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PARKS BOARD BRIEFS

Swim Pool Bleachers Need Only Wood Seats

Work on new concrete bleachers at the Gyro swimming pool in McClymont Park is nearing completion and all that is required is the dressed lumber seats, the Prince Rupert Parks Board was told last night, in a progress report by F. N. Good, city engineer.

The bleachers have been finished as far as concrete work is concerned and provide eight risers, with a 12-inch retaining wall at the back of the last riser. Mr. Good said that wooden seats could be placed on the concrete as soon as the lumber was obtained and painted.

The first two of 10 picnic tables for McClymont Park are nearly completed and city superintendent of works Carl Gustafson was instructed to go ahead with the installation of the tables as soon as delivery was made by Greer and Bridden.

Concrete footing for each table would cost about $50, the board was told.

Other work at McClymont Park has seen installation of the new fence at the swimming pool started. This should be completed next week.

Blasting operations for the new bath house at the park are being carried out and should be completed by Tuesday. The public works department was instructed to go ahead with the extension of the rock wall and laying of a cement surface around the top of the pool.

The circular swing, recently completely repaired for Totem Park, has again been damaged by vandals and needs to be repaired, the engineer's report stated. The report added that the police should be notified to include this section in their patrols "to assist in every way possible to stop vandalism."

Playing times have been allotted for Roosevelt and Gyro senior baseball has been given Tuesday, Thursday and Sundays; unofficial Pony League has been allotted Monday and Fridays while the Prince Rupert and District Football Association has been given Wednesday and Saturdays.

Until other applications are received, the Prince Rupert Little League has been given the use of Gyro Park for practices other than on Saturday mornings, when a girl's softball league uses the park.

Clearing of brush in Algoma Park near Hays Creek has been completed at a cost of $194.

The Rotary Tennis Courts have been opened and nets put up for the year. Clearing of debris around the outside of the inclosure is now underway.

The drainage ditch and fill on the washed out sections at the playground at Casey Park have been completed.

Ditching and general repairs to Westview Park will be carried out next week.

Mr. Good asked for a consolidation of accounts for work done by the public works department.

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she kept them and raised them for their real mother, Mrs. Boxer while she was in prison.

In adjudicating the "Weird Sisters," Mr. Risk said that after an excellent opening, the basic sinister melodramatics of the play were a "little lost." The good plot lines given Mattie and Bessie should have been more pointed to offset the humor also written for the two sisters. Due to an understanding director (Mrs. Cooper) the cast had certianly put "drive" into the presentation, he said, but the climax should have been dramatised more.

MAKE GOOD TEAM

Speaking of the actors, Mr. Risk said all five of the girls had authority, made a good team and yet maintained separate identities. There was clarity of speech throughout, good grouping and they used the stage well. Props and lighting were most satisfactory.

Julie Prockter, the adjudicator said, played a sensitive, restrained role but needed to articulate a little more.

Arlene Webster showed nice voice tones, but her exits and entrances were faltering. Valerie Deardon, Mr. Risk praised for getting "right into" her role and creating it without thought for anything else.

Shannon Pallant, as the lodger, brought the play to a dramatic level when she accused the elder sister of murder and drove all thoughts of humor out of the audience's mind.

Diana Davidson as Charlotte, Mr. Risk said, did very well. She had vitality, verve and emotional strength. However, he thought she overplayed the bossiness of her role which should have been held back to establish the deep inner strength of the sinister murderess.

DIFFICULT TASK

"From 5 to 5:30" which dealt with three mature women and two old women, presented a difficult task for girls under 16, the adjudicator said. He told the cast that he had seen far better actors fail to do as well as they had.

The play, as written, had several climaxes, which they should have continued to build up, Mr. Risk said. However, they didn't let the tempo slump but maintained a sporadic level.

He urged the girls not to think about their own lines but to listen to the lines being spoken to them. Their own lines would come naturally, he said.

"I watch the non-speakers to see how they are sustaining their roles," Mr. Risk warned them.

Verna Fossum, the adjudicator said, did a fairly good job, her maturity growing as the play proceeded. Her failing was that she "chewed up her words occasionally."

Mitzi Van Pykstra he lauded for "living" the role she was assigned.

Arliene Johnson, made a good attack on her part, had clear speech, but her acting was slightly marred by a self-conscious swaying.

Janet Botrakoff, playing a silly role, should have been sillier and needed to loosen up, Mr. Risk said.

Faye Rowe, was god, Mr. Risk opined, but needed to be more severe in the role she was portraying.

He summed up the play as most commendable and "for such a mature play . . . amazing."

BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Jump Bidding Leads Beginner Into Trouble

Mr. New, the avid kibitzer, "plays" a whale of a game from the sidelines where he has the slight advantage of being able to see all the hands.

He can't understand why he doesn't do better on the infrequent occasions when he gets into the game. He attributes his constant loses to bad breaks—most of which could have been avoided by practical and sensible bidding and play.

He had no chance for today's four-heart contract. The jack of clubs was led and he won with the king when both dummy and Mr. Masters ducked. Now in spite of the fact that the red suits were not unfavorably distributed, he went down on the hard losing two clubs, a heart and a diamond.

"There's something wrong with the book if I couldn't make that hand," he said unreasonably. "Could I have made three no trump?"

GOT OFF TRACK

"No, you'd have been down at that contract, too," replied Mr. Masters. "You got off the track with your jump rebid of three hearts. It would have been all right if Dale had responded in diamonds or clubs, but when he bid your void, it was not justified."

"It looked to me like a seven-trick hand," continued Mr. New "I figured on five tricks in hearts and two in minor suits."

"Let's put it this way" said Mr. Masters patiently. "When you're void in your partner's suit it's sensible to think that some of the expected tricks from his hand may not materialize. In such cases your hand should be stronger than usual."

LOOKED LIKE PLENTY

Mr. New wouldn't let it go. "I've been reading a new book on point count recently," he said, "and by that count I had 15 points in high cards, three points for a void suit, one point for my fifth trump and two points for my sixth trump. That makes 21 points—plenty for the jump rebid in hearts."

"The book is a good one," said Mr. Masters, "but practical experience tells us that when some of our points derive from a void in partner's suit, it's better not to count them. Just forget about the three points for your spade void. That leaves you with 18 points. And that makes two hearts your right rebid."

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
Mr. Dale
♠ K J 9 8 6
♥ 6
♦ Q 8 7 4
♣ Q 7 5

WEST
Mrs. Keen
♠ 10 7 5
♥ Q J 2
♦ K 10 6
♣ J 10 9 6

EAST
Mr. Masters
♠ A Q 4 3 2
♥ 9 8 5
♦ 9 2
♣ A 8 3

SOUTH
Mr. New
♠ None
♥ A K 10 7 4 3
♦ A J 5 3
♣ K 4 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♥	All Pass		

Wife Decides Enough's Enough

CHICAGO (AP)—Mrs. Anna E. Benjamin, 41, who charges that her husband had beaten her at least twice a week during their 25 years of marriage, Thursday rejected his proposal that they become reconciled. Her lawyer, Norman Becker, told judge Elmer N. Holmgren he estimated the beatings probably would total 2,500.

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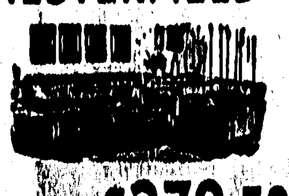

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