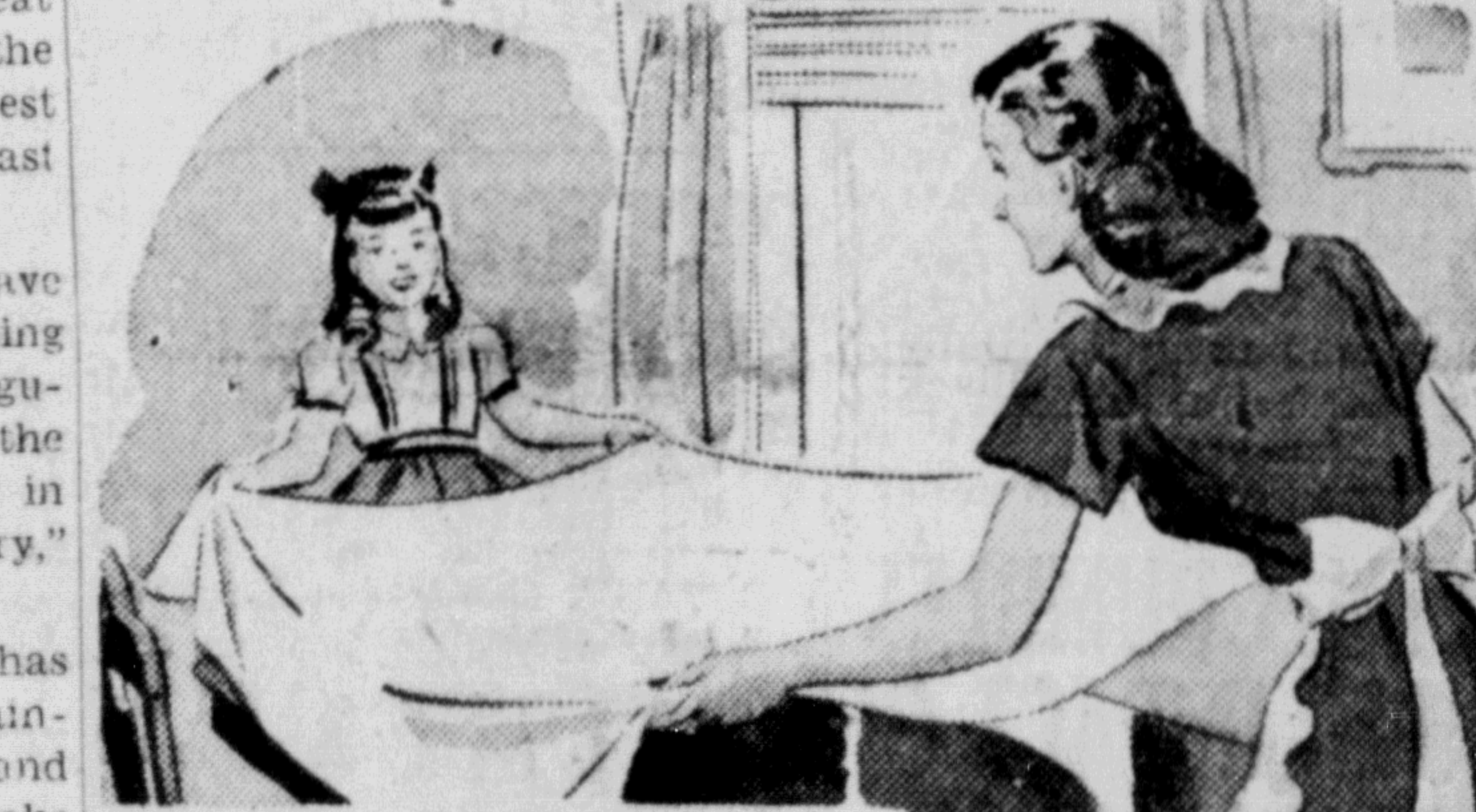
Mr. McNaughton, a retired railway employee was honored by the lodge last night for his outstanding work in aid of the wartime "Help Norway committee" when he was presented with a framed certificate of merit and an honorary membership button by Rudolph Olsen.

The certificate signed by the president and secretary of the Supreme Lodge in Minneapolis is in "deep and sincere appreciation of your incessant efforts to help Norway and her people in their sorry plight during the five dark war years and the difficult post-war period."

"All the information which has come to us in regard to your constant efforts to promote the relief cause, pictures to us a man with a big heart pulsating in unison with suffering humanity. Although we do not wish to intimate that your Scotch birth and ancestry have any influence on your acts in this connection, we cannot do otherwise than look upon them as manifesta-

tario to Sault Ste Marie, then through the northern states from Michigan to Montana and into Alberta at Sweetgrass. They entered B.C. at Banff, coming over the Big Bend Highway to Kamloops and then north.

"Except for that train wreck we would have arrived here about the same time as our boat," Mr. Court said. "Then we could have sailed it across to Tlell. Now, with the weather so uncertain, I guess we'll have to ship it across on a steamer. Sure hope it's all right. Seems a pity to ship it that far and have it damaged..."



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