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TOMORROW'S

166 TIDES
MAY 31/56

Thursday, November 17, 1955.
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	3:00	19.1 feet
	14:38	20.0 feet
Low	8:40	8.4 feet
	21:18	3.0 feet



CANADA'S BOOK WEEK is ably demonstrated above as youngsters look over selections from large collection of books in juvenile section of Prince Rupert library. In the background, the Prince Rupert Library Board joined rest of Dominion-wide Young Canada's Book Week which got underway by starting radio program last night over radio station.

tion CFPR. Aided by Mrs. R. G. Moore, YCBC committee member and CFPR program director John Robertson, boys and girls expressed their preference among the books they read. Next Tuesday winners in a Grade 4 to Grade 7 book review contest will read their reviews on the air.

—Photo by Van Meer Studio.

Immediate Enforcement Fireworks Law Set

Police will be served wholesalers and retailers of fireworks, that the city by-law which forbids the sale of fireworks within the city limits, without the permission of the police sergeant, the mayor or council, will hereafter be enforced, it was decided last night.

J. Armstrong Ex-City Mason, Veteran Dies

A veteran of two world wars and a resident of Prince Rupert for 23 years, John Armstrong, 65, of Coombs, Vancouver Island died yesterday in the Veterans Hospital at Victoria, after a lengthy illness.

Born in Ayrshire, Scotland, Mr. Armstrong served in the First World War in the Imperial Army tank corps, was promoted to Kings Corporal in the field and was wounded while serving in France. He came to Canada, straight to British Columbia in 1920 and moved to Prince Rupert from Nanaimo in 1929.

He was foreman at the Third Avenue garage of Bob Parker Ltd., until he joined the RCMP in the Second World War in 1942. He served until 1944, being discharged after an accident in which he broke his back.

On his return to the city he was employed as a stockman with Rupert Motors Ltd., until he retired in 1952.

A member of the Masonic Order both in Scotland and in Canada, Mr. Armstrong was Past Worshipful Master of Thompson Lodge. He was also a member of Canadian Legion Branch 27.

Besides his widow, Agnes, he is survived by two sons, Robert in Prince Rupert and John in Everett, Wash.; five daughters, Mrs. J. H. Jeffries and Mrs. F. X. Parlette of Prince Rupert, Mrs. H. J. Bushy and Mrs. T. S. Christoff, both of Nanaimo and Mrs. Ernest Hastings of Chemainus, and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced but Mr. Armstrong, Mrs. Jeffries and Mrs. Parlette are flying to Victoria to attend the services.

WEATHER

Cloudy with scattered snow showers today except rain showers over the Queen Charlotte Islands, clearing along the mainland late this afternoon. Variable cloudiness Thursday with a few rain and snow showers. Continuing cold. Low tonight and high Thursday at Port Hardy 27 and 34; Sandspit 32 and 40; Prince Rupert 30 and 35.

NO EXTRA COVERS ALLOWED FOR CITY 'PHONE DIRECTORY

The city announced today, as a warning to its telephone subscribers, that no binders, holders or auxiliary covers, other than supplied by the Prince Rupert Telephone Department are allowed to be used in connection with the telephone directory issued by the phone department.

General regulations governing telephone service in the city, covering telephones, installations, maintenance, directories, use of non-approved devices and other matters pertaining to the phone company, forbids the use of additional covers for the phone books.

Any breach of the regulation covering directories renders the subscriber liable to suspension of service and seizure of the directories, the regulations point out.

Warning resulted from the circulation in the city of a directory-cover by a local merchant.

When city first considered changing directories, prior to the switch-over to automatic service in September, 1954, policy was established that no advertising was to be carried on the outside covers of the directory. Council, at that time felt that such a move would bring the Prince Rupert Telephone directory more in line with those used in other centres.

Aldermen felt that it would give no one merchant greater advertising advantage over other city stores. At the same time, council said, elimination of advertising on outside pages of the directory, would protect subscribers to the "yellow pages."

Fifth of Hospital Patients, Staff Hit By Infectious Germ

VANCOUVER — Open war on the highly infectious staphylococcus germ now afflicting hospital staff and patients was urged Tuesday by city medical authorities.

The germ, which infects wounds and produces boils, has stricken 21 per cent of patients and staff at Shingnessy Military Hospital, one of Vancouver's largest.

Another hospital has spent more than \$20,000 in an effort to control it.

The germ first came to light here when a North Vancouver nurse died last March from staphylococcus infection.

Almost all hospitals here admit the germ is a "serious problem," requiring strict disinfectant and isolation techniques.

Methods used to combat the germ closely parallel those employed fighting typhoid.

Registered Nurses Association of B.C. and the Hospital Employees' Union (FLO), in view of the widespread presence of the "staph," have taken steps to have it listed as a compensable disease by the workmen's compensation board.

Doctors and public health authorities have demanded the disease be brought out in the open by classifying it as a reportable disease, in the same category as typhoid and diphtheria.

Dr. J. A. Taylor, deputy provincial health officer, said the staph was "growing and spreading throughout the province... we have no way of predicting its development."

Appeal Opens

VANCOUVER — An appeal by William (Bill) Hill Bonitlik against a 10-year sentence for conviction on charges of trafficking in narcotics opened in the British Columbia Court of Appeal Tuesday.

Howard Assails Bennett On Kitimat Homes Issue

U.S. Cool To Request By Israel

Help Offered To Both Sides

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States is reported unwilling to meet Israel's request for an immediate American guarantee against possible attack from Arab countries.

The U.S. has previously offered to join others in guaranteeing the borders of both Israel and her Arab neighbors if they agree on the boundaries and settle other long-standing disputes. President Eisenhower renewed that offer Tuesday night, but neither side has yet accepted.

American officials believe that the immediate guarantee Israel is asking in advance of any Israeli-Arab agreement, is unnecessary even though Egypt is building its armed forces with quantities of Russian-made tanks, planes, artillery and other weapons.

COVERED IN 1930 PLEDGE

Israel's security from sudden aggression, in their view, is already taken care of through an American-British-French declaration on the Middle East issued in May, 1936. This pledges the three governments to "immediately take action, both within and outside the United Nations" against any one who seeks to violate frontiers or armistice lines in the area.

A message from Eisenhower, convalescing at his Gettysburg, Pa., farm from a heart attack, was read Tuesday night to a big Jewish-sponsored rally in New York. The message said the need for a peaceful Arab-Israeli settlement "becomes daily more imperative."

The president said the U.S. is "willing to consider requests for arms needed for legitimate self-defense" but does "not intend to contribute to an arms competition in the Near East."

Statement Read Telling Death Details

VIRRON, B.C. — A statement alleged to have been made to police by George Kramer admitting that he killed his wife while the two were in bed was read before the jury of the murder trial here Tuesday.

Kramer, 20, of Summerland, B.C., was charged with murder after police found the body of his school-teacher wife, Barbara Ruth, in a shallow, musky grave near Okanagan Falls, B.C.

"I don't know what made me do it. I tightened my right arm around her neck. She made no sound, went limp. Then I came to my senses. I got excited and wanted to get away from everything," the statement read.

Testimony given in court earlier, said Kramer, when plotted up by police not far from the grave site, led the RCMP officers to the shallow grave and started tearing the earth away with his hands.

School Holiday Due To Parley Only on Friday

City schools will only be closed for children on Friday, due to the District Teachers' convention being held here November 18 and 19, Mrs. M. M. Roper, secretary-treasurer of District 52 school board said today.

She said that she had heard that some pupils were under the impression that they didn't have to attend school on Thursday afternoon.



MAYOR GEORGE E. HILLS seeks re-election

Mayor Hills, Two of Council Seeking Seats

Mayor George E. Hills and two of his present council members and an alderman on the 1953-54 council have indicated they will be seeking seats on next year's city council. Four aldermanic terms expire December 31.

First to declare his intention of seeking re-election was Mayor Hills, who said on his return from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities convention that he would not have allowed his name to stand as a nominee for the second vice-presidency of the UBCM if he had not intended to run again.

Today, Alderman Mike Krueger and Ald. Phil Lyons both stated they would seek re-election.

CRITICISM NECESSARY

Ald. Lyons said that he hoped a good strong opposition materializes because "no council is beyond improving itself."

"For a proper evaluation of the work that has been done, criticism is necessary," Ald. Lyons said, adding that:

"The people should be allowed to express approval or disapproval of the manner in which their elected representatives have conducted themselves during their term of office."

Also announcing his intention to contest an aldermanic post is Darrow Gomez, a member of the 1953-54 council.

Two other terms expire at the end of the year, those of Ald. George H. Casey and Ald. Norman Bellis. Ald. Casey said while he had not definitely made up his mind, it was "doubtful" if he would run this year. Ald. Bellis was not available for comment.

NOT RUNNING

Former candidates who will not be seeking a council post are ex-alderman William Bremner, James W. Pruskey and T. H. Elliott and Walter J. Smith.

Possible candidate for alderman is Peter J. Lester, president of Local 708 of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers (AFL-CIO). Mr. Lester said this morning that he is interested in civic office but unsure whether work commitments will allow him sufficient time to carry out aldermanic duties to the full.

All present members of the Board of Parks Commissioners, whose terms expire at the end of the year, intend seeking re-election to the board. They are Chairman Robert L. Eby and Commissioners Duncan McNeil and Charles Balogno.

One-year vacancy will occur on the board since the resignation announcement of Commissioner R. C. Barbour in October.

Three terms expire on the Board of School Trustees for District 52. They are currently held by A. J. Dominato and W. J. Scott, in the city and H. E. Robins in the rural area.

Mr. Scott said he would seek re-election to the board, while Mr. Dominato and Mr. Robins were unavailable for comment.

Pleads Guilty

VANCOUVER — James Robora, 42-year-old former waiter at Vancouver College, pleaded guilty Tuesday to defrauding the school of \$700 last month by writing forged cheques.

Type of House Said Sub-Standard

VICTORIA (CP)—Frank Howard, CCF member for Skeena, today attacked Premier Bennett for refusing to order a royal commission into the housing situation at Kitimat.

"Is it possible," Mr. Howard said in a prepared statement, "that the Aluminum company have contributed to the campaign funds of the Social Credit party, that the premier would not pay too much attention to anything that is perpetrated upon the citizens of Kitimat?"

RESIDENTS "DISTURBED"

He said residents of the inner-city community are "greatly disturbed by the type of houses that they are being asked to buy, that they are incensed by the exorbitantly high prices, and feel that they are being imposed upon by building contractors who cut corners on construction standards."

Mr. Howard wrote the premier at the end of October, demanding a royal commission inquiry at Kitimat.

"NOT MUCH ATTENTION"

The premier said later at a press conference "he does not pay much attention" to letters sent first to the press and then to the premier.

Mr. Howard said today Premier Bennett had "insulted the constituents of Kitimat by stating that politics had been played in the request for a royal commission."

"Premier Bennett is just giving another one of his smart answers," and talking through his hat when he says that my letter was given to the press before it was sent to him," said Mr. Howard.

"The press were notified, yes, for the housing problems in Kitimat are such that they should receive the widest possible publicity. But the press received a copy of the letter only after it had been mailed to the premier and sufficient time allowed for him to receive it."

The CCF member said that not one of 256 houses pre-fabricated in North Vancouver this summer and shipped by barge to Kitimat, have received the approval of Central Mortgage and Housing Corp., "simply because they do not meet the standards set by CMHC."

Seal Campaign To Fight TB Starts Today

The first batch of some 2,000 letters, accompanying TB Christmas Seals have been mailed out to mark the start of Prince Rupert Sorophilmist Club's annual campaign, Miss Elizabeth Clement, chairman said today.

The remainder of the letters, seals and blank cheque forms to pay for the seals will be placed in the mail before the end of the week, she said.

The colorful blue and green stamps, provide an opportunity for the public to help further the fight against tuberculosis which is still a major health problem. Some 10,000 new cases were found in Canada last year, Miss Clement said. This Christmas there will be 18,000 TB patients who will not be with their loved ones.

Of the money collected in this district by the purchase of TB seals, considerable of it aids the area, Miss Clement added. The sum of \$5,000 was contributed by the B.C. Sorophilmist TB Seal committee to the new Queen Charlotte Islands hospital that was opened yesterday at Queen Charlotte City.

"TB can be prevented, the chairman and matron of Prince Rupert General hospital said. Purchase of TB seals helps the preventive work continue."

Money for seals can be mailed to Christmas Seal Committee PO Box 10, Prince Rupert.

Bench Dismisses Charge Against Elks Lodge, Union

Charge against two city organizations of sponsoring a performance in violation of the Lord's Day Act August 21, 1955, was dismissed yesterday afternoon in police court by Magistrate W. D. Vance because of insufficient evidence.

Charged were The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge 342 and The International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, Local 708.

The case arose from the appearance here in August of singer Bill Kenny, former Top Spot tenor.

Magistrate Vance dismissed the charge on the grounds that the Crown had not produced any evidence to show that a performance of any kind had taken place on the Sunday in question.

Yesterday morning, a charge against the Prince Rupert Daily News of advertising the performance contrary to the Lord's Day Act was dismissed when an amendment to the information was not allowed by the magistrate. The information failed to name the paper as an incorporated company.

NOT ALLOWED

An amendment to have both the union and the Elks Club correctly identified on the joint information against them was allowed on the grounds that any

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