

British School Boys Start Journey Home

FORT ST. JAMES, B.C.—A group of 69 British school boys, tanned and toughened by five weeks camping in the northern British Columbia wilderness, have started the long journey home.

The boys, members of the British Schools Exploring Society, undertook the ambitious expedition to learn how to fend for themselves under difficult conditions.

Group leader Frank Hannell reported that the rugged area proved "ideally suited" for their aims.

"Our stay in this more impressive country has been a character-forming experience that none of us will ever forget," Mr. Hannell said.

The boys, aged 16 to 19, took part in 11 exploratory marches across densely wooded terrain north of Stuart Lake. Two parties reached the summit of Mount Sydney Williams, which rises 6,500 feet in the region north of Lake Trembleur.

The final test of endurance was the 116-mile hike exploring the unmapped region between Trembleur and Babine lakes, and the steep hills flanking the east shore of Babine.

The party making this 14-day trip was comprised of 15 specially selected boys, three leaders and a doctor.

Each member carried in his pack his own personal requirements and a share of the party's food, tents and scientific equipment. Individual loads varied between 35 pounds on the shorter journeys to a maximum of 65 pounds on the long marches.

Radio sets loaned by the army and the B.C. Forest Service were used to communicate between camps.

The society was founded in 1932 by Dr. G. Murray Levick, formerly a surgeon with the 1912 Scott Antarctic expedition, and has taken English school-boys on 15 exploratory trips to various parts of the world. Some 428 boys applied for the B.C. trip this year.

Soldier Wins Three Sets Of Wings

HANNOVER, Germany.—Sergeant Paul Camilleri, 32, of Salmon Arm, B.C., is one member of the 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade who floats through the air with the greatest of ease.

This isn't so surprising when you know he has earned three different sets of wings in his service career—those of a fighter pilot, a glider pilot and a paratrooper.

Sgt. Camilleri was born on the island of Malta and served as a second lieutenant with the King's Own Malta Regiment until 1942 when he went to England to join the Royal Air Force. He was sent to Canada to train under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan in the spring of 1943 and his pilot officer's wings were pinned to his tunic in the fall of that year. The following spring he returned to England as a Hurricane pilot.

By the fall the RAF had more fliers than they knew what to do with so the young Maltese pilot transferred back to his old regiment in Malta and later served in Italy.

After a spell of civilian life he headed for Vancouver, where he joined the Canadian Army in the summer of 1947. At the Joint Air Training Centre at Rivers, Man., he won his paratrooper's wings in 1948 and qualified for his glider pilot's wings two years later. It is the wings of a glider pilot that he now wears on his uniform.

He manages to keep in practice by flying sailplanes at the RAF Gliding Club at Celle, a small town about 25 miles north of Hannover.

"It's a lot of fun," said the "winger" sergeant. "And besides you never can tell when the army may need me again as a glider pilot."

Meet Discusses Drunk Driving

TORONTO — The drinking driver, his behaviour and the question of whether he should drink and drive at all, is being scrutinized by experts from more than 20 countries, at the Second International Conference on Alcohol and Road Traffic.

Attending the conference are more than 200 scientists, doctors, lawyers, safety experts and law enforcement officials. Purpose of the meeting is to study the effects of alcohol on road traffic and to determine what can be done through education, law enforcement and legislation.

Options Mine

PENTICTON (CP)—United States interests have optioned a large deposit of tungsten ore on Rear-don Mountain, 20 miles southwest of here, officials of the Alcon Mining syndicate said Tuesday.

Preliminary examination shows deposit to be 600 feet wide, 2,000 feet long and estimated 100 feet deep.

HIGHER HEMLINE GOOD

LOS ANGELES (AP)—To a traffic engineer, the higher hemline decree by stylist Christian Dior is a safety factor.

Burton W. Marsh, Washington, D.C., safety director here for the national convention of the American Automobile Association, said Tuesday that only 24 per cent of pedestrian deaths involve women.

The raised hemline, he said, may reduce this percentage even more. He didn't explain whether he meant that male drivers would keep a sharper eye peeled, or that the gals now can scamper with more agility.

Stern Reminder

ANSONVILLE, Ont. (CP)—Calvert council was in session in this town near Timmins when the new night constable appeared. One of the councillors halted his oratory when he learned he must remove his car, double-parked in front of the town hall. The session was held up while the councillor reparked his car.

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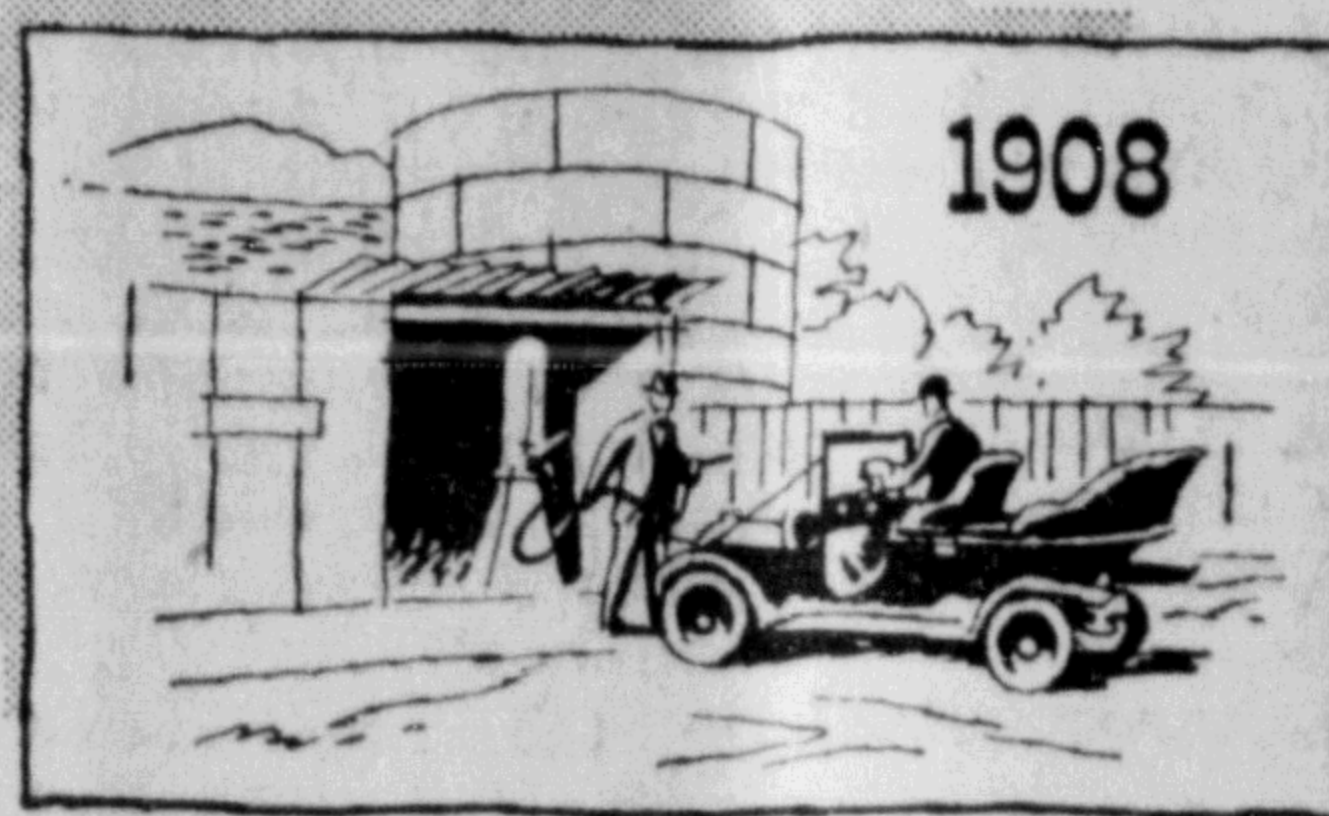
CANADA SECOND CHOICE OF NORWEGIAN EMIGRANTS

OSLO (CP)—Official figures show that 2,658 Norwegians emigrated in 1952—1,535 men and 1,423 women. More than 67 per cent went to settle in the United States, and 13 per cent chose Canada.

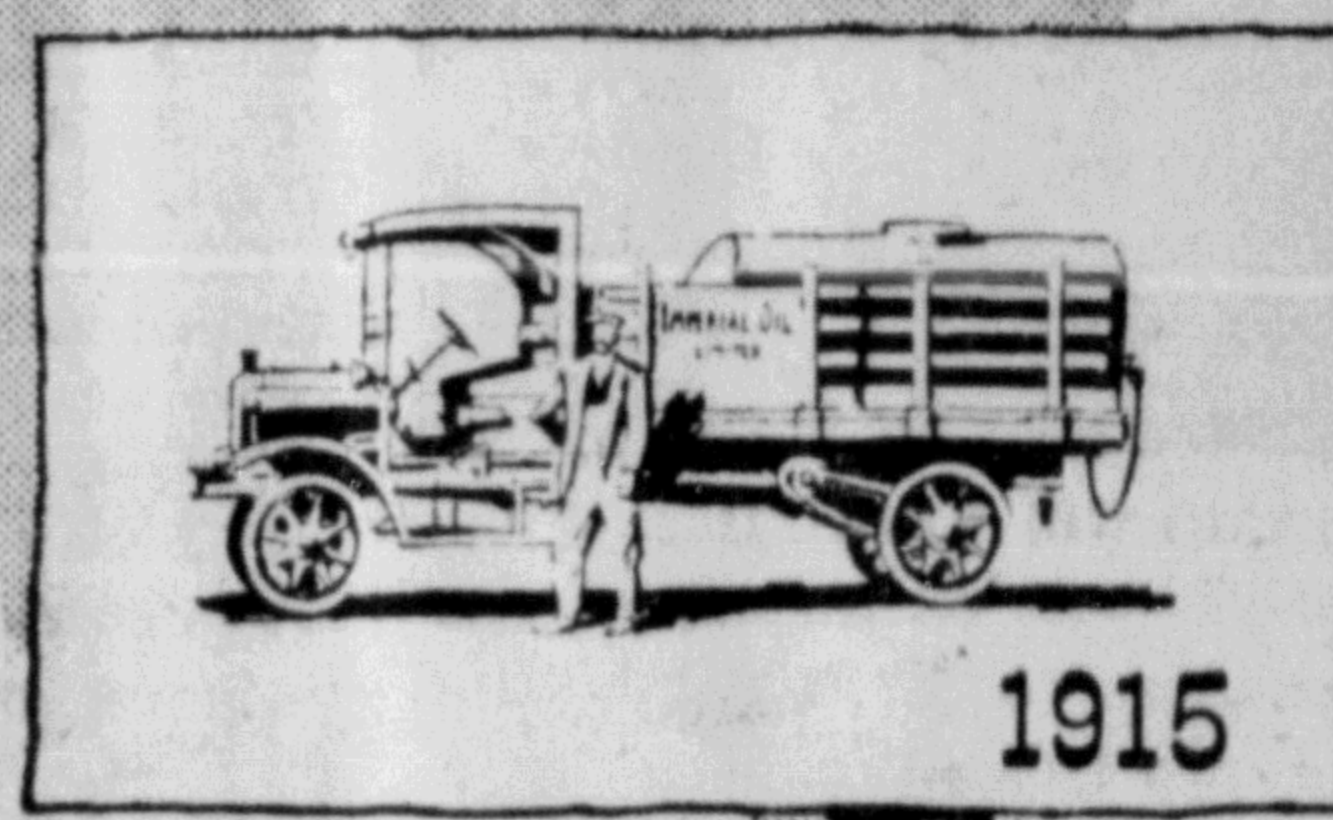
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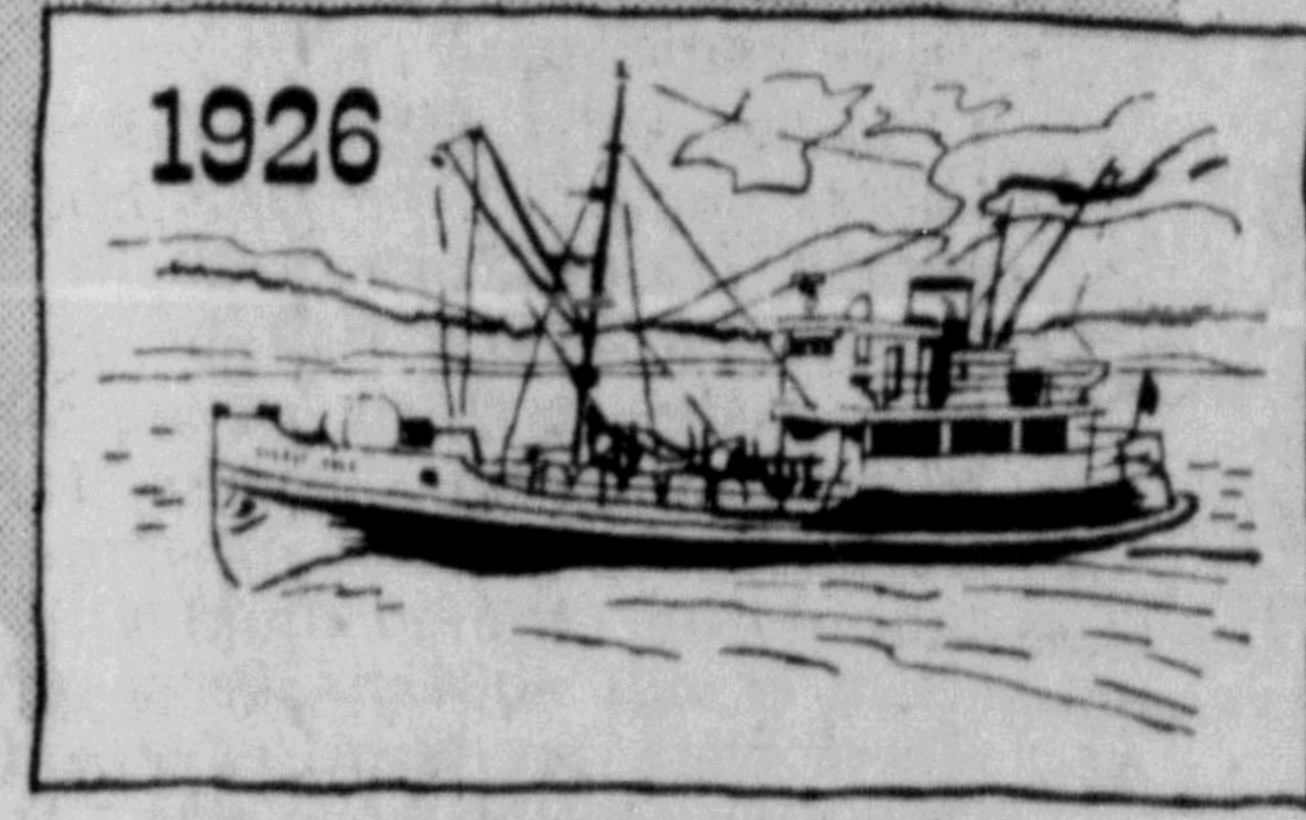
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