

Stevens Loved Here

Local Girl Toastmistress

A recent copy of the San Francisco Chronicle prints an article on Toastmistresses Clubs, of which organizations 350 are scattered around the globe. It has developed into an international movement.

In the Chronicle story appear seven portraits — one of Miss Laura Stephens, daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. M. M. Stephens, prominent pioneer family of Prince Rupert, Miss Stephens, who has been living in San Francisco for some years, is secretary of the President of the Pacific Coast Gas Association and finds life in the California city of interest and progress.

Toastmistresses are of all ages from young women just starting their careers to executives who have made their place in the world. They represent all occupations, and all have one thing in common—they want to become better public speakers.

They do this by preparing formal speeches which are analyzed by the club lexicologist and an evaluator from the Speech Department of City College of San Francisco at club meetings. Each member takes a turn at presiding over the meeting. And so, the members are learning how to express themselves — in formal speeches, on forums and panel discussions, extemporaneous and impromptu speeches.

Miss Stephens' brother, Elwood, of Washington, D.C., will be in Prince Rupert in May making a holiday visit to the coast. He has been long located in Washington, practicing law there. Not long ago, he gave an address, representing on that occasion, the Washington bar.

Fourteen Tables At Whist Journey

Fourteen tables were in play at the Saturday night Moose whist tournament with the following winners.

Ladies—Mrs. M. Romuld, first; Mrs. R. Giske, second.

Men—A. J. Croxford, first; Ole Stegavig, second. Pool was won by Mrs. J. Richards.

In the kitchen, serving refreshments, were Mrs. Alice Good and Mrs. Irene Muncy.

Banks May Stay Open Saturdays

There is no indication that bank branches in Prince Rupert will close on Saturdays, it was remarked by a local banker today.

In fact, he gave the opinion that, in the end, it would be only branches in the downtown sections of larger cities of the country that would close under federal legislation which gives banks the authority to go on a five-day week. There is a good deal of week-end banking business in Prince Rupert. It is pointed out, and to close the banks on Saturday would inconvenience some business people.

It has been announced that some downtown banks in Vancouver will start closing Saturdays as from February 16 but may stay open later on Fridays. It is understood some of the suburban branches in Vancouver will not close Saturdays.

PROUD EMBLEM

The white pelican is the state emblem of Louisiana, emblazoned on every automobile license.



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Would Fight Power Hike

Sharp criticism was levelled last night at the Public Utilities Commission by Prince Rupert city solicitors T. W. Brown, K.C., in connection with a public hearing regarding rate structures of Northern B. C. Power Co. Ltd.

M. Brown, in a letter read at city council called it a "violation of natural justice" when PUC officials examined power company physical assets and books without a city representative being present. Mr. Brown expects an "adverse decision" by the Commission and urged the city to appeal such a result of the hearing.

The solicitor also indicated that the PUC would disregard the points on which the city argues against an application for rate increases by the power company.

"We feel that a court of appeal would not approve of the method taken by the PUC to date," read the letter.

A Victoria legal firm, representing the city at the final stages of the hearing, said "it seemed clear that the Commission would probably grant the increase in whole or in part."

M. Brown urged that \$1,500 to \$2,000 cost of appeal would be well invested, should such a decision be handed down.

Ald. George Hills said: "We must protect the public. I say we should take the advice of our lawyers and stick with the case. If we make an appeal, it may be money well saved for the

citizens of this city." City bases its case on the claim that Northern B. C. Power Co. Ltd. has not lived up to its original agreement when granted franchise to supply city power, and so has no right to apply for a change in rate structure.

Second contention by the city is that the increase asked is too high. City Clerk R. W. Long read several letters to council reviewing the hearing and the city's case.

The letters, from Brown & Harvey, called much of the "so-called evidence" introduced at the hearing "nonsensical assertions" by the power company, and, if the PUC decision should favor the power company, an appeal should be launched immediately.

A special meeting of council will be called as soon as the decision is handed down, council decided.

Meanwhile, council granted

Cost of Living Bonus Offered

VANCOUVER—All civic workers will be offered a \$27 a month cost-of-living bonus, it was announced yesterday. It would amount to an overall outlay of \$1,500,000.

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Local and PERSONAL

J. H. Black, treasurer of Columbia Cellulose Co., New York, after a brief visit here on official duties, left by air at the end of the week for Vancouver.

Lois Stevens of New York, publication relations officer of the Celanese Corporation of America, who has been here for the past week on official business, will sail Thursday night by the Prince George for Vancouver enroute back to headquarters in the east.

Gordon Root, public relations officer for Columbia Cellulose and Canadian Chemical Co., is arriving in the city on the Prince George tomorrow from Vancouver and, after a few days here on official business, will proceed by train to Edmonton.

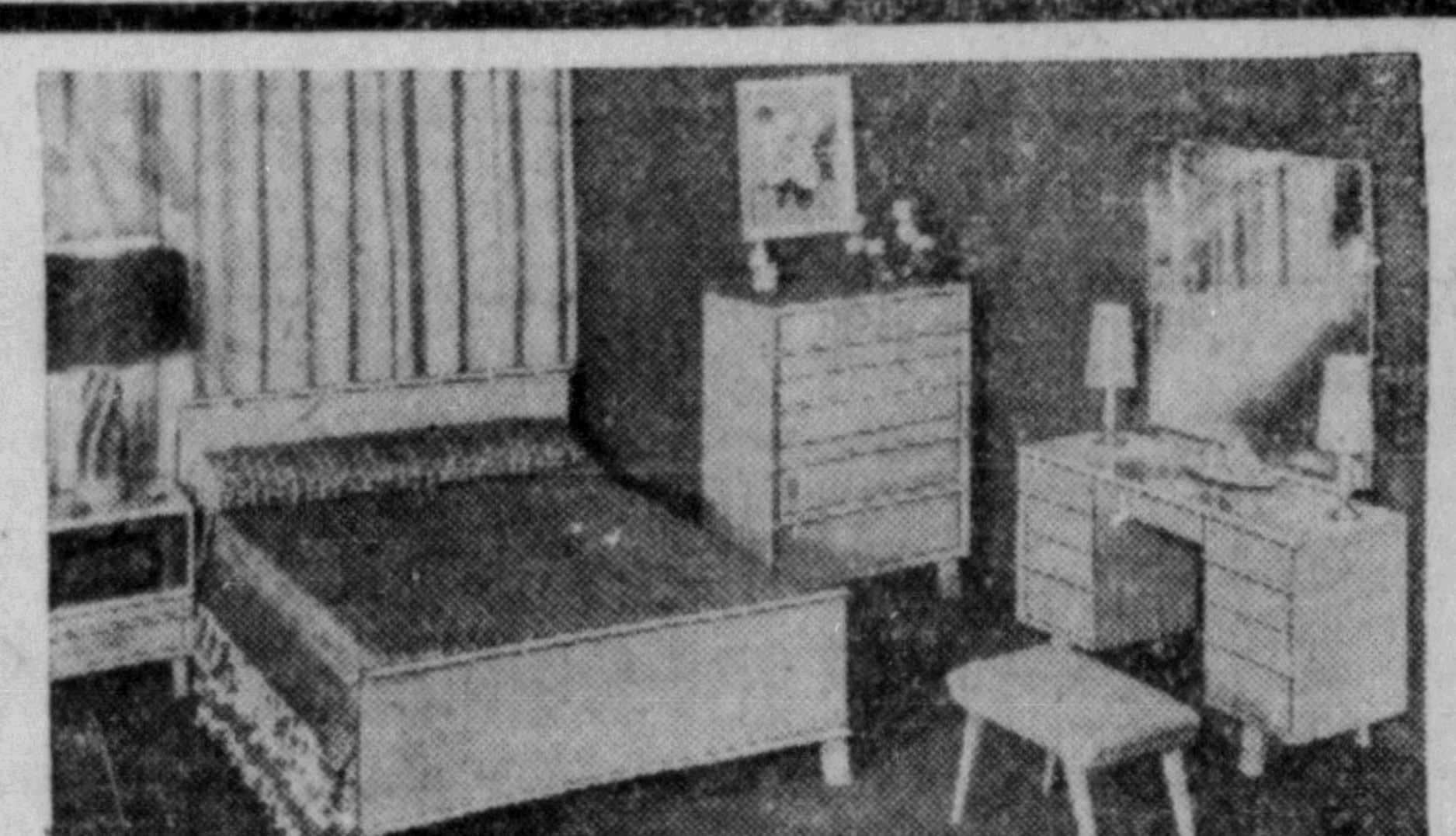
Miss Helen White, who has been spending a month's vacation visiting here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William White, Eighth Avenue est, will be leaving next week on her return to Montreal to resume her nurses' training duties at Royal Victoria hospital.

W. G. Leahy, treasurer of South American companies of the Celanese Corporation of America, and E. Jensen, assistant to the comptroller of the Celanese Corporation, have been spending the past week in the city visiting the local plant. They are sailing Thursday night on the Prince George for Vancouver enroute back to New York.

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- Volunteers are asked to help renovate the gym in Annunciation School starting 7 p.m. (25c)
- Women's Canadian Club meeting, Civic Centre, January 30, 8 p.m. Speaker: E. T. Applewhaite, M.P. (1c)
- Special meeting Construction and General Laborers' Union No. 1427 in the lounge, Civic Centre, January 31, 8 p.m. All laborers should attend this meeting as it is to your benefit. J. H. Mair, Acting Secretary and Treasurer. (26c)

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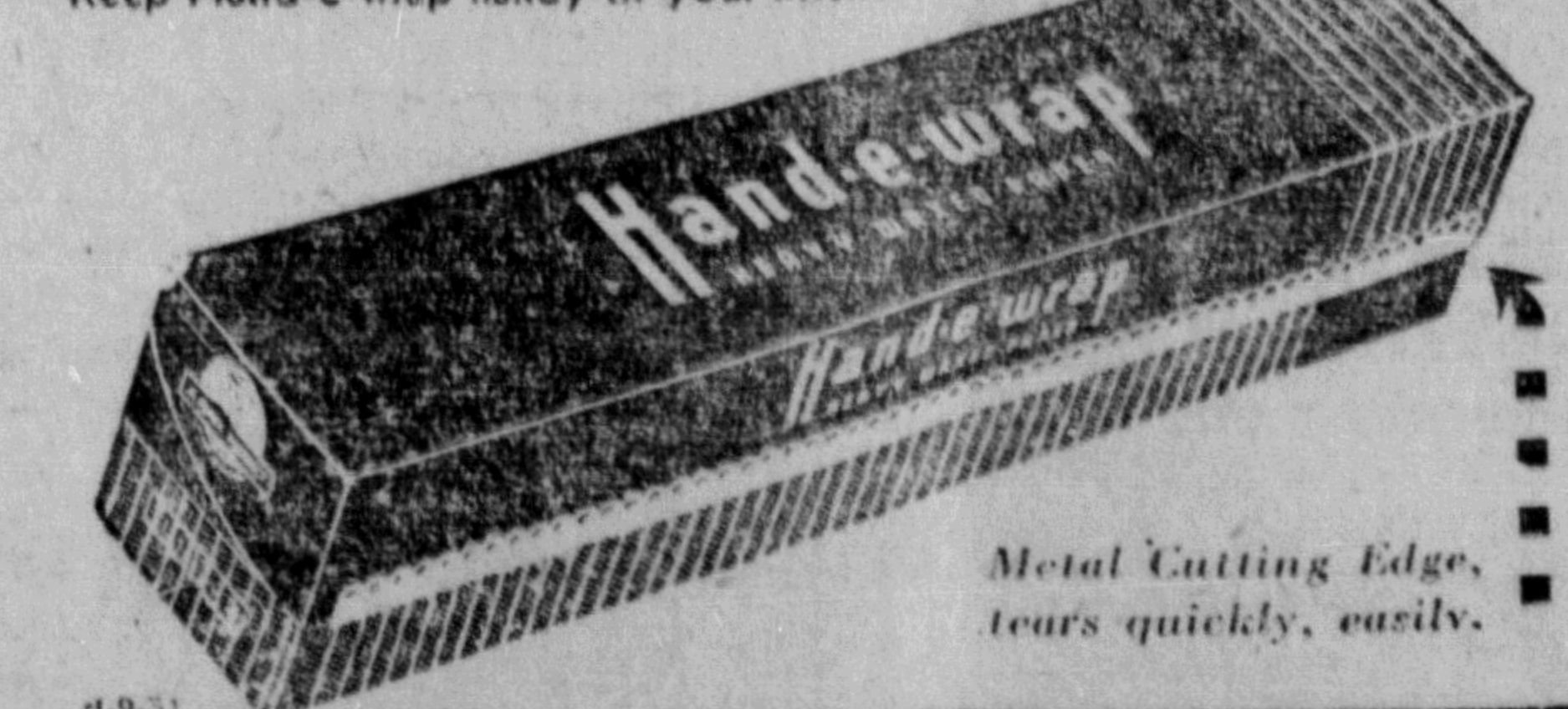
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Prince Rupert, Mr. Donaldson continued in the consular service at Prince Rupert, he went to the consular business at Washington, and it was there that he died. He was 65 years old. He was married to Mrs. Donaldson, who was the former Mrs. Grant, who went to Prince Rupert in the days and, before her marriage, was with the Forest staff in Prince Rupert.

Mr. Donaldson is also survived by two daughters—Mrs. Stewart of Seattle and Mrs. Peterson of Everett.

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