Dally News Automotive Editor

Every member of our tribe, within minutes of acquiring his beloved but publicly-distained bolide, is invariably asked a question we shall attempt to answer today:

"What do you want that fool thing for? It's not practical." A sports car is so many things for so many people. Whether d be a multi-thousand-dollar Ferrari that can "burn rubber" with a slight tromp on the throttle at 130 mph, or a cocky little pre-war Singer that almost anything can out-run, outjump, out-class, but never out-try, a sports car is a read-loving heap of mechanical perfection that was built for YOU to

It is like a smooth, well-built, brown-eyed blonde that moves in the society of Manhattan, Hollywood, London or Paris, but prefers stupid old you from Prince Rupert.

The sports car is an aristocrat, a blue-blood who will not bow, even distantly, to her fat Detroit and Windsor cousins. She speaks only to the members of the family and to Auburns, who speak only to Cords, who speak only to Duesenbergs, who speak only to Bentleys, who speak only to Bugattis, who will not even speak to each other.

Although forever forgiving, a sports car expects and deserves the pampering of a spoiled and expensive wife, but won't let you down even though a sudden urge to take on a maniac in a metal monster has ended in a snapped rocker arm. (A wrench and a pair of pliers are the only bribery required to get you on your way.)

A sports car is a streak of light on a rainy night, the twin jabs of a downshift at 50 mph as the square corner looms ahead, without any tire-screaming, gravel-throwing slide unto the shoulder or beyond.

It is the guttural, bonc-shaking rear of the pre-war Auto-Union or Mercedes, blasting down the long straights with the thrust of well over 650 horses, or the high, ear-piercing whine of the tiny German Porshes being pushed to a speed some 30 mph higher than anything available in the chromeladen turnpike barges with engines five times as large.

But a sports car is other things as well. It is a docile, meek thing at the edge of the highway or along the boulevard, trying to keep its exhaust quiet and hoping that the Law appreciates the finer things in life. It is the long sweep of clean fender, the honesty of line, a functional hunk of power dictated by engineers instead of housewives. It talks in terms of revolutions per minute, brake horsepower, power to weight ratio, zero to a hundres timing, and steering ratio, in contrast to the huckster's tasteful decor, styling, pushbuttons, and "keeping up with the Jones'."

It may be a beat-up old bucket of bolts like a pre-war SS-100 Jaguar or post-war TC MG, that, if tuned to the hilt, will turn an honest 65 mph. but go around the first tight corner as though on rails, laughing gaily at the combersome, wallowing domestic iron, knowing full well it is probably going to get passed on the first straight.

No matter what the make, model, or vintage of the machine, the sports car is to its owner a friend, a lover, a thing of beauty and pure pleasure.

But the sports car owner doesn't really expect understanding, credit, appreciation or admiration. To the world. the sports car will always evoke: "What do you want that foot thing for? It's not practical."

We've tried, but we really can't answer . . . for the answer is out there in the eve of a winter's day on the wide open · road, the wind stinging past upturned collar, the contented purr of the powerful little engine turning into a whine, and the feel of a machine that is not just transportation, but a way of life, a living, breathing part of its driver.

TV PRODUCER SEES DIM FUTURE 60 feet in the air, "Miss Supertest" at one time reached the FOR VANCOUVER MOVIE HOUSES

VANCOUVER & — Predictions that more movie houses will be shuttered in the next two years and "will stay shuttered unless pictures get better," were made by Fletcher Markle, Hollywood TV producer, in an interview.

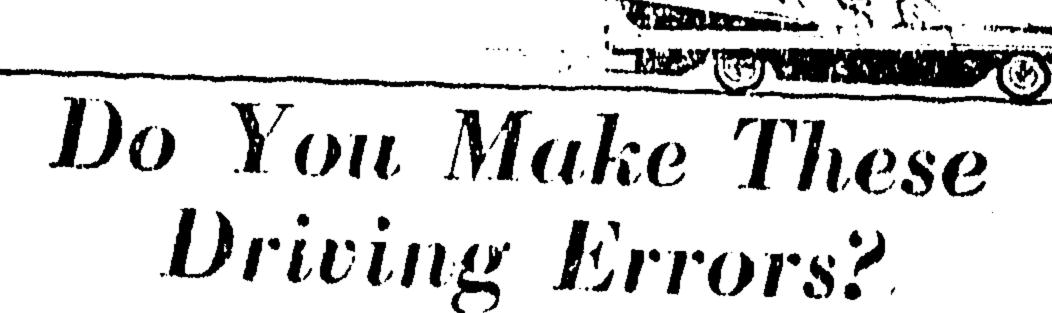
The former Vancouver radio producer is here with his wife, Miss Mercedes McCambridge, and other Canadain stars who will put on a show to open the British Columbia centennial year.

Mr. Markle originated Studio One for radio and produced its plays for TV in 1952-53. "Hollywood is suffering from a terrible myopia," he said.

"You can see this on any theatre screen these days. "There will be at least two years of 'great unpleasantness' for the movie industry . . . the old guard is fighting a losing bathle because the town is full of rebels and now even the biggest personalities and studio hold-outs are switching to TV. He has just completed a series called Panic for National Broadcasting Corporation which is being held "in readiness

for a change in public taste — or just in case,"

MOTOR FIREDS



By Jeanne Smith, Dodge Safety Consultant

AN AVERAGE OF 25,000 driving errors are committed by the motorist who drives 10,000 miles a year. And the most common of these errors is failure to hold the steering wheel correctly. These inter-

esting obser-Vations were made by Prof. Amos. E. Noy. hart, director of the institute of Public Sufeby for Pennsylvania State who has studied the driving

Miss Smith habits of nearly 1.1,000 Heenzed motorists --high school students and 2,902 adults. The nation-wide study

took six years to complete and was ! conducted by Beensod testors, Back motorist checked in the survey drove a passenger car over a five mile conte. A total of 143,695 errors were cited by the testers for an average of 18 per driver, which according to Prof. Neybort, is equivalent to one error for each fourtenths of a mile traveled.

"If this is typical of all drive ers." Prof. Neghart told me, on destrians; shifting gears when messus that a motorist who delves [10.000 miles a year would thus ling the shift beforehand so that commit 25,000 egrors,"

to hold the steering wheel firmly proper lane before executing a to maintain safe and complete con- furn. trok of the car-was committed, on an average, more than once by got into trouble," says Frof, Neygrees driver tested.

Instead of firmly gripping the wheel on both sides, the drivers either placed their hands at the top or bottom of the wheel, held A too loosely, or drove with only one hand on the wheel. Second most common error observed by the professor and his

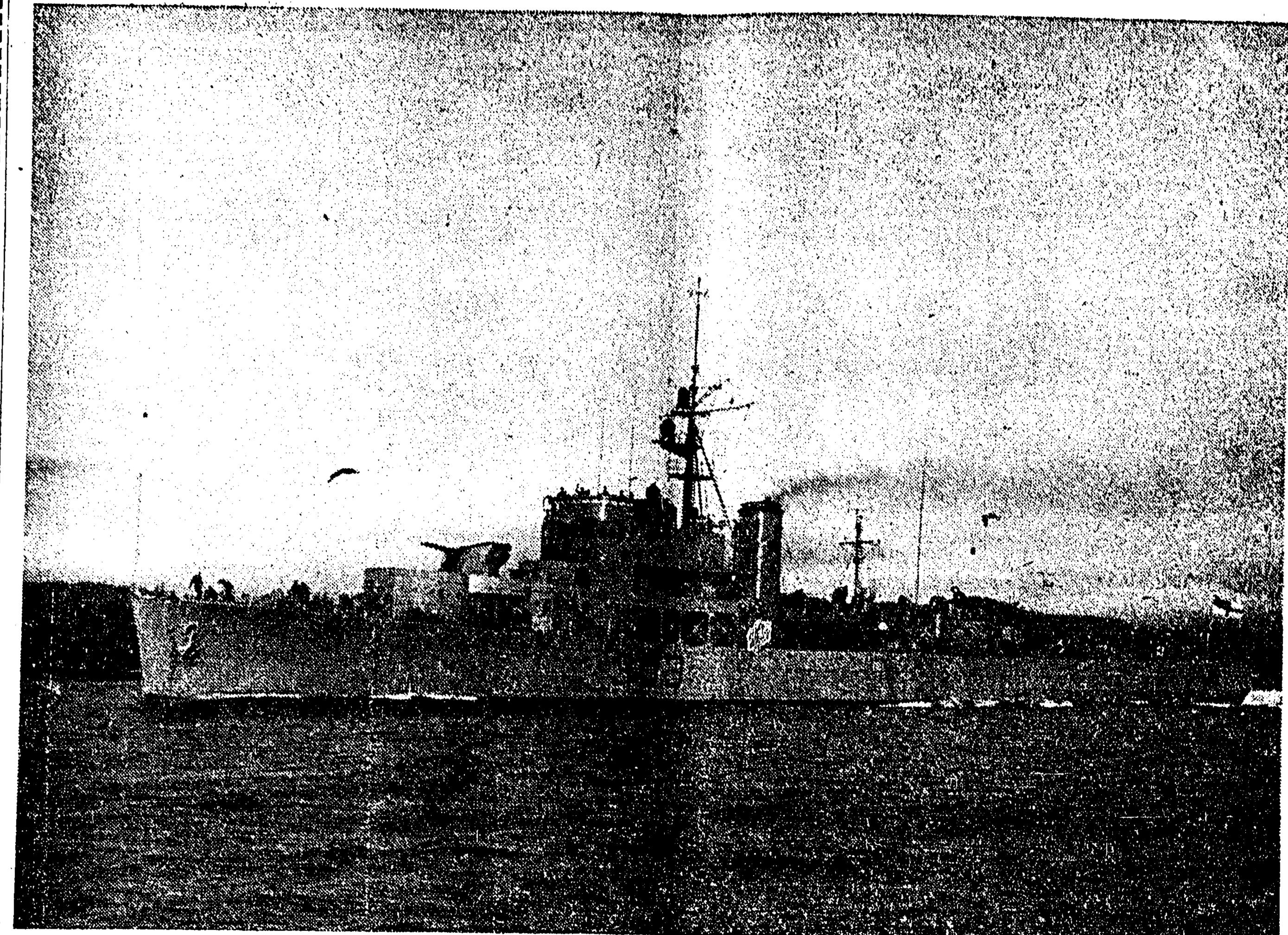
testers was failure to look in both directions at uncontrolled intersec-Hions. (Intersections where there are no signals, stop signs or traf-

Other frequent driving errors committed by the test group included: failure to signal when changing lanes or turning; keeping clutch depressed at traffic signals; failure to look both ways at railroad crossings; consting up to stop signs and traffic lights and on downgrades, instead of braking gently.

And here are still more: rolling back on grades when starting fin low gear; stopping on cross-(walks, blocking the way for peimaking a turn instead of completboth hands will be on steering The number one error-failure wheel; failure to move into the

"No wonder to many drivers





BUSY FRIGATE -- The recently modernized frigate HMCS Beacon Hill is seen here leaving her base at Esquimalt, B.C., for another in a series of continuing exercises being conducted by ships of the Royal Canadian Navy's Pacific Command. Under the command of Lieut.-Cdr. P. F. Wilson, of Montreal and Victoria, HMCS Beacon Hill is attached to the Fourth Canadian Escort Squadron. (RCN Photo)

PROPWASH

By GLADYS BALDWIN Quietly, without much fanfare before or afterwards, a Canadian boat broke the world's unlimited record on November 1, 1957

at Picton, Ontario. Zooming over the approved kilometer course in the gray other day. The new floats cer- of the Perpetual Help. dawn. "Miss Supertest" Driven tainly give one the feeling of

Subject to confirmation by the all the lines are replaced he'll May. Union of International Motor- be able to sleep nights. While on boating. Canada now holds the his trip to Anchorage he spent Vancouver construction man world's record for the unlimited a little time in Ketchikan. Now Daniel King who died in 1938. class of propellor driven motor that is a silly question to ask! in the United States since 1952 Yacht Club, While there 32 Mr. Black was elected Conserva- For Frigate in the United States since 1952 Yacht Club. While there ne when the "Slo-Mo-Shun IV" set spoke with some of the memthe record at 178.997 mph.

run down the Long Reach, spew- how to handle them. Most of the motors are "souped up" jobs. speed of 193 mph.

Built in Sarnia in 1952 the breathtaking run of November culminates five years of trial and effort. After setting a new (Canadian record in 1955, she) challenged for the Harmsworth trophy in 1956 winning the secand of the three race series. Later, on the point of breaking! the world's record in 1956 shell , was seriously damaged when she came off second best in an arguticularly, as racing will be stock ment with a swell while running! motor racing, just how far you! at 196 mph.

can go with the souping up. Next; "Miss Supertest" is a 31-foot general meeting will be at the Les Saudacher design and is Civic Centre, February 13. powered with a 2000 h.p. Rolls Reyce "Griffon." Her driver Art Alsbury is a well known driver! in class boat competitions and speed tests. The hull is of ply- 11-foot 6-,nch "Airborne," wood with an aluminum bottom. Each Propwash for the next

test" and Art Alsbury even if them it will give you something there was little publicity about to go by. your achievement.

(not a speed test) was run off in rub rads or hardware: October when two outboard pow- Transom measurements at pered boats completed a run of widest point of transom. Class 25,000 miles. The run was esti- A and B utility 44 inches. Class mated to be the equivalent of Cu, 36, Du and Eu -48 inches. 10 years of normal motor use by! Overall length down centera boat owner.

Two Mercury "Mark 75E" out- from bow to stern, Class A and board motors, chosen at random! Li-10 feet. Cass C--12 feet. Class from dealers' racks mounted on 36, DU and EU-13 feet, five place family runabouts made. The minimum height from the 25,000-mile run in 34½ days. Reel to sheer line at transom. Since this was not a speed Class A and B -- 10 inches. Class test the motors were run at C, 36, D,-12 luches. Class E-14 feruising speed. The boats main-|inches. tained the scheduled lap time | Measurements from sheer line on the Florida lake course to inside of planking at the centhrough varying weather condi- tre line forward of midships

Both boats averaged better 18 inches. There is also minimum than 30.2 mph and 7.9 miles per seating space in these different! gallon of gas. Refueling was done hulls. underway and drivers were

changed every four hours. With a 30-gallon tank, each boat carried an average of 100+ Ths, of extra fuel as a reserve in ! case weather prevented refueling! at regular times. Unleaded mar- j the white gasoline was used premixed with the motor manufac-(turers brand of oil in a 20-to-one)

One or two maintenance facts (were noted. Lower units required) (no grease for the whole 25,000-) mile run, sparkplugs lusted as long as 0,500 miles a set, no! , wear or impact damage was not-

Weds VC Winner's Sister VANCOUVER (? -- In a quiet, unpublicized wedding here merce.

Thursday, Sadie King, sister of the late Mickey O'Rourke, winner of the Victoria Cross, became Mrs. George Black, wife of "the president R. M. Toynbee cited

of Commons, is 85. Visited the Yacht Club the Joseph O'Reilley in the Church vember. They were married by Rev.

by Art Alsbury broke a five-year- lots of space. Sten Didrickson, toria today and return here to The couple will travel to Vic- iast month. old record with a speed of 184.494. Yacht Club caretaker was busy live next Tuesday. They will splicing new lines. He says when move to Whitehorse, Y.T., in

Mr. Black was elected Conserva-1921, 1925, 1926, 1930, 1935, 1943 and 1949. He was Speaker in the thers and saw some of the hydro-During this record breaking planes. He says they sure know the government of Prime Min-

CHINESE LAWYER

Outboard Association news remotely interested in racing to the British Columbia bar. Esquimalt. It is expected apthis year to attend the next Other Chinese-Canadian lawyers proximately 140 persons will atregular meeting of the asocia- are Canadian born. tion. "We are giving them loss ---

Robert Armstrong Jr. has sent the for plans for a "B" utility, It is" one of Hal Kelly's designs, the

of notice," Mr. Stewart pointed!

out, "and it will be to their ad-

vantage to attend." The cubic

inch displacement of the various

motors, weights of hulls and par-

Six official timers were on few weeks will carry some of the hand November 1 to record the requirements for hulls and motors and racing regulations for Congratulations "M.ss Super- the season's racing, If you ellip

. The minimum hull measurements for stock utility or runa-An engineering safety project bout racing hull, not to include

line of hull in a straight line

tions which included rain, trop-| where greatest depth takes place. ical storms, five-foot waves and Class A and B 14 Inches. Class C, / 136, and B--16 inches, Class E--



North Pole MP"

Sadie King is 65. George Black, ister R. B. Bennett.

former commissioner of the Yu- He was known throughout the year, all of which were successkon and ex-Speaker of the House Commonwealth as "the MP for the North Pole."

His wife Martha died last No-

Lominissioning

Special to The Daily News FSQUIMALT, B.C.—The mod- the end of 1957. ernized frigate HMCS New Waterford will be commissioned Friday, January 31, at Yarrows Ltd., ! under the command of Lieut:- tralian state of Victoria, VANCOUVER @ — Harry Fan, Cdr. W. S. Blandy, Victoria, Cere- founded in 1835. seems to be mostly building, rac- 35-year old former Shanghai monies will commence at 3 p.m. ing and plans for racing, R. P. law student who completed his | Guest of honor at the com-Stewart, association commodore education here, is the first na- missioning will be Cdr. A. C. urges anyone interested, or even tive-born Chinese to be admitted Wurtele, RCN (Ret'd), Reeve of



EXAMINE PHAMPHLETS - Rev. H. Lloyd Henderson, mayor of Portage La Prairie, Man., looks over a pamphlet with his wife on the eve of the Liberal convention in Ottawa, Mr. Henderson and three others sought the party leadership. (CP Photo)

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Prince Rupert Daily News Saturday, January 25, 1958

Enrolment Limit Announced For Capt. Cook Cadet Corps

A drastic cut in Sea Cadet Corps complements throughout Canada will have no immediate effect on Prince Rupert Cadets but it will serve to make them more conscious of the "honor of their positions," Captain Cooks Sea Cadets Corps was told Wed-

lerrace JCs

Special to The Daily News James Coomes, manager of the Terrace division of the B.C. Pow- maximum of 10.000 cadets in er Commission, was installed last Canada which necessitates a Saturday evening as president considerable reduction. of the Terrace Junior Chamber | Lieutenant Dawes also stressof Commerce by regional direct-|ed the importance of regular ator George Hokonson of Kitimat, tendance at parades.

Also installed by Mr. Hokon- "Shadow cadets who have litson were Geoffrey Harris, first the or no interest and who only vice-president; Adam Milne, sec- parade when they feel like it ond vice-president; Hans will be weeded out," he said. Muehle, treasurer; William Milli- "Sea Cadets should be proud kan, recording secretary; James to belong to a unit associated Butler, corresponding secretary, with such an honorable service and directors Robert Sheridan, as the Royal Canadian Navy." Donald Stuart, David Warren and David Harrison.

Terrace Jaycees ere comple- Use Classifieds-They Pay mented by their many guests, representing local organizations. [四葉鹽鹽園園] 問題圖圖圖門西園園園園園 Out of town visitors included a delegation from the Kitimat Wallace's Dept. Store chapter and the Prince Rupert

Keynote address to the Terrace members was delivered by James S. Burns of Prince Ru-I pert, president of the B.C. and Rukon Junior Chamber of Com-

the many activities of the Ter-; ful in promoting the community and the district.

Dr. Kenneth MacPherson was Sadie's brother Mickey died presented with a Junior Cham- FOUNDATIONS ber International Senatorship for his continued high degree of activity within the chapter as BRASSIERES.... well as the Terrace award of "Jaycee of the Year."

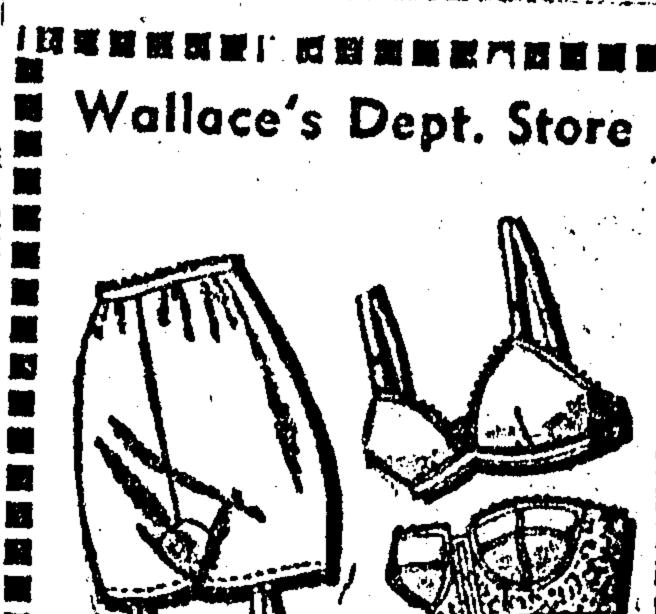
The evening was concluded with a successful social evening tand dancing.

SWEDISH CAPITAL Population of Stockholm, Sweden's capital, reached 799,000 at = 3. WONDER BRA

AUSTRALIAN CITY

Announcing a reduction of the local complement to 35 from the previously unlimited number ---| current enlistment here is 41-Commanding Officer Lieutenant E. A. Dawes told the Cadets none of them would be discharged but no replacements for leaving boys would be accepted until the

number drops below 35. New regulations call for a



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