

# Whole Village Watches as Chief Clifton receives Queen's Medal at Hartley Bay

The second of four Coronation medals to be presented to Native chiefs in this area, was received by Chief Heber L. Clifton, Sr., in an impressive ceremony at Hartley Bay.

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ONE OF THE ALL-TIME GREAT VOICES of opera fades from the stage, as Kirsten Flagstad makes her final appearance at a concert in the National Theatre in Oslo, Norway. Miss Flagstad made her first public appearance 40 years ago.

## Government Allocates Funds For Civil Defence Work Here

Funds have been set aside for training and facilities for civil defence in the Prince Rupert target area it was learned.

The money is part of federal grant which the federal government will contribute toward the cost of additional civil defence projects in the Columbia costing an estimated \$80,000.

## Post Office Sets Record

Between Dec. 14 and Dec. 23, parcel post courier delivered 10 parcels to Prince Rupert, said this morning. On top of that, he said, more than 1,000 parcels were delivered by postmen.

The 11,300 parcel total exceeds last year's 10,600 parcels which were delivered through post office wicket.

Mr. Burgess said there was no influx of mail this year because last year just before Christmas Eve. There were 16, 17, 18, 19, when more than 20,000 Christmas cards passed through the stamping machine.

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Clayton of the RCMP and Rev. L. G. Sieber of the United Church travelled by plane to Hartley Bay Tuesday where the presentation ceremony took place in the presence of the 201 men, women and children of the village.

As the plane came in, the ceremonial flags of the village were raised and a welcoming party escorted the guests to the home of Chief Clifton, patriarch of all Native people of the northwest coast.

Mr. Anfield, in an address to the village group, took them back in history to the days when the Native people first came under the sovereignty of Queen Victoria.

He praised them for their loyalty and devotion to the crown, continued from that day to this Coronation year when a new, young Queen and mother reigns.

"It is right and fitting," said Mr. Anfield, "that the Native people should be numbered among those honored by Her Majesty in Coronation Year. No honor is more deserved than that being presented today to Chief Clifton, whose devoted service to his own people and to all the Native people of B.C. is known far and wide."

"For half a century the chief has guided his people, guarded them from evils and urged them to become progressive," the results of Mr. Clifton's work, he said, were evident in a law-abiding and religious people, living happily in a well-built community, whose progressive fishermen are trusted and respected by all.

As Mr. Anfield presented the medal he said, "This award is made to you, Heber Clifton, by command of Her Majesty the Queen. Long may you live to wear it and long may you be spared to lead your people."

Rev. Sieber also spoke briefly, challenging the people of the village, and especially the young people, "to uphold God's laws and to follow the chief in his work for the church in Hartley Bay."

He said that Chief Clifton had rallied his people to build a new church when the old one was destroyed by fire. The new church was one of the most beautiful in B.C. The example of courage, faith and perseverance set by the chief has been recognized by his Queen. "It must remain your task and duty to follow what He has taught you."

Speaking in his own language, Chief Clifton expressed his gratitude for the honor, assuring the Queen of his continued loyalty and devotion, and service to his people.

Following a ceremonial banquet, Ed and Lewis Clifton spoke on behalf of the people, after which the official party left.

## Terrace Enjoys 1st Community Carol Festival

TERRACE—Another first in musical events here was the Community Carol Festival held in the Civic Centre Sunday night.

Community singing of the familiar Christmas carols was featured with the Silver Jubilee band, conducted by Spence Muckle, leading the singing and presenting several band selections.

Headed in the program were the Civic Centre Choral group, Sacred Heart church, Pentecostal and St. Matthews Anglican choirs, a quartet and trio from the Baptist church and solos by Mrs. Thelma Christie and Alan Dubeau. Rev. M. W. O'Connell was master of ceremonies.

## Christmas Baby Born at Terrace

Special to The Daily News

TERRACE—Only one baby was born here Christmas Day. The Christmas babe is a boy, born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Haugland at 5:20 a.m. in the Terrace General Hospital.

Mother and son are doing well, and are now home from hospital.

## 'Army' Veteran Dies in South

VANCOUVER (CP)—Brig. Dora Allan, 81, who served the Salvation Army for more than 60 years, died here Monday.

She joined the army at the age of 15 and during her long career worked in Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, Alaska, The Yukon and South Africa.

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## FASHION FOOTWEAR



TWENTY-THREE - YEAR-OLD Lady Marye Rous, daughter of the Earl and Countess of Stradbroke, carries a tray of clean glasses up the stairs at a London cafe where she works as a waitress. She came home to London after working her way around the world as an air-line hostess, cook, chambermaid, actress and cattle ranch worker. She says she "loves her present job."

## PERSONALS

Of interest here was the christening in Vancouver of the great-grandson of Mrs. James A. Brown of Port Essington and Prince Rupert.

The baby, John Jeffrey Richards, is son of Mr. and Mrs. John Richards of Vancouver. His grandparents are Mrs. H. B. Rochester and the late Mr. Rochester, one-time mayor of Prince Rupert. Mrs. Rochester, who now resides in Vancouver, arrived here today aboard the Prince George to visit her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Donaldson, 308 Fifth Avenue West.

Mrs. Brown was in Vancouver for the christening, performed by Rev. D. W. Newby at the home of Mrs. Rochester.

Miss Gerry Martin, 1248 Beach Place, returned home by plane yesterday after spending the Christmas holiday with her parents in Kamloops.

Mr. J. H. Thompson has returned home from Vancouver where he and his wife visited their son, Archie, for Christmas. Mrs. Thompson is remaining in the south for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Holtby, 421 Dunsuir Street, arrived home this morning on the Prince George from Vancouver, where they spent Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Brett Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Mazzone of Seal Cove also returned aboard the George this morning from a six-weeks' stay in Vancouver.

Mr. Eric Grant, chief clerk for CN freight here, also was a passenger aboard the George today, returning from a 10-day Christmas visit with his parents in Winnipeg.

## Kitimat Rail Link, Bridge Noted in Annual CN Report

Clearing and grading of the new 45-mile rail link from Terrace to Kitimat, work on the seven-span rail bridge over the Skeena river and the new railway barge slip at Prince Rupert were among major projects listed by Donald Gordon, president of Canadian National Railways in his annual report released today.

Work on the Terrace-Kitimat right of way is progressing, as is erection of the new bridge.

Three steel trestles are in place on the bridge project east of Terrace, and three spans have been erected.

The project is reported up to schedule and is expected to be completed within the contract time. Contractors are Dawson and Hall on the sub-structure with Dominion Bridge company handling the steel work.

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## Apples Cost 50 Cents Each In Fairbanks

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP)—Apples sold for 50 cents each last week at the remote village of Aklavik, at the mouth of the Mackenzie river in the Northwest Territories.

Bob Rice, who took a box of apples to Aklavik along with a plane load of machinery, reported the box sold in an hour and a half at the premium price.

## Silent Picture Film Star Dies

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP)—Mrs. John H. Folger, stage and film star in the days of silent pictures, died at her home here Monday. She was 66.

As Violet Macmillan, the "Cinderella girl," she played a leading role in the original production of the musical, The Time, the Place and the Girl, which had a three-year run on Broadway.



## NEW YEAR'S BALL

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MRS. GILBERT LOWRY, 22, is a Polynesian princess who last spring left her home island, 1,600 miles from New Zealand, to live in Cardston, Alberta, with her husband, a former Mormon missionary. Mrs. Lowry is a popular speaker at town functions and, on occasion, has even donned her grass skirt to do the hula, national dance of the Polynesians.



## Teacher Heads Auto Association

VANCOUVER (CP)—Everett J. Irwin, school principal, has been elected president of the British Columbia Automobile Association. He succeeds Harry Duker, president for the last two years.

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