

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Sunday, December 20, 1953
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	1:17	19.7 feet
Low	12:55	23.1 feet
High	6:53	8.1 feet
Low	19:42	1.4 feet

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THE NEWEST ADDITION to the Marsalls Zoo family in Washington, D.C., is this baby Muntjac female fawn, born just five days ago. The Muntjac is a native of the India-China area, and reported to be the smallest of the deer species. A cup and saucer show the relative size of this newcomer, who when fully grown will attain a size slightly larger than a jackrabbit.

Prince Rupert Best-Off Town in B.C. for Number of Taxi-Cabs Per Person

Prince Rupert citizens are best off for taxi cab rides than any other city large or small in British Columbia according to information from the city council.

There is a taxi for every 150 persons in the city whereas according to a letter from Vernon city clerk there is only one cab per 1,142 persons in the southern interior town of the same population. Prince Rupert's 9,800 residents share a total of 65 taxi-cabs.

Next best off city is Prince Rupert which with a population of 9,800 persons has 25 cabs giving it a percentage of one cab per 392 persons.

PER THOUSAND

The larger cities like New Westminster or Greater Victoria have a taxi for every 1,000 residents. Greater Victoria with an approximate population of 100,000 has 95 taxis. New Westminster with a population of 30,000, has 30 taxis.

The information was received by city clerk R. W. Long after he had sought information as to the number of taxis per person in other cities and information as to how other city councils handled re-instatement of chauffeur's permits after a driver had been convicted of driving liquor for sale. The letter was read to council this morning and filed for future reference.

George wrote that the tax pass on every applicant for a chauffeur's permit and

Court Quashes Drink Charge Against Laing

VANCOUVER (CP)—A charge of intoxication in a public place laid by Vancouver police against Arthur Laing, B.C. Liberal party leader, was thrown out by police court today by Judge Gordon Scott.

Magistrate Scott called a halt to the testimony after two police officers had given evidence for the crown and five barristers testified for the accused.

At now 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, and I think we have heard enough," the magistrate said in dismissing the charge.

Twenty-five persons appeared in court today facing the charge, that of intoxication in a public place, and if any of them had pleaded not guilty, they would have found them in favour, I would find them guilty," Magistrate Scott said.

"I don't see why I should lean either way because this is a citizen of good reputation."

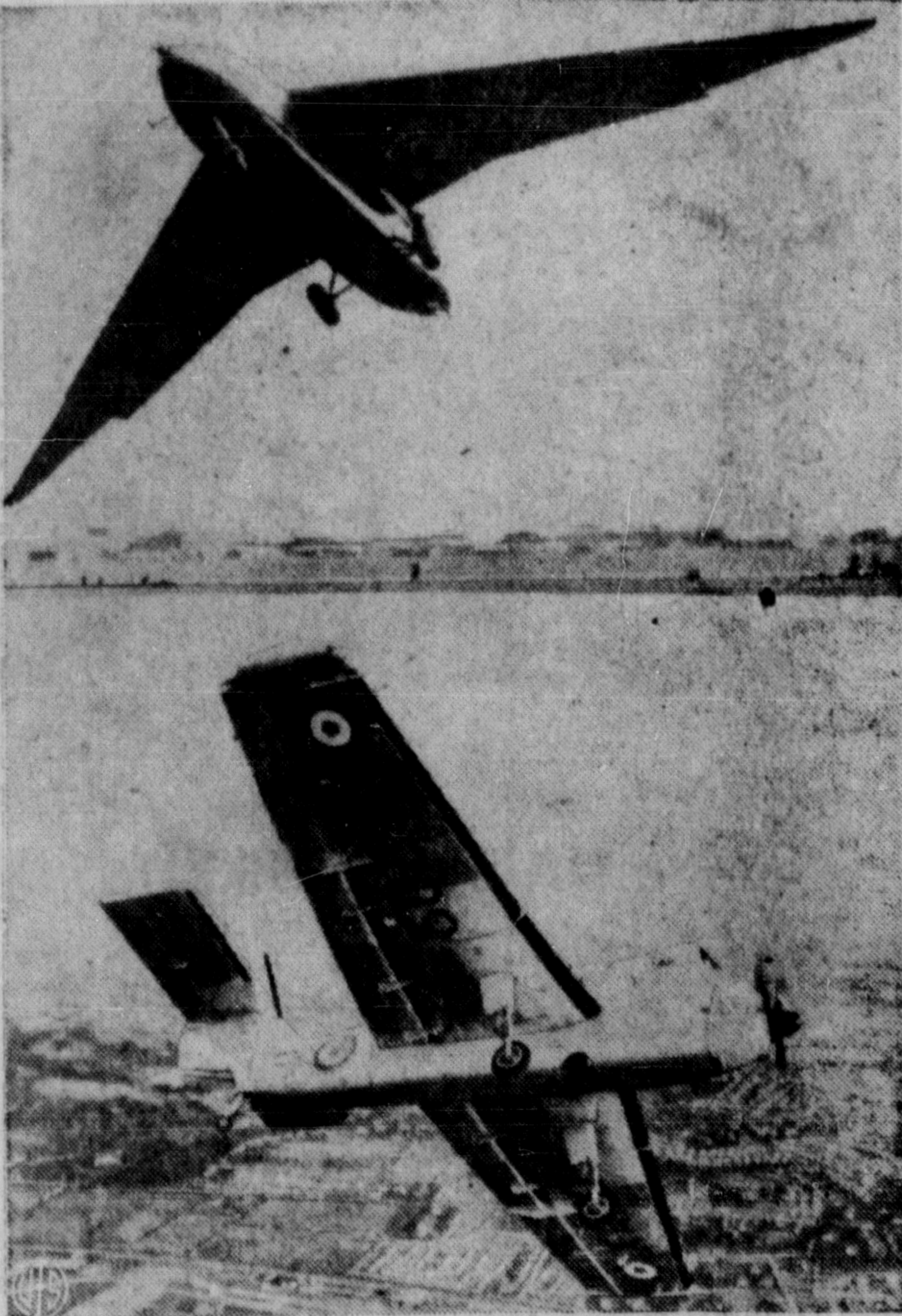
WEATHER—

North coast region: Gale warned. Cloudy rain southern coast. Cloudy with showers today. Winds increasing to westerly gales 35 in exposed areas this afternoon. Continued low tonight and high at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 40 and 45.

SANTA KEPT ON MOVE MEETING CITY YOUNGSTERS

Santa Claus doesn't forget anyone. Following his arrival here this morning, he met hundreds of children in Super-Valu store and after eating his lunch "on the fly" sped to Prince Rupert General Hospital to see the children.

Later, after greeting each with a cheery smile and greeting, he came back to town to meet hundreds more in Woolworth's.



TWO NEW TYPES of British planes recently made their debut. (Top) The batlike plane in flight is Britain's smallest jet aircraft. The tailless Short Sherpa research plane is designed as a 200-m.p.h. forerunner of experimental machines to prove the problem of ultra high speed flight several miles above the earth. (Bottom) The Seamew is Britain's new anti-submarine aircraft, which can operate from escort and aircraft carriers. The problems of NATO countries were specifically considered by the producer's design team, when the plans were conceived. The plane will now go into production for the Royal Navy.

Modern X-Ray Unit Scheduled For Hospital Early In 1954

Indian Leaders To Be Feted

Four leaders among the Indians of the northern B.C. coast bands have been singled out for awards of the Queen's Coronation Medal, F. E. Anfield, superintendent of Indian Affairs, announced today.

The awards which will be made by Mr. Anfield will take place within the next month at ceremonies from the Naas River to Hartley Bay. The honorees are:

Peter Leighton, 69, of Metlakatla, for "outstanding service" in promoting the enfranchisement of his village.

Chief Hieher Louis Clifton, senior, 82, of Hartley Bay, chief patriarch of all northern coastal tribes, for "outstanding leadership of his people."

Chief Inspiring Michael Bright, 84, of Alyanash, for his "lifelong devotion to the development of band music" among his people.

Mrs. Martha Azak of Canyon City, widow of the late Chief Henry Azak on behalf of her village of 80 persons, "an outstandingly progressive group in the fields of industry and social progress."

First of the medals will be presented to Mr. Leighton Wednesday at a ceremony before civic and government officials.

One of the "fathers" of the enfranchisement plan for Metlakatla, he has worked religiously for it since 1943.

Chief Clifton will likely get his medal next, said Mr. Anfield. The "paramount head man of every tribe on the coast," as Chief Clifton is referred to, was a student of William Duncan, first lay missionary on the north coast. Returning to Hartley Bay as chief, he taught his people to develop a model community still in good health, he has five sons and 36 grandchildren.

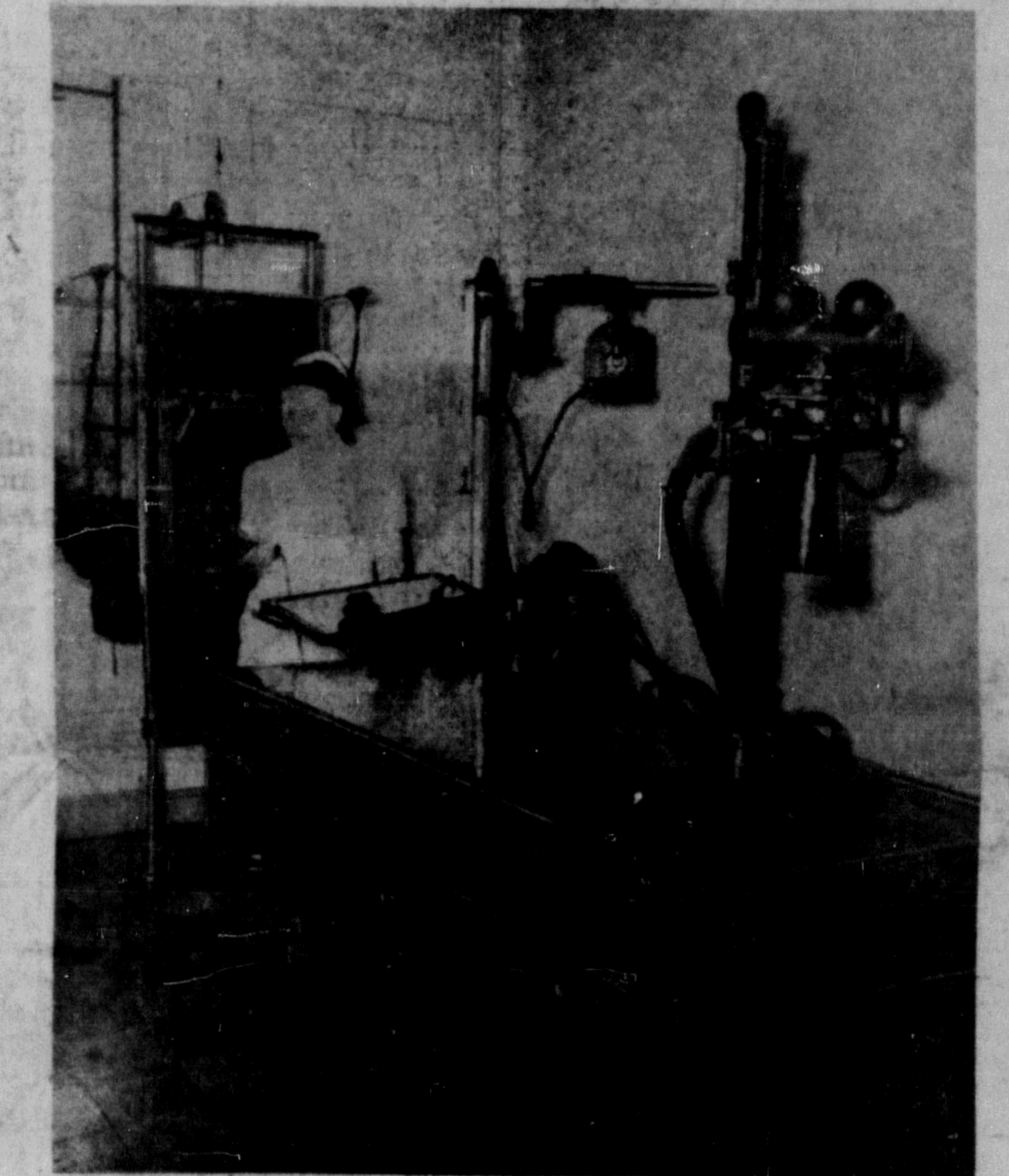
Chief Bright of Alyanash at 84 is still active in the renowned Alyanash Silver Harmonic Band, although he has been blind for many years. He is the only original member of the band which was founded at the turn of the century. Its leader for many years, Chief Bright has done much to keep the band intact as a unit. The band has received recognition in Victoria, in New Westminster and Prince Rupert.

Mrs. Azak of Canyon City will receive the medal on behalf of the village which has been recognized for its prowess in boat-building and for its social development and ethics.

Canyon City, half-way up the Naas River, is known as the most law-abiding community anywhere on the coast.



A \$35,000 RENOVATION JOB in the attic of the General Hospital here is expected to get under way early in the new year. The extra space will provide room for a new X-ray unit, pharmacy, laboratory, sterile supply department, and nine additional beds.



HERE IS THE OLD-STYLE X-RAY unit in Prince Rupert General hospital, which has been termed "inadequate for present-day needs" by radiologist Dr. L. M. Goulden.

Queen, Duke Feast Royalty With Popular Tonga Ruler

NUKUALOFA, Tonga (CP)—The two queens of the British Commonwealth feasted today in traditional South Sea surroundings as Queen Elizabeth and Tonga's queen Salote met for the first time since June Coronation festivities in London.

Popular six-foot-three Salote is the only head of government in the Commonwealth to hold the same title as the Queen, due to a long-standing tradition in the Tonga group.

After a short rest at Queen Salote's palace, the royal couple joined their hostess in a feast of whole roasted suckling pigs, chickens, yams, watermelons, crayfish and Tongan puddings.

The Queen and the duke drank coconut milk from the shell and, with Queen Salote, ate their feast with their fingers.

Comox Boy and Man Awarded George Medals For Bravery

COMOX, B.C. (CP)—A shy, quiet 15-year-old boy knew a week ago he was to receive the Commonwealth's highest civilian decoration but he didn't bother telling anybody about it.

News that Robert Waters will receive the George Medal for his bravery in rescuing an RCAF pilot from a crashed and burning bomber Nov. 24, 1952, came Friday in a simple announcement in the Canada Gazette. Eight others died in the crash.

Albert Richard De Cuyper, 30-year-old farmer, also receives the medal for rescuing the navigator.

Bobby and De Cuyper were first recommended for decoration in the November 27, 1952 issue of the Comox District Free Press, by Daily News sports editor Dick Ayres, who was then editor of the Courtenay paper. In a front page column, he urged that the RCAF or civic officials take action to see that the two civilians

were recognized for bravery under conditions for which they were not trained.

Group Capt. Austin, officer commanding RCAF Station Comox later recommended the pair for decoration.

"I was surprised to get it and proud too," Bobby said Friday night.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Waters, who own a small farm near here, said "we're very proud of our brave son."

Two months after his heroic rescue the lad was told he was being recommended for a citation, but he said he had forgotten about that. Then a week ago he received a letter with official notification, but he didn't bother telling anybody.

After he rescued the pilot, F.O. R. F. Johnson of Springhill, N.S., he saw he could do no more, so

Equipment, Changes Will Cost \$55,000

Installation of one of the most modern X-ray units in North America will begin at Prince Rupert General Hospital early in the new year.

Approval of the move was given unanimously last night at the monthly meeting of the hospital board of directors, who also endorsed a recommendation of the finance and long-range planning committees to renovate the top floor of the hospital to make room for the unit and an additional nine beds.

Cost of the X-ray unit, including a combination radiographic and fluoroscopic X-ray table, will be more than \$20,000 and the renovation work will cost \$35,000.

Through agreement with the federal and provincial governments, cost to the hospital for the two projects will be around \$15,000.

The hospital will pay 40 per cent of the cost of the X-ray apparatus (slightly more than \$7,000), the federal government pays the same, and the provincial government pays the balance.

In the renovation work, the provincial government pays 50 per cent, the federal government donates \$1,000 for each bed added, leaving some \$8,500 for the hospital.

Monies to be expended by the hospital for the projects will be taken from the modernization fund, which is built up through donations from firms and individuals interested in the hospital.

In deciding to install the modern X-ray apparatus, board members said they felt the time has come when the people of this area "are entitled to better service in keeping with the growing needs of this north country."

The present X-ray unit was built in 1937 and installed at the hospital in 1942.

Dr. Leila M. Goulden, radiologist, in a report to the board stressed that the present apparatus, set up when the population was only around 5,000, "is inadequate for the amount and quality of work now required at the hospital."

"Only a small number of films—such as films of hands and feet and adult chest—can be done in a completely satisfactory manner," said the doctor.

In keeping with its policy of modernizing the hospital, the board said renovation work in

Police Officer Under Arrest

KETCHIKAN, Alaska (CP)—A Ketchikan police captain is under arrest and held without bail as a result of the federal grand jury session that has produced a series of sensational developments here.

Close to 100 witnesses have appeared before the jury in the three weeks it has been convened to inquire into local conditions. It is expected to wind up its sessions before Christmas.

Capt. Erlend McKinley is the police officer under arrest. He was arrested a second time on a charge of intimidating a witness after having been released on \$10,000 bail after a first arrest. The grand jury recommended his arrest last week end.

Birds Grade A Say Dealers

Turkeys being sold in town at 65 cents a pound are Grade A birds from Alberta. This was emphasized today by retail distributors who are selling turkeys at that price.

Their comment was made as a result of an item in The Daily News yesterday which stated that the lower-priced birds come from the B.C. interior.

"Our birds are shipped direct from Edmonton," one retailer explained. "They are absolutely tops in quality. Contrary to the information in that report, we also have an excellent supply of turkeys under 12 pounds."

The report carried yesterday was based on a national survey which stated that B.C. outlets were hit this year by a drop in the prairie crop, and that small birds were in short supply. Prince Rupert, however, has not been affected by this condition.

Costs Delay Postal Service At Metlakatla

The question of re-opening of the Metlakatla post office is still in abeyance due to excessive costs of carrier service between Prince Rupert and Metlakatla.

E. T. (Ted) Applewhite, M.P. for Skeena, reports that a recent call for tenders on mail service between Rupert and Metlakatla brought only one bid, at the rate of 60 cents a mile which the post office department considers too high.

Mr. Applewhite reports that the department will call for tenders again in the future, in an attempt to obtain a more reasonable offer for the service.

only 4 more Shopping Days till Christmas



TAKING TABBY for her morning walk is three-year-old Alexis Kerr, who sees nothing unusual in this, except that tabby is rather large, and the streets of London are surprisingly deserted. Maybe little Alexis doesn't know it, but tabby happens to be Nizam, a two-year-old Bengal tiger that appears with the Bert-ram Mills Circus currently touring England. Though daddy happens to be an animal trainer, one would think that he could have selected an animal that was er—less frightening. However, Alexis doesn't seem to mind.