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sister, Mary, was one  
Gyro executive who were  
called aboard the Prince  
next Wednesday.  
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Bob Johnson, is coming  
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will be installed presi-  
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biggest problem these  
selling his own home...  
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Dr. Duncan Black, who  
for Vernon on Thurs-  
be guests at a stag to-



**A GROUP OF GIRL MUSICIANS**, the Rainbow Strings, will represent Canada in the all-nations cavalcade of song and dance at Albert Hall, London, during the Coronation festival. They will leave for England May 1. Standing (left) is Hilda Carson, Toronto, and (right) Marguerite Learning, Niagara Falls, Ont., violinist and organizer of the group. At extreme right is Myrtle Bowman, Regina. Seated (front) is Joanne Hoyle, Toronto. Others, left to right: (front row) Dolores Mokree, Vancouver, and Vye Petroff, Toronto; (centre row) Gina Boukydis and Dorothy Jackson, both Toronto; (back row) Patricia Hunt, Hawaii, and Olga Skoropad, Toronto.

### Young Wife Looks After Big Family

**DURAM, Ont.** — When Agnes Pinder married last year she became stepmother of 19 children. Since then she has added one of her own to the family.  
At 19, she became the wife of 40-year-old George Picken who had been married twice before. The children who came with her husband included four from his first marriage and one from the second. Five orphaned stepchildren of Mr. Picken's second marriage also became her charges.  
The family of 13 live in a six-bedroom farm home in the Pine Hills district, three miles south of here.  
The oldest child in the family is Margaret Birr, step-daughter of Mr. Picken. She's as old as her new mother. The youngest is Kenneth, Mrs. Picken's own three-month-old son.  
Some of the children work in other cities, but on week-ends as many as possible come home.

### Youth Group Bids Farewell To Maria Brett

Members of the Catholic Youth Organization are invited to attend a social evening on Wednesday, Feb. 1.  
At last Sunday's bi-monthly meeting a panel discussion on Communism was started. It was the first in a series of talks based on the doctrine of Communism in contrast to the Christian way of life.  
The CYO bid farewell to Maria Brett, an active member of the group, who is leaving tomorrow for Victoria to take a nurse's training course at St. Joseph's Hospital.

### Readers

- Mail Festival entries to Box 157 before March 1. (32)
- Special meeting Carpenters Union, Wednesday, Feb. 4, 8 p.m. Important. (29)
- There will be a special meeting of the Pipefitters Union at the Civic Centre Wednesday at 8 p.m. All members are requested to attend. —C. Silversides, President. (29)
- Mr. H. H. Church, D.V.A. representative, will be at the U.I.C. Office Feb. 6 at 1:30. Veterans requiring advice are advised to see Mr. Church. —Canadian Legion. (30)

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## Public Warned Against 'Move' To Change Motor Carrier Act

A letter warning that the public will be affected adversely if the Motor Carrier Act is taken off the provincial statute books was read at the Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday night.

Apparently prompted by reports that there is a move to make the act inoperative, the letter was submitted by Harry Johnston, Vancouver, president of the Automotive Transport Association of B.C., who wrote:

"In the provincial government and public mind it would appear that there is a belief that the motor transport industry has a monopoly under the provision of the Motor Carrier Act. Nothing could be further from the truth. Unless the public can be educated to the fundamental principles of sound motor transport practices, we predict that as members of the general public and of the business community, you will find that 1953 has this in store for you:

1. You may save a few dollars at the beginning through the rate wars that will mark the beginning of unregulated competition.
2. Very shortly, though, you'll lose the use of modern and well maintained vehicles, dependable and scheduled services, and financially responsible carriers.
3. A little later, you'll lose a good many more dollars through unpaid truckers' supply bills and unmet payrolls when the carriers get squeezed to the point of bankruptcy.
4. And you'll lose plenty when the inevitable "rationalization of the industry" (better known as monopoly control) takes place

after the weaker operators have been forced out of the competitive struggle.

The matter was referred to the transportation committee for further study.

### Baby Bonus Payments Reach All-Time High Mark in B.C.

The continued upward trend of federal welfare grants, Family Allowances and Old Age Security, was reflected in January payments in British Columbia which reached an all-time high of \$5,227,907.

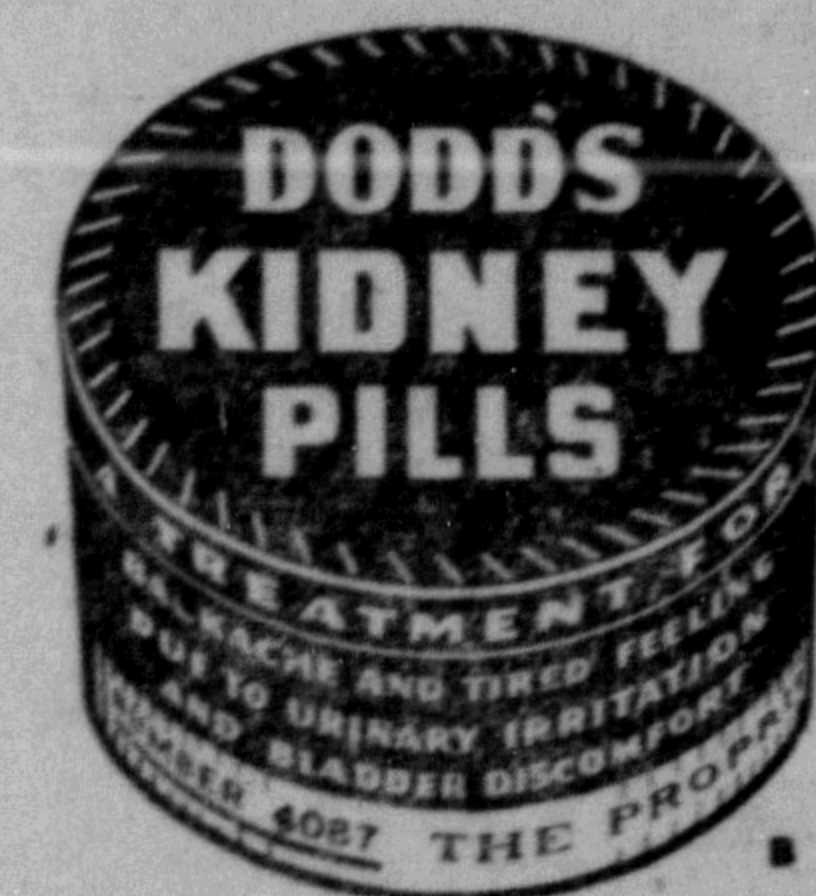
Of this amount \$3,153,820 went to 78,450 old age pensioners and \$2,074,087 in family allowances. The latter payment was made on behalf of 344,539 children in 172,984 families.

During the month, 521 families in receipt of family allowances moved to B.C. from other parts of the Dominion while 347 moved out.

The ratio of influx in the case of old age security pensioners was even heavier, 120 entering B.C. and 65 leaving for other provinces.

### Expert Coyote Hunter

WILDWOOD, Alta. (CP)—Ward Borts is getting a reputation as a deadly hunter of coyotes. He overhauls the coyotes in his car on ice-covered Chip lake and then uses a shotgun. So far this winter he has bagged 27.



### Annual Meeting Prince Rupert Liberal Association

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6 — 8 P.M.  
Common Lounge, Civic Centre

Election of officers and appointment of delegates to Rupert District meeting.

### UBC Blood Drive Seeks 4,000 Pints

UBC's spring blood drive swings into action next Monday and continues until Feb. 27. Target for this year's campaign is 4,000 pints or 75.5 per cent of the total enrollment. Last year's spring drive set a new collegiate record when 3,000 students donated. This was 54.5 per cent of the enrollment.

### MATERNITY SPECIALS at the Stork Shoppe

Feb. 2-7th

30 SKIRTS  
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### Top-Rated Toronto Singer To Appear Here Feb. 13

In what it considers a "catch" of the season, the Alaska Music Trail Auxiliary announced today it has arranged for a concert to be given here by James Milligan, a young baritone from Toronto who is creating a stir in eastern music circles.

Informed recently that Mr. Milligan was to make a western tour which included Vancouver, the auxiliary got in touch with him with the result that the concert is set for Feb. 13 at the Civic Centre.

"It is short notice, but from what we hear about this young singer it will be well worth it," a member of the auxiliary commented.

It is reported that the 23-year-old baritone has a voice to match his size—he is six feet, five inches tall. Rated already as possibly the finest oratorio singer in Canada, Mr. Milligan has been chosen by Sir Ernest MacMillan for two consecutive years as soloist in "The Messiah" and "The St. Matthew Passion."

He was soloist in the premiere Canadian performance of Bruckner's Ninth Symphony with the Toronto Conservatory symphony orchestra and chorus in 1951, and repeated the role at Massey Hall in Toronto one year later.

A student of famed lieder singer, Emmy Heim, he also coaches with the noted harpichordist, Oreta Kraus. His wife, a talented pianist, will come to Prince Rupert with him as accompanist.

Tickets will go on sale at the Civic Centre immediately.

**WIDELY TRAVELLED WINNIPEG (CP)**—The new United States consul-general here, C. Porter Kaykendall, has been in the U.S. foreign service since 1920. He arrived here after posts in Amsterdam, Batavia, Italy, Norway, England, France, Lithuania, Danzig, Nigeria and Switzerland.

Canada's oldest building at Silvery, Quebec, is a two storey stone structure built in 1639.

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by **CHIC YOUNG**

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### Radar Sets CNR Ships

VOUVER—Two radar sets standard equipment on National's Pacific passenger ships from now on, as disclosed today by Brian, B.C. manager CNR and CNS.

It was said that when the SS Prince George left Monday night she was equipped with "double radar" sets which were separate sets which were used whenever necessary. Prince Rupert will be equipped with two radar sets which resumes service after a complete overhaul. Canadian National pioneer of radar on passenger coast waters when a set was installed on the Rupert in 1948.

It is thought more will serve as a safeguard to CN ships navigating in tricky waters in all kinds of weather, said Mr. Behan. "The eyes of these 'magic eyes' are always on at any time there is a danger of collision," he said. "There is no doubt that these will contribute to the safety of human lives at sea," he concluded.