

VICTORIA REPORT

by J. K. Nesbitt

Mr. Bennett and Liberal Laing are arguing about building prices. Premier's determined to of the Liberals once and a little nervous they stage some kind of a week, considering what in the November by in Victoria, when Lib-

Gregory beat Finance Gunderson by 90 votes. Premier scouted around to figure what he could of the hat that might the Liberals. He nosed and contracts, and what find? He said he found under the Liberal govern- of Byron Johnson, road was actually higher aparcaminal estimates. Premier smelled something but he won't say what it thinks he smells. He leaves else to guess what he

however, says the Pre- that is changed and as of thousands of dol- being saved. Now, says Premier, the government is whittling down on de- estimates for road going calls the Premier's diversionary tactics—to public attention away the serious ineptitude of present ministry." Why, Mr. Laing, even Mr. Ben- his Okanagan hardware is now selling \$450 re- for \$299.50.

Premier started at this said Mr. Laing should another look at the fig-

apparently, road contract will be one of the big of argument at the ses- of the Legislature opening

ancouver contractor writes column: "Mr. Bennett is going to take credit for a that is continent- and would have happened after which party was in

will be another big conversation at the ses- for always is. Now that back, liquor has been a

topic of political argument for more than a century, from the day when canny old James Douglas slapped a tax on it. He said he thought such a tax might stop the wholesale boozing that was going on and, if it didn't, reasoned Douglas, at least the tipplers would help pay for public education.

Governments have always grabbed liquor as a wonderful means of raising money.

Harry Gilliland, giving his presidential address to the recent annual meeting of the B.C. Historical Association, showed this.

He spoke on the life of Arthur Kennedy as governor of Western Australia. Kennedy, in 1864, came here as governor of the crown colony of Vancouver Island.

Kennedy, according to Mr. Gilliland, found Western Australia in bad financial shape. Said Mr. Gilliland, from wide research: "The first measure he instituted was a great increase in the cost of liquor licences."

The people of British Columbia are becoming more history-conscious. In the last year four new sections of the Historical Association have been formed in the interior of the province. This is fine, for the interior has lots of history, just as well as Victoria and Vancouver. Perhaps in the next year there'll be some more sections, for history groups have a good time together, and they find much fascination in looking back- wards, a bit, and poking around looking for old buildings to pre- serve, and also they do much valuable work.

The sections formed in the last year were West Kootenay, Nanaimo, Fort St. James-Vanderhoof, and Grand Forks-Greenwood.

British Columbia has as fasci- nating a history as any sec- tion of North America, but it hasn't been properly glamorized yet. Some day it will be, and we'll find our history quite as exciting as that of California, our pioneers quite as adventur- ous as the bonanza kings who made their gold and built their mansions atop San Francisco's Nob Hill.



THIS IS SUCH A STARTLING SIGHT to most people that the first reaction is that it's just some gag picture. But it is not! These are members of the Oakland (Calif.) Women's Bowling Club and they pull heavy 12-foot oars to give speed to their 26-foot whaleboat. The spy grandmothers, most of them in their sixties and seventies, take their rowing pretty seriously. Seven of the 80 members are great-grandmothers and two 83-year-old ladies still get out for the regular rowing sessions on choppy Lake Merritt. The organization was founded in 1917 and many charter members haven't given up rowing yet.

Dog Sled, Plane Team Up For Dramatic Yukon Rescue

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (U) — A woman doctor on a dog sled and a bush pilot flying in 46 degrees below zero weather teamed up Wednesday in a dramatic rescue of three persons badly injured in a plane crash on Yukon River ice.

Frank (Tuffy) Edgington, his wife, Rosalind, and a friend, Lottie Justin, a 55-year-old native woman, had crashed at the Yukon River village of Kalland while trying to land on the ice two days ago.

Both women were painfully cut and bruised. The pilot was injured critically.

"Tuffy" was unconscious and delirious while the two women spent an hour and a half pulling him from the wreckage to a log cabin on the river bank.

Then the injured native woman walked three miles to the cabin of John Swenson.

Swenson raced his dogs 30 miles in four hours to pick up Dr. Jean Persons at Tanana and take her to the scene in six hours of sub-zero darkness.

A call from Tanana brought a bush pilot, Bob Evers, from Fairbanks with plasma. He landed by the light from two flaming cans of gasoline, two hours before the doctor's midnight arrival by dog team.

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VANCOUVER (CP) — Miss Nancy Graham, 32, has accorded to a variety of objectives and achieved them all, including riding an elephant.

The tall blonde's motto is "try anything once—and keep trying for something you really want until you get it."

If you want a radio announcer, a sideshow barker, a cocktail bar hostess, a waitress, a cook, post-mistress, a model, or an actress she's your gal.

At the moment she is acting at the Avon theatre here.

Her life and her wandering started in Vernon, B.C., where her father is a doctor. She went into training as a nurse in Victoria, didn't like it, and quit.

She is said to have been the first woman to read the CBC's national news bulletin from Toronto.

Desire for the elephant ride came when she was cocktail hostess in "Gardenia" Joe's Bar in Miami. She got in touch with a man she thought was Ringling Brothers' Circus official, who sent her to Sarasota, Fla., training camp. There she found the man was an imposter.

There followed a stint with a Toronto public relations firm, secretary in Vancouver stock yards, hostess at a lodge in the Cariboo country—"Waitress during the day and bridge partner for guests at night." Later she was co-author of a book on the Cariboo.

Last year she was a model in New York. She came home for a visit and was stricken with polio, crippled for months and con- firmed to a wheel-chair.

But she did not forget about the elephant. As soon as she recovered she got in touch with Slim Edwards of New Westminster who owns "Suzy" the only elephant that winters in Canada. She rode "Suzy" in a street parade, wearing tringles, too.

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W. R. WOODLEY of Ottawa, with the Royal Canadian Medical Corps in Korea, examines one-year-old Chung Hun, who was brought into the 38th Field Ambulance by his mother for treatment. Canadian Army doctors in Korea treat many Korean civilians.

Favor Old Style — Res- of this Surrey community circulating a petition pro- a council decision that -style lamps with oak -ards and ornamental lan- are unsafe, and should be ed by steel standards.

New Stamps

CANBERRA (CP) — Australia will issue three special postage stamps to commemorate the Going on sale Feb. 2 at Australian post offices, the are in denominations of 2½ pence, 7½ pence and two shillings.

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