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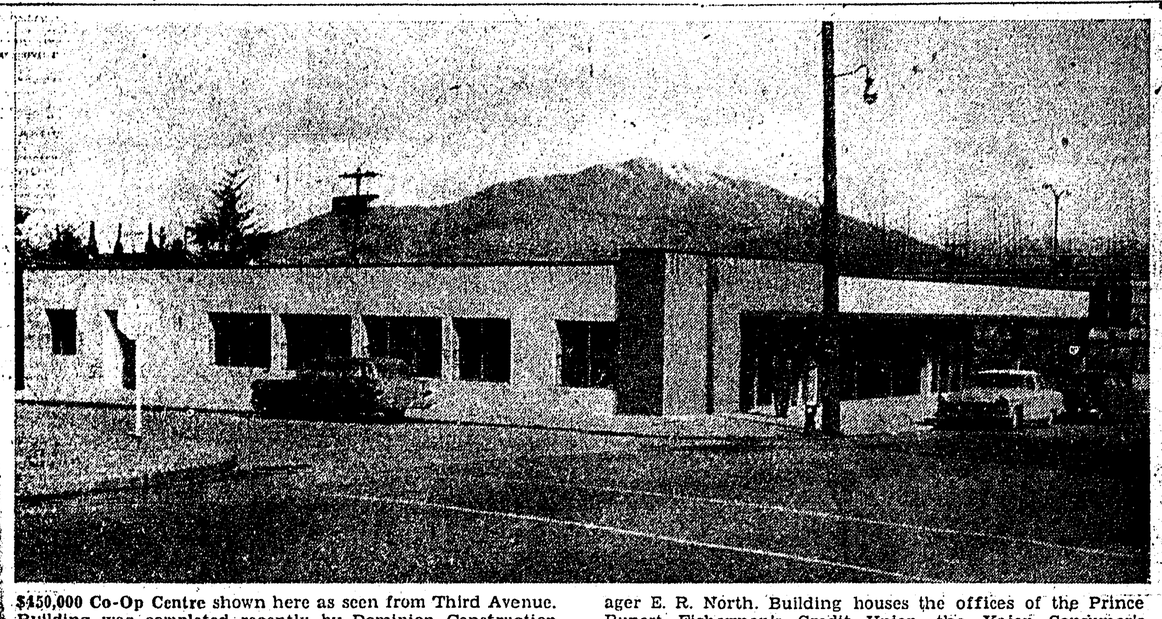

$450,000 Co-Op Centre shown here as seen from Third Avenue. Building was completed recently by Dominion Construction Limited, general contractors, for the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative association and the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Credit Union. Although doors will open for business on Monday, April 7, official opening ceremonies are scheduled for Thursday, April 10, it was announced today by executive manager E. R. North. Building houses the offices of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Credit Union, the Kaien Consumer's Credit Union, the hardware, major appliance, housewares and food departments of the Co-op consumer division and the Co-op Bakery. Also featured is the roof-top parking area to the right of the building.

Higher standard sought for work in high school

Principal outlines plan already begun

Staff of Booth Memorial High school is already working on the problem of raising the standard of students' work in the school, principal R. F. Lucas, told District 52 school board Tuesday night.

Mr. Lucas said the problem was being attacked from several angles:

- Raising passing standards in certain grades;
- Standardization of exams for the same course throughout the school;
- Reducation of variations in standards where several classes taking the same course are taught by different teachers;
- Recognition through the courtesy of The Daily News of those who have excelled academically;
- Asked that bursaries and awards be made after June examinations instead of at Graduations exercises in May;
- Getting rid of pupils that won't apply themselves but remain at school and disturb the others;
- Playing down of extra-curricular activities.

Mr. Lucas said the staff had been taking a close look at the school's allotment of letter grades for achievement and it was now hoped to bring passing standards in Grades 9 and 10, which may have been too lenient, more into line with those in Grades 11 and 12.

It was also hoped to require comparable effort and achievement for "passing" grades between the different subject fields. He said that a detailed analysis of the February report cards had been made and certain weaknesses disclosed.

Same exams for given courses

The February and Easter exams were prepared on a committee basis so that all pupils taking a given course would write the same examination. The examination mark, however, must be combined with a rating for day-to-day assignments and classroom tests. In this way, competition for good marks would be stimulated, Mr. Lucas said.

DEFER SELECTION

The principal said that organizations awarding bursaries and scholarships have been asked to defer selection of the recipients until after the June examinations. He said that if this was done, it should provide a stimulus for students to write departmental examinations and do as well as possible even when the school is again accredited.

"Past experience has indicated that high ability students are often content to do just well enough to be recommended," he said.

Parents of pupils who have not been applying themselves satisfactorily have been encouraged to withdraw them from school.

"A number have departed and we are under the impression that a more serious atmosphere is beginning to prevail."

Mr. Lucas said that restrictions on enrolment in certain courses next term were being considered, chiefly of two kinds.

First to make sure that university program students take the higher grade English classes and if they get poor marks to repeat the courses rather than take an easier course. In other subjects university program students would be directed into a certain section of multi-class courses such as Social Studies.

"In other words, to a certain extent we are setting up a university program stream and a general program stream," Mr. Lucas said.

Admission grades to be raised

Secondly, for advanced courses, admission standards higher than a bare passing grade would be required.

"For example," Mr. Lucas said, "a student with a passing grade of less than 58 per cent in the advanced mathematics course may not be permitted to enrol in the next mathematics course until the first is repeated and a better mark obtained."

Attendance is also closely watched the school board was told.

Mr. Lucas said that truancies were being reported to the Family Allowance authorities if the pupils is 16 or younger. However, he said, the "level of attendance in the school is very good, usually about 95 per cent.

"A few pupils whose interest and application has been negligible and results far below those expected on the basis of ability have been placed on probation."

WIN $140,000—Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cowie of Chilliwack, B.C., hold up the Irish Hospitals Sweepstake ticket that won them $140,000. The ticket was on Mr. What, an 18-to-one shot, who romped home the winner in the Grand National steeplechase at Aintree, England. Mr. Cowie, 32, manages a finance company branch in the Fraser Valley city. (CP Photo)

FOOD COST RESPONSIBLE

Consumer price index hits record in March

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's consumer price index showed a sharp gain of six-tenths of a point at the beginning of March, rising to a record 124.3 from 123.7 at the start of February, the bureau of statistics said today.

The bureau said the rise in the index—based on 1949 prices equalling 100—was caused mainly by an unusual advance of 1.2 per cent in the food subindex. However, gains also were recorded in the four other subindexes.

It was the second consecutive month in which the index has reached a new high. The index—yardstick of living costs—rose three-tenths of a point at the start of February to 123.7 from 123.4 thep revious month.

Normally the food index shows little change between February and March. However, recent weather and crop conditions in the southern United States have had a considerable impact on prices in Canada for potatoes, cabbage, onions and citrus fruits.

BEEF, PORK RISE

Increases in prices of foods imported from the U.S., a sharp advance in egg prices and a further rise in beef and pork prices boosted the food subindex to 121.3 from 119.9. The only decline of any consequence were limited to fresh tomatoes, coffee, sugar and margarine.

The index of average wages and salaries at Jan. 1—latest figure available—declined to 154.7 from 161.2 at Dec. 1, based on 1949 equalling 100. This compared with 156.8 at March 1, 1957.

The household operation subindex rose three-tenths of a point to 121.1 from 120.8 due to small increases for a wide range of items of home furnishings, household supplies and services.

An increase of one-tenth of a point was recorded in the other commodities and services index which moved to 129.6 from 129.5. Prices were higher for local streetcar and bus fares, pharmaceuticals and personal care items.

PR. RUPERT RADIO LISTENERS TO HEAR RIPPLE ROCK BLAST

The removal of Ripple Rock by the largest non-atomic explosion in history will be broadcast over CBC radio station CFPR at 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Saturday, it was announced today by local CBC manager W. C. Hankinson.

When Ripple Rock blows up at 9:31 a.m. on April 5, it will not immediately be known whether the explosion was a success or not.

The CBC at Menzies Bay, however, will be in contact with the bunker on Quadra Island by shortwave radio and it is hoped that a Representative of the Federal Department of Works will be able to give a personal opinion, based on long experience in this work, in time to be announced on the radio and TV hook-ups.

Such an opinion would be strictly unofficial; the official verdict will not be announced on CBC radio and TV until 2:45 p.m., Mr. Hankinson said.

20 city firms criticized for disobeying summons

Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite issued a stern warning to more than 20 representatives of city businesses for not appearing in police court this morning in answer to summonses.

However, he dismissed charges of failing to renew trade licences against the companies because they had unofficially and incorrectly received notice that they did not have to appear in court.

Magistrate Applewhaite said that when a person does not appear in court in answer to a summons he is liable to immediate imprisonment and can also be charged with being in contempt of court.

The case arose when 20 or more firms failed to renew their trade licences after receiving a notice from City Licence Inspector J. C. Ewart.

In the past, firms have been given several notices, followed by phone calls reminding them that the licences should be renewed.

This year when the law was not adhered to after one notice, summonses were sent out to the firms in question.

A city council committee decided that in sufficient warning had been given the firms and advised the firms and businesses that they needn't appear in court.

Such action, aroused the ire of Magistrate Applewhaite who said that when a summons was issued it had to be answered or the person summonsed would have to take the consequences.

Many attend Lindsay rites

A large gathering of relatives and friends yesterday paid last respects to city pioneer John Andrew Lindsay, who died suddenly in his 81st year in Prince Rupert General Hospital Sunday.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in First United Church with Rev. Vernon E. McEachern officiating.

Hymns sung were "Rock of Ages" and "Abide With Me" with Mrs. Lloyd Bowman as organist.

Active pallbearers were D. A. Delaney, D. A. Morrison, W. J. Scott, James Houchin, R. E. Gladding and Alek S. Bill.

Honorary pallbearers were David McCullough, Howard Hill, Alex McKenzie, John T. Wilson, A. T. Ivarson and Thomas Beattie.

Ushers were W. D. Lamble and Arthur Murray.

Interment was at Fairview cemetery with Ferguson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

All firms close on Good Friday

All city businesses, firms, federal and provincial government houses will be closed tomorrow, Good Friday. There will be no Daily News tomorrow or Saturday.

Easter Monday, a holiday for bank clerks, government employees and City Hall, will not be a holiday for local business firms. The Daily News will print as usual Easter Monday.

However, the Post Office wickets will be open from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. Postmaster R. S. Scherk said there will be one complete delivery service in the downtown district and the one regular residential mail delivery.

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THE BEAUTY OF THE THEATRE—To painter Vasco Lazzolo, Rosalie Ashley typifies the actress. Miss Ashley is seen standing beside the portrait of her Lazzolo painted as part of a series he is doing on sports, music, literature, the arts and society. Lazzolo is a famous portrait artist who has painted many celebrities, and has done a bust of the Duke of Edinburgh.

Bullet wounds girl

Condition of a teenage girl, who police said today accidentally shot herself in the stomach yesterday, has not yet been established.

RCMP at Prince Rupert subdivision said that Magdeline Holland, 16, of Pendleton Bay, was wounded when she picked up a .22 calibre rifle and it accidentally discharged. The girl, who was in the process of making a bed at the time of the mishap, is in hospital at Vanderhoof.

APRIL 12 TO 13

CCF brass to ponder parliamentary role

OTTAWA (CP)—The CCF national executive meets at Toronto over the April 12 to 13 weekend to consider the party's parliamentary role and the future of its leader and deputy leader.

Last Monday's general election reduced the party from 25 members in the last Parliament to eight. Leader M. J. Coldwell was personally defeated in Saskatchewan's Rosetown-Biggar riding. His deputy, Stanley Knowles, also tasted defeat in Winnipeg North Centre.

Mr. Coldwell, 69, arrived in the capital by train Wednesday night from the West for an emotion-packed greeting of cheers and tears from 300 supporters, including his son-in-law and daughter Margaret—Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Carman—and their two young children.

The party leader has already announced he intends to settle in Ottawa but he will not run for Parliament again.

Mr. Knowles, 50, returns to Ottawa next Tuesday. An official at CCF headquarters said Wednesday the deputy leader had not yet decided whether to make his headquarters in Winnipeg or Ottawa. The official indicated Mr. Knowles would continue to play an active party role.

Sim heads Legion branch

Robert Sims was elected president of Canadian Legion Branch 27 when the group held its annual meeting in the Legion auditorium last night. Mr. Sims succeeds James Nicoll.

Re-elected by acclamation as first vice-president was Frank Comadina while Machael Schwab was re-elected second vice-president.

New sergeant-at-arms is Frederick McIntosh.

Also elected was a five-man executive composed of hTomas Wardrope, Stanley Veitch, G. N. Lemire, Douglas McGreish, Alfred Fletcher. Zone commander John Laurie conducted the election of officers.

Initiated into the branch were Kenneth Harris, W. F. Wood, W. O. Holt, M. J. Tauber, D. Madge and A. Calmen.

4 fire calls yesterday

The City Fire Department was called out four times yesterday but reported that all cases were minor and caused no damage.

In the afternoon a call was received from 834 Summit Avenue reporting a flooded oil burner; a grass fire was reported at 1345 Sixth Avenue East and a rubbage fire was put out at 616 Seventh Avenue West.

The last call was from 673 Eighth Avenue East, also reporting a flooded oil burner.

Red Cross drive result unknown

More than 100 canvassers covered 13 areas of the city last night as volunteers in the Prince Rupert branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society's one-night drive for funds.

Results of the campaign for $4,500 are not yet known, campaign chairman A. D. Perley said today.

"However, we are hopeful that we will reach our quota," Mr. Perley said. He asked that anyone who has not been called upon can leave a donation at the Royal Bank of Canada or at his home.

"WIDOW OF WINDY NOOK"

Gruesome jests expose double poisoning

By ALVIN STEINKOPF

LEEDS, England (AP)—A 66-year-old widow in a death cell here probably wishes she had not joked about the deaths of her three husbands.

The condemned woman is stout Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Wilson, known as the merry widow of Windy Nook, who was convicted of poisoning two of her mates.

Windy Nook is the community near here where she used to live and where four male occupants of her house died in just over two years.

The woman's first husband lived with her 41 years before he expired in August, 1955. But the other two survived the ceremony only two weeks. The fourth man was a lodger who came between husbands No. 1 and No. 2.

One of her gruesome jests which led ultimately to police inquiries was voiced at a reception following her marriage last October to 76-year-old Ernest Wilson. A friend asked what she was going to do with a large number of cakes and sandwiches left over.

"Keep them for the funeral," she replied.

Wilson laughed with the rest—and lived just 15 days more.

Then it was recalled the widow of Windy Nook had made another of her jokes at the registrar's office, where she had been married and had then returned to record her husbands' deaths.

"There should be a discount for me," she quipped.

As gossip flew in earnest, police finally took note. The bodies of Wilson and her second husband—Oliver Leonard, who died in 1956 at the age of 76—were exhumed. Police pathologists found traces of phosphorus in both.

A jury last week found the widow of Windy Nook guilty.

Then Mrs. Wilson became the subject of a twist in Britain's new and somewhat complicated homicide law. Killing by poisoning is not a capital murder for which the death penalty is imposed any more.

But the death penalty can be imposed, no matter what the manner of killing, if the accused person is convicted of another murder done on another occasion. And Mrs. Wilson was found guilty of two murders. In the first case of its kind since the new homicide law went into effect a year ago, she was sentenced to death. Her lawyers have served notice of appeal.

The prosecution made little headway trying to establish a profit motive. Leonard and Wilson left about £200 ($560), which the defence dismissed as "paltry benefits."

"Men like me, and I like men," the widow of Windy Nook explained in the course of her trial.

Terrace wants Rupert rink

Ten Prince Rupert rinks left this afternoon for the Terrace Bonspiel to begin play at 10 p.m. tonight.

Terrace drawmaster John Anderson reports on vacany for a Rupert rink because of a last-minute cancellation.

Curlers willing to begin play at 8 a.m. tomorrow to fill the vacant spot are asked to telephone Mr. Anderson at 8 o'clock tonight at Terrace 311.

Speeder fined

Marie Susan Maki, 1337 Piggott Avenue, was fined $10 for speeding through a school zone and $15 for driving without a current driver's licence when she pleaded guilty to both charges in police court before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite this morning. The offence took place March 24 just after noon.

WEATHER—

Variable cloudiness with frequent sunny periods Friday. Little change in temperature. Winds easterly 15 tonight. Low tonight and high Friday at Prince Rupert 35 and 60.

TIDES—

Friday, April 4, 1958

High	1:10	23.1 feet
	13:30	22.3 feet
Low	7:30	1.3 feet
	19:44	2.7 feet