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Fire Destroys School

Collection of oil paintings valued at more than \$150,000 and an 80,000-volume library were destroyed when fire swept through a 44-year-old Normal school at Hamilton. Total damage was estimated at more than \$700,000. The 216 Normal students are to be temporarily housed in a church.

B.C. Hospitals Endorse Wage Boost Despite 'Freeze' Order

VANCOUVER—British Columbia hospital administrators have agreed to sign 1953 wage boost agreements despite a provincial government order freezing hospital budgets.

Construction Sets All-Time Record in Rupert; 40 Private Homes Built

Due to construction in Prince Rupert during 1952 set an all-time record and more than triple the figures of the previous year. The value of permits taken at City Hall was \$1,069,965 compared with \$325,069 in 1951. Of the 1952 permits issued, \$117,080 were for industrial buildings; \$791,500 for new home construction and \$105,385 for alterations and repairs to homes.

De-Churchill Present After Conference

NEW YORK—Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Dwight D. Eisenhower dined together last night and conferred at length, but both kept silent on conclusions they may have reached on world problems.

Shoplifter Remanded in Police Court

Harry Fisher, who told magistrate W. D. Vance in police court today that he came here from Regina to open up a store, pleaded guilty to a charge of theft under \$25 from F. W. Woolworth store.

CURED 5,600 MILES ON FOOT

Man Who Walked Across Canada Unfit for Army

GINA (CP)—Thirty-year-old Mitchell, who walked 5,600 miles across Canada in 225 days, 47-48, has been rejected by Army as medically unfit.

Four Men Arrested By RCMP Short Time After Robbery

Orme Stuart Named Head Of Chamber

Orme G. Stuart was elected president of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce by acclamation at its annual meeting last night.

He succeeds T. Norton Young. Also chosen by acclamation were Philip H. Linzey, vice-president, and Philip M. Ray, secretary-treasurer.

In his report for 1952, Mr. Youngs pointed to progress made during the year in improvement of highway 16; in the campaign for a land airport here, and in re-activation of the grain elevator.

He foresaw railway and ship-ping development resulting from the CNR barge-landing service being installed here, and stressed the benefits Prince Rupert will receive from the aluminum project at Kiltmat and Kemano.

Referring to the rental housing scheme, he said:

"This Chamber can, I believe congratulate itself on having been instrumental in bringing 50 fine new homes to Prince Rupert under a joint dominion, provincial and municipal scheme. First credit must be given to our Member of Parliament, E. T. Applewhite, and to our then M.L.A. Jack McRae, for their efforts in getting this project approved by the dominion and provincial governments."

Delegates also voted down a proposal of Mr. Martin's to create compulsory hospital districts similar to those in Alberta.

They recommended that hospital boards consider increasing rates for private and semi-private accommodation as a means of increasing revenue.

Persons belonging to the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service at the present time in Prince Rupert pay \$11.40 a day for public ward beds, \$13.40 a day for semi-private and \$14.40 for private. With-out B.C.H.I.S., the costs are \$13.15 and \$16 a day. These rates have been in effect since last July.

B.C.H.I.S. pays \$10.40 towards the cost, the patient paying the balance.

In an address to the 80 delegates, Mr. Martin indicated that the government may introduce legislation at next month's session of the Legislature creating hospital districts.

The plan would be similar to the school district system. Residents of outlying municipalities would be compelled to help with financing of hospitals nearest to them through contributions to capital costs and might be taxed to help with operating deficits.

At present, said Mr. Martin, most of the province's hospitals are occupied by residents living outside the borders of the centre where they are located.

In a survey in mid-December, it was shown practically all hospitals in B.C. faced by increased wage and general costs, wanted more money from the government in 1953.

Many launched protests with the government against the freeze order. Mr. Stevenson said at that time that the Prince Rupert hospital "couldn't begin to operate" on the same daily rate this year as it did in 1952.

He completed the long walk in Halifax in the spring of 1948 and then got a job with a circus. He toured as far west as Vancouver, and subsequently worked on a ranch at Kamloops, B. C., as a tourist guide at Banff, Alta., a hospital orderly in Calgary and a farm hand.

Born in Brandon, Man., Mr. Mitchell has been travelling since he was 12 years old when his parents moved to Vancouver.



FOUR CHILDREN were burned to death at Deschenes, Que., near Ottawa, when a tar-papered house was destroyed by fire. Their mother, Mrs. Joseph Glandon, said she left the children to visit neighbors. The father, Pte. Robert Glandon, is being flown home from service with the 25th Brigade in Korea to attend the funeral.

City Group Urges CNR To Build New Ship Here

Active measures to bring construction of the Canadian National's proposed new coastal vessel to Prince Rupert will be undertaken by the Chamber of Commerce.

The decision was made at the Chamber's annual meeting last night after the reading of correspondence between E. T. Applewhite, M.P. for Skeena, and Donald Gordon, CNR chairman and president, on the subject of a replacement for the steamship Prince Rupert.

In answer to a letter from Mr.

Man vs. Beast Battle Ends In Fatal Draw

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (CP)—A story of what appeared to be a fight to death between an Alaska trapper and a marauding black bear at a remote mountain cabin is slowly being pieced together here today.

A coroner's jury still has not ruled officially on what caused the death of Rudolph H. Gaier, 50, trapper, but new clues turned up have strengthened the theory of a man-versus-beast battle ending in a fatal draw.

Gaier was found dead in his blood-soaked bed late last month, 100 miles northwest of Anchorage.

Gaier is believed to have been asleep in his cabin when the bear broke in. The trapper apparently threw a lantern at the intruder and jumped out of a window, fired a number of shots through the door, and finally peeked in to see if the animal was dead.

The bear, in its death throes, is thought to have attacked Gaier, clawing him fatally before it dropped.

The trapper managed to crawl to his bed, where he died of his wounds and exposure.

-WEATHER-

A mass of cold Arctic air has now spread over nearly all of the B.C. interior and its leading edge has brought cloud and a little light snow to southern sections this morning. In the northern interior the weather remains clear and cold.

Sunny today, cloudy with intermittent snow or rain and snow mixed tomorrow. Not much change in temperature.

Winds northerly 30 in mainland inlets today, and southeast 20 tomorrow, otherwise light.

Low tonight and high tomorrow at Port Hardy, 32 and 40; Sandspit, 30 and 36; Prince Rupert, 25 and 34.

3 Charged With Theft At City Dress Store

Three young men were arrested by RCMP early today less than an hour after a Third Avenue dry goods store was broken into and garments valued at \$268 taken from the premises.

Charged with the theft from Sweet 16 were: Henry Moore, Leonard Raymond and Joseph Tremblay. They appeared before magistrate W. D. Vance in police court and were remanded eight days.

Also appearing before the magistrate on a charge of possessing an offensive weapon was Pebealau Youx, who was taken into custody at the same time as the other men.

The men were arrested in a downtown rooming house at 2:20 a.m. and taken to city jail.

LADIES' GARMENTS
Police found 27 wool blouses and four ladies' coats in the room where Moore, Raymond and Tremblay were arrested. Police said they were sitting on the bed when they entered.

Youx was arrested a few minutes later when he entered the room.

RCMP sped to the store after Libby Basso-Bert, driver for 112 Taxi, told police he saw three men enter the store then leave with some clothing. A few minutes earlier, another cab driver, Ken Nesbitt of 537 Taxi told of seeing three men going west on Third Avenue after he heard the crash of glass while sitting in his stand on Fifth Street.

Mayor Allots Aldermen To Committees

Four aldermen elected at the December 11 civic election were sworn into office last night just prior to attending a statutory meeting of the city council at which committees were appointed by Mayor Harold Whalen.

On suggestion of Alderman Bert Glassey the entire council will sit as a court of revision beginning Feb. 9. His motion was seconded by Ald. John Currie after he informed council he had heard "a lot of talk about assessments." He did not enlarge on the subject.

First regular council meeting of the year will take place next Monday.

Following committees were appointed:

Finance Committee—Ald. R. A. McLean, chairman; Ald. M. W. H. Krueger, Ald. H. F. Glassey, Ald. Kay Smith.

Board of Works Committee—Ald. Krueger, chairman; Ald. Darrow Gomez, Ald. John Currie, Ald. W. Bremner.

Utilities Committee—Ald. Glassey, chairman; Ald. McLean; Ald. G. B. Casey, Ald. Bremner.

Health, Social Assistance, Police and Licensing—Ald. Gomez, chairman; Ald. Currie, Ald. Smith, Ald. Casey.

Pioneers' Home Committee—Ald. Casey, chairman; Ald. Bremner, Ald. Smith, Mrs. A. Gillis, Hugo Kraupner.

Library Board—Ald. Currie, T. B. Black, A. D. Ritchie, Mrs. W. S. Kergin, Mrs. B. S. Procter, Ed. Boulter.

Airport Committee—Ald. Gomez, chairman; Ald. Currie, Ald. Krueger.

Wage Committee—All chairmen of standing committees.

Prince Rupert Health Unit—All Health committee.

Hospital Board—Ald. McLean.

New Refinery To Use Oil From Alberta

WASHINGTON (CP)—Pacific Oil and Refining Company announced Monday it will erect a new 10,000-barrel-a-day oil refinery on Puget Sound near Seattle.

Joseph E. Erickson, vice-president, said the plant will operate on crude delivered from the Trans-Mountain Pipeline now under construction from oil fields in Alberta.

Salvagers Find Radium In Wreckage

BELFAST—Salvage squads with geiger counters hunted 12 hours today before finding a box of "highly dangerous" radium in the wreckage of a British airliner that crashed at Belfast's airport Monday night, killing 27 persons including a year-old baby.

Seven other passengers were injured.

The radium was being flown to a Belfast radiotherapy clinic. Rescuers were warned, "if the box has burst, don't touch the contents. They are highly dangerous."

Radon—the gas given off by the radium salts—are used in medical radiotherapy. They are packed small gold capsules called "seeds."