

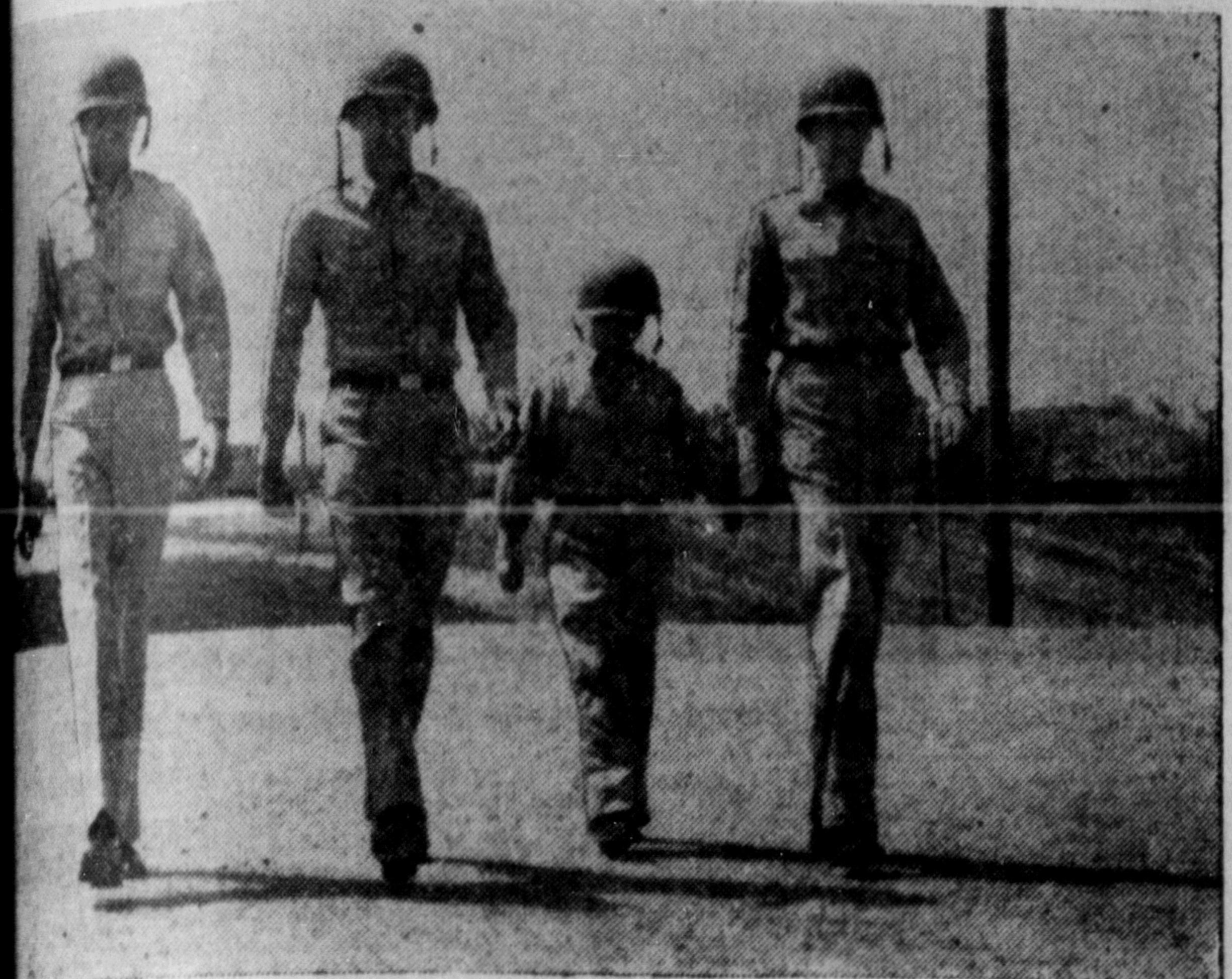
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SHORT OF IT—If he could take two steps to their one, Airman 3/C Robert H. Gaston (right) would have no trouble marching with such giants as these. Gaston, 19, of Ohio, had to get a waiver to enter the Air Force since he was an inch short of the five feet. Gaston's towering comrades are (left to right): T/Sgt. John L. Thomas, 6-10, Airman 1/C Robert M. McBride, 6-5½, of Snohomish, Wash.; and Airman P. Holmes, 6-8, of Alexandria, La. Holmes also needed a waiver because the maximum to enter the service is six feet, six inches. All are stationed at Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth.

Liberals Backed on Drydock Burns Lake and District Group

Liberals this support from an group in another Skeena constituency demand that the government retain the Burns Lake Drydock Group. A wave of protest from Prince Rupert organizations resulted in temporary postponement of the sale until September 30. Originally, April 1 had been set as the date when the drydock would be closed down if not sold. Main reason put forth for retaining the drydock which has been operating at a loss subsidized by the federal government is its value to deep-sea shipping here and as a wartime emergency unit.

CONQUER CANCER CAMPAIGN PAST \$3,000 MARK

Prince Rupert's conquer cancer campaign has passed the \$3,000 mark in just two days, and contributions are continuing. Chairman Ronald Allen reported at noon today that \$3,021.20 had been collected to date. There were local canvassers yet to be heard from and there was so far from out of town points.

French Troops Aid Defenders

United States-airmen from France to Indo-China. The French high command has been in progress. French communists have been in progress. The French high command has been in progress. The French high command has been in progress.



STRUTTING HIS STUFF at South Miami's exotic Parrot Jungle, the proud peacock puts up a magnificent front (top photo) to delight his lady love. Should she step behind the scenes, however, she would see a less-inspiring but equally spectacular network of feather backs that support the display (bottom).

Mystery Of Pitted Windshields Deepens As More Found Here

Economist Facing Charges

Held by Police For Extortion

ST. JOHN'S Nfld. (CP)—Premier Smallwood said early today that Dr. Alfred A. Valdimanis, former director general of economic development here and later chairman of the Newfoundland and Labrador Corporation has been arrested on charges of extortion.

The premier said Dr. Valdimanis was arrested by the RCMP in New Brunswick on charges "that he extorted very large sums of money from various firms with whom he dealt in behalf of the government of Newfoundland."

Modern Vessel From Liberia In For Grain

Most modern and newest deep-sea vessel to arrive in Prince Rupert in recent years docked yesterday at the Dominion Government Elevators on her maiden voyage.

Fishermen's Farewell Dance Kick Off For Halibut Season

"Kick-off" of the halibut season will be marked tonight by the annual Fishermen's Farewell Dance sponsored by the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association.



WELL, SHUT MY MOUTH!—This hippo is all ham as he registers astonishment at the size of the crowd that gathers outside his cage at Copenhagen (Denmark) Zoo.

Russia Repeats Demands For "Big Five" Meeting

PARIS (AP)—Russia demanded anew today that the Geneva conference be expanded into a "Big Five" meeting, giving Communist China equal status with the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union.

Australians Asked to Leave

LONDON (AP)—Russia today demanded the recall of all Australian diplomatic personnel in Russia as a result of the Petrov case. It also announced that all Russian diplomats in Australia have been ordered home immediately.

No Injuries Follow 'Quake

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A rolling type of earthquake was felt on Thursday over a large triangular area, 50 to 100 miles south of San Francisco, but no injuries or damages were reported.

Analysed Deposit Fails To Give Clue

By SHIRLEY YULE

"Are atomic particles falling over Prince Rupert?" "How's your windshield?" "Is our rain radioactive?" Those questions and variations on the theme are dominating conversation in this city as dozens of local motorists join car-owners across North America in pondering the mystery of the pitted windshields.

The first report of a pitted windshield by QCA's Gerry Levers here Tuesday brought a series of complaints from puzzled motorists all over town, including stories of an odd ash dotted over cars and covering pits in car glass, a mysteriously cracked windshield and an oddly-spotted rear-view mirror.

ANALYZES SAMPLE Meanwhile, Dr. G. W. J. Fiddes of Miller Bay Hospital, who analyzed a sample of the mysterious substance called ash for lack of a better term, reports it had no effect on glass in his lab. It is not a fluorine compound (fluoric acids are the only acids which effect glass) but a mineral more like an ash or a graphite, he said.

Almost everyone reporting the pitted windshields wondered... could it be due to the hydrogen bomb tests in the Pacific? Scientists throughout Canada and the United States scoffed, terming the epidemic of windshield pocks mass hysteria, but a Michigan industrialist reported today that he had tested an ash scraped from his car with a geiger counter and got a definite reaction.

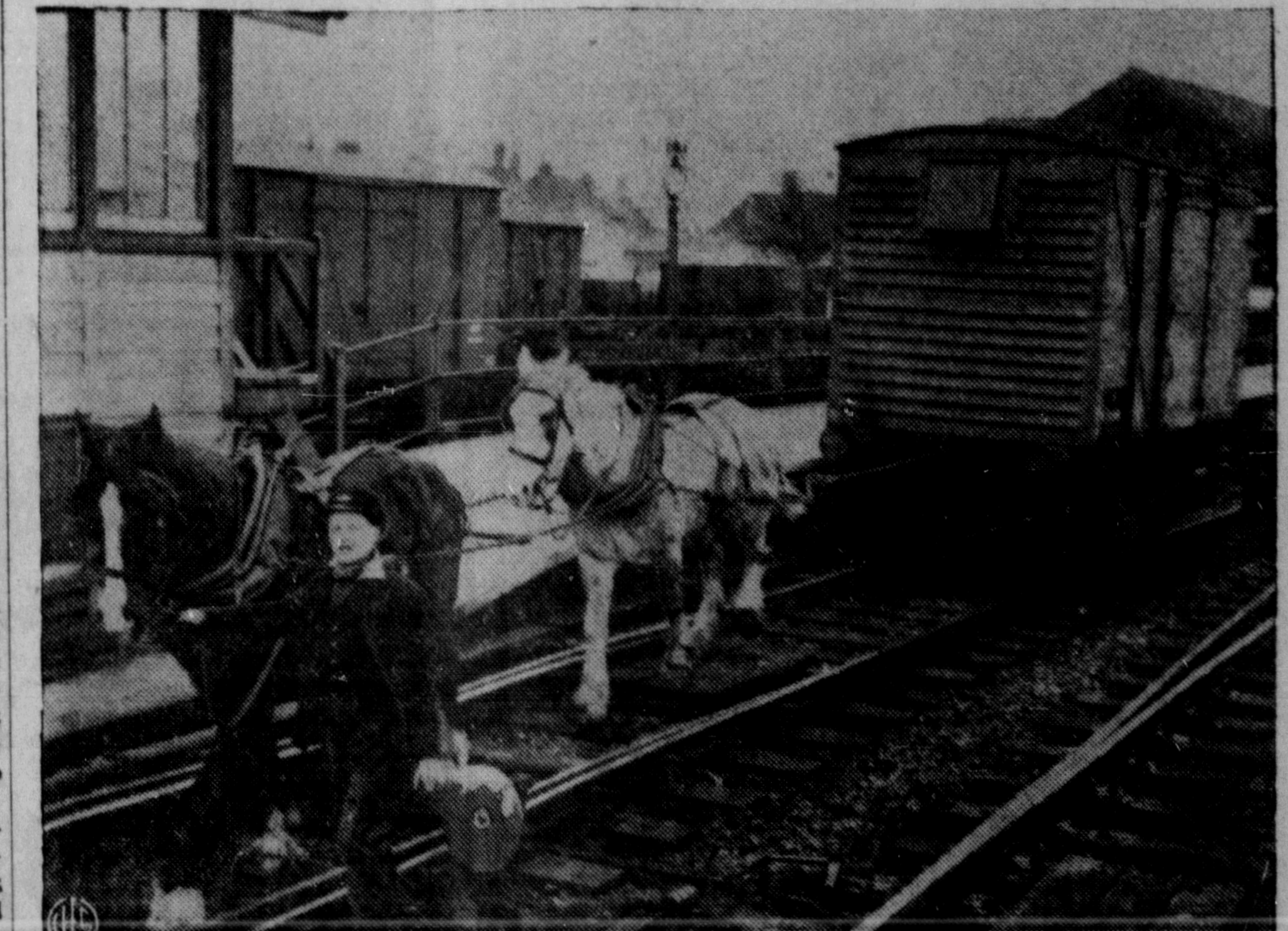
BLAMES SAND FLEAS Craziest explanation to date comes from a Centralia, Washington man who blames sand fleas. He suggests that the sand used in making glass contains flea eggs which hatch out in the glass when warmed by the sun. "The fleas have to chip the glass to get out," he says.

Railway, Ship Liquor Outlets In B.C. Seen Ready by May

VICTORIA (AP)—Thirsty travellers and Vancouver residents will soon be able to order wine and beer with their meals. Canada's two big railway systems and 26 Vancouver downtown hotels and restaurants Thursday divided up the first shaker-full of public liquor, beer and wine licences issued in B.C. They represent only the first group of licences processed by the one-man liquor commission.

Public sale of liquor by the glass is new in B.C. under legislation approved last fall. Previously, thirst-quenching was done in hotel beer parlors or a few private clubs with bars. The Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways received 68 of the licences issued Thursday. Of the group, 29 were for dining rooms and 39 for lounges and cocktail bars. Railway officials said here that the new outlets should be in operation on both trains and boats in B.C. in May.

A CPR spokesman said it was expected that lounge and dining-room licences would be used on transcontinental trains between here and Field, B.C. Trains and boats may serve liquor only while moving. Thirty-two licences were issued or approved for Vancouver and two to a New Westminster hotel which cannot start operations until alterations are approved. Owners said they would need several days to get into operation, but many were confident of a Monday start. Beer was expected to be available before wine service. Restaurants may sell their wine and beer from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Dining-lounges may serve liquor from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. except for special licences issued to two cabarets. They will remain open from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. but must charge a \$1.50 minimum cover charge. No public house licences were issued.



THE HUFFING AND PUFFING at the Woodbridge rail yards in England isn't done by steam locomotives. The rails are too curved for steam engines, so horses, like Tinker and Charlie (above) are used to shunt boxcars along the yard's main line.