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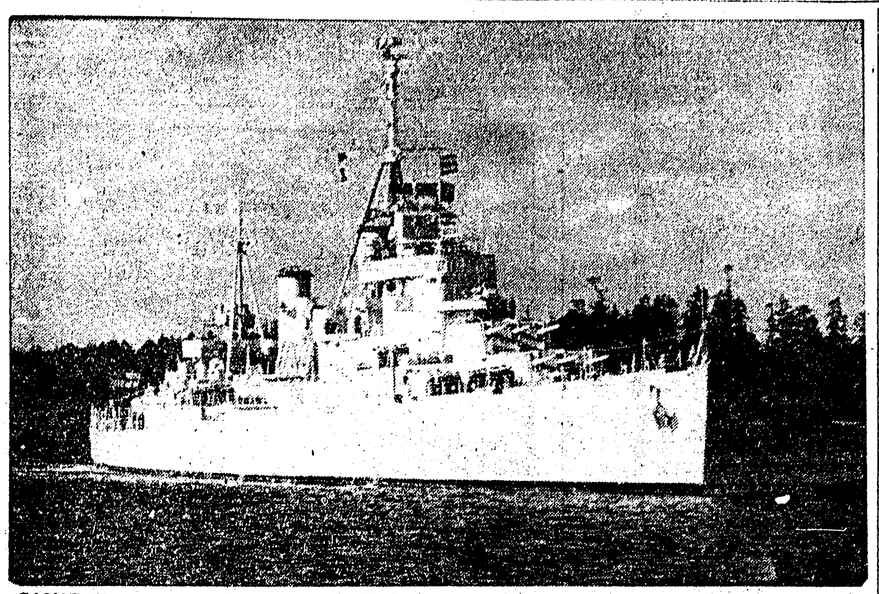
Voters to be asked to approve $2.8 million sewer, water plan



CANADA'S FAMED training cruiser HMCS Ontario, above, berthed at the CNR docks this morning along with the Royal Canadian Navy destroyers HMCS Skeena and HMCS Athabaskan to launch Centennial Armed Services Week here. Ships officers and men will be entertained and will provide entertainment while here for four-day visit. Special guest aboard the Ontario is Rear Admiral R. E. S. Bidwell, CBE, CD, RCN. —RCN photo.

CAPTAIN J. C. LITTLER, CD, RCN
. . . Skipper of HMCS Ontario.

CMDR. D. S. BOYLE
. . . HMCS Athabaskan captain

CMDR. J. P. T. DAWSON, CD, RCN
. . . Skipper of HMCS Skeena

ARMED SERVICES WEEK

Cruiser, destroyers pay Centennial call

Prince Rupert's Centennial Armed Services Week was officially launched at 8 o'clock this morning with the arrival of the Royal Canadian Navy cruiser HMCS "Ontario" and destroyers HMCS "Skeena" and HMCS "Athabaskan."

The packed itinerary for the ships companies began this afternoon at 2 when the HMCS Ontario's ship band and clowns entertained the children at Miller Bay Indian hospital.

At 3:30 p.m. a tour for 75 Sea, Army and Air Cadets were given a tour aboard HMCS Skeena.

HMCS Ontario will be host for an official reception at 6 p.m.

Tomorrow afternoon all city Grade 3 children will be entertained at a party from 2 to 4 p.m. aboard all three ships.

Tuesday at 8 p.m. a Sunset Ceremony will be held in front of the courthouse.

The official reception by the Centennial committee and HMCS Chatham in honor of the commanding officers and officers of visiting ships will be held at 8:30 in HMCS Chatham wardroom.

A boxing tournament to be staged by the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks in the Civic Centre between an RCN boxing team and the Elks boxing team has been cancelled.

From 9 to 11 p.m. a party for guard and band will be staged in the Canadian Legion auditorium by the Canadian Legion branch 27.

Wednesday ships will be open to visitors from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Collision damage $550

A two-car collision on Acropolis Hill last night caused damage to both vehicles totalling approximately $550.

Police said today the accident occurred at about 10 p.m. Drivers of the cars involved are Oliver Leighton and Vincent Led, RCMP said.

Shell Sunset Service Station which is handling the damaged cars estimated damage to the vehicle driven by Leighton at between $350 and $400, to the other car at $175.

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Area 2 quota past ⅔ mark

More than two thirds of the halibut quota for Area 2 were landed at the Pacific Coast until last Friday, the International Pacific Halibut Commission reported today in a telegram to their local agent E. Victor Whiting.

Of the 26,500 pound limit, 17,800,000 pounds have been caught, the wire stated.

Closing date will be announced eight days in advance.

Man acquitted at Port Edward

Leonard Lionel Smith, of 1453 Atlin Avenue, was acquitted in Port Edward police court Saturday on a charge of driving while his ability was impaired by alcohol.

The magistrate found Smith not guilty and dismissed the charge for lack of evidence.

In other Port Edward court cases, Helge Peter Holkestad, of 1535 Atlin Avenue, was fined $15 or in default of payment sentenced to seven days in jail when he pleaded guilty to a charge of crossing a double solid line.

Hugh Scullion, of Port Edward, was remanded until June 28 when he pleaded not guilty to charges of failing to have a tail light and submitting false statements in an accident report.

Charges were laid as result of a minor two-car collision on Miller Bay Hill on Highway 16 May 27, Port Edward RCMP reported.

APPOINTMENT of Charles E. Giordano to the staff of The Daily News editorial department as general reporter and sports writer was announced today by editor J. R. Ayres. Twenty-three years old Mr. Giordano has lived in Prince Rupert for eight years and has been in business in the city for three and a half years. For news stories and sports items he can be reached at 4121.
—Staff photo.

Kitimat man held in murder

A 23-year-old Kitimat man has been charged with the murder early Sunday morning of a father of two children in the smelter city.

While an autopsy was being performed on Reginald Sinclair Young, 27, suspect Orrin Kenneth Douglas appeared in Kitimat police court this morning before Magistrate Harvey C. Jessop and was remanded for seven days for preliminary hearing. No plea was entered.

Municipal solicitor Graham Wright, appearing as Crown prosecutor, charged that Douglas had murdered Young early Sunday morning at 104 Sagimat House, Rivervale area.

Police, called to the scene at 4:30 a.m., seized a shotgun and an empty shotgun shell, Kitimat RCMP detachment reported today.

Douglas is married and has one child.

The deceased is survived by his widow and two children, a boy of about 10 and a girl of about 4.

Two men held for robbery with violence

Two men are in city jail awaiting trial on a charge that Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite termed "the most serious in the Criminal Code next to treason and murder."

Louis Leforte and John Woodrow Donovan were charged in city police court Saturday morning with robbery with violence, and remanded without election until June 20 upon request by defence counsel W. N. Poole.

Charge was laid in connection with an incident on the early morning of June 12 in which Richard Zarkovic, of Stewart, was allegedly robbed of an identification folder containing $30.

The magistrate set bail at $5,000 for each of the accused, to be paid either in cash of in two sureties of $2,500 each.

"There are only two more serious charges in the code that I can think of — treason and murder," the magistrate said when setting the bail.

A. Bruce Brown is handling the case for the Crown.

MAYOR PETER J. LESTER is shown using gold shears to cut ribbon on rear car of Canadian National Railways Museum train yesterday afternoon at official opening ceremonies. Behind mayor is MLA William H. Murray, train manager J. A. McIsaac, William McIlroy, CNR superintendent for CNR Smithers division and at right Alderman R. G. Large, chairman of the city's Centennial committee. (See story on Page 3.)
—Staff photo.

UNDERWAY TOMORROW

Prince George-city bus service starts

Another first in transportation was accomplished on Saturday when the first Western Coach Lines 37 passenger bus arrived in Prince Rupert on a through trip from Prince George.

On the "kick-off" run were representatives from all major points on the line. James Wood from Burns Lake was one of the key figures aboard the inaugural run as well as Alderman and Mrs. Harry Loder of Prince George, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Small of Fraser Lake, Alex Blackburn and his wife from Kitimat and press and radio representatives from Prince George.

Also making the initial run were representatives from Canadian Pacific Airlines, the communities of Endako, Fort Fraser and Prince George Boards of Trade.

The delegation from the interior centres were met at the Prince Rupert Hotel by Prince Rupert Mayor Peter J. Lester, Chamber of Commerce representative P. F. P. Bird and T. C. Melville. Mark Hill, Hazen Bonzer and press and radio representatives of Prince Rupert.

In charge of the tour party from the interior on this inaugural run were Western Coach Lines President Ralph Williamson and Robert W. Pettigrew, vice-president of the new transportation concern.

Following their arrival in Prince Rupert at about 12:30 Saturday afternoon, the party was taken on a conducted tour of the Columbia Cellulose Company Mill at Watson Island.

The new daily bus service, due to make its initial commercial run tomorrow, will follow this schedule.

Leaving Prince George daily at 8:00 p.m., the bus will stop at Burns Lake at 1:35 a.m., Smithers at 4:15 a.m., Terrace at 9:00 a.m., arriving in Prince Rupert at 11:45 a.m. Eastbound, the timetable calls for stops at Terrace and 9:30 p.m. after leaving Prince Rupert at 7:00 p.m., Smithers at 2:15 a.m., Burns Lake at 5:05 a.m., arriving in Prince George at 10:45 a.m. All other intermediary communities will be served by the new line.

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Driver freed on $100 bail

A Prince Rupert motorist has been freed on $100 bail after being arrested last night on Highway 16 and charged with driving without due care and attention as well as operating a motor vehicle without a licence.

Car driven by Donald Nels Jensen, of 524 Albert Street, was stopped just outside the city limits on the highway at about 5 a.m. yesterday. Jensen was arrested, charged and taken to city jail from where he was released on bail.

23.8 CENTS BID

Large halibut hits new high for season

Price for large halibut hit a new season high of 23.8 cents this morning as the "Mother 3" sold her 60,000 pound catch to Babcock Fisheries.

Medium halibut sold at 20.8 cents per pound and chicks at 16.5 cents in the only trade at Prince Rupert Halibut Exchange.

In direct sales, Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative association received the "Gustav's" 50,000 pound catch while the "Pamela Ray" delivered 50,000 pounds to British Columbia Packers.

Last Friday, the "Rosalinde" sold 23,000 pounds to B.C. Packers at 21.1; 22.5 and 16 cents respectively for medium, large and chicken size fish, and the "Cape Beale" took a bid from Atlin Fisheries for her 40,000 pound catch of 22.2; 22 and 16 cents.

In direct deliveries, the "Buccaneer" landed 10,000 pounds at Atlin, the "Silver Bounty" brought in 100,000 pounds to the Co-Op, and B.C. Packers received 25,000 pounds from the "Alva M" and 17,000 pounds from the "Masset Maid."

Another sale at the Exchange Friday saw the "Combat" sell 70,000 pounds to Pacific at 22.4; 22.2 and 16 cents for medium, large and chicken size halibut.

32 killed

By The Canadian Press

Forty-nine Canadians died in weekend accidents — 32 on the roads and 11 on the water.

A Canadian Press survey from 6 p.m. local times Friday to midnight Sunday showed one person dead in a fire and five killed in various other accidents.

Master plan set to improve systems

Prince Rupert property owners will be asked to authorize borrowing of more than $2,800,000 if city council goes through with a sewerage and water supply master plan that it accepted in principle at a special meeting Friday.

Cost of sweeping improvements in sewerage and drainage system was estimated at $2,076,500, and price for completely revamping the city's water supply and distribution was set at $761,000 in a report submitted by D. A. Whelen of Associated Engineering Services Limited.

All recommendations were accepted in principle for further study. If approved, they will be placed before home owners as money bylaws.

However, council reserved the right to modify the plans so that the actual sum to be borrowed may be either less or more than the engineering firm's total estimate of $2,837,500.

City clerk-comptroller R. W. Long estimated that the city could repay the loan over a 20-year period.

The sewer plan provides for replacing and renewal of existing lines and for a large-scale extension program to be stretched over the next five years.

The water plan recommends the abandonment of the Woodworth Lake supply system and development of Shawatlan Lake as a water source.

The reports stated, however, that relocation of the water source would be feasible only if an agreement can be reached with Northern B.C. Power Company for a special rate for pumping water directly from Shawatlan Lake to the city reservoirs.

Increased power rates would make the project financially impossible, Mr. Whelen explained.

If negotiations with NBCPC are successful, the proposed scheme represents the most economical of four solutions studied, Mr. Whelen said.

The three other alternatives were not recommended because of substantially higher cost.

On the health aspect, Mr. Whelen said an extended test series has proved Shawatlan Lake water to be "completely acceptable."

Present facilities overworked

In stressing the urgent need for a supply system with larger capacity, Mr. Whelen pointed out that the supplementary booster pumps at the present time are operating around the clock and would not be able to service a demand growing with population.

Furthermore, the 45-year-old supply system has been repeatedly disrupted by leaks and breaks in the line, the report stated. During such breaks the city had to rely entirely on the emergency pumping plant at Shawatlan Lake.

The master plan also calls for modernization of the distribution system in the city.

It recommends construction of a 1,000,000 gallon reservoir at Montreal Circle to relieve present facilities which are pressed to the limit. Also suggested is installation of a new 18-inch distribution main from the proposed reservoir to the waterfront as main supplier of the waterfront zone.

The report states that the city has outgrown its water distribution system.

"Storage facilities are insufficient to meet expected fire requirements."

City Council expressed its satisfaction with the detailed 28-page report on water supply and distribution system and accepted it for further study.

When the plan is finally approved by council, it will likely be put to the vote at the same time as the sewer and drainage plan.

The 67-page report on sewers represents the results of a survey by the Associated Engineers from August, 1957, until February this year.

It calls for a five-year construction plan, with the last line to be laid in 1963.

It is a comprehensive replacement and extension program indicating step-by-step expenditures.

Nine of 10 old outfalls used

The city is divided into 10 areas, with one sewerage outfall to the ocean for each area. Nine of the existing 10 outfalls will be used under the new plan. Only exception is the Seal Cove outfall which is to be relocated in order to avoid pollution.

Largest chunk of money—$781,000—will be spent on the Hays Creek Basin, a large area draining into Hays Creek.

The Morse Creek basin has been allocated $443,000, and the Seal Cove basin construction is set at $386,000.

High construction costs were attributed by Mr. Whelen to "extremely difficult ground conditions."

However, Mr. Whelen added that "the price every individual property owner will have to pay is by no means excessive."

He said:

"Two million dollars may sound like a fantastic sum, but on a per capita basis it is not out of line with that we have found in comparable communities, such as Terrace."

Mr. Whelen warned that extreme conditions of topography plus rock and muskeg have made it impossible to obtain precise estimates on each section of the city. Therefore all estimates have been compiled with a view to giving an overall cost picture, he said.

He explained that the usual procedure would be to ratify the entire program first, and then draft separate bylaws for each specific part of the project.

Council agreed in principle to handle financing on two different systems—a utilities charge and a general rate charge.

The storm sewers, which carry only surface water, and the drainage sewers will be paid for by general taxation by way of mill rate. Cost of the sanitary sewers, carrying only the waste from plumbing fixtures and industrial processing, is to be raised on a monthly charge.

Reservations must for dance

Persons planning to attend the Centennial Armed Services Ball are asked to make party table reservations as soon as possible, John Laurie, publicity chairman of the sponsoring Canadian Legion branch No. 27, said today.

Mr. Laurie said that tickets are limited and a few are still available at Daily News, Manson Jewellers, Canadian Legion, Hills and Williams and the Grotto Cigar store.

Reservations can be made at any of the above places of business, Mr. Laurie said.

WEATHER—

Cloudy tomorrow with sunny periods in the afternoon. Little change in temperature. Winds west 15. Low tonight and high tomorrow 50 and 65. Sunday's high 62.3—low 48.

TIDES—

Tuesday, June 17, 1958
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	:54	20.9 feet
	13:52	18.8 feet
Low	7:36	3.5 feet
	19:34	7.2 feet