LIST OF HOMES NEEDED

Centennial arrangements progressing on schedule

Arrangements for the city's B.C. Centennial "Potlatch" scheduled from July 25 through to August 2 are progressing well with two minor exceptions.

The Prince Rupert Centennial committee last night still found itself without an organization willing to take on the task of listing extra accommodation for ex-residents and tourists visiting the city during its celebrations week.

With more than a full week of festivities planned by the committee, a large influx of visitors are expected and ordinary facilities of hotels, motels and other tourist facilities will be jammed to the hilt.

The Centennial committee is hoping that local residents will open their private homes to the tourist overflow in the same way that Vancouver did when that city was host for the British Empire Games.

However, the committee also seeks a city organization that is willing to do its part for the "Potlatch Week" by compiling lists of homes available and distributing them to the commercial establishments.

When all commercial lodgings have been filled, tourists could be sent to private homes on the lists.

"Friendly co-operation in a matter like this will be invaluable to the success of the city's week of celebrations and certainly will have a great effect on bringing our tourist friends back again to our city," Alderman R. G. Large, committee chairman said last night.

While pondering other matters the committee found that the dates for the RCMP band and musical ride to be in the city had been confused and the committee is now without an event to tee off the city's celebrations.

In the recently-published official list of events the RCMP band was scheduled for Friday, July 25.

A check of the B.C. Centennial events list from Victoria however, disclosed that the RCPM Band will be in Prince Rupert August 25 and the Musical Ride on August 29.

In other business, the committee decided that if Ald. R. G. Large's book, "Skeena, River of Destiny" went into a third printing, which is likely, the committee should have another 1,000 books printed. Only about 500 remain out of the second printing of 1,500.

Celebrations committee chairman Arthur Murray told the meeting that an initial Port Day discussion had been held but that no committee had been formed. However, he said, it was planned to start the Port Day celebrations with a Port Day ball on Saturday, July 26 and Port Day itself would start at 1 p.m. July 27.

Highlight of Port Day will be the crowning of a Port Day Queen with the winner being sent to the Pacific National Exhibition in Vancouver to compete in the "Miss PNE" competition.

The meeting also authorized the Junior Chamber of Commerce to buy 6,000 yards of pennants and 500 yards of Centennial bunting to decorate the city streets. The Jaycees will also investigate the cost of a centennial arch for the city.

The Junior Chamber plans to intensify its annual Clean Up, Paint Up Week with a concentrated drive for brighter homes during the first week in May.

The meeting approved the writing of a letter telling the Prince Rupert Labor Council that it will be glad to co-operate with the council's plans for a gala Labor Day, September 1. The committee had received a letter from the PRLC stating that it planned a big Labor Day celebration as its "contribution to the Centennial year."

Alderman Large told the committee that the replica of the famed Wolf Totem, carved by Charles Dudoward at Port Simpson, would be arriving in the city Friday or Saturday. It will be stored until the end of the Potlatch Week.

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PERSONALS

T. H. Sorenson, general sales manager for the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative association, leaves tomorrow by Canadian Pacific Airlines plane for Vancouver en route to Halifax where he will attend the annual general meetings of the Fisheries Council of Canada, April 14, 15 and 16.

Well-known former city resident P. P. Forman arrived in the city Tuesday with his daughter Karen from their home in Cold Lake to spend a few days visiting his son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Neil Forman.

Former well-known city school teacher Henry Pluyme of Victoria is in Prince Rupert spending the Easter holidays visiting friends.

New church opens at Terrace

A four-year dream came true for Rev. A. S. Olson of Prince Rupert on Easter Sunday afternoon when the congregation he organized in Terrace in 1954 attended its first service in the new Christ Lutheran church, Terrace.

More than 150 people gathered to hear Mr. Olson preach the sermon and attend the service conducted by Rev. M. R. Aalen of the Redeemer Lutheran church of Kitimat.

Mr. Aalen told the congregation that the new church was a mark of life among its members.

Also in attendance was the Redeemer Lutheran church choir, under the direction of Gunnar Varfeldt. The organ was a gift from St. Paul's Lutheran church members of Prince Rupert.

The women of the Terrace congregation served supper to conclude the memorable day.

Plans are now being made for the dedication this summer when Dr. Mars Dale, president of the Evangelical Lutheran church of Canada will preside.

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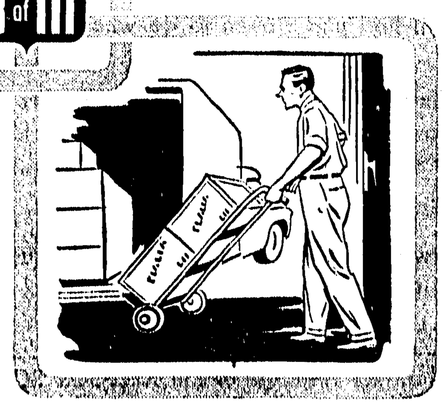

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