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Perfecting Plans For Invasion

Valley of Eternal Bloom—

NAAS RIVER COUNTRY, WITH ITS GREAT POTENTIALITIES, WORTHY OF POSTWAR CONSIDERATION

The valley of the Naas, designated by its Indian inhabitants as "the valley of eternal bloom," well deserves its poetic appellation. It is indeed a pleasant land and one that, when its potentialities are made more fully known and adequate means of access provided, should rank as one of the best of the fertile valleys of Northern British Columbia.

A conservative estimate of the agricultural land available in the Naas and tributary valleys may be assumed to be in the neighborhood of half a million acres. This would include first class farming lands such as rich bottom lands and second class side hill lands.

The main valley of the Naas is from ten to fifteen miles wide, narrowing in the upper and lower portions, the lower part being heavily timbered with here and there extensive bottom lands. The climate in this section is that of the coastal area, which changes to that of that interior as distance from coast is gained, and in the main Naas valley rainfall and snowfall is light with warm summers and bright clear winters.

Access to the valley is provided by the Naas River which flows into Portland Inlet, also by Bear River Pass at the head of Portland Canal and by two passes from the Skeena valley — the Cranberry Pass from Kitwanga and the Kitsumgalem Pass from Terrace. At the present time means of access are very inadequate being indifferent horse trails in the case of the land routes and small power boats on the river during the summer season.

About thirty years ago a number of settlers located near Aiyansh, an Indian village sixty miles from the mouth of the Naas, but, owing mainly to transportation difficulties, many of the settlers moved away and today only a few remain still looking forward to the time when the long-delayed improved means of communication have come to pass. These settlers, however, have demonstrated every branch of farming can be carried on successfully.

GREAT RESOURCES.

In the upper Naas valley many stretches of open lands occur, many of the hundreds of acres in extent, covered in the later part of June with grasses and peavines from four to five feet high. These natural hay meadows lie for the most part in the vicinity of travel routes yet to be opened up throughout the main tributary valleys.

Apart from agricultural potentialities, the Naas valley offers coal and mineral possibilities. A favorable oil structure has been reported and a large outcrop of bituminous coal was discovered about seventy years ago. The approximate location of this coal is known and efforts to relocate it were made but these ceased when the government withdrew the lands from entry. The coal outcrop originally discovered was twenty feet in thickness. It was not rediscovered in the extensive search made but many favorable indications were met with.

Anthracite coal in quantity is exposed in many places in the Groundhog coal fields at the head of the main Naas River. This field has been extensively investigated and now only awaits transportation facilities to be brought into production.

The occurrence of float hemitite has been reported in the neighborhood of the upper Naas and prospecting would no doubt locate its source.

The mountains to the westward of the Naas valley lie within the Coast Range mineral belt and several promising discoveries have been made but difficulties of access have so far retarded their exploitation.

Throughout the valley many heavily timbered areas occur, many of them approximating the better known stands of spruce of the Queen Charlotte Islands in extent and quality.

Water power is available at many points where large tributary streams descend rapidly, one of the main ones being the Meziaden Falls where the river, a hundred yards wide flows from Meziaden Lake, a stretch of water thirteen miles in length. The lake forms the spawning grounds for the salmon that yearly ascend the Naas in countless numbers. This lake, surrounded by mountains on its western side, is one of the most beautiful scenic lakes of British Columbia.

POSTWAR SETTLEMENT

At this time when the selection of suitable lands for the location of returned soldiers is of paramount importance it seems strange that, so far as is known, no consideration has been given to the Naas valley which has so many attractions to offer in good lands and good climatic conditions.

It is possible that its present difficulties of access may have proved a factor in preventing the valley receiving the consideration that the potentialties warrant. These difficulties, however, can be easily removed and the cost of construction of one or more roads into the valley would be comparatively light as the major portions of the roads would be through favorable conditions. It is now to be hoped that the long delayed advancement of this fertile valley will no longer be retarded.

Thirty years ago a railway was projected from Stewart to Edmonton via the Naas valley, Groundhog coal fields and Peace River. The route was surveyed and fourteen miles of railway constructed from Stewart but adverse financial conditions compelled work to cease. It is now possible that, with the changed conditions throughout the North, the enterprise may again become a live issue. These changed conditions now warrant more than ever the construction of an East-West railway from tidewater to the interior, Stewart and Hyder, lying at the head of the Portland Canal, are advantageously situated on an ice-free harbor commanding the natural gateway to the great Northwest.

No Drunks In Police Court

Public drunkenness and unbecoming conduct deserving arrest were at a minimum during the Christmas week-end, city police reported, and yesterday's docket in city police court was clear of charges under the liquor act or riotous conduct caused by drinking.

Constables, patrolling the streets in anticipation of a bumper harvest of inebriates, found that all the celebrants encountered who were under the influence of liquor were in a condition to profit by the caution and guidance of a policeman and thus avoid the censure of the law.

One traffic accident was reported. Mrs. Henry Bradley had one of her ankles badly injured when struck by a car.

Destroyer And Transport Lost

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP) — A United States destroyer and a coastal transport went down under Japanese bombs in the landings at Cape Gloucester on the western tip of New Britain Island, Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox, announced yesterday.

Japs Losses At Sea Now 536 Vessels

WASHINGTON D. C. Dec. 29 (AP)—The Department of the Navy revealed today that American submarines have sunk an enemy destroyer and eleven other vessels to bring to 536 the number of Japanese craft sunk, probably sunk or damaged by submarines on raids on Japanese supply lines in the south Pacific.

MARINES ARE ON ADVANCE

Push on Two Miles on Cape Gloucester — Regain Ground at Arawe.

MELBOURNE, Dec 29 — Despite stiffening Jap ground resistance and a heavy tropical rainstorm invading American Marines have moved two miles from the shore of New Britain where they landed Sunday at Cape Gloucester to within a mile and a half of the airdrome on the Cape.

At Arawe on New Britain Island Sixth Army patrols are scouring the jungle land above the base of the Peninsula resuming operations in an area from which the Americans were driven Sunday by a Jap counter attack.

Thirty-seven Japanese planes were destroyed in enemy raids on Allied positions at Arawe where the Americans have established their bridgehead on New Britain Allied headquarters announced today.

Anticipates Unemployed

OTTAWA, Dec. 29—M. F. Coldwell, national leader of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, expects there will be 100,000 unemployed in Canada by April 1 with the laying off of employees in war industries.

Coldwell expects there will be a general election in spring.

MAY TRY AMERICANS

OTTAWA — An order-in-council was passed today permitting American service courts to try members of United States forces in Canada on any charge. Witnesses may be called.

FOUNDATIONS NEARLY DONE

Headway Being Made With New Wartime Housing School Building at East End of City.

Pouring of concrete is now well under way on the basement walls of the new six-room school being built on the east side of Conrad Street just off the join of Eighth Avenue and Hays Cove Avenue and soon the one-storey structure which is being put in to relieve the congestion of school population here due to the war industrial activity should begin to take definite shape. When it may be expected to be ready for occupancy and use is not being stated.

The school board recently requested that certain changes be made to the plans in the interests of better teaching conditions but what is being done about these suggestions does not appear to be known.

Service Folk Dominate the Travel Scene

The passenger records of the railway and steamship companies give definite reflection of the warlike set-up of the nation at the year's end. Dominating the travel sheets at local offices are the names of service personnel, coming and going in numbers which dwarf to a mere trickle the proportion of civilian traffic.

The swollen torrent of travelling service people now fills both incoming and outgoing boats and trains. With Christmas leave ending for some and New Year's leave beginning for others, it would appear that about 75 per cent wear the King's or somebody else's uniform.

Of the tiny percentage of civilian travellers, a large part is composed of workers on construction projects coming and going on holiday leave.

In general, the picture appears to be this: at least part of those of whom the war has called away are taking the opportunity of spending a short time at home and those whom the war has left physically undisturbed are remaining at home to greet them. And that is fitting.

FATAL 'FRISCO FIRE

SAN FRANCISCO — Three persons were burned to death in a downtown moving picture theatre fire today.

Three Nazi Subs Sunk

British Naval Units and Aircraft Take Bag in Biscay.

LONDON, Dec. 29—A joint communique from the British Admiralty and Air Ministry revealed that naval units and coastal command aircraft attacked a nazi force in the Bay of Biscay waters off the French coast and sunk three Nazi destroyers.

DELIVERED FINAL BLOW

H.M.S. Jamaica Gets Credit for Finishing Off German Battleship.

LONDON, Dec. 29 (AP)—It was the cruiser Jamaica which delivered the death blow to the 26,000-ton Nazi battleship Scharnhorst which was sunk in a naval battle off the northern coast of Norway on Sunday. The Jamaica drove home a torpedo after the battleship Duke of York had delivered broadsides.

The Admiralty announced Monday night that minor damage to two warships was the only cost to the Home Fleet in the sinking of the Scharnhorst and that the convoy on which Scharnhorst sought to prey escaped unmolested.

"Germany's 26,000-ton battleship Scharnhorst outwitted and trapped, sank in the Arctic under salvoes and torpedoes from the battleship Duke of York and a force of Royal Navy cruisers and destroyers," the Admiralty officialy disclosed Tuesday night. A salvo from a cruiser first sent the Scharnhorst fleeing, a broadside from the Duke of York sent her reeling, then four destroyers trapped and slowed her with three torpedoes, the cruiser Jamaica moving in with the death salvo that sent the Nazi raider to the bottom.

Churchill To Speak Shortly

LONDON, Dec. 29—The Daily Mail said yesterday that Prime Minister Winston Churchill will make a speech soon on invasion plans in the preparations for which he has been fully participating in spite of his illness.

TO REMOVE NUISANCE—

CITY OFFERED USE OF U.S. INCINERATOR

The United States government has offered to extend the hours of operation at the newly established incinerator situated on Shawatlans Road near the city limits to take care of garbage collected in the city of Prince Rupert and Dr. R. G. Knipe, medical health officer, to whom the offer is addressed, is strongly urging its acceptance in the interest of the public health. By accepting the offer, which will come before the city council, Dr. Knipe points out it would be possible to eliminate the foul open burn which now billows forth clouds of ill-smelling smoke sometimes reaching the city as well as being a reservoir for rats and flies to say nothing of myriads of possibly less objectionable sea gulls.

The incinerator which has been established by the United States government has a capacity of seventy tons per day and is now burning about twenty-five tons daily originating from the United States forces and installations here as well as at Port Edward in addition to the garbage from the army, navy and air force at Prince Rupert. It is a model plant developing great heat capable of consuming all types of garbage except ashes, glass and non-combustible materials in large quantities.

The United States authorities are offering to take care of municipal garbage subject to the conditions that the city pay for all water and light consumed at the plant and that the garbage delivered to the plant be dry and free of the non-combustibles such as ashes and glass.

To facilitate the use of the type of the sanitary trucks operated by the city, the United States is ready to construct a ramp to the unloading platform at a cost not to exceed $100, the city to reimburse the United States government for the actual cost of constructing the ramp.

At the present time the city is burning — or attempting to burn—its garbage alongside the modern incinerator in its crude and inefficient dump, an inspection of which yesterday revealed an unsightly and smelly mess.

CANUCKS DESTROY U-BOATS

OTTAWA—Canadian planes have destroyed three German U-boats, one off Iceland and two off Ireland.

Britons To Command Naval and Air Force In European Assault

LONDON, Dec. 29 (CP)—The overall Allied High Command for the approaching western invasion of Europe was virtually completed today with the appointment of two Britons to command naval aid air forces which will operate under General Dwight Eisenhower. Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay, who planned the naval phase of the North African and Mediterranean operations, has been named naval commander-in-chief and Sir Marshal T. L. Leigh-Mallory, head of the Royal Air Force fighter command, has been chosen to lead the aerial forces.

It was reported today that Prime Minister Winston Churchill gave his final approval to western Europe invasion plans at a recent conference in Cairo with General Eisenhower and Air Marshal Tedder.

BULLETINS

U.S. RAIL SITUATION

WASHINGTON — President Roosevelt hopes the strike emergency will soon be over and the railways back in private hands. The entire wage structure of the railways had been frozen. Unions have finally decided to call off the strike which was due for tomorrow.

CHURCHILL BETTER

LONDON — Prime Minister Churchill continues to make satisfactory progress. It is announced there will be no more bulletins, indicating that he is out of danger.

YEAR'S BEST PICTURE

NEW YORK — Moving picture critics adjudge "Watch on the Rhine" the best picture of the year. Paul Lukas is the featured player in the picture.

BRITONS INVITED

TORONTO—Premier George Drew of Ontario has invited British manufacturers and workers to come to Canada after the war to start industries.

GREAT JAP OFFENSIVE

TOKYO — Japanese spokesmen officially boasted today of a projected big offensive in the Pacific this year to drive out the last trace of Anglo-American influence in eastern Asia.

WHITEHORSE FIRE

WHITEHORSE — Whitehorse shops of the Yukon and White Pass Route, under lease to the United States government, have been destroyed by fire but there is no interruption of service.

SPECTACULAR RED ADVANCE

STORMING CITIES

LONDON, Dec. 29 (CP)—Six days after Soviet troops had regained the offensive, the Red Army today stormed the outer defences of Zhitomir and Koroseten, strategic junction points on the Leningrad Odessa railway, 80 miles west of the Ukrainian capital of Kiev. Dispatches from the front placed one Soviet spearhead within ten miles of Zhitomir after sweeping through Korostishev and Smolovka Heavy Soviet field guns are softening the city's de-

MOSCOW, Dec. 29, (AP) — The Red Army, advancing all along the line, swung southwest of Kiev yesterday in a new plunge toward Rumania and the old Polish border, cutting two railroads out of the German's fast dwindling network of communications and threatening the flank of enemy forces along the lower Dnieper river.

The Russians' spectacular advance through the town of Andrushevka, 120 miles from the Rumanian frontier, was preceded by terrific artillery barrages. It carried Russian troops forward approximately 40 miles from the starting point of the offensive in the Brusilov sector to within 15 miles of the Zhitomir-Odessa lateral railway lines.

This strategic railroad which Nazi Marshal Fritz Von Mannstein cleared at heavy cost by his ill-fated November tank onslaught, was again in imminent danger according to front line despatches.

Todays report said that sixty more communities have been overrun in the latest forward sweep of the Russian Army west of Kiev and the Russian troops are now only one hundred and fifteen miles from the border of Rumania.

The Russian Baltic Army has beaten back eighteen German counter-attacks to capture several populated places in northern white Rusia on the approaches to Vitebsk.

Russians Recapture Korsten

MOSCOW, Dec. 29—It was officially announced today that Koresten, important railway and highway junction west of Kiev, had been recaptured by the Russians.

ATTACKS ON SARK

Commando Raids, Reported by Germans, Not Confirmed by Allies.

LONDON, Dec. 29 (AP) — The Germans said today that two British commando assaults had been carried out within three days on Sark in the Channel Islands which lie athwart any possible invasion path to the continent. None of the reports were confirmed by any Allied source.

Ortona Taken By Canadians

Undeterred By Fierce Nine Day Battle, Are Advancing On Pescara

ALGIERS, Dec. 19—It has been announced officially that Canadian troops of the Eighth Army after nine days of bitter fighting have captured the port of Ortona and even now are pushing on up the coast toward Pescara. Today troops of the Canadian First Division, following the capture of Ortona in the most violent house-to-house battle of the Mediterranean campaign, smashed along the north coast in snow and sleet today towards Pescara which is Rome's Adriatic port. The Allied communique announced "the bitter struggle for Ortona is over after eight days." The drive toward Pescara, which is eleven miles up the coast from Ootona, is being hindered by high winds and snow, the communique said.

On the Fifth Army front British troops have beaten off a sharp German attack near the mouth of the Garigliano River.

In the air war Allies' medium bombed by Allied planes and fied objectives near Rome. The Germans claimed that yesterday at noon Rome itself was bombed by Allietd planes and the Nazi controlled Paris radio has asserted that Allied bombs fell near Saint Peter's Basilica.

Woman And Progeny Born At Same Hour

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 29 (AP) — Three generations of the Williams family, of Sydney — the 48-year-old mother, her two daughters, and a granddaughter —were all born at the same hour —9:30 p.m.

Mrs. Winifred Florence Williams was born in 1895. Her daughter, Mrs. Alma Edith Anderson, was born 22 years ago, and another daughter, Irene Marie 20 years ago.

To make the sequence complete, Mrs. Anderson's baby daughter, Joan Florence, was born at South Sydney Women's Hospital at 9:30 p.m. recently.

"They told me at South Sydney Hospital that I nearly died at 9:30 p.m. I must have pulled through to maintain the family record," said Mrs. Anderson, whose husband, L.-Cpl. John Allen Anderson is with the Australian Imperial Force.

Mosquitoes Make Attack

LONDON—The Air Ministry has announced that speedy Mosquito bombers attacked western German objectives during the night and returned to their bases without loss.

Pair Choose Speedy Trial

Thomas Scully and William Ryall, charged with committing robbery with violence against John McFee, a construction worker on December 21, appeared before Judge W. E. Fisher in county court this morning and elected to have a speedy trial. The date of the trial was set for January 4. Neither of the men is represented by counsel.

Clans' Reaction Feared by Piper

LONDON, Dec. 29 (AP) — Some was in London's Cricklewood district is in for a sound beating if Pipe-Major Jock McCall ever gets his hands on him.

He's really angry, all because somebody told local newspapers that the fire-watching bagpiper had offered to give six lessons on his pipes to aid a benevolent fund.

"It's made me a laughing stock in piping circles," he complained, bitterly. "You couldn't learn to play the pipes in six lessons, let alone 60 lessons."

But he's more concerned about what the Scottish Clans Association will say if they hear about it.

"I'll be afraid to face them after this," he said.

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A 1943 Retrospect . . .

The year 1943, over which we may now retrospect as it fades, was the year in which Hitler was stopped and turned back, though still far from defeated; the year the United Nations finally invaded continental Europe in force. But perhaps history will find the year even more memorable because for the first time it saw the Big Three — Churchill, Roosevelt, Stalin—gather round a table to plot both the course of the war and the shape of the peace.

The leaders of the British Empire, the United States and the Soviet Union met at Teheran, capital of Iran—the ancient land of the Persians—early in December after preliminary spadework had been done at the foreign secretaries' meeting in Moscow in October, attended by Anthony Eden, Cordell Hull and Vyacheslav Molotov.

From the Teheran conference emerged a joint declaration that Germany's military power will be destroyed by land, sea and air and that an enduring peace will follow, in which all nations, great and small, will participate.

The conference was preceded by another of almost equal importance in which Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt and President Chiang Kai-shek of China, assembled in the shadow of the pyramids of Egypt, decided that the ultimate defeat of Japan will be followed by the stripping from her of all her fruits of aggression — Manchuria, Korea, Malaya, the Philippines, the Netherlands East Indies and scores of other islands.

Other important gatherings in this year in which statesmen's meetings shared headlines with the deeds of the fighting men included the Churchill-Roosevelt-Inonu talks at Cairo in which Turkey's place in the war was mapped; the Quebec conference of Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt in August and the Casablanca conference in January.

All these talks, involving not only the leaders but the military staffs, spurred on the fighting forces.

The Germans were cleared out of all of Africa: British, American and Canadian troops conquered Sicily and more than one-third of Italy; the U-boat was reduced from a vital threat to Britain's life-lines to the point where Hitler was lucky if he could count one merchantman sunk for every submarine he lost; Russia reconquered vast stretches of the Ukraine, the Donets basin and White Russia, inflicting tremendous losses on the German army.

In the Pacific the United Nations nibbled more and more deeply into Japan's gains of 1942. Far to the north the Americans conquered Attu and a joint American-Canadian force found Kiska deserted by the enemy; the whole of western New Guinea was cleared up by Australian troops and American-Australian airmen. New Georgia, Guadalcanal, the Gilberts and several other Pacific islands were recaptured. Lord Louis Mountbatten, appointed Allied commander in southeast Asia, began planning a major offensive from India.

In the air the power of attack directed against Germany's war machine reached heights only dreamed about by Allied planners in the earlier years of the war. By night the R.A.F. and R.C.A.F., by day the Americans, scourged the Reich. Much of Berlin was destroyed. Hamburg became a shambles, Leipzig, Hanover, Bremen, a score of cities felt the impact of concentrated raids.

The Axis fell apart when Mussolini was forced from his 20-year hold on the Italian people. Italy surrendered and was declared a co-belligerent of the United Nations and toward the year-end Italian troops swung into action beside the Allies on the Italian front. Mussolini set up a puppet regime under Hitler for the part of Italy still held by the Germans.

YugoSlavia turned from underground sabotage to actual warfare against the Germans with Marshal Broz's partisans who wear the red star of Russia on their uniforms bearing the brunt of the fighting. Bulgaria appeared nearing the end of her subservience to the Nazis. Greece was seething. France felt new hope for the future following the estalishment of the Committee of National Liberation under Gen. Charles de Gaulle and the reconquest of Corsica.

The year saw two reverses to British arms. Following Mussolini's downfall the Middle East command moved troops and some air strength into the Dodecanese islands of Kos and Leros, and the Greek island of Samos, off the Turkish coast. But these advanced posts, nestled well within striking range of German aerial power from Crete and Greece, proved untenable and they were recaptured by the enemy.

The other reverse was on the opposite side of the world. Field Marshal Lord Wavell, now viceroy of India, sent a relatively small force into Burma with the apparent objective of retaking Akyab. But heavy resistance and the strength of the Japanese forced the expedition to withdraw into India.

For Canada the year was marked first of all by the exploits of her 1st division. Eager for action after years of tedious training in Britain the division plunged from their troopships onto the Sicilian beaches on the morning of July 10.

Then, with British troops on their right and Americans on their left the Canadians, a part of Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's world-renowned British 8th Army, drove northward in the model 38-day campaign. Sicily was overrun after hard battles. Canada's share in the casualties was 454 killed, 1,783 wounded, 158 missing.

Refreshed and refitted after this campaign, the 1st division carried its Red Patch shoulder markings across the straits of Messina on Sept. 3. From there it fought its way through the foot of Italy and up the Apennine mountains to Campobasso and beyond. As the year-end approached the division was shifted across the front to the Adriatic coast where it forced a passage of the Moro river in heavy fighting.

Now it has been reinforced by at least one other division and for the first time since 1918 a Canadian Corps is in the field against the enemy.

In the air Canadians fought either in their own squadrons or those of the R.A.F. in every theatre of war. From Britain where the R.C.A.F. bomber group was formed on Jan. 1, the group has played its full share in blasting the enemy's cities. Over the Atlantic the R.C.A.F. flies daily in protecting convoys. A Canadian fighter wing helps guard bomber expeditions by day across the Channel. Canadian squadrons fight in the Mediterranean area.

At sea the Royal Canadian Navy—an ever-growing, hard-hitting force—carries much of the load of protecting the convoys. Its corvettes and destroyers have earned glowing praise and have paid the price in a number of losses.

MESSAGES TO U.S. FORCES

Christmas Greetings of President and Secretary of War To Men Serving Abroad.

The United States forces in this country as well as elsewhere throughout the world received Christmas messages from the President and commander-in-chief, Franklin D. Roosevelt, as well as from the Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimson, and the Chief of Army Staff, General George C. Marshall.

The message from the President was as follows:

"Two years ago America observed Christmas in the first dark hours of a global war. By sacrifice and courage and stern devotion to duty you accepted the challenge boldly. You have met and overcome a determined enemy on the land, on the sea and in the air. Fighting with skill and bravery you have already destroyed his dream of conquest. This Christmas I feel a sense of deep humility before the great courage of the men and women of our armed forces. As your commander-in-chief I send my greetings with pride in your heroic accomplishments. For you the nation's prayers will be raised on Christmas Day. Through you at last the Peace of Christmas will be restored to this land in our certain victory.

"To our ill or wounded fighters in behalf of a grateful nation I welcome the privilege of sending you Christmas good wishes. The accomplishments and gallantry of every American soldier and sailor in quiet patient battle against illness and aching wounds is no less epic than this uncompromising gallantry in his more widely heralded fight against the Axis. We cannot wish you a Merry Christmas. We can salute you best and we do. We can pray and we do. May God speed your recovery."

From Mr. Stimson

Mr. Stimson's message: "In the midst of war the coming of Christmas has a deep significance. Christmas becomes the symbol of our hopes for peace and goodwill for our nation and throughout the world. Our thoughts turn to the men and women who will spend this Christmas Day far from home many on the field of battle itself, striving to bring about the victory which will realize this Christmas hope of future peace. These thoughts are in my mind as I send my greetings not only to your troops but to the thousands of civilians who are serving in the military establishments which provide arms and equipment for the front. Whatever and wherever your station I know that you are performing with soldierly devotion the duty to which you have been assigned and at this Christmas season I wish to express my deep appreciation to you. In the theatres of war our troops have accepted hardships and sacrifices with a fortitude which recognizes that these are the necessary price of victory. Your deeds on the battlefields have been an inspiration to millions of your countrymen. To the love which your families and friends hold for you has been added the gratefulness of the nation. In this spirit I send you my greetings. Throughout America the light of Christmas burns brightly in remembrance of you and in prayers for your return. God grant that your hands may be strengthened and hasten the day of final victory. Upon you and your comrades in arms the world depends for the restoration of Christmas Day as a symbol of Peace on Earth."

General Marshal

General Marshal, Chief of Staff of the Army: "Christmas this year finds our army deployed in greatly increased strength throughout the world, an army of battle tested veterans. Victories, some of them great victories, are constantly being won in the air, on the ground and over the beaches of the Aleutians, the far Pacific and the Mediterranean. German industries and cities are being pounded to a pulp. The German and Japanese Air Forces are being bled white with rapidly accumulating losses. However desperate the fighting or difficult the climate, however tragic the losses of fine young Americans lives our opponents are suffering far more severely and suffering with knowledge constantly before them of impending defeat and destruction. All America is filled with pride in the feats of the armies. The troops at home inspired by what has been done in the field are impatient to get into the fighting. Every resource we possess is being employed to hasten the victory. Wherever you are, especially you in lonely posts this Christmas message goes to you with my heartfelt thanks, with my prayer for your success and safety and with complete confidence in your soldierly determinations to crash through every barrier and enemy to a triumphant test of our democracy and of our people. God bless you all. May your Christmas be a cheerful one."

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Editor, Daily News:

It was not until perusing reports of the pioneers' dinner last week that I saw a grave error by which I was purported to have said that I arrived at Port Essington in 1904. This should have read 1905. The writer was asked by the late Archbishop DuVernet in Toronto in 1904 to come here but arrival was not until 1905. If there is a more rightful claimant to the prize I would be pleased to turn it over together with the treasured tag. The prize is still unused although the writer is fond of a game of cribbage.

W. F. Rushbrook

Tom Young of Terrace Dies

TERRACE, Dec 29 — One of the best known and most liked pioneers of Terrace has passed away in Vancouver in the person of Tom Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Young came here in the early days and Mr. Young engaged in the hauling business when horses were the usual means of conveyance. He ran a regular service with what was known as Oil City a camp which was set up a mile from the Village to drill for oil.

Perhaps Mr. Young will longest be remembered by his inimical rendering of the address to "The Haggis" a duty which he always discharged while the annual banquet on Burns' Night was the vogue.

The sympathy of all is extended to his window and to their daughter, Miss Janet Young, both of whom continue at the old home.

Louisa Calder Passes Away

The death occurred in St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, on December 26 of Mrs. Louisa Calder, of Greenville after being in hospital for more than two months.

The deceased, who was well known along the Naas River, was the wife of Chief Arthur Calder, who passed away several years ago. She was fifty years of age. Her Christian way of life was a source of great inspiration and respect among those who knew her.

Surviving are one son, Frank, attending university in Vancouver, one daughter, Mrs. Alex Stephens of Greenville, three sisters, Mrs. Johnson Russ and Mrs. Job Clark of Greenville, and Mrs. Stephen Eli, of Aiyansh, and one brother, Sam Gray, of Greenville.

The body of the deceased will be taken up the Naas river for burial as soon as it arrives in Prince Rupert from Vancouver.

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JANUARY PICTURES

Interesting List of Bookings Announced for Coming Month

Capital Theatre bookings for January are announced as follows

December 31 (New Years Eve) —Special stage and screen show

Dec. 31- Jan 1—"Salute To The Marines" with Wallace Beery, Fay Bainter.

Jan. 2 (Sunday Midnight)—"Petticoat Larceny", with Richard Warick, "It Happened in Flatbush" with Lloyd Nolan, Carol Landis.

Jan. 3-4—"The Constant Nymph" with Charles Boyer, Joan Fontaine.

Jan. 5-6 — "Something to Shout About" with Don Ameche, Jack Oakie.

Jan. 7-8—"I Dood It" with Red Skelton, Eleanor Powell.

Jan. 9 (Sunday Midnight)—"Ladies' Day" with Lupe Valez, "Moon Over Her Shoulder", with Lynn Bari.

Jan. 10-11—"Pittsburgh" with Marlene Dietrich, John Wayne.

Jan. 12—"Jitterbugs" with Laurel and Hardy.

Jan. 13-14-15 — "China" with Loretta Young, Alan Ladd.

Jan. 16 (Sunday Midnight)—"Marry The Bosses Daughter" with Brenda Joyce. "Daring Young Man" with Joe E. Brown, Marguerite Chapman.

Jan. 17-18—"Background To Danger" with George Raft, Brenda Marshall.

Jan. 19 — "The Common Touch", with Greta Gynt.

Jan. 20-21-22 — "Sweet Rosie O'Grady" with Betty Grable, Robert Young.

Jan. 23 (Sunday Midnight)—"Man at Large" with Marjorie Weaver.

Jan. 24-25—"Dr. Gillespie's Criminal Case" with Lionel Barrymore, Van Johnson.

Jan. 26-27-28-29 — "Lassie Come Home" with Roddie McDowell.

Metlakatla Day School Celebration

METLAKATLA, Dec. 29 — On Wednesday last the pupils of the Metlakatla day school gave a highly successful concert in the Community Hall before a full house. All the scholars participated and had been trained by Rev. B. Shearman. The songs and recitations rendered were "O Canada," "Choruses," "I Wandered Today, Maggie," "Old Black Joe," "Mr. Nobody," "My Bonnie is Over the Ocean," "There'll Always be an land," "Why?" "Old Smith," "Smiling," and National Anthem.

After the concert, there great excitement over Christmas tree, which had decorated by Ernest Louth. William Leask was Santa and was assisted by Mrs. Shearman and Leonard L ton. Fruit and candies were tributed to all present.

Addresses of gratitude in chosen words, to Rev. and B. Shearman, were made Chief Councillor William L and Mr. Prevost.

Rev. B. Shearman re and, at the same time, th ed the council for the of the hall and called hearty clapping of hands the girls and boys who had so well in the concert.

The elder girls of the gave a short but su dance until midnight.

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

NOTICE is hereby given that Reserve established under authority of Order-in-Council No. 387 proved October 13th, 1941, which was published in the B. Columbia Gazette on October 1941, is cancelled in so far as it lates to the Fractional Section of the South-West Quarter of 3400, comprising 62 acres, and Fractional North Half of Lot comprising 192 acres, both in R. 5, Coast District.

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FORMER LOCAL WOMAN PASSES

Many pioneers in Prince Rupert will regret to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. T. Ross Mackay on Sunday in Vancouver.

Besides her daughter and son-in-law, Jean and David R. Barclay, Mrs. Mackay is survived by two grandchildren, Peggy and David Barclay, two sisters—Mrs. J. G. Whitacre and Mrs. L. Conroy, all of Vancouver, and one brother, William Mills, of St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mrs. Mackay was born in Goderich, Ontario, and came as a small girl to Vancouver, where her father, the late Richard Mills, was a pioneer businessman and one of the city's first aldermen.

In 1920 Mr. and Mrs. Mackay moved to Prince Rupert, where Mr. Mackay lived until his death in 1935. Mrs. Mackay had just left to reside in Vancouver in September of this year.

Mount Pleasant Undertaking Co. were in charge of the funeral arrangements and burial was in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery this afternoon.

Terrace

Mrs. Lloyd Johnston and Miss Norma Kenney are here from Vancouver to spend the Christmas and New Year holiday season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Kenney.

Terrace had a green Christmas. Sleet and snow fell the day after but Christmas Day was soft and mild and here and there a few flowers had continued to bloom in the gardens.

Appointed Head Of War Shipping

OTTAWA, Dec. 29 (CP)—C. L. Deard of Montreal says he has been appointed president of Wartime Merchant Shipping Limited, succeeding H. R. Macmillan of Vancouver.

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Moose Ladies New Years dance Oddfellows' Hall, Dec. 29, 10 to 2. Jean De Carlo's orchestra. Refreshments.

Burns' Tea at the home of Mrs. George Mitchell, January 26th.

P.R.D.D. Employees Association New Year's Eve Dance. Only ticket holders will be admitted. Tickets are all sold out.

Funeral Notice

All members of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L. and veteraps are requested to attend the funeral of our late comrade William H. Wilson, ex-11th C.M.R., formerly of Usk, B. C. and member of Prince Rupert Branch. Funeral will take place at Grenville Court Chapel at 2 o'clock Thursday. Fall in at Legion at 1:40. Taxis at Legion Hall in case of rain.

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4:00—Sound Off
4:15—G. I. Jive
4:30—To be announced
5:00—To be announced
5:30—Personal Album
5:45—Melody Roundup
6:00—CBC News
6:05—Recorded Interlude
6:15—Are You a Genius?
6:30—Of Things to Come
7:00—Burns and Allen
7:30—Red Skelton
8:00—Fred Waring
8:15—Front Line Family
8:30—Carnival of Music
9:00—Kay Kyser
9:30—Leicester Square
10:00—CBC News
10:05—Recorded Interlude
10:15—Harry James
10:30—Eventide
11:00—Silent.

THURSDAY
A.M.

7:30—Musical Clock
7:45—CBC News
7:50—Musical Clock
8:30—Morning Devotions
8:45—Jan Garber's Orchestra
9:00—Morning Visit
9:15—Richard Crooks
9:30—CBC News
9:35—Transcribed Varieties
10:00—Friml Melodies
10:15—Consumer Service
10:30—Gene Autry
10:45—They Tell Me
11:00—Scandinavian Melodies
11:15—Broadcast of Messages
11:17—Recorded Interlude
11:45—Hawaiian Echoes

P.M.

12:00—March Time
12:30—Spotlight Bands
12:45—CBC News
12:50—Recorded Interlude
12:55—Program Resume
1:00—One Night Stand
1:30—Rebroadcast Kay Harper
2:00—Silent.

Lieut. Col. G. C. Oswell, commanding officer of the Prince Rupert Machine Gun Regiment, returned to the city this morning from a Christmas visit to his home at Victoria.

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ACTIVITIES OF Y.M.C.A. AND Y.W.C.A.

By DOROTHY GARBUTT

The Sunday night concert at the Capitol was a great success and once more proves a point I've dinned into your ears so often and that is that local talent can be quite as good as the imported variety. Opening with community singing the first act was Lester Patrick in one of his inimitable "Albert" recitations. This time it was a topical one about Albert's plum pudding. Next the Chatham Can Can dancers went through their unforgettable contortions in what some people laughingly call a dance. Grace is not their long suit but they are funy. Syd Moore, the latest find, then came out in a number of songs to the accompaniment of his ukelele a la George Formby. He was called on time an again. A sketch from the Chatty Ham Revue followed. Then two stewards, Mel Brown and Clyde Mirreau, played old time reels and jigs in the traditional manner and were loudly applauded. Once more Syd Moore and then Lester Patrick and George, full name George Throckmorton, went into their ventriloquist act which amused the audience as much for its novelty as for its wisecracks. As the finale an hilarious one act skit was put on by Carl Clay and the Hamblin sisters. Rather they were the Hamblin sisters when first they put it one a year and a half ago, but since then Eileen has married and Phyllis has joined the CWACs. However, as Phyllis is home on furlough, Carl, (Man-of-the-moment) Clay decided it was the very time for a revival. And it went over very well.

Another call for irons has gone out. This time it's for six irons and the "SOS" is from the navy. I told them they were unduly optimistic as nearly all the spare irons have been given us but still I said I'd try.

Mrs. Harry Calderwood, our YWCA hospital visitor for December, reported a new baby on our list. This time the proud father is with the Acropolis troops and the mother is a Prince Rupert girl. The baby's name is Andrew Frederick Nuss. He was born on December 21 and weighed seven pounds five ounces at birth. His parents are First Class Private and Mrs. Andrew Nuss. Congratulations proud parents, you've gone international in a big way!

Housewarming At Kitsegukla

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wesley Have Happy Time With Family.

KITSEGUKLA, Dec. 29 — Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wesley spent a most enjoyable Christmas with their respective families. On December 22 they held a house warming party to which sixty guests were invited. Fifty sat down to a bounteous dinner served by Mrs. Wesley ably assisted by her daughters, the Misses Norah and Violet Wesley and by her sister, Miss Anne McDames, who came from her teaching duties at Walcott to spend Christmas, also Mrs. D. Wesley, Mrs. W. Wesley. Douglas Walter and E. Wesley were serviteurs.

After dinner speeches were made by Chief Martha Maulghin, Stephen Morgan, James Weget, Jeffrey Johnson, Bert Russell, Arthur Sampare, Simon Turner, Matthew Jones, Jacob Milton Alfred McDames, Arthur McDames, Joseph Wesley and Moses Jones. Peter Mark proposed a toast to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wesley in which he bestowed the old family name of their home "Tchim-Daagk" on the new house. Ed Wesley replied suitably. Mrs. Simon Turner made a delightful speech also.

In the evening all guests went to the Community Hall where a dance was held for all the villagers. During intermission Miss Anne McDames played a piano solo, Norah and Violet Wesley sang solos, also a quartet with Miss Sarah McDames, Douglas Wesley and Herbert Wesley. A duet with actions was sung by Walter Wesley and Freddie Sampare much to the delight of the crowd.

Lunch was served at midnight and the dance lasted 'till the small hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Mc Dames arrived from their home in Terrace to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred McDames, Mr. McDames parents. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wesley had their Christmas dinner in their new home with only their immediate families. Mrs. Wesley's parents Mr. and Mrs. Alfred McDames sisters Anne and Sally McDames and brother with his bride Mr. and Mrs. McDames were present. Mr. Wesleys father, Joseph Wesley and his brother Herbert Wesley were also present, Mrs. McDa[illegible] mother Mrs. E. Kenney was guest.

After the usual turkey din[illegible] Santa arrived and distrib[illegible] gifts very generously to the present. In the evening [illegible] were played.

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