

**SARMA, Ont.** — The Dutch elm disease, for which there is no known cure, is killing elms in this district. Parks superintendent H. B. Savage said the elms in the city have already been destroyed by workmen since the blight appeared.

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## Founder of Terrace Best Known As George Little, "Townmaker"

By BRUCE LEVETT

Canadian Press Staff Writer

TERRACE, B.C. (CP) — On a side street of this quiet town lives a quiet man.

George Little, 76, is retired—from just about any job you care to mention.

In his day, Mr. Little was general store operator, postmaster, railway foreman, proprietor of a sawmill, miner and financier.

But he is best known as George Little, townmaker.

### FOLLOWED GOLD TRAIL

His story began in Ontario during the closing years of the last century when he left for the West and the gold trail of 1898 into the Yukon.

It was 50 years ago, after seven years hunting the gold he never found, that he turned south.

In 1905 he landed at Kitimat, now site of the \$550,000,000 Aluminum Company of Canada smelter development. From there he blazed a trail 40 miles back northward into the Skeena valley.

Aside from brief visits outside, he never left.

He laid claim to thousands of acres and set about building himself a town. Streets were laid out 80 feet wide and shade trees, many of them imported from Quebec, were planted along them.

In 1909, with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway poised in Edmonton for its jump to the west coast, he set up the first sawmill in the area and cut hundreds of thousands of ties.

### BUILT FIRST STORE

The following year he built the first store and in 1912 he

went outside to Seattle and married.

When the railway came through headed for Prince Rupert, he donated 50 acres of land for a station and the company named the stop Littleton. Later, when the Canadian National Railways took over the GTP and a post office was established, the name had to be changed to avoid confusion with a Littleton in eastern Canada.

It was postmaster Little that named the town Terrace.

He gave 11 leading Terrace business men their start, financing them in community ventures. He gave away large tracts of land for use as park, library and hospital sites.

And he used to boast that he had union organizers beaten up and thrown out of the territory in the early days.

In 1939, he found Terrace too civilized and sold his sawmill to a son and two employees and went to Yellowknife, N.W.T., to stake a mining claim.

It was there that a charge exploded prematurely, costing him his left leg above the knee. George Little came back to Terrace, now grown to 5,000 persons and boasting a war-born airport with long, wide runways. He still walks the wide streets he laid out—under the trees he



GEORGE LITTLE, 76, of Terrace, now is retired but in his day he has been a general store operator, postmaster, railway foreman, proprietor of a sawmill, miner financier and townmaker. He went into the Yukon from Ontario in 1898 and lived variously, and at various jobs, in Kitimat, before settling at Terrace. He gave away tracts of land for use as park, library and hospital sites. (CP Photo)

## BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Mr. Champion Is Not Caught In Any Error

When this hand was played, Mr. Muzzy was sitting behind Mr. Champion trying to catch the great man in an error.

Miss Brash opened the queen of diamonds and Champion took it with dummy's ace. After a little thought he laid down the ace and king of trumps, failing to drop the queen when Miss Brash discarded a club on the second lead.

Mr. Muzzy was delighted. "You're always telling me not to finesse so much, Champion," he said. "A simple finesse would have brought this one in, but now you're a dead duck."

"What makes you think I won't still make it?" retorted Champion angrily.

### DOUBLE LOSS

"It's impossible," Mr. Muzzy continued. "You've got to lose a heart and a diamond."

Champion frowned. "Why not

"Any comments, Muzzy?" needed Champion.

"All right, so you made six," Muzzy replied. "But I still say I'd have taken the heart finesse. Then I'd have played the rest of the hand like you did and made seven."

"Well," drawled Champion, grinning wickedly, "so you'd make seven with a throw-in play. You're the only one I know who could do it. In fact you're the only one I know who would think it was possible."

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## Inspectors To Check Licence Bids

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TERRACE—No new trades licences will be issued by the Village of Terrace until the buildings to be used for business have been inspected and approved by the sanitary inspector, the fire marshal and building inspector. It has been decided.

A motion to amend the Terrace Trades by-law was passed at a meeting of the Village Commissioners following a letter of complaint from the assistant Fire Marshal for this area.

An application from Triple One Cabs to operate a U-Drive service in affiliation with Tilden U-Drive was approved subject to any approval that may be required from the Public Utilities Commission.

Al Ponto submitted an application for a lease renewal of the property he is now using for his dry-cleaning business. This matter was held in abeyance until the next meeting of the commission pending further information and clarification of the present lease.

Final reading was also given to by-law 124 which sanctions the leasing of the old hall back to the Civic Centre Association.

Resignation of the village stenographer was accepted with regret as Mrs. McPherson is moving to Prince Rupert. An application for the position was considered from Mrs. Le-Croix and she is to be employed as from the middle of November.

## Counsel Asks Committal For Student

NORTH VANCOUVER — Immediate committal for trial was asked today for Peter Murray Williams, 16-year-old junior high school student charged with manslaughter in the bludgeoned death of his 21-year-old brother David last Oct. 13.

Counsel for the youth, Harold Bradshaw, told Judge A. D. Pool in police court that he was requesting waivers on the preliminary hearing, scheduled for today, after consulting Williams and his parents.

Judge Pool granted the request and told counsel it would be forwarded to the attorney-general today.

Young Williams' brother was found dead in his bed by another member of the family on the morning of Oct. 13. His head had been beaten in.

NORTH		EAST	
Mr. Dale	Mr. Abel	Mr. Abel	Mr. Abel
▲ J 7 3 2	▲ Q 10 6 4	▲ Q 5 2	▲ Q 5 2
▲ 7	▲ J 6 4	▲ 8 4	▲ 8 4
▲ Q J 10 7 2	▲ 8 4	▲ 10 5 4 2	▲ 10 5 4 2
▲ 9 6 3	▲ 10 5 4 2		

  

SOUTH		EAST	
Mr. Champion	Mr. Champion	Mr. Champion	Mr. Champion
▲ K 5	▲ K 5	▲ K 5	▲ K 5
▲ A 10 6 3	▲ A 10 6 3	▲ K 6 5	▲ K 6 5
▲ K 6 5	▲ K 6 5	▲ A Q J	▲ A Q J
▲ A Q J	▲ A Q J		

  

The bidding:		South		West		North		East	
1	♥	Pass	3	♥	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
4	♠	Pass	4	♠	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
6	♥	Pass	6	♥	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

describe my exact hand?" he asked sarcastically. "Here, take my cards and show them to the opponents. It may help them in defending."

"Well, you asked me," said Muzzy sulkily.

"As a matter of fact," said Champion, "I still have a good play for six if Abel doesn't have more than one diamond left."

Mr. Abel looked in his hand and paled slightly at this remark, although he failed to see how Champion could be so sure.

At trick four Champion cashed the king of spades, then led to dummy's ace and ruffed a third spade in his hand. Next he cashed his three club tricks, ending in dummy and followed with a diamond lead to his king. Here he led a heart and Mr. Abel was in with the queen.

### LEADS QUEEN

"Now I see what you meant," said Mr. Abel sadly. He led back the queen of spades and Champion discarded his losing diamond and ruffed with dummy's last heart. A club return would have suffered the same fate.

## Moxham Death "Quite Shock"

VICTORIA — Premier Bennett said Monday he thought had been given to retting a date for a by-election to fill the vacant Vancouver Centre seat caused by the sudden death of Social Credit MLA George Moxham.

"It's been quite a shock... I wouldn't even think of a by-election yet," he said.

The premier said "Mr. Moxham's death was a great loss to the Social Credit movement and the government."

Mr. Bennett and a number of cabinet ministers will attend the funeral in Vancouver today.

## Terrace Wants Highway Fixed For Heavy Loads

Special To The Daily News

TERRACE—Recapping of the Terrace roadway so that it will stand up under constant use by heavy trucks will be demanded by the Terrace Board of Trade if it was decided at the group's most recent meeting.

The move followed receipt of a letter from Highways Minister P. A. Gagliardi which informed the board of trade that no provisions for a second coat of asphalt at Terrace had ever been made. Deterioration of paving is caused primarily by heavy logging trucks, Mr. Gagliardi told the board.

In an effort to have the road built up so that it would withstand heavy loads, the board moved that the road be recapped next year when it is understood that the necessary equipment will be in the area.

### SEEK GRAVELLING

The board also voiced complaints of the rough condition of side roads in the Terrace district. It was moved that District Engineer R. S. Cunliffe, be asked that all the roads in and around Terrace be gravelled.

Complaints were also aired regarding the condition of the level crossing at Kalum Street. The meeting passed a motion asking Canadian National Railways superintendent, Pat McElroy, if the crossing could be built up. The board also criticized the railway for allowing box cars to be left standing less than 10 feet away from the crossing thus blocking a driver's vision when approaching the crossing.

### BUILDING LIKELY

A letter from E. T. Applewhite MP Skeena, told the board that prospects were bright for the construction of a federal gov-

ernment building in Terrace. Mr. Applewhite said that an application for the building is to be included in the next federal estimates. He said that although the estimates have to be approved by the treasury board there was every chance of the proposed Terrace building receiving approval.

A report from the board's agricultural committee stated that business with Kitimat was developing satisfactorily and a fair amount of produce was being shipped into the smelter town at fair prices. The volume of business, now being done by the Terrace Marketing board is greater than that of last year, the report said. However, the fact that the Canadian National Express office was not open Saturday mornings, was hampering shipments, the report said.

The American Colonization and Immigration service scheme at Reno is reported proceeding well. Four families have now settled at that point and have cleared about 75 acres of land to date.

In other business the board decided to write the Powell River Company offering any assistance in helping the paper firm find a suitable site for location in the Terrace District. The board will also write the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation regional director asking an investigation into the poor reception received from the CBC booster station here due to extraneous noise.

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