

### Men Plan Delegation Compensation Act Changes

Coast fishermen's opposition to government's compensation act changes Thursday sent a two-man delegation to Victoria to investigate amendments. The men do not go to the convention of the United Allied Workmen stage a march on Victoria Monday.

### Municipal Hall at Smithers Demolition Shortly

One of the buildings which will be torn down in the future. The demolition of the Municipal Hall for a modern business building on the site. Sale of the property was authorized by a plebiscite held in conjunction with the civic election last December.

### Polio Spreads As Queen, Duke Continue Tour

PERTH, Australia (Reuters)—A polio epidemic in western Australia spread today as Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh began their curtailed tour of the state under extreme health precautions.

Only 25 carefully screened children and 189 adults, apart from officials, greeted the Queen as she arrived at the gold-fields town of Kalgoorlie on her way here. It was one of the smallest, and certainly the most closely checked, welcoming crowds of the Commonwealth tour which began in November.

The royal couple travelled by plane from Adelaide to Kalgoorlie. The official welcome under a blazing sun and a whirling red dust took only two minutes, in contrast to lengthy ceremonies of earlier occasions.

Sir Charles Gardner, governor of western Australia, and state Premier Albert Hawke greeted the royal visitors. There were no handshakes and no personal presentation of flowers in order to protect the visitors from infection.

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters)—Hailstones weighing up to a pound shattered more than 100 roofs, killed farm animals and seriously damaged the tobacco crop in Salta province in northern Argentina, according to reports reaching here today.

Mrs. G. W. Grace, Mrs. Grace Gillis, Mrs. H. C. Flood, Mrs. W. J. Liffham and Mrs. J. Liffham were in charge of the home cooking sale. Mrs. W. J. Liffham was cashier.

DRIVE, Saturday (73)

and Dance, Fri-Whist 8 o'clock. Music by Mike Col-welcome. (72)

ests of the Cana- and Legion Affairs, "Lighting Lady" will be the auditorium on March 26. No admission (72)

Canadian Legion advises Macdonnell, Veterans' Officer for this area available for in- the Prince Rupert Sunday, March 28, April 1. (73)

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**BRITAIN'S GRACEFUL QUEEN ELIZABETH II** is shown at the first and most recent stages of her tour of the Commonwealth in photos that give evidence of the weight-trimming strenuousness of her extensive trip. At left, the young monarch is pictured shortly after her arrival by plane in Bermuda in November, and at right at Brisbane, Australia, during a 15,000-mile tour of that continent. Despite the rigors of her journey, which trimmed 20 pounds from her weight, the pretty queen has the same gracious smile.

### Relief Measures Urged For Hard-Hit Fishermen

Exploration of new bodies of commercially useful fish to round out present fishing operations, and relief measures for fishermen suffering the effects of the downward trend in the industry were urged at the opening of the annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative Association here yesterday.

Speaking at business sessions in the Legion Hall, K. F. Harding of the board of directors said that the federal government should recognize the urgency of rounding out fishing operations through exploration of commercial usefulness of various types of fish and of saner, improved regulations to better the quality of the landed product.

Mr. Harding said that the reduction in fish inventories compared to those of a year ago was due principally to reductions in price of certain carry-overs and to smaller catches of fish in 1953, which was reflected in the incomes of fishermen and business in general.

Noting that the decline of the American dollar was a serious factor in prices, Mr. Harding suggested that the two major

ills affecting the fishing industry were the tremendous capital investment which lies unused during most of the year and the deterioration of the quality of products. He said that fishermen, industry and government must co-operate in solving those problems.

Visitors at the session include Ted Sorensen, general manager and Don Bentley comptroller of the Fishermen's Co-Operative Association, Vancouver, H. Johnson, director of the Fishermen's Co-Operative Association, Victoria, A. V. Hill, University of British Columbia Extension Department and Dr. John Hart, director of the Pacific Biological Station, Nanaimo, who will be guest speaker at tonight's session.

Mr. Turner, whose resignation is effective April 30, is one of the Bulkley Valley's pioneers. He came to Canada from England in 1902 and, after logging on the Pacific coast, moved inland to Aldermere, now Telkwa. In 1913 he opened the first sawmill operation on the new Smithers site with establishment of the divisional centre here by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

After serving in the First World War, he took up farming in this area. He was local vendor for the B.C. Liquor Commission for many years before taking over the post of village clerk, which includes treasury, assessment, and waterworks and public works supervision duties.

Mr. Turner plans a trip to England, France and Germany this summer. On his return he is expected to continue his active interest in the Bulkley Valley District Hospital, of which he is chairman of the board of management.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Williams, 329 Alfred Street, and their two children, returned home this week from a two-month visit with their families in North Wales.

They visited their parents in Connahs Quay, North Wales, near Chester, where they were married. The family left here early in January, flying to New York and boarding the Queen Mary for the Atlantic crossing, arriving in Wales January 14. On their return trip they sailed aboard the Empress of Australia to Canada, and crossed the continent by train.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams came to Canada from Wales only two years ago. He is secretary-manager of the Kalen Consumers' Credit Union and of the Kalen Co-Op store.

### Association Names Officials For Music, Drama Festival

Further plans for the forthcoming festival were made at this week's meeting of the Prince Rupert Music and Drama Festival Association.

Miss Olive Strand was named official accompanist for the festival to be held May 11 to 14, and G. W. Graham, district school inspector will officially open the festival.

The group approved plans to wind up the festival with a grand concert Saturday night, May 14, at which competitors whose work has been regarded as outstanding by the adjudicators may be invited to perform.

It was also decided to issue passes for morning and afternoon sessions for contestants and leaders, but only those competing in evening sessions will be admitted free at those night sessions.

Harold Thomas was named stage manager for evening sessions at the Civic Centre, and directors of drama groups entering the festival were asked to meet with Mr. Thomas to plan stage set procedure.

Mrs. J. Ridsdale, business manager is having tickets printed, and the tickets will be available at the Civic Centre, the fire hall and other downtown points.

Mrs. W. S. Kergin reported on program plans, noting an increase in drama entries and decrease in music entries, and asked for a meeting of the executive following the session, to complete program arrangements.

**To Get Pay Boost**  
VANCOUVER (C)—Some 2,100 civic workers will receive three per cent wage increases under agreements with the city, it was announced Thursday.

Mrs. C. Gilker was appointed syllabus convener for 1954-55.

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