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TOWN—Stone ruins of a once-thriving centre near the southwestern Ontario hamlet of Salem are a popular tourist attraction. They once housed breweries, a tannery, shoe factory and other buildings in a village founded in 1845. The village was a centre for 20 years but then gradually began to die. The nearby hamlet of Salem (part of which is shown in the background) has a population of 100. (CP PHOTO)

Prince Rupert Hoopsters Making Senior A Plunge

Prince Rupert Co-operative Challengers, Prince Rupert's senior rep basketballers, have decided to quit Senior B company, in which they have been prominent for the last few years, and go Senior A.

Decision means Prince Rupert goes to Pentecost early in March for provincial semi-finals there. The winners will meet Lower Mainland vs. Vancouver Island semi-final for the provincial title.

All this leads to interprovincial play later and Dominion championship finals. Practices of the locals will now commence in real earnest and they will get outside competition in a series to be played this week-end here with Ketchikan all-stars.

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Ghost Town In Ontario

SALEM, Ont., (C)—About a century ago a busy and prosperous future seemed in store for this community 16 miles northeast of Kitchener. Its 500 residents found employment in two breweries, a tannery, a shoe factory, a grist mill, a sawmill and a pot-barley mill.

Today, crumbling ruins of stone buildings are the only tangible reminder to the 100 or so remaining residents that their hamlet was for 20 years one of the busiest in the northern part of Wellington county. Only the grist mill is still in use.

Except for artists who visit the community for subject matter, few know the picturesque beauty of the deep gorge of the Irvine River which was harnessed to operate its mills in the last century.

A man named Sam Wissler, who came with his brothers from Clay county, Pennsylvania, founded the village in 1845. He was the guiding genius of the industrial development that followed his first clearing of the land. His influence grew until he was able to arrange that a railway branched miles out of its way to nearby Fergus instead. Those two blows marked the beginning of the end.

As the surrounding land was cleared for farming, the tannery closed for lack of tanbark and the sawmill for lack of timber. The shoe factory closed because there was no leather from the tannery. Farmers began to feed their grain to livestock and there was none for the barley mill and the breweries. People moved away.

Now, even the stone ruins are sinking and crumbling, a ghost town's last monument to high hopes.

Egyptians Murder Nun

ISMAILIA (C)—British troops today scoured Arab quarters here in the wake of the slaying of a New York-born nun.

A British Army announcement last night said "It has been established" that Sister Anthony, 52, was killed by one group of Egyptian "thugs" who invaded a convent garden to throw a bomb at Britons.

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Forty-Five Lose Lives In Crashes

VANCOUVER (C)—Forty-five persons perished Saturday in three plane crashes on the west coast. Thirty six persons, including a stewardess, were lost when a United States bound Korean airlift plane crashed into the Pacific ocean near Sandspit off the Queen Charlotte Islands. Seven were rescued.

Three were killed when a B-17 bomber, returning home after searching for the plane down in the Queen Charlottes, clipped the top of the 6,359 foot mountain (Mount Tyler) in Northern Washington during a snowstorm. It catapulted over a peak and skidded to the five thousand foot level where it burst into flames.

Six airmen were burned to death at the Mather Air Force base near Sacramento, California, when a disabled bomber pancaked atop a crowded guardhouse and exploded ten minutes later.

The Northwest Airlines D C-4 was trying for an emergency landing at Sandspit Airport in the Queen Charlotte Islands when it ran out of the runway and smashed into water three-quarters of a mile off shore.

Ten were killed in the smash. The other 33 crawled out on a half submerged wing but only 7 were able to hang on until rescue came in the form of two men in a skiff two hours later.

The wreckage of the B-17 bomber was sighted Sunday and five survivors were brought in by a U.S. coast guard helicopter.

Greatest Peacetime Budget at Washington

WASHINGTON.—President Truman sent Congress today an \$85,440,000,000 budget for 1952-53 which is an unprecedented figure for the United States except in an all-out war.



JACK McRAE—... Says "Boys" Did Right

WEATHER

Synopsis
Icy Arctic air is rushing southward through the interior on the heels of a bitter north wind. Temperatures tumbled sharply in the Caribou last night with minimums of 20 below reported at Quesnel and Prince George.

Progress of this cold wave toward the south coast is expected to be rather slow although the Fraser Valley will feel its effects overnight. Pressures in the Yukon are extremely high and it is expected that this cold spell will be of several days duration.

North Coast Region — Gale warning issued. Mostly clear along the mainland. Cloudy with widely scattered snow flurries, elsewhere clearing late this evening. Colder. Wind—north (15) except northeast (35) down mainland inlets. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow — at Port Hardy, Sandspit 20 and 20, Prince Rupert, 10 and 20.

Slight damage was done to a wall by a short circuit in wiring starting fire at 11:55 this morning at Chandler's Studio on Fourth Street. The fire department was promptly on hand to extinguish the incipient blaze.

American Soldiers Perish While on Way Home to See Their Own Sick and Dying

They Prayed After Crash

Scenes of Poignancy in Wintry Sea

SEATTLE (C)—At McChord Air Force base here today seven survivors of the Sandspit DC4 crash told of praying in unison as they watched their companions swept from the wing one by one to their deaths in icy seas.

Pte. Demetris G. Apostolon, 23, of Hinto, West Virginia, told of baptizing a youth just before he slipped beneath the waves. "He said he believed in God but had not been baptized. He slipped and drowned a few minutes later."

Lieut. Donald E. Baker of Glendale, California, said survivors on the wing "slowly fell away."

About three minutes before the rescue boat came there were ten.

"We were numbed with cold and they kept slipping away from us."

STEWARDS "WONDERFUL"
One survivor said the stewardess, Jean Cheadle, Seattle, was "just wonderful."

"She helped us all and we were all praying for her but she slipped off, crying, 'Help me!'"

One man swam after her but could not reach her. He barely managed to crawl back on the wing himself.

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No names of passengers survivors or lost were released pending notification of next-of-kin.

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Survivors said about 30 of the passengers got out of the aircraft through the emergency door. All of them tried to get onto the protruding wing but incoming tide swells would wash them off into the sea. Then others, swimming around the aircraft, would try for the wing.

Several men struck out for the shore swimming.

It is estimated 13 of the bodies are still in the aircraft. Survivors said: "Many were knocked unconscious."

RESCUE OPERATIONS
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Also scheduled to arrive today is a "large classified army transport."

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Valiant Work of Rescuers at Sandspit Saved Some Lives—Bodies Being Recovered

By LARRY STANWOOD

A tragic story unfolded today at an isolated landing field on the Queen Charlotte Islands while dying relatives at home will not see their sons, husbands, and fathers who were coming home from Korea and Japan on compassionate leave.

Seven survived. Ten bodies have been found and dragging, beachcombing and diving operations are still under way to locate 26 more bodies of a crew and U.S. Army personnel passengers of a DC4 Northwest Airlines plane which crashed near the shore here early Saturday morning.

Today an American Air Force helicopter was scheduled to arrive aboard a "Flying Boxcar" from McChord Airbase to continue search for bodies while RCAF divers will attempt to dislodge bodies from the sunken aircraft.

Three dead are crew, including a woman stewardess. Other dead are American soldiers returning home from Tokyo and Korea.

All passengers were going home on "emergency leave," said an investigating U.S. Army official here. Their relatives at home were either dangerously ill or near death.

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Ministers Take Over Vacancies

VICTORIA — Premier Byron Johnson has assigned governmental departments, Conservative ministers of which resigned last week, to remaining Liberal members of the cabinet. The premier is retaining the title coalition for his government. Pending the election, the cabinet now consists of only seven members.

The Premier himself takes over the ministry of finance; Hon. J. H. Cates, minister of labor, also becomes minister of mines; Hon. Harry Bowman, minister of agriculture, also assumes railways and fisheries; Hon. A. D. Turnbull, minister of health and welfare, takes on municipal affairs and trade and commerce, and Hon. E. T. Kenney, minister of lands, also becomes minister of public works.

Hon. Gordon Wisner, attorney general, away when the crisis came last week, returned to Victoria today. Hon. W. T. Straith, minister of education, is due back this week.

FINAL BLOW-UP

Coalition was formed in 1941. Stresses and strains on it during last year blew the union Friday when Premier Johnson asked for the resignation of the finance minister, Herbert Anscomb, Progressive Conservative leader.

Mr. Anscomb resigned and so did his three Progressive Conservative cabinet colleagues.

Anscomb announced at the same time Progressive Conservative members of the 48 seat legislature would move to the Opposition benches.

On Friday this left the Liberals with 23 seats and the combined opposition with 22. The balance of power was held by three members who were elected after 1941 as straight coalitionists. These three votes were swung to the Liberals Saturday.

One of the Coalitionists, Labor Minister John Cates, showed his acceptance of the Liberal banner by taking on the new portfolio of mines.

"Another, Herbert Welch, member for Comox, said he would support Johnson and political observers took it for granted a third, B. McIntyre, member for Mackenzie, would follow suit.

The shuffle added no new members to the cabinet but simply distributed the portfolios held by Progressive Conservatives to the old Liberal cabinet members.

It left the government with a seven man cabinet, one of the smallest in recent B.C. history.

Premier Johnson announced the next session of parliament is set to start February 19 and will open non schedule. A provincial general election is forecast for May or June.

Three straight coalitionists in the Legislature have gone over to the government and the division of seats is thus:

Liberals 26
Progressive Conservatives 11
C.C.F. 8
Independents 2
Labor 1

- TIDES -

Tuesday, January 22, 1952

High 8:41 19.5 feet
Low 22:21 15.7 feet

Low 2:00 10.0 feet
High 15:54 6.0 feet

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

VANCOUVER			
American Standard	27	Bevacourt	73
Bralorne	5.90	Buffalo Canadian	19 1/2
Congress	.06	Consol. Smelters	196.00
Cronin Babine	.57	Conwest	3.70
Giant Mascot	.98	Donalds	.46
Indian Mines	.23	Eldona	.19
Pendo Oreille	8.40	East Sullivan	9.15
Pioneer	1.90	Giant Yellowknife	12.00
Premier Border	.33	God's Lake	.37
Privateer	.08 1/2	Hardrock	11 1/2
Reno	.04	Harriana	13 1/2
Sheep Creek	1.70	Heva	10 1/2
Silvak Premier	.66	Joliet Quebec	.48
Vananda	.19	Little Long Lac	.68
Salmon Gold	.04	Lynx	.13
Spud Valley	.20	Madsen Red Lake	1.56
Silver Standard	2.50	McKenzie Red Lake	.44
Western Uranium	3.00	McLeod Cockshut	2.84
		Moneta	.35
		Negus	.68
		Noranda	80.75
		Louvicourt	.28
		Fickle Crow	1.60
		San Antonio	2.59
		Senator Rouyn	.11
		Sherrit Gordon	4.30
		Steep Rock	7.00
		Silver Miller	1.52
		Upper Canada	1.71
		Golden Manitou	6.95

Inquest Into Air Tragedy

While United States Army personnel and American flying men were involved, a Canadian inquest must be held into the air crash tragedy at Sandspit, Queen Charlotte Islands, which is believed to have taken thirty-six lives.

A coroner on the Islands speedily opened a hearing so that the bodies of survivors might be identified and released for delivery to their homes.

Evidence will be taken later.