

## District News

**SMITHERS** — Smithers Mid-summer-night Festival group has laid the ground work for its second annual event next June 21.

An effort will be made to arouse interest of the various national groups in the district in preparing items during the winter months, for presentation.

Highlight of the first festival, held July 11 after two previous postponements due to rain, was the Sun Dance. This feature is planned to be enlarged by Mrs. Tim Price, who developed the theme. Encouragement is also to be given development of arts and crafts for display.

A report of this year's festival showed revenue of \$316.61. The meeting approved that this money be retained for improvement of next year's show and the grounds. The festival grounds site is a natural amphitheatre overlooking the Bulkley River with the Hudson Bay mountain in the background.

Members decided the group was not ready to accept the invitation to take part in the Prince Rupert drama festival.

## Municipal IODE Thanked For Aid To Rupert Child

Skeena Union Board of Health will write a letter to the Municipal Chapter of the Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire, thanking its members and expressing appreciation for making it possible for a crippled Prince Rupert child to receive treatment in Vancouver.

The child, a 10-year-old girl suffering from tuberculosis of the spine, is the daughter of parents unable to afford the necessary hospital care.

Transportation by boat was provided by the Prince Rupert Junior Red Cross and Dr. S. F. Carr, director of the Skeena Health unit, said great credit and thanks are due these organizations which make treatment possible for needy cases.

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This summer, he said, tests made at Lakeelse Lake showed that the water there was grossly polluted and that there was no good drinking water in the park.

The Forestry department drove an 18-inch pipe and constructed a modern protected well at Lakeelse. Within the next year, he said, acceptable drinking water supply would be installed in all provincial parks in the district.

Dr. Carr said this was the only solution, and he was "very proud" of the forestry department for going ahead with its plans. Signs placed to warn the public of impure water were useless, he said, because people drink the water anyway.

**Japan Facing Rice Shortage**  
TOKYO (AP)—Perennially food-short Japan faces its smallest rice crop in 20 years. The nation's latest official rice yield forecast for 1953 plunged from 290,400,000 bushels to 252,000,000. The shortage has been blamed on cold weather, insect ravages and floods.

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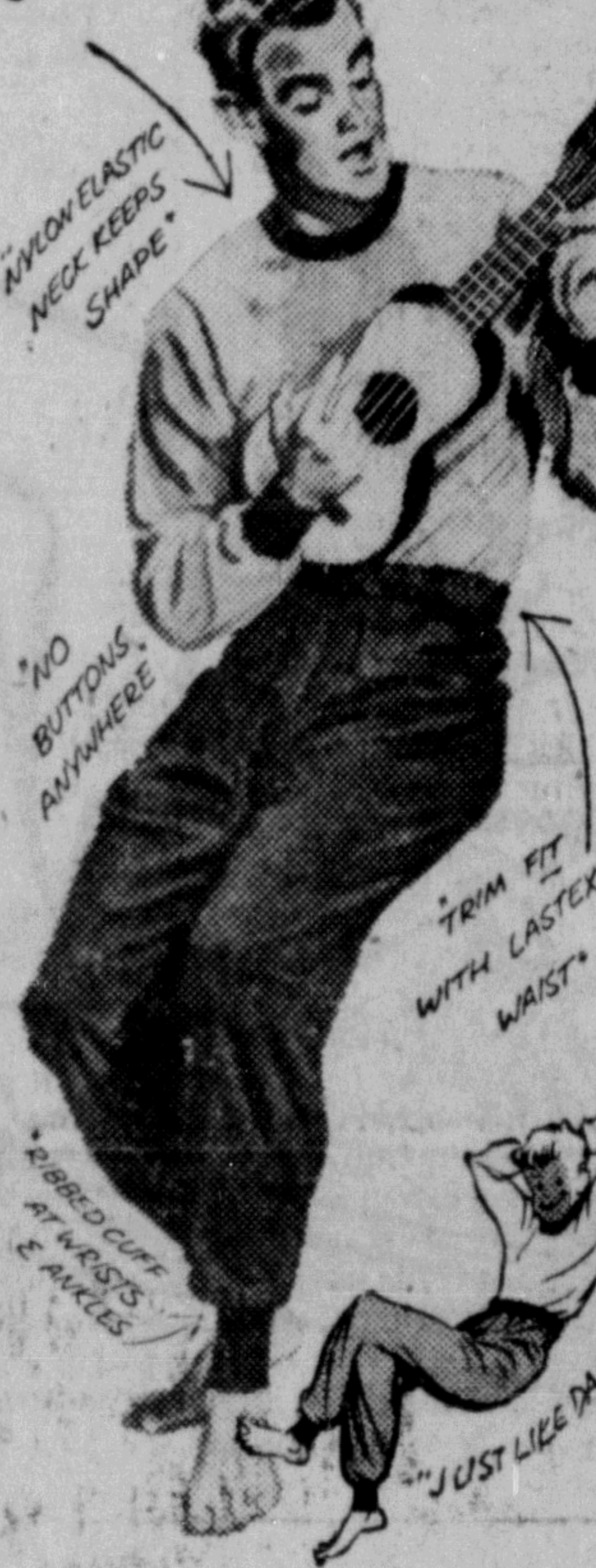
Considerable progress has been made in the control of typhoid and para-typhoid in the Skeena Health Unit District, Dr. S. F. Carr, director, told the quarterly meeting of the Union Board of Health at which Ald. Kay Smith, a health nurse, sanitary inspector Len Hiebert and the doctor were the only attendants.

Since the meeting could make no decisions, Dr. Carr read reports to Ald. Smith which showed that following an extensive survey by Dr. Carr and Dr. John Nelson of Vancouver, a typhoid carrier had been discovered and treated.

The two doctors had made a 3,000-mile tour covering areas north to Alamyah, up the Naas River including all the Indian villages, the Skeena River canyons, checking on all typhoid and para-typhoid cases and contacts known in the past three and a half years.

Number of known typhoid cases during the 3½-year period was approximately 60, Dr. Carr said, and throughout the survey one woman was found to have been the source of at least a third of the typhoid cases. She had never had the disease and had never been pinned down as a carrier. She had been given

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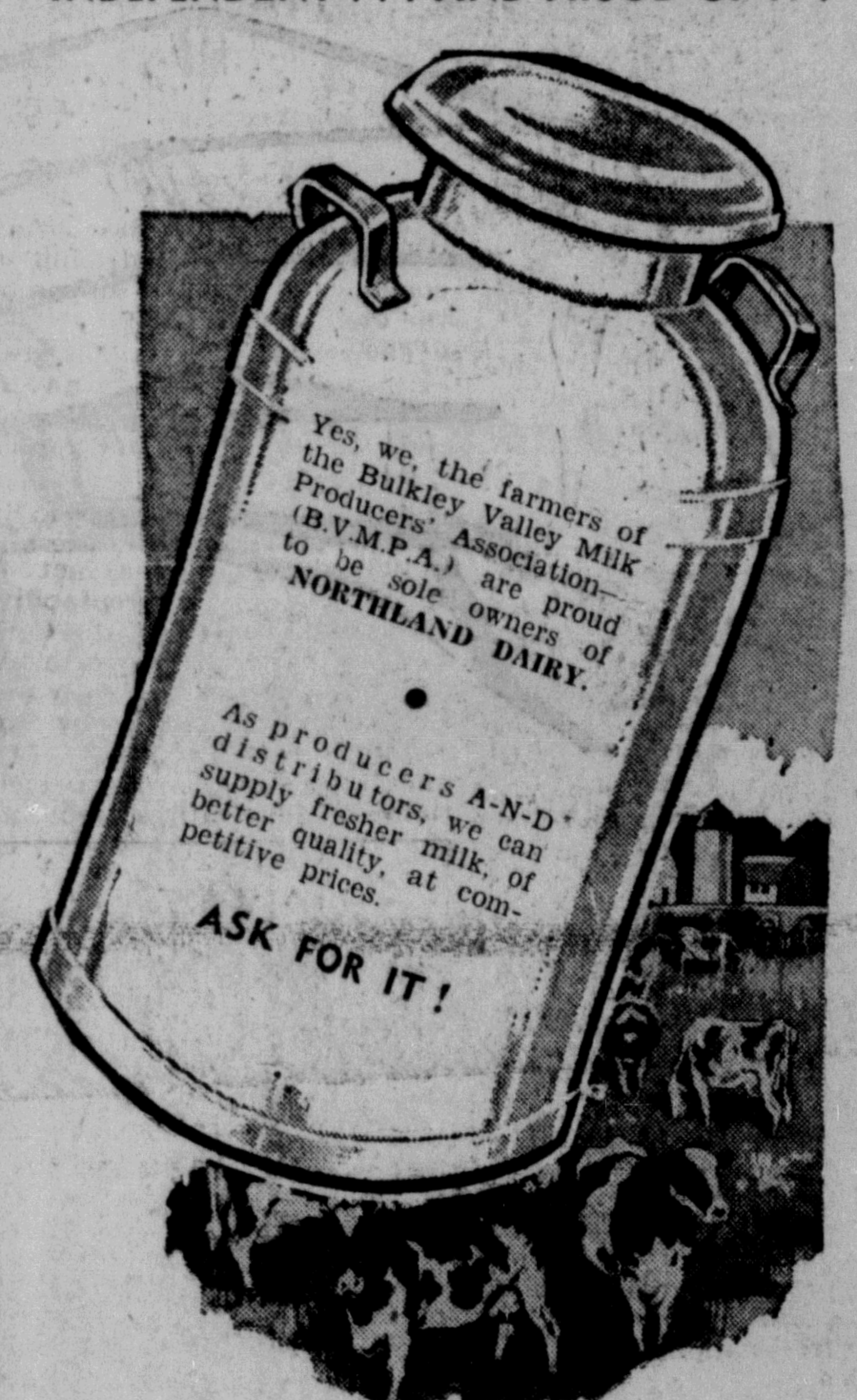
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