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## Fire Truck Is Authorized

A new three ton Ford cab and chassis, at a cost of \$2,635 is to be purchased for the fire department, it was decided at a meeting of city council Monday night on recommendation of the utilities committee. Application will be made to the Minister of Municipalities to have the expenditure defrayed from the Land Sale Trust account.

The ancient Reo truck will be traded in on the purchase for \$100.

Council also authorized the committee to purchase a 24-foot aluminum ladder in place of the wooden ladder previously authorized for the fire department. Difference in price between the 24-foot wooden and aluminum ladders, the committee reported, was \$19.50.

## To Investigate Parking Problem

A special committee to investigate the parking problem of this city was appointed by Mayor G. W. Rudderham at a meeting of city council Monday night. On the recommendation of the Health, Social Assistance, Police and Licensing committee the Mayor was empowered to choose a committee.

He appointed the City Clerk H. D. Thain, Chief of Police Lance Pottier and members of the Health, Social Assistance, Police and Licensing committee. The Mayor said that anyone interested in the problem would be welcome at meetings.

## Extension Of Hall Discussed

Plans for extending the Sons of Norway Hall at Fifth Avenue East were discussed at a special joint meeting of the Sons of Norway and the Sonja Ladies Aid of the organization in the hall Sunday. No definite proposals were announced. The meeting was presided over by President John Fredheim.

## Gasoline For City Officials

Council members sat in silence for a few seconds after a report of a joint meeting of the Board of Works and Utilities committees was read Monday night. The committees recommended that four city employees be granted gasoline to recompense them for use of their private cars on city business.

The amount is 25 gallons per month for Fire Chief Earl Becker, Telephone Superintendent J. F. Edwards and Road Foreman G. Geddes. Cemetery Caretaker G. Soderlund is allowed 20 gallons.

Identical thoughts, no doubt, passed through minds of all the thoughtful aldermen.

But finally, thumping his pipe bowl over an ashtray, Ald. T. B. Black leaned forward and asked, "Will that be sufficient gasoline for the Fire Chief?"

The members, including the Mayor, shuffled and emitted occasional grunts. Apparently, they were not at ease following the question and no one came forth with a conclusive answer.

Someone suggested that they wait for results—which no doubt would come in the very near future.

## What About Compressor?

City council members, at their meeting Monday night, could not decide whether the LeRoi air compressor, currently being rented, should be purchased at a cost of \$3,770. Rentals for the four month period amounting to \$1,000 would be deducted from the purchase figure.

The question as to whether the compressor is urgently required was knocked about by members. They finally decided to ask for authorization to rent the machine for another month.

They said that proof should be presented to them that the compressor is required.

Before recommending the purchase, the Board of Works committee had discussed the purchase and decided the machine would be required.

Anyway, the matter was deferred to the committee for a more definite report.

## Interest Is Appreciated

### P.T. Council Hears 100 Kindergarten Pupils Available

In letters read at Monday night's meeting of the Prince Rupert Parent Teacher Council, Dr. Duncan Black, director of the Prince Rupert Health Unit, expressed his gratification at the interest shown by the association in health problems.

He stated that, in the course of the medical inspections being currently carried on, a survey of the teeth of the children was being made but that some time would elapse before it could be completed.

The number of children eligible for kindergarten instruction in the city is estimated at well over a hundred. There are three privately managed kindergartens in operation at present. R. D. Cleland referred to the interest being shown by the Ratepayers' Association in the matter. A survey is being carried out in the schools and results will be available as a guide for further steps.

Each of the Parent Teacher Associations reported on their many successful activities. The meeting was pleased with the formation of a Parent-Teacher Association in connection with the Annunciation School and Mrs. Becker reported that a request had been received from Port Edward asking for information regarding the formation of an association at that centre.

Resolutions for the annual convention of the Parent-Teacher Federation of B.C. to be held in Vancouver on April 12, 13 and 14 were considered and the delegate will be informed of the council's wishes on several of the items. The official delegate from Prince Rupert will be F. Wright, of the Booth Memorial High School P.T.A. Following his return he will report to a joint meeting to be held in the Booth High School.

Mrs. Becker expressed the thanks of the Music and Drama Festival Committee for assistance in connection with the bill-eting of out-of-town contestants and paid particular tribute to the assistance given by Borden Street School P.T.A.

The meeting reported that all associations had endorsed the motion that teachers be eligible to be candidates in municipal elections. The P.T.A. shelf in the library will be continued. Mrs. A. J. Dominato, president, was in the chair.

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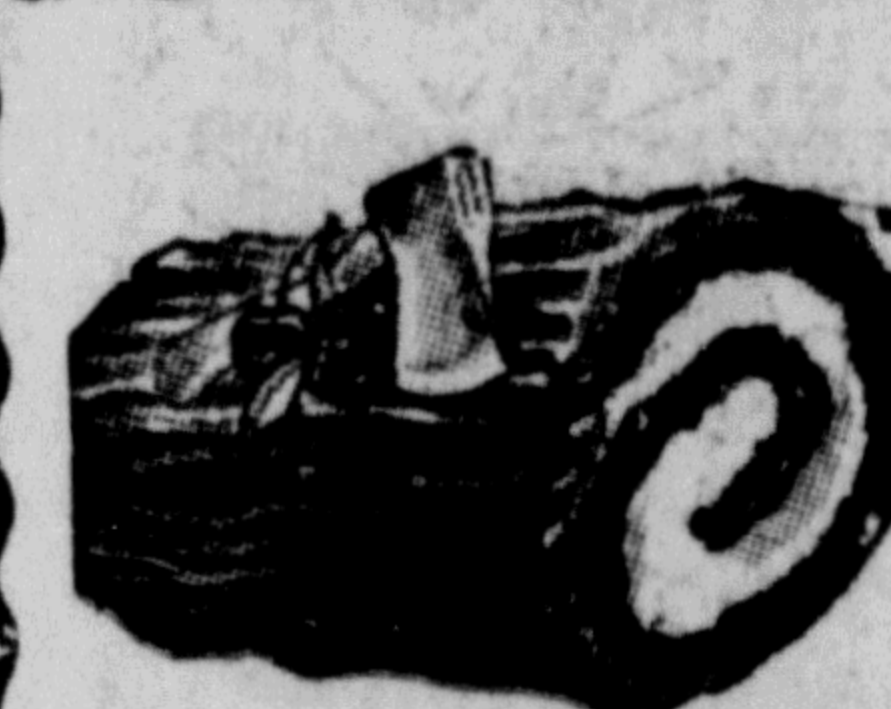
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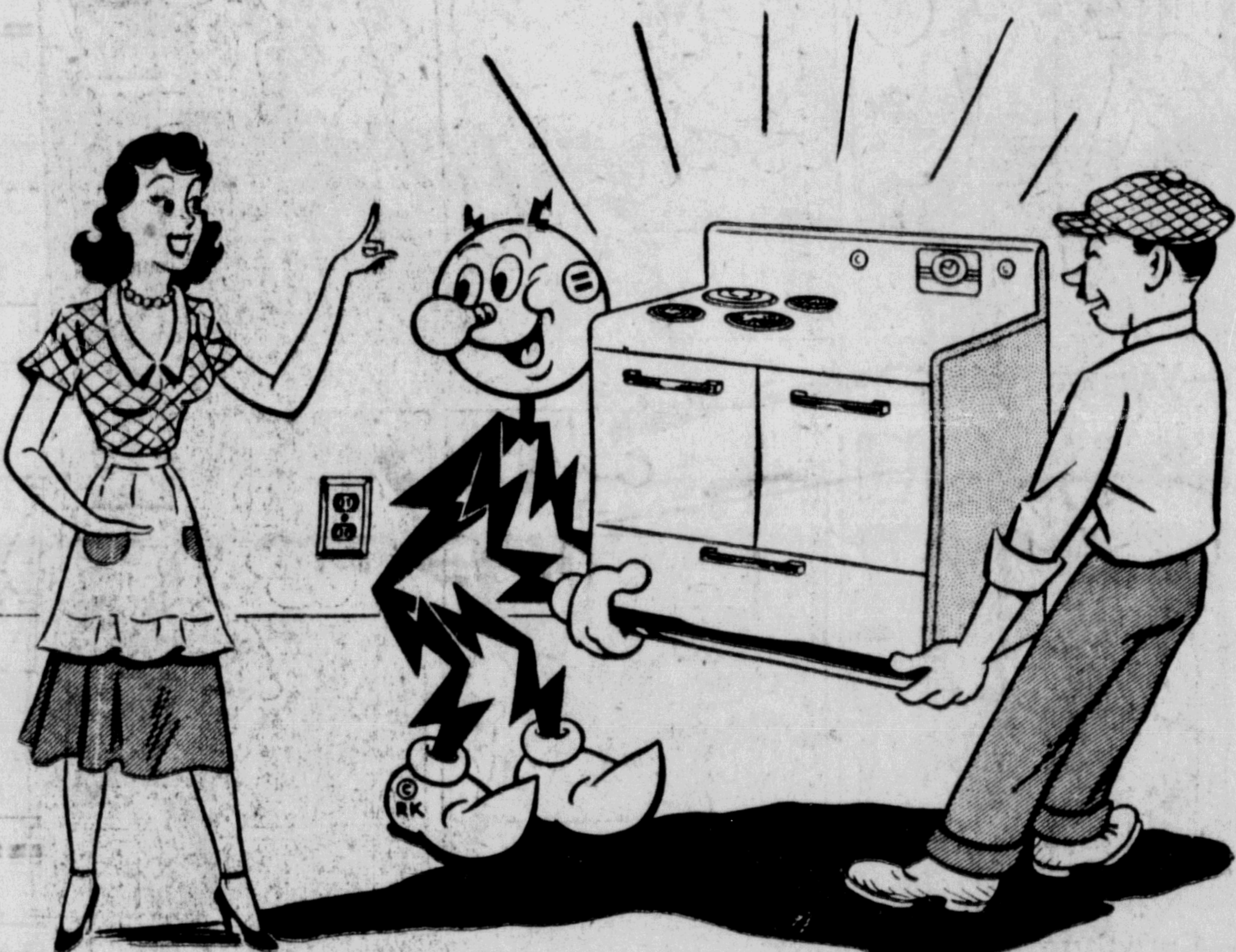
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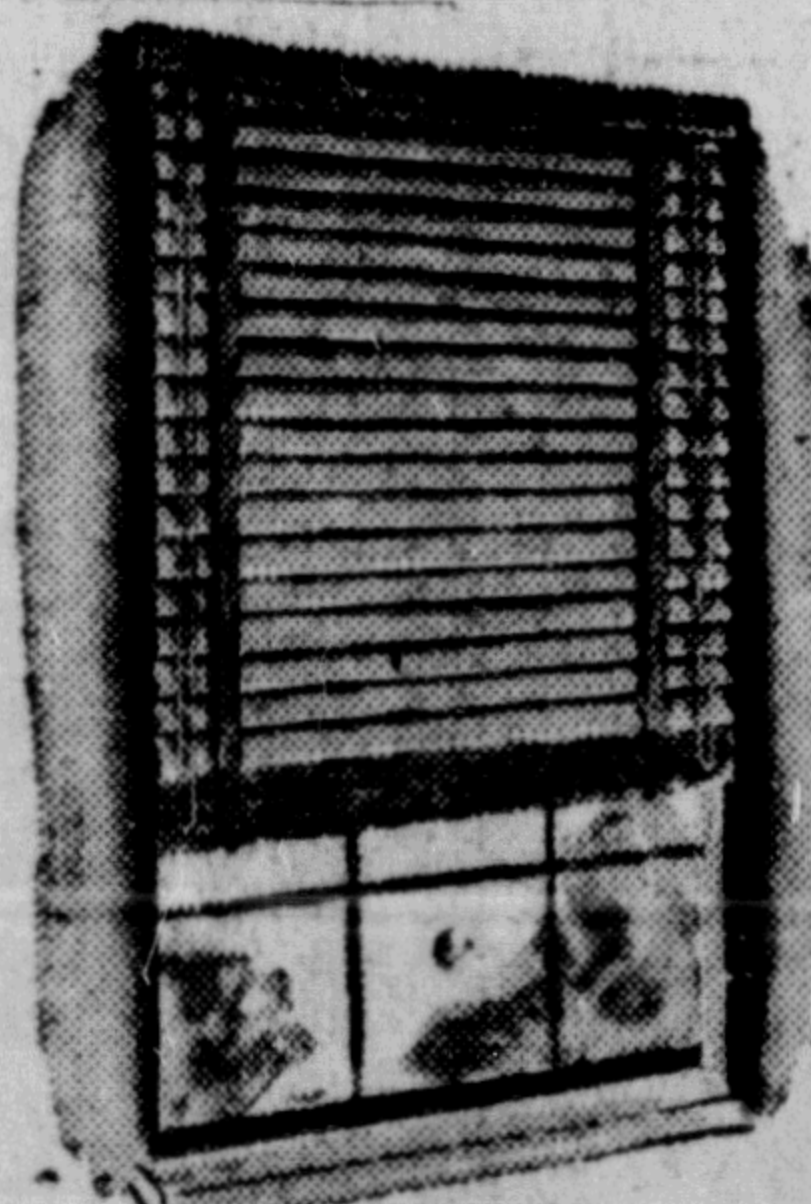
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