MORROW'S TIDES
(Pacific Standard Time)
Tuesday, December 22, 1954
11:19 19.0 feet
5:14 9.9 feet
18:08 5.0 feet

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DRUGS

...AL OF THE MEN SERVING in the Royal Canadian Navy is 19-year-old Ordinary Seaman Andrew Adams, of Toronto, who this month completed his first year as a sailor. Since joining the Navy he has done his basic training at HMCS Cornwallis, taken a "side course" there as ...er, and since last may has been doing his sea training on board the cruiser Quebec. As one of Quebec's ship's company he has already traveled to the Panama Canal zone twice, and to Venezuela, Trinidad and Bermuda. (National Defence Photo)

Rain Within Foot Of '53 Total As Another Inch Drenches City

Some Relief Sighted As Storm Goes North

Driven by 40-mile-an-hour winds another inch of rain poured down on Prince Rupert last night, bringing to more than a foot and a half the amount of precipitation that has fallen on the city during the month and increasing the year's total amount of rain to within a foot of the 105.38 inches recorded last year.

Motorists, last night and today, peered through windshields from which wipers barely cleared the heavy downfall and pedestrians battled to keep winds from inverting umbrellas and wrenching open topcoats.

Height of the downpour this morning saw roof gutters overflowing and storm drains running at capacity as the rain turned steep sidewalks into miniature creek-beds.

TREE STILL DOWN

Intensity of the gale prevented the Junior Chamber of Commerce from erecting their Christmas tree again in front of the Post Office. The Jaycees, with a smaller tree this year, hoped to escape having it blown over, but heavy winds during the weekend toppled it for the third straight year. The tree will be put up again as soon as the wind intensity lessens a Jaycee spokesman said.

Relief may be in sight for drenched Prince Rupert residents, however, as the Dominion Weather Office in Vancouver reports the storm is moving northward up the Alaska Panhandle, bringing about an expected improvement. Winds will shift to southwesterly and decrease in most areas.

SEVEN DAYS, SEVEN INCHES

A check of the amount of rainfall at the Digby Island radio station shows that 1.04 inches of rain fell in this area up until 10 a.m. today bringing to seven the number of days that more than an inch of rain has fallen within a 24 hour period.

So far this month, Digby Island radio station reports 18.41 inches of rain have fallen within 2.25 inches of the heaviest amount recorded in any one month last year when 20.66 inches fell in October, 1953.

The amount of rain so far this month is three inches more than that of the previous high this year, 15.22 inches in October and exceeds the total for December, 1953 by five inches.

With 11 days left in the year, Prince Rupert may get more than the eight feet nine inches of precipitation that fell on the city last year. Up until today, 93.49 inches or seven feet nine inches of rain has fallen this year.

In the last 24 hours the city got off relatively lightly as compared to other coastal areas as 2.19 inches of rain fell on the northwest tip of Vancouver Island.

Some clearing is expected by the weather experts which will bring about somewhat lower temperatures.

The forecast for the north coast region sees some clouds and occasional sunny periods tomorrow with winds dropping to southwest 15. Low temperatures tonight and high tomorrow at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert are predicted at 35 and 42 degrees.

Winnipeg Fog-Bound Two Days

Ontario Shivers, As Prairies Melt

WINNIPEG (CP) — Winnipeg snuggled under a thick blanket of fog for a second night Monday.

To the east, its Ontario neighbors shivered in the snow and cold.

To the west the hardy Prairie folk perspired.

A fog blanket some 1,000 feet thick and 160 miles wide formed a dividing line between a mass of very mild Pacific air and an eastern cold front.

Winnipeg was in the centre of this blanket since Sunday but the weatherman forecast Monday the cover would move east of the city by noon today.

CITY LIFE DISRUPTED

But in the meantime the city's life was disrupted. Stevenson field, an RCAF and commercial air traffic centre was silent. All outbound flights were cancelled. Incoming flights were landing at Rivers, 140 miles west of here, and passengers were brought into the city by train and bus.

An airline official said Monday night the situation during the last two days has been "lousy" but with the predicted lifting of the fog today normal schedules were expected to be resumed. Mountains of Christmas mail were being shipped by rail to Rivers for transfer to commercial planes.

Despite ice-glazed streets and reduced visibility, no serious accidents were reported.

The fog blanket kept temperatures above normal; Winnipeg's high Monday was 27. A high of 30 was predicted for today.

In northwestern Ontario, temperatures ranged from nine above at Port Arthur to 10 below at Earlton.

WARM BREEZES

But in Alberta and Saskatchewan Christmas shoppers jostled down the streets with overcoats unbuttoned. Warm breezes blew in the open doors of stores and shops.

Claresholm, in the heart of the Alberta foothills ranching country, sniffed the heady 62-degree zephyrs.

The banana belt stretched for hundreds of miles. Calgary and Lethbridge had a Dec. 20 record high of 57.2 and 43.8 respectively. Medicine Hat hit 58.

Even the frozen north was unfrozen. Keg River, Alta., had a sweaty 54 and Fort Nelson, B.C. 49.

And the perspiring weatherman says the winter heat wave should continue for a couple more days.

Some Edmonton residents were wistful:

"It would be nice to have a little snow for Christmas," they sighed.

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP)—Chinese Communist planes tried to bomb the Tachen islands today but were driven off, the Nationalist defence ministry claimed.

THE BELLS OF THE CHURCH of the Annunciation will ring out on Christmas as thousands come to Nazareth to worship at the shrine whose foundations date back to the 12th Century. This year, as in the past, all prayers will be for peace on earth and good will toward men.

Vancouver Aids Jobless, But Outsiders Unwelcome

VANCOUVER (AP) — The civic and provincial administrations will take care of Vancouver's unemployed, city council said Monday, but warned there would be no welcome to jobless from other parts of Canada.

The announcement followed approval by aldermen of an aid system which splits the cost 80-20 on a percentage basis, with the city paying the smaller share.

The plan is similar to one in effect here earlier this year which resulted in payments of $45 a month to single men; $60.50 to the heads of families and $14 to each dependent with a ceiling of $153.50 to any one family.

During March and April, 1954, 660 single men were aided and payments made to 375 families.

Ald. Anna Sprott, who announced the result of a meeting she had with Premier W. A. C. Bennett, said the premier insisted a residence clause be written into the plan requiring proof that those to be assisted have lived in Vancouver at least a year.

Collision Damages DOT Vessel

Minor damage to the lighthouse tender Alexander McKenzie was sustained last night when the department of transport vessel was in collision with a Vancouver tug boat off Lowe Inlet in Grenville Channel.

The accident occurred at 10 p.m. when the steering gear jammed on the Vancouver-based tug Lloyd B. Gore causing the boat to hit the McKenzie on the port quarter. Damaged on the lighthouse tender were several frames, deck beams and plates.

N. A. Beketov, DOT marine services agent here said that the vessel will remain in operation until time can be spared to send the vessel to Vancouver for repairs. The McKenzie was returning to Prince Rupert when the collision took place.

A local representative of Lloyds of London examined the damage to the DOT vessel this morning at Seal Cove, Mr. Beketov said.

City Student Contest Winner

A student of Booth Memorial high school, Rosie Tamura, was among prize winners in the 1954 high school essay contest, sponsored by the British Columbia Division, Canadian Cancer Society.

Miss Tamura was one of 12 students throughout B.C. winning district second prizes of $10 each.

Pope Spends Restful Night

VATICAN CITY (Reuters) — Pope Pius spent a restful night untroubled by hiccups and spent part of this morning working at his desk in his study, Vatican sources said today.

BULLETIN

EUREKA, Calif. (AP) — The most violent earthquake to strike this city in a quarter of a century today toppled chimneys, smashed windows, disrupted telephone service and hurled bricks and concrete blocks into the streets from jolted buildings. There were no immediate reports of fatalities.

Troops Charter Plane For Home

MONTREAL (CP) — A Trans-Canada Air Lines spokesman today reported a chartered flight of Canadian soldiers and a nurse due to arrive here this morning from Dusseldorf, Germany, has been delayed.

Fifty-eight members of the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade and a nursing sister chartered the DC-4 for $291 each so they could spend Christmas at home.

Disaster to North America "Called Off" Says Prophet

CHICAGO (AP) — A prophet of doom who had predicted that cataclysms would engulf the North American continent before midnight said this morning that there will be no disaster today.

Mrs. Dorothy Martin, who had predicted that tidal waves would sweep over much of the land between the Arctic circle and the Gulf of Mexico, said that by "intervention on the part of the God of earth, disaster has been stayed."

Mrs. Martin said she and 13 of her disciples, in her home in suburban Oak Park, "had sat for the Father's message the night through and God has spoken."

GOOD ENGULFS EARTH

"Not since the beginning of time upon this earth has there been such a force of good and light as now floods this room, and that which has been loosed within this room now floods the entire earth."

Dr. Charles Laughead, who lost his job on the student health staff of Michigan State College by acceptance of Mrs. Martin's prophecy, was among the 14 at her home throughout the night.

Mrs. Martin said the "Father's message," had been received by "two forces."

In her statement she said:

"For this day it is established that there is but one God of earth and He is in thy midst and from His hand thou has written these words and mighty is the word of God. And by His word have ye been saved, or from the mouth of death have ye been delivered."

Mrs. Martin's prophecy had called for the destruction of Chicago. She also said the west coast would be submerged from Seattle to Chile. Dr. Laughead had said the east coast would be engulfed, too.

But Dr. Laughead said that by the "Father's message," the disaster had been "stayed." He said there was no prediction as to how long.

...owth of Canadian Navy During '54 ...eater Than Any Year in History

...rowth of the Royal Canadian Navy in 1954 has been ...than in any single year ...peacetime history.

...g the year, the strength ...RCN regular force in... by nearly 2,000 officers ...n. Twenty-five new and ...ed ships joined the active ...serve fleets. Canadian ...s visited more than 30 ...es in the course of operations, missions and training ... to all six continents of ...ld.

...e end of 1954, it is estimated that the total strength of ...N regular force will be ...officers and men, a record for the peacetime navy within striking distance of ...rent planning target of ...00.

...SHIPS ACTIVE

...are now 49 ships in ...sion, an increase of nine ...st year. They include an ... carrier, two cruisers, 10 ...er escorts, one Arctic patrol, ...ght frigates, five coastal ..., eight coastal minesweepers, an auxiliary coastal minesweeper, a repair ship and thirteen small craft. In addition, there are 112 naval auxiliary vessels manned by civilian personnel.

Besides those ships in commission, the Navy has another 53 in reserve, including nine on loan to other government departments.

Big strides were taken in the RCN's shipbuilding program. Eighteen vessels were completed, including the Arctic patrol ship Labrador, 10 coastal minesweepers, three of which were among the six turned over to France this year under the mutual aid program of NATO, and seven smaller vessels. Since the shipbuilding program began in 1949, 69 ships have been laid down, of which 26 have been completed and another 18 launched.

At present under construction are an aircraft carrier, 14 destroyer escorts, six coastal minesweepers, eight patrol craft and 32 auxiliary vessels.

In the Pacific Command, three new minesweepers, three converted frigates together with two coastal escorts from the East Coast were added to the fleet. The 'sweepers form the Second Canadian Minesweeping Squadron, while the coastal escorts and an auxiliary minesweeper form the Second Reserve Training Squadron. The First Minesweeping Squadron and the First Escort Squadron were formed on the East Coast late in 1953.

The Navy announced in November that an agreement between the RCN and the Admiralty will result in a group of three "A" class submarine being allocated for duty with the RCN, for the training of Canadian anti-submarine ships and aircraft. The group, to be known as the Sixth Submarine Squadron, will be based at Halifax. About 200 Canadian naval personnel, all volunteers, will serve either with the squadron or in other British submarines.

...oted Author ...ames Hilton ...ies Aged 54

...BEACH, Calif. (AP) — ...Hilton, who wrote such ...s "Goodbye Mr. Chips" ...Horizon," died Monday ...fter a long illness. He was ...

...n had been critically ill ...eral weeks. His wife, Alice, ...d maintained a vigil for ...as still at the bedside.

...had been writing for the ...picture industry and had ...here in Long Beach 10 ...

...s the mystical lost land ...Shangri-La, a valley of beauty, and eternal youth, ...started Hilton on years of ...wanderings.

...Shangri-La was a distant, ...Utopia in Hilton's most ... novel, "Lost Horizon." ...word Shangri-La still ...high on a list of Hilton's ...uthons to the English ...ge.

...combination of novels and ...made Hilton one of the ... best-known authors. ...Horizon" and "Goodbye ...ips" were published in 17 ...ges.

...n's more fruitful volumes ...ed "We Are Not Alone," ...Story of Dr. Wassell," "So ...Remembered," "Nothing So ...e," "Morning Journey," ...Time and Time Again."

Mulligan to Tighten Curbs On Gathering of Crime News

VANCOUVER (CP)—Police Chief Walter Mulligan, criticizing what he termed "poor citizenship" by a newspaper photographer, Monday promised tighter restrictions on the gathering of crime news.

His announcement came in the the form of a statement to the police commission and defended the action of detectives in detaining Vancouver Province photographer Bob Olsen. The commission accepted the report.

Olsen was taken to headquarters Wednesday night after taking a picture of two holdup suspects against police orders. He was released, half an hour later, but chief Mulligan said charges against him were being considered by city prosecutor Stewart McMorran.

Chief Mulligan said representatives of the press would be called to a meeting after Christmas to discuss press coverage of crime now.

"In future, releases — particularly those dealing with occurrences — won't contain as many details as before," he said. He declined to elaborate.

DETECTIVES UPSET

On the Olson affair, chief Mulligan told the commission Detective Inspector Peter Lamont, in charge of the holdup investigation, "tells me the detectives concerned, who were under supervision, felt quite keenly that the photographer should totally disregard their warning, particularly when this was done in the presence of a group of interested citizens."

Junior Chamber of Commerce Home Light-up
Contest Entry Form
Please enter our name in the Jaycee Light-up Contest
Name .....
Address .....
Phone Number .....
Judging will take place December 27th Mail your entry to:
Jaycee Light-up Contest, Box 370 Prince Rupert, no later than December 23.

Santa, Minstrel Show Make Miller Bay Staff Party Success

There was no doubt as to Santa Claus' good memory or the fact that he keeps tab on all the good children when the jovial gent dropped in for a rush visit to the Miller Bay hospital staff's annual Christmas holiday last night.

For nearly an hour he bounced around the 25-foot Christmas tree, distributing presents to 16 staff children and all the hospital staff members. He called all by name, remembered them from last year and had a word of advice or questions to ask those that he recalled from previous visits.

He told the children what food he wanted left on the kitchen table (not in the dining room) on Christmas Eve specifying a tall glass of milk, a sandwich and a piece of cake. He kidded the slim folk, embraced the good looking women and expressed open admiration for the pretty dresses of the little girls who stared at him in wonder.

When Santa had left the Miller Bay folks "had themselves a time."

An 11-member troupe of minstrels with Dennis Lipscombe as interlocutor provided an hour and a half of entertainment ably assisted by the Miller Bay Rhythm Rangers, Ed Young and his accordion and Jimmy Malcolm of Legion fame.

After the concert more than 60 persons sat down to supper and a dance concluded the evening.

Hosts for the party were Dr. G. R. Howell, medical superintendent at Miller Bay Hospital and Miss Margaret McDonald, matron.

Among the staff's children receiving gifts from Santa were Lisa Howell, Janet Cross, Allen and Ann Wrathall, Sharon Bushnaw, Cherilyn and Cathy Porter, Diane Le Couffe, Rosemary Low, David Glover, Billie Evans, Gordon Evans and Sheila Evans, Mike and Tom Wayman, Roberta Woods.

Arranging the party was Miss Elizabeth Stephenson assisted by Miss Gladys Bingman.

Supper was convened by J. J. LeBlanc assisted by Mrs. B. Stewart and Mrs. G. Drake. Sandwiches were provided by Mrs. H. Hillman, Mrs. N. Stewart, Mrs. A. White and Mrs. M. Bolovik. Table decorations: Miss M. Rathbone, Miss M. E. O'Connor, Miss P. Botar, Mrs. M. Girbar and Possan Jung; servers: Mrs. P. Ross, Miss E. Leeven, Miss E. Carr, George McDougall, Fred Berry, Leon Welck and Miss T. Hayes.

Taking part in the minstrel show were Dennis Lipscombe, Les Kirsch, Gerry Martin, Betty Wade, Larry Denny, Thomas Thom, Agnes Deerway, Margaret Le Blanc, Lillian McPhee, Clifford Rutland, Betty Mack, Wilfred Bowen.

The Miller Bay Rangers consisted of George Campbell, Jeannie Miller, Gil Campbell, Alf Faithful, George Eaton. The show was taped by Warner Jensen, with Bob Hill in charge of lights and Alf Birkenstock, president of the Miller Bay Recreational association in charge of the public address system and technical details. The minstrel show was given an assist by Pat Bolton and Mel Skalmerud.