

Trustees Refuse Request For Fire Siren on School

School Board District 52 Tuesday night repeated their refusal to allow city council to put a siren on Booth Memorial High School.

Secretary-treasurer Mrs. M. M. Roper read a letter from the council's Utilities Committee asking the board to reconsider their decision. It said the council realised there might be occasional disturbances to pupils, but the siren would serve a useful purpose in summoning volunteer firemen.

Board chairman W. J. Scott said the only reason the council wanted the siren on the school was that the building was wired to take one and it would call in tow volunteers working on

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Firemen Seek Help To Prevent Frozen Hydrants

SMITHERS — Smithers Fire Department which is having trouble with frozen fire hydrants is going to get the village commission to write to the Burns Lake Fire department for information on their methods of preventing fire hydrants from freezing.

Several water hydrants remained frozen throughout the winter months this year, necessitating extra men and hose lines when fire alarms were sounded.

The Burns Lake firemen use an electrical device to prevent their hydrants from freezing.

Granted Divorce

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Mar. 16.—The 16-year marriage of dancer Gene Kelly and actress Betsy Blair ended Wednesday as she was granted a divorce on grounds of mental cruelty. The decree was said to involve a property settlement of \$500,000.

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SMITHERS NEWS

Hangar Conversion for Civic Centre To Start Soon as Centennial Project

By PAT MUNSON
Daily News Correspondent
SMITHERS—Conversion of a Second World War hangar into a new civic centre as part of Smithers' B.C. Centennial project will probably start here shortly.

The first steps in the conversion will be the re-erection of trusses into a frame work on foundations poured last fall.

Village commissioners have commissioned Vancouver architectural firm Harry Barratt Ltd. to prepare sketches of the overall project.

Completion of the building to architects' plans will be undertaken as a separate phase.

SMITHERS—A gala program for the Bulkley Valley annual midsummer festival is being planned as part of this district's centennial celebrations.

The festival, which is held each year in natural indoor basin, invites entries from various cultural organizations. The committee hopes to stage a pageant on its 1958 program.

SMITHERS—Provincial department of highways will be asked by Smithers village commission to assume a greater responsibility in maintenance costs of Railroad Avenue.

The avenue, a busy thoroughfare in constant use by heavy trucks, is in poor condition.

The commission hopes the highways department will assume 75 to 90 percent of the maintenance.

SMITHERS—Negotiations to bring contract money on Smithers sewer installation, in line

with money available, have opened here between Alberni Utility Builders and the village commission.

The construction company submitted tender bid for \$153,581 on the installation.

The entire project which is estimated to cost \$233,000 when completed, is scheduled to be finished by November 30, 1958.

Tenders were also received from G. H. Adenot and Company and Bovill and Hahn.

BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD
Always Check Hand Carefully
As Defender, Work on Defence

Often you hear a player say he NEVER holds good cards and has to sit there and watch his opponents make game after game.

This sad story may be true. On the other hand, it may be that the player should take a long, searching look at his defensive game. Is his defense stodgy and unimaginative? In following suit and in leading does he always follow the safe, bookish, middle-of-the-road course? If so he is probably missing chances to defeat at least some of those "ice-cold" games his opponents are reaching.

The winning player is the one who can shake himself out of the doldrums of conservatism and who has the courage and vision to make unusual defensive plays designed to throw declarer off the track.

Some such plays involve the danger of losing one or more tricks. Others, like Mr. Dale's play in today's hand, involve no danger at all.

Mr. Dale opened the seven of hearts and dummy's ace won. Mr. Muzzy decided to try to set the spade suit. He planned to lead to his ace, then back toward the queen, hoping Mr. Dale had the king. With the favorable distribution of the suit, this would normally have netted a total of four spade winners.

But Mr. Dale's mind was working fast. He realized that he was going to get exactly one spade trick no matter how he played. So, with nothing to lose, he promptly played the king under the ace.

Mr. Muzzy frowned over this development. It seemed clear to him now that Mr. Masters had started with J 10 Q 8 5 in spades. He could get two spade tricks and no more. He saw he could also take two hearts, two diamonds, and the two top clubs—eight tricks in all.

Pursing his lips and nodding his head, to indicate he knew where all the cards were (brilliant card-reading), he led a club and finessed dummy's jack.

Mr. Masters won with the queen and returned his last heart. Mr. Muzzy ducked but Mr. Dale overtook with the jack and led back the queen to knock out the king.

After this, Mr. Muzzy had no chance for nine tricks. He was

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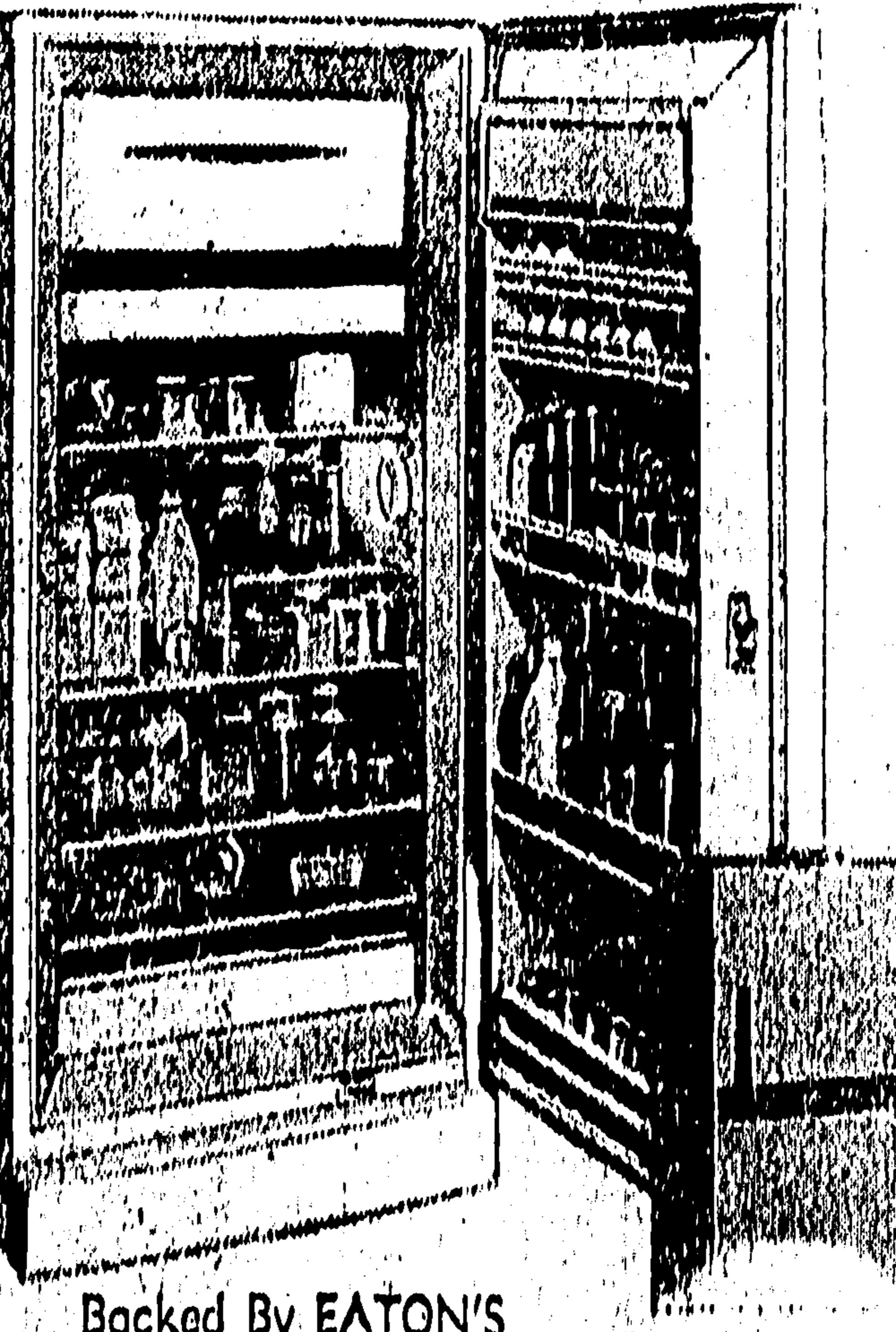
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