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TOMORROW'S TIDES

Saturday, December 24, 1955.
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	8:37	19.7 feet
	21:41	16.5 feet
Low	2:09	8.7 feet
	15:32	6.5 feet

E WINNERS for being the oldest ladies, all 85, at the Over-70 Club's Christmas banquet Dec-r 15, were (l. to r.): Mrs. A. Halvorsen, Mrs. A. E. Tattersall and Mrs. E. Goodsall. The ban-sponsored annually by the Prince Rupert Women's Co-Ordinating Council, was held in the d Church hall.

Value Of Construction In City For 1955 Above $1,000,000

Only Second Time In Last 15 Years

Building in Prince Rupert went above the $1,000,000 mark this week as building permits issued at City Hall for December reached $48,685, bringing total construction in the city so far this year to $1,005,306.

It is only the second time within the past 10 years that construction has passed this peak.

In 1952 city construction went to $1,069,065 with the building of 50 Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation houses valued at $600,000.

Largest single construction job this month was an $11,000 project for the Canadian National Railways but three new homes added $20,000 to the December total so far. Additions to Lindsay Cartage warehouse and renovations to a Fraser Street home damaged by fire last month accounted for an additional $7,000.

Building in the city for the first 11 months of this year was $961,621 an increase of $384,231 over the $577,390 for the same period last year.

The total construction so far this year in Prince Rupert represents nearly half a million dollars more than the average for the last five years ($536,140) and is nearly half of the total construction during that period ($2,680,749.)

—Photos by Van Meer Studios

"YOUNGSTERS" at the Christmas party for the Over-70 Club were Mrs. Charlotte Smith, 70 years eight months, and David Scott, 70 years and six months. The 13th such occasion to be held in Prince Rupert, the banquet last Thursday was attended by 112 members of the club.

California Floods Fatal to 3

Two Villages Annihilated

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)— Northern California, already awash after a record week of wind and rain, staggered under even heavier blows today.

With every major coastal stream already out of its banks, thousands of homes were flooded and three persons were known to be dead as a result of the torrential rains Thursday night accompanied by gale force winds.

Inland areas also were hard hit. Two big valleys in northern Siskiyou county were flooded, and the big rivers of the northern Sierra the Feather, Yuba, American and Bear—all were above flood stage.

The greatest damage was in Humboldt county, through which both of the great coastal river systems, the Klamath and the Eel, flow to the sea.

EUREKA ISOLATED

Eureka, a city of 25,000, was isolated and without communications except for a navy reserve radio unit and various amateur "ham" radio operators.

The entire Eel river valley, in southern Humboldt, was flooded and two villages—Weott with 500 persons and South Fork with 300—were wiped out when the Redwood valley dam on the upper Eel overflowed.

The village of Klamath, at the mouth of the Klamath river, was evacuated and entirely under water and the community of Klamath Flats, several miles up river, was flooded. Orick, also of 500 population, was evacuated when the normally placid Redwood creek became a raging torrent which flooded the town from four to 15 feet deep.

Three persons, two women and a girl, were drowned Thursday on the north fork of the American. Tuesday a man slipped from the top of an automobile and was swept away in the Eel. Two boys at Fernbridge and an elderly woman at Weott also were reported drowned, but their deaths could not be confirmed.

Bomb Thrown Into Garden Of Contractor

VANCOUVER (CP) — A Christmas tree was torn apart, a dozen windows shattered and a fence knocked over Thursday night when an explosive was thrown into the back yard of Peter Hildebrand, trucking contractor.

It was the second bombing in Vancouver this year. Last spring Jacob Leonhard lost a leg in a gangland explosion which demolished his car outside his home.

"I've no enemies that I know of," Hildebrand said Thursday night. "I don't know why anybody should do that to me."

He said a friend was just about to bring the Christmas tree in from the back yard to help Mrs. Hildebrand decorate it when the bomb exploded.

"He could have been blown to pieces," Hildebrand said.

Police said they had not established whether the blast was a vengeance attempt by enemies of the family or a prank.

Calder Sees Big Changes To Indian Act Shortly

Far reaching amendments to the Indian Act are foreseen at the next session of Parliament by Frank Calder, Atlin MLA who returned yesterday from the Indian Conference held last week in Ottawa.

Mr. Calder, who represented British Columbia and the Yukon Region Two, at the meeting between 26 Indian leaders and federal officials said that favorable conclusions, pointing to a general advancement of the Canadian Indian were reached.

Discussions took place on the application of the Indian Act, the definition and registration of Indians, the question of Indian lands and money, matters pertaining to the various bands and councils, intoxicants, enfranchisement, education, health service and social and economic development, Mr. Calder said.

"The government," the Atlin MLA said, "has come to realize that given the opportunity, the Indian can become self-determining, self-supporting and self-governing and able to take the initiative in his own affairs."

"Policies now proposed, introduced and adopted by the government appear to lead to this end," Mr. Calder said. He added that he was disappointed that the conference did not undertake a discussion of a federal vote for Native Indians.

"However," he added, "no doubt the subject will involve Canada-wide discussion and consideration at future conferences."

The conference was held following close study since the last revision of the Indian Act in 1951 by both Indian Affairs Department officials and Indian leaders of Canada.

Assurance was given at the meeting that future conferences will be held at which other existing Indian problems can be ironed out, Mr. Calder said.

VANCOUVER (CP) — Verdict of accidental death was returned Thursday by a coroner's jury investigating the traffic death of Don Janek, 56. Janek died in hospital Tuesday eight days after being struck by a car in downtown Vancouver.

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...AVID ROWNTREE
...adian Press Staff Writer

...ANCOUVER (CP) — ...glas Jung, believed to ...he first Canadian of ...ese extraction to en-...he political field in ...country, is the Pro-...ssive Conservative ...didate in a provincial ...ection here Jan. 9.

...slim 31-year-old lawyer ...n an interview Thursday ...honored "by the party's ...e in taking a gamble on ...

...lake is the Vancouver-Centre constituency, held until the ...Nov. 10 of George Mox-...by the ruling Social Credit ...

...ected, Mr. Jung said a ma-...ncern would be to "make ...se-Canadians more aware ...functions and workings of ...ment."

...electorate takes in down-...Vancouver, the thickly-...ted West End apartment-...oming-house district, the ...nd suburbs and China-...

...couver is credited with the ...largest Chinese popula-...t side the Orient—approxi-...30,000

...S IN HOUSE

...Progressive Conservative ...lost its last representative ...provincial house last year ...Dr Larry Giovando, sitting ...nalmo-The Islands, cross-...floor to sit as an indep-...nt.

...Liberals have not nomin-...candidate for the by-elec-...Mr. Jung said he hopes to ...some Liberal votes, plus ...ated strong support from ...an-Chinese voters.

...t 30,000 persons will be ...to vote.

...and educated in Victoria, ...ng came to Vancouver in ...o start a business career ...oined the army's Pacific ...and Intelligence section ...

...941 he volunteered for ...intelligence assignments ...southwest Pacific. He ...mped into New Guinea to ...information about Ja-...activities but the nature ...job is still covered by of-...ecrecy, he said.

...ook his arts degree at the ...ity of British Columbia ...and the following year ...ted a bachelor of laws.

...ncial Liberal leader Ar-...ding said Thursday, after ...Fred Hume declined nom-...his party expects a gen-...election "next spring—and ...ve our punches for that."

...ther Mr. Jung will be Les ...n, Social Credit; Mrs. ...y Steeves, CCF; and Jack ...Labor-Progressive (Com-...).

...st standings in the ...Social Credit 27, CCF 14, ...L, Independent 1, Labor 1, ...1.

WEATHER

...ly southern areas mainly ...northern areas. Colder. ...light except northeasterly ...mainland inlets. The low ...and high Saturday at ...ardy 20 and 32, Sandspit ...Prince Rupert 15 and 25.

—Photos by Van Meer Studios

AWARDED A PRIZE as the oldest man at the Over-70 Christmas party was Henry Wilkinson, shown being congratulated by E. T. Applewhaite, MP. Mr. Wilkinson is 95.

Vandals Break Lights, Wires on Big Yule Tree

Prince Rupert has one or more candidates for the title of the "meanest person in town."

Last night the Prince Rupert Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas tree on the lawn of the Federal Building was the victim of vandals who made sure it wasn't lit this morning.

Lower strings of lights were ripped down, the wires snapped and some lights broken, a Jaycee spokesman said this morning.

The tree was put up last weekend by Jaycee "light-up" committee workers, who make the project an annual affair. In past years, the tree has been toppled by high winds, but this is the first year that vandalism has interrupted the decorative undertaking.

Residents noticing the damage were horrified at the vandals' work. One woman said:

"That was the most beautiful tree Prince Rupert ever had on its main street . . . it really added to the downtown district."

Another said:

"I can't understand the mentality of persons who would do such a thing . . . the tree made our business section look like a Christmas card."

City RCMP, who checked the damage were also at a loss to understand the deliberate violation of the tree. Footprints showed the vandal or vandals to have worn about a size 7 shoe or boot.

Junior Chamber officials said this morning that while they were dismayed at the action of such "irresponsible individuals" the damage would be repaired immediately.

Northern B.C. Power Company officials said they would co-operate by having the tree lit by this evening.

Jaycee workers, disappointed but not bitter, said they hoped the vandals had a merry Christmas anyway.

Jetter Inquest Set December 28

The inquest into the death of three-year-old Loraine Jetter, held yesterday afternoon with Coroner George Dawes in charge was adjourned until 2:30 p.m. December 28 at the Council Chambers at city hall after the jury was sworn in and had viewed the body at Ferguson Funeral Home.

Jury foreman is A. H. Oglivie, while other jury members are D. A. Bowen, Robert Gilmore, R. L. Eby, Einar Sorness, John Botsford, Robert A. Williams and Joseph Letourneau.

Loraine Jetter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Jetter, 840 Fairmit Avenue died in a fire which swept through their home early yesterday morning.

Sleigh-Riding Streets Set Aside

Four streets in Prince Rupert have been set aside as sleigh-riding areas for the city's youngsters, Mayor George E. Hills announced today, following a city council committee meeting yesterday.

They are Second Avenue West from Seventeenth Street to Twelfth Street; Borden Street from the top of the hill down to Biggar Place and on Biggar Place to Second Avenue; Fourth Avenue East from Cotton Street eastward to Ehert Street; Sixth Avenue East from Ambrose Avenue westward to a point immediately east of the Midway Grocery.

These streets have had barricades erected at the limits of sleigh-riding.

Motorists are advised that these streets are closed to all vehicular traffic, with exception of those cars belonging to persons living along these sections or to persons whose only access to their homes is by these routes. Such persons may drive their cars along these streets for the purpose of going to or from their homes, provided they do not exceed 10 miles an hour, the committee decided.

McMeekins Capture Jaycee Prize

Prize of a turkey in the Prince Rupert Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas home "light-up" contest was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McMeekin, 1030 Atlin Avenue, Jack Breen, campaign chairman announced this morning.

Jaycee plaque, awarded each year to the merchant with the best decorated store window with a Christmas theme went to Fashion Footwear.

Because of road conditions, no public tour of Prince Rupert homes entered in the light-up contest will be made, Mr. Breen said. He added that those people who are interested in seeing the better-lighted homes could do so by taking the following route:

Along Fourth Avenue East to Eighth Avenue East, returning by Fifth Avenue East and along Third Avenue through to Atlin and back along Graham Avenue.

Swearing-In Ceremonies Set

VICTORIA (CP) — Swearing-in ceremonies for new aldermen and mayor-elect Percy B. Saurrah will be held as scheduled Jan. 3 despite a court action seeking to invalidate the elections, civic officials said today.

The ceremony will be conducted by Mr. Justice A. D. MacFarlane of the Supreme Court, who may also be the judge a few days later in a civil case started by William A. Scott.

Otto John Under Arrest

KARLSRUHE, Germany (AP) — Dr. Otto John was formally arrested by West German authorities today on a charge of suspected treason. The turncoat former intelligence chief had been under "voluntary" detention since his surprise return Dec. 12 from Communist East Germany.

Federal prosecutor Carl Welchmann, who announced the arrest, confirmed previous reports that John claimed he was unconscious when taken to East Berlin in July, 1954. Wlochmann said this claim was "unbelievable."

The prosecutor said federal investigators will have to determine whether John could be charged with other offences, particularly whether he divulged state secrets to the Communists. John is reported to have insisted he did not disclose any such secrets during prolonged questioning in East Germany and Russia.

ROME (Reuters)—Italian secondary school students trooped back to their classes today—for one day only—as 70,000 state-paid teachers ended an eight-day strike for more pay. Schools are due to close Saturday for the Christmas holidays.

B.C. NEWS BRIEFS

Kitimat Housing Probe To Continue in 1956

KITIMAT, B.C. (CP)— Investigations into the standards of housing at Kitimat are not expected to be completed until next year.

J. Everett Brown, deputy minister of municipal affairs, said Thursday he will investigate books of two construction companies to determine whether there has been profiteering.

The deputy minister said he will also attempt to fix the blame for structural defects he found in a tour of 20 houses.

PRINCE GEORGE (CP)—Robert William Gardiner, 20, was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary and Angus Chisholm, 31, to five years for the gun-point robbery of a ladies' wear store here two weeks ago.

VANCOUVER (CP) — James Thomas O'Hara, 30-year-old dairy salesman, was sentenced Thursday to three months for failing to remain at the scene of an accident. Mrs. Lillian Beech, 60, died in the accident Oct. 20.

PRINCE GEORGE (CP)— Alfred Sim, 22-year-old B.C. Forest Service employee died of starvation and exposure in bushland near Fort St. James, 40 miles west of here, a coroner's jury ruled. He was found by searchers directed by Alfred Murdock, Indian tracker.

FRUITVALE, B.C. (CP)—Frederick Wormsfld, 46, was crushed to death Thursday afternoon when he was pinned between a backing truck and a hotel.

VANCOUVER (CP)—Members of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers may hold a referendum vote soon to decide whether to adopt a mutual assistance pact with the AFL Teamsters union.

A similar step was recently taken in the western United States.

LILLOOET (CP)—Joseph Joe, an Indian medicine man who claimed to be 105 years old, died Wednesday at D'Arcy, B.C., 40 miles southwest of here, RCMP said.

Cab Company To Aid Tipplers

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Motorists who drink one too many don't have to walk home rather than risk a drunk driving charge. Two Ogden cab companies said Thursday they will have a special holiday service for tipsy holiday tipplers. A phone call will bring a cab — and an extra man to drive the motorist's car home too.

Gunman Gets Christmas Spirit Early

LAURINBURG, N.C. (AP) — Taxi driver William McCormick turned to discover that a man he had picked up now was masked and holding a gun on him.

"Give me your money," the man ordered.

McCormick told police he explained to the man he had just begun work for the night and had no cash. After searching McCormick, the would-be bandit found the cab driver was telling the truth.

Apparently feeling the Christmas spirit, the man got out and pressed a dollar bill into McCormick's hand.

"Get the ... back to town," he ordered.

Postmaster Lists Hours For Christmas Holiday

Post Office hours during Christmas were announced this morning by W. J. Burgess, Prince Rupert Postmaster.

Tonight the box lobby will be open until 9 p.m. in order to allow residents to clear their mail out of the boxes, Mr. Burgess said.

Monday there will be no wicket service or letter carrier delivery, but mails will be received and dispatched as usual. The box lobby will not be open.

Tuesday all wickets will be open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and mail will be delivered by letter carrier. The box lobby will be open until 6 p.m. and mails will be received and dispatched in the normal manner.

Pilgrims Go To Bethlehem For Mass as Strife Halted

JERUSALEM, Israel Sector — (Reuters) — Israel and Jordan put aside their differences at 7 a.m. today and threw open the border barriers here to allow the first Christmas pilgrims to cross.

Until sunset today — when the Jewish Sabbath starts — pilgrims from Israel mostly Christian Arabs, can cross from Israel's new city of Jerusalem into the Jordanian old city. The barriers close at sunset, to reopen at sunset Saturday.

Christmas here now is a family reunion feast with difference — the families reunited are those torn and divided by the Arab-Israel war, which ended seven years ago though bloody incidents continue.

Because the Jewish Sabbath is the day before Christmas this year the pilgrims are getting an extra day to spend with other branches of their families in the old city and in Bethlehem.

Bethlehem, destination for thousands of Christian pilgrims was placed under curfew Monday after anti-government riots and demonstrations against Jordan's possible membership in the Baghdad defence pact.

But the curfew has been lifted and the Jordan tourist department has said pilgrims will be safe. The traditional midnight mass will take place Christmas Eve at the church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.