

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Saturday, December 12, 1953 (Pacific Standard Time)		
5:35	19.1 feet	
17:25	18.4 feet	
11:34	8.5 feet	
23:55	5.5 feet	

Fill Plan, Rat Drive Successful

The area fill method of garbage disposal is proving a success at Algonia Park and the city's poisoning campaign against the rats is working out far better than was anticipated, it was learned today.

The law of nature is coming into play with the man-made death of the 30,000 to 60,000 rats which infest the city dump on Highway 1. Today the last of 500 pounds of warfarine was spread about the dump where rats, hungrily feeding on the combination of refuse and poison have become groggy and stupid and are easy prey to hundreds of crows and seagulls. Prior to the closure of the dump at the city limits, the city's public works department had put a certain amount of poison down to get the rats off to it. Once the dump was closed and the vegetable matter piled up by the rats they became poisonous for the cornmeal and the poisoned bait as it could be put down.

At the same time at Algonia Park the city discarded the area fill method of sanitary fill in the area fill system. It was found that the surface water and drainage from which crosses the park had flowed into the new fill.

The versatile hystaway drag-bulldozer blade on loan from the city by Finning Tractor Co. Ltd. for a week's free use was then turned to the fill method.

A test about ten truck loads of garbage were brought to the parking bank out of sight. Garbage was brought and tins, cans, and refuse was impacted about 50 per cent. It was then covered with soil from the bank and the garbage was then spread and leveled and the garbage was sealed.

It stands now the multiple-machine has accomplished three things in the last 24 hours: it raised the level of the fill, it increased the size of the fill lot on the McClymont side of McBride Street and it provided a means of disposing of the garbage.

City works superintendent G. E. Galt said that the operation was a complete success and the approval of Dr. S. F. Galt should be noted. Mr. Galt said, "that dumping of garbage by private persons is still during daylight hours from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. only and Monday to Friday inclusive. The garbage dump at the Algonia is now closed to the public."

Mr. Carr said this morning the city is very pleased with the results at Algonia Park. "I like the results," he said. "The garbage has been compacted, there is no rat problem. The area fill method has proved that the garbage can be made an asset instead of a liability. If it is operated to the extent of dumping when the machine is operating it should prove a success."

It should prove a large asset to the city, what with no garbage to go six miles to the old dump and resultant lower gas consumption and time savings.

What happens next in the area fill project is not known. The city's free demonstration today and it is not known when the city will rent the machine for another week. The machine is now at Algonia Park side of McBride Street.

The cost of the machine is approximately \$29,000 and rent is \$365.

The city council's public works committee is scheduled to visit the fill site at Algonia Park tomorrow.

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TEXI, A LITTLE TERRIER, has a whole series of problems at home in Berlin, Germany. First, he found there wasn't any water in the goldfish bowl. Then he found that the "goldfish" were alive and kicking anyway. Now he's just beginning to get friendly as he realizes the fish are white mice and possible playmates.

American Mother in Korea To Ask Son To "Come Home"

TOKYO (AP)—An American mother arrived here today hoping to win back her soldier son who has renounced his country for communism, but Gen. John E. Hull said he had been "obliged to refuse permission" for Mrs. Portia Howe to go to Korea.

The soldier, Pfc. Richard F. Temison, is among 22 Americans who refused repatriation while prisoners of the Reds. They now are in neutral custody in the demilitarized zone of Korea.

Mrs. Howe arrived by plane today from her Alden, Minn., home. She paid for the trip out of savings from her son's military allotment. She went immediately to Hull's Far East command headquarters.

"I have the deepest sympathy

Air Cadets Get Awards Here Tonight

Two Prince Rupert air cadets who won flying scholarships last summer will receive their "wings" in a ceremony to be held at the Armory tonight. They are Stanley Kaardel and Ron Black, both of whom have successfully completed 30 hours of flying instruction provided by the scholarships, and 60 hours of ground school.

The two will be the first Prince Rupert air cadets to receive their wings since formation of the squadron here last year. The presentation, to be made by commanding officer H. W. McDonald, will be a feature of the squadron dance which starts at 8:30 p.m. Sea cadets and their partners will attend as guests of the squadron.

Children's Story Begins Today

Young readers will find the first instalment of a special story on page two of today's paper.

The Christmas fantasy, by Wes Sullivan, tells of two youngsters who want to help Santa Claus prepare for Christmas.

The story, in 12 instalments, will run daily, ending Christmas Eve.

Never-Say-Die' Jaycees Pick New Christmas Tree

Prince Rupert's never-say-die Jaycees are busy looking for a new Christmas tree for the office grounds.

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After last night's gale-

force winds snapped the tree like a matchstick, and toppled it down on the lawn, where Jaycees found it with all but one of the lights still glowing cheerfully. The guy wires were still in place.

The Jaycees, determined not to be beaten by any old wind, are looking for a stronger tree today.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Overwhelming Majority Names George Hills New City Mayor

Tugboat Capsizes In Storm

VANCOUVER.—The bodies of three men who were drowned today when the C. P. Yorke foundered on a reef in a raging blizzard were recovered in Welcome Pass, 50 miles upcoast from here.

Three other crew members are also feared to have been drowned. Only survivor was Capt. Roy Johnson, plucked from the icy water an hour after the 75-foot tug struck the treacherous reef.

One of the bodies was identified as Fred Cruthley, mate, of Vancouver.

Two other bodies were not immediately identified.

Besides the skipper, the crew consisted of Bill MacDonald, chief engineer; Sid Corzan, cook; Richard F. Moore, deckhand; Thorsten Svenson, deckhand, and R. P. Kibi, second engineer. All were of Vancouver.

A fleet of small vessels was scouring the gale-whipped channel for other bodies.

The tug was apparently taking shelter from a battering storm when she struck a reef.

She was towing a barge at the time.

An official of F. M. Yorke & Son, Vancouver, owners of the tug, said it "went right down and the barge she was towing moved over the ship and sheared off the deckhouse."

The reef is located near Pender Harbor. Its perpendicular sides are recognized as the most treacherous in the area.

School Quiet After Break-Out

VANCOUVER—An uneasy quiet ruled in the girls' industrial school here Thursday after an early morning riot.

Ten teen-agers in the detention section staged the demonstration, smashing a score of small windows, breaking furniture, and ripping bedclothes to shreds.

Two girls escaped during the disturbance, but one was quickly recaptured. Later, two other girls cut through metal strips on a window and fled the home.

NEW SERVICE STATION BRIGHTENS CITY CORNER

A blot on Prince Rupert's landscape will be erased officially tomorrow with the opening of an ultra-modern service station and parking lot at the corner of Second Avenue and Second Street.

For years this centrally located corner has been adorned by an unsightly mess of junk. With completion of the new project there, the city's business district will take on a bright new look.

Details of tomorrow's official opening, and the services offered to shoppers, are carried on pages four and five.

Two Commissioners Lose Seats in Terrace Vote

TERRACE.—Two of this village's commissioners were defeated in yesterday's election which saw commissioner Henry P. Phillip retain his seat and two new commissioners, Claude C. Dale and W. J. Richard, elected.

Defeated in their bid for re-election were Geoffrey Lambly and D. G. Little.

Dale topped the poll with 161 votes. Other totals were: Phillip, 150; Richards, 92; Little, 80; J. deKergommeaux, 70; Lambly, 28.

North Vancouver voters registered one of the few upsets in elections held throughout the province.

While citizens of most cities and towns continued the nomi-

nation day trend that saw 12 mayors and 13 reeves returned by acclamation, North Vancouver voters returned Charles Cates as chief magistrate in a stunning upset over Mayor Frank Goldsworthy, head of the city since 1948.

Other mayors re-elected included Ben F. Wright at Alberni; Claude Harrison, who registered an easy win over four challengers at Victoria; A. C. Wild at Vernon; Clifford Swan at Kimberley, and Joseph Kary at Nelson.



Mayor-elect George Hills

December 10 Notable Day In Life of George Hills

December 10 has been an important day in the life of George Hills, newly-elected mayor of Prince Rupert.

His father was born Dec. 10, 1870. His first child, Kathleen, now Mrs. Frank Skidmore, was born Dec. 10, 1930. He was elected mayor Dec. 10, 1953.

Born in Grimsby, England, on June 30, 1905, he came to Prince Rupert April 1, 1915, and in 1926 he married Marguerite Casey, second-eldest daughter of Alderman George B. Casey, re-elected in yesterday's election. In one civic election here, veteran Ald. Casey defeated his son-in-law by just six votes.

Among the first to congratulate the mayor-elect on his success was his mother, Mrs. W. V. Tattersall, 83, with whom he kept his regular Friday luncheon date today.

Besides his daughter Kathleen, Mr. Hills has two sons, Stuart, 20, employed on a tug at Vancouver and now home for the Christmas holidays, and George Howard, 8, a student at Borden Street School.

Secretary-manager of Kaien Consumers Co-operative (Hardware) Store in downtown Prince Rupert, Mr. Hills succeeds Harold E. Whalen, chief magistrate for the past two years.

Now 48 years old, Mr. Hills takes to the position a wide range of experience in both the civic and provincial fields.

He was a member of the first council chosen after the commissioning of the city in 1943, serving for four successive years and again in 1951, remaining on council until his election as CCF MLA in the June election of 1952.

He was defeated in his bid for

-WEATHER-

Synopsis

Another series of storms has become established along the regular path which lies across B.C. and stretches out over the Pacific. Frequent rainy periods are expected at all coastal points for the next couple of days. Snow is expected throughout the interior.

Forecast

North coast region — Gale warning extended.

Intermittent rain today and Saturday. Little change in temperature. Wind southwest 35, becoming southeast 40 by evening, shifting to southwest 35 again by midnight.

Low tonight and high Saturday at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 36 and 44.

Electors Reject Two Referendums

George E. Hills yesterday was elected mayor of Prince Rupert by an overwhelming majority as 1527 out of 2979 braved one of the worst voting days in the history of the city. Mr. Hills polled 909 votes to 594 for Mayor Harold Whalen.

In the four-seat aldermanic race Norman Bellis, 41-year-old assistant manager of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association, headed the polls with 987 votes.

In second place was Phil Lyons, grocery store proprietor, with 853. The third seat was given back to Alderman Mike Krueger, chairman of the public works committee on the 1952-53 council, who polled 785 votes.

For the fourth council seat, veteran Alderman George B. Casey edged out Prince Rupert-born Walter J. Smith by 14 votes. Ald. Casey polled 699 votes to Smith's 685.

Other voting in the aldermanic race was as follows:

Sixth, James W. Prusky, 403; seventh, Ald. H. F. Glassey, 388; eighth, Thomas H. Elliott, 322; ninth, August S. Wallin, 301; 10th, Alderman John Currie, 249; 11th, John H. Mair, 55.

REJECT TWO REFERENDUMS

On the referendums the voters turned thumbs down on the two-mill levy for municipal buildings, 578 to 295; they approved the transfer of the Roosevelt Park trust fund to the Algonia trust fund, 651 to 240; the one-mill levy for Algonia Park was defeated by a narrow margin, 699 to 694; and the Civic Centre's one-mill levy was approved, 528 to 347.

Tension mounted during the count. The only sound in the gymnasium at the Civic Centre was that of counters calling off the votes, the wind howling around the building and the sharp crack of 22 rifles in the basement below from the rifle club.

The trend in the mayoralty race never changed from the start. In four progressive counts the figures showed Hills leading 80-51, 328-198, 587 to 366 and the final 909 to 594. In the aldermanic race, Bellis, Lyons, Krueger and Casey were never headed although a third count vote of Casey, 455, to Smith's 414, was cut down in the last count.

It was a slow count due to the referendums and counting which began immediately after the polls closed was not completed until after 10:30 p.m.

A large number of agents and most of the candidates watched the counting. Only candidates not present were Mr. Bellis, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Mair and Ald. Mike Krueger, who was in hospital for a minor operation on his nose.



TO HELP THE ARTHRITIS and Rheumatism Foundation, TV producer Walt Framer auctioned the clothes off the backs of his "Big Payoff" cover girls to the highest bidders on a recent telethon in New York. Left to right, the models are Pat Conway, Connie Mavis, Beverly Bentley (seated) and Fran Keegan.

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