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# Booth Memorial School News

## Junior Council Week Is Being Observed by Classes

During the week of March 15 to 19 the Junior Council, under the sponsorship of Mr. Church has held various sales and concerts. The purpose of these was to raise money for the School Council.

On Wednesday the Junior High School held a home-made candy sale. The candy was donated by parents and pupils. The net take of this sale was \$7.50.

Thursday afternoon a most entertaining concert was staged by the Junior Council.

The entertainers were:  
Vocal solo, Eleanor Hood.  
Vocal duet, Mel Thompson and Reg. Lavigne.  
Violin solo, Vaughan Tattersall.

Tap dance, Maresa Windle, Diane Kennedy.  
Guitar, Richard Tweed.  
Piano solos, Al Forman, Laverna Linney.

The Junior Drama Club put on a skit at the concert. Those participating were Roy Peterson, Roberta Paul, and Jim Holt.

A hot dog and coke sale was held today at 12 o'clock.

From 7:30 to 11 p.m. tonight the school auditorium will be the scene of a Junior High dance. A raffle will be held at the dance. The winner of this raffle will get a Surprise Box. Games will be played in Room 13. Refreshments will be served.

## Student Voices

### TOWN VS. COUNTRY

I think from my own experience that living in a city is far more interesting than living in the country. During the war, evacuees, of which I was one, were very often sent to farm houses well in the country. The farms were usually far away from a school or village of any sort and, even if they were within easy distance, the schools were one-roomed with a teacher who usually was a young woman with no sense of discipline and no idea of any subject to be taught. However, the country children were forced, and I really mean forced, to attend. The village usually had a large green, an old village inn, a church, village store, and about twenty or thirty cottages. They were patronized and inhabited by a flock of old and young country men and women who were very strange to me. It was then that I had the most boring and hard-working time of my life. The life was composed of doing everything at once instead of doing things in turn.

I had to rise at 6:30 a.m. to help with the cows before I had breakfast. And then to school where I had to go before I could learn anything, which, I may add, I never did, where I had to go before I could become anything, which, I doubt, I ever shall. At home again, I had to feed the chickens and pigs and to have supper before I could go out to do nothing, before I could go to bed, to sleep, to get up again. This, I think, caused the strange fits, which we may call temporary unsteadiness, with which I am sometimes affected.

But enough of this life—let us get away from the country where everything was done before something else, to the town where things have a little spice, flavor and surprise about them. Town life is comprised of doing things after something you did after something else. This adds some unexpectedness and strangeness to life in towns. This gives people some ambition. Towns provide a lot of stores, cinemas, and other types of amusement. And above all you can "get up" at 7:30 a.m. instead of 6:30 a.m. and you can sleep in on some days. The schools have better equipment and teachers

**STUDENT EDITORS**  
Editor-in-Chief, Mary Mac-Afee.  
Social Editor, Yvonne Morin.  
Sports Editor, Charles Forbes.  
Typists—Jean Faught, Herdis Holkestad and Frances Olafson.

## Preparing For School Annual

The School Annual Club is working on the forthcoming School Annual and meets in room 16, under the supervision of Miss Cavalier. This club is comprised of 24 members. The officers of the club are as follows:

Editor, Harold Pierce.  
Assistant Editor, Bob MacArthur.  
Literary Editor, Bernice Garwood.  
Social Editor, Pat Guyan.  
Sports Editor, Ken Laurie.  
Secretary, Gerd Lien.  
Photographers — Bob MacArthur, Bruce Mills, Odd Eidsvik.

Typists—Helen Hamilton, Edna Gardner, Gerd Lien, Carol Brentzen.  
The advertising solicitors are Mildred Furunes, Dick Gilker, Bill Watts, Irene Hansen, Donna Kerrighan, and Frank Olsen.

All pictures of the graduates have been taken by photographers Bob MacArthur and Odd Eidsvik. Pictures of the class and the teaching staff are to be taken shortly.

who are able to teach people something. Most of the time, however, there are still some poor teachers but these only add to the enjoyment of school and life in general. As there are no pigs, chickens or those animals called cows. Sometimes there is peace which is enjoyed all the more for its variety. And there is usually, I say usually, because there is not always, something to do in a town and above all there are none of those despicable characters called country "yokels."

## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY TO AID CARNIVAL

Prince Rupert Horticultural Society and the Civic Centre will work together in preparation for the annual Civic Centre Carnival which will stress agricultural and horticultural exhibits. The carnival is scheduled to be held in the Civic Centre in August.

A meeting of the Horticultural Society appointed a committee to work in co-operation with the Civic Centre Association, but decided that a \$500 grant for prize money was insufficient to cover a first-class horticultural show. The committee appointed to prepare for the show consists of Mrs. E. W. Becker, C. P. Balagno and J. J. Payne.

The number of exhibits in a first class horticultural show could not be properly covered by the amount of prize money suggested, the meeting decided. In order to raise funds for operating, the meeting decided to put on a sale of perennial plants in the Civic Centre sometime in April. Date of the sale will be determined later. Chairman of the meeting was J. J. Payne.

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## The Recessional

THE LAST BRITISH TROOPS have pulled out of India. Something goes with them—some tradition of law and order, of stability and discipline. Something remains—thousands of lonely graves of simple men who fought and died loyally for what they believed was right. Now their faded battle flags are furled and the long sacrifice is over.

The parting was cordial. The bands played, reviewing native regiments snapped to attention, hands were raised in salute as the marching men moved down to their ships. Yet, some hearts were heavy. How will India fare without them? They came first as conquerors but it was as conciliators they stayed to keep the peace. Who will keep it now?

From India and Pakistan they trudged homeward, history makers leaving an alien and troubled land. The roster of their ranks was studded with famous names—the Somerset Light Infantry, the Black Watch, the Gordon Highlanders, led by skirling pipers, Skinners' Horse and the Bengal Lancers—names to evoke once more the days of the Widow of Windsor. There will be no more "Plain Tales from the Hills," no fresh adventures for the "Soldiers Three," no healing draughts from "Gunga Din" and no more British Tommies dying in Afghan passes.

This is indeed, the Recessional.

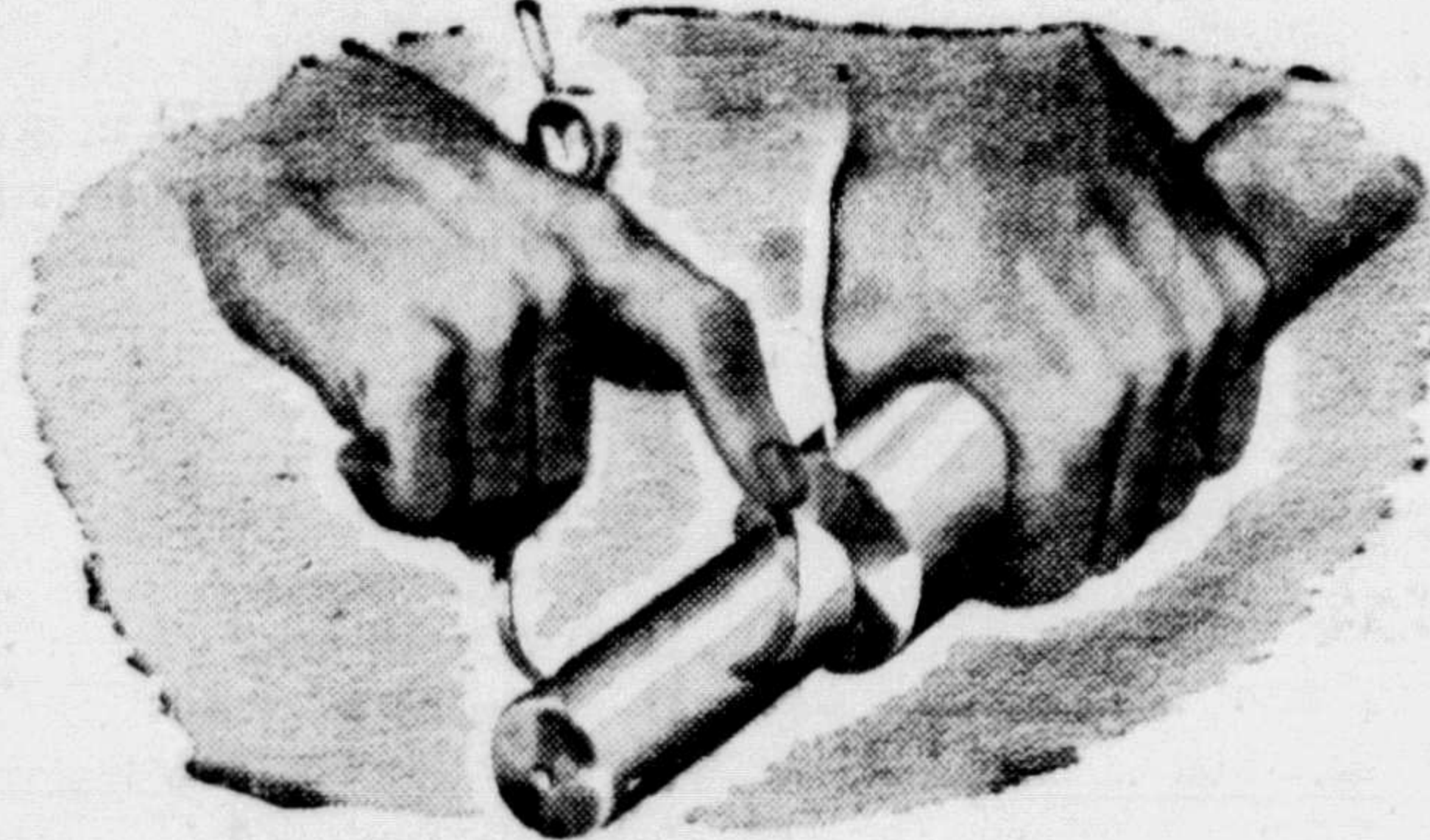
—New York Times.

### DIG IN FOR WARMTH

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A gross total of \$1951.16 was collected during the 1947-48 T. B. Seals sales campaign according to the report of Pierre LeRoss, chairman of the Kinsmen T. B. Seals committee. Postage, printing and advertising expenses amounted to only \$116.23, leaving \$1834.93 as the Prince Rupert area's contribution to the fight against tuberculosis.  
The amount raised this year by the people of this area is 10 per cent less than that of 1946-47 and, while final reports for the province have not yet been compiled, it is expected there will be an overall increase of about 8 per cent.  
Of the 2,612 letters mailed by the committee, 1123 with money, 239 without money and 1250 brought no reply, indicating 48 percent of the people letters were addressed to make a contribution.

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## Local News Items...

T. H. Wilford is sailing on the Catala tonight on a business trip to Klemtu.

● Hear Chavevadze in an all request recital Monday evening. Be thrilled by his brilliant interpretation of Chopin's "Polonaise." (1t)

Darrow Gomez sailed on the Prince Rupert last night for a trip to Vancouver.

● Rebekah's Spring Fashion Show with entertainment. Styles by Wallace's Dept. Store. This Friday night, 8 p.m., Civic Centre. (67)

● Easter Reservations — Have you made your reservations for Easter Day Dinner, March 28, at Civic Centre Dining Room, yet? Better Phone 231 today! (1t)

Lynn Galbraith, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Galbraith, is sailing on the Cardena tonight to spend a holiday with friends at Massett.

● Anyone knowing the present whereabouts of Burger Eberstrom, one time believed to be resident in British Columbia, please communicate with the Public Administrator, Provincial Building, Edmonton, Alberta. (1t)

A. B. Anderson, manager of Massett Sawmills, arrived in the city from Vancouver by air Thursday afternoon and will leave on the Cardena tonight on his way back to Massett.

● Attention! All Sons of Norway members, short business meeting Friday, March 19, at 8 o'clock, followed by "Brothers Evening." Meeting to take place in newly acquired hall on 5th and McBride. (1t)

● All entry forms for the Music and Drama Festival must be in the hands of the secretary, Mrs. J. H. Black not later than March 20. (67)

● 303 Taxi formerly at Three Sisters is now operating from Bert's Transfer across from the Liquor Store. (67)

Tom McKeown, district Sun Life insurance agent, sailed last night on the Prince Rupert for Vancouver where he will attend a company conference.

Arthur H. S. Moreton, representative of Your Health, official organ of the British Columbia Tuberculosis Society, Vancouver, is spending a few days in the city.

Col. S. D. Johnston, officer commanding the 120th Heavy Antiaircraft Battery and Capt. Lee Gordon of the local reserve unit, left this afternoon by air for Vancouver where they will attend a regional conference of officers and civilian advisors to the Reserve Army. Alderman Robert McKay accompanied them to take part in the meeting as a civilian advisor.

A. Gillanders of Terrace left the city by air today for Vancouver to attend a co-operative conference in the southern city.

● Get your Pink Card today if you have not already got one. Don't delay—cards issued from the office of H. G. Helgeson Ltd. (71)

Vic Giraud of Terrace arrived in the city on this morning's train from the interior to spend a few days on fisheries department business.

## Reminiscences and Reflections

By W.J.

Agitation for the legalizing of hospital sweepstakes in Canada will not be downed. Something, both for as well as against, can be said. It is certain, the average hospital is always in need of money and rarely, if ever, is there any prejudice against acceptance on grounds of its origin. A sweep has been called gambling. So is life!

If Princess Elizabeth should die without issue, who would be king?

The query, heard in Prince Rupert this week, led to many conflicting opinions. Arguments became warm. Finally came silence. The subject had become talked out, and none could say who really would be king. A quiet little man at last remarked: "The present one, I suppose."

Local school children were being quizzed the other evening and radio listeners were all attention.

"Who," it was asked, "can finish the words of the signal—'England expects that every...'"

"Dead silence. No one spoke."

"Come on. Someone must know! Big battle on the sea! Surely you can tell."

Another spell of strained stillness. And then, in words that sounded hurried and anxious—"do his duty."

Well, when you were nine or ten, Trafalgar was not so easy to spell or remember. And Horatio, too, was not without difficulties.

Speaking of sweepstakes, a killing actually was made in Prince Rupert some years ago.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
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## PRESBYTERIAN LADIES' TEA

Tulips, daffodils and pussy willows decorated the pourers' table and established a spring atmosphere at the tea held Thursday afternoon by the Ladies' Aid of First Presbyterian Church in the church rooms. The function was very successful and the large number of guests were received by Mrs. C. G. Ham, Ladies' Aid president.

At the pourers' table were Mrs. T. H. McCubbin, Mrs. M. McLeod, Mrs. M. J. Keays and Mrs. L. C. Eby. Serviteurs were Mrs. E. J. Smith, Mrs. Harry Robb, Mrs. J. A. Teng and Mrs. H. C. Halliday. Mrs. Bowes was general convener.

Assisting in the tea room were Mrs. W. W. Bowes, Mrs. Dan Kristmanson, Mrs. N. Macdonald, Mrs. J. A. Teng and Mrs. H. C. Halliday. Mrs. Bowes was general convener.

Cashier was Mrs. H. Calderwood. The home cooking booth was in charge of Mrs. T. A. McMeekin and Mrs. J. G. Garrett.

## ST. PATRICK'S DANCE ENJOYED

Ireland's shamrock was the motif for more than 200 people who attended the Junior Chamber of Commerce St. Patrick's day dance in the Civic Centre Wednesday night. Walls of the auditorium were decorated with the green leaves of Erin's national foliage and "green tie" was the accepted style of dress. Music was provided by the Four Dukes Orchestra. Novelty dances and balloon favors contributed to the fun. Prior to the dance, Junior Chamber members and friends gathered at the I.O. D.E. hall for a reception, later going to the Civic Centre. Committee in charge of the function consisted of James Ham, William Weiss, Ted Smith and David Bailey.

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ackenze, head of the and Dredging Co., carrying out extension work at Wat... for the Celinee Cor... American pulp mill, today on his return after a brief visit to the work here.

Miss Betty Soderlove, of the staff of the Bank of Montreal, at Stewart, is sailing on the Cardena tonight on a holiday trip to Massett. She arrived in the city from the north on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Peratrovich, of Ketchikan, arrived in the city on the Prince Rupert last night and will proceed on the Cardena tonight to visit Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Adams, at Massett.

**Announcements**  
All advertisements in this column will be charged for a full month at 25 cents a word

Rebekah Easter Parade, Civic Centre, March 19.  
Card Party, Civic Centre, March 19, 8 p.m.

Cubs and Scouts W.A. Tea, Sale of Home Cooking, Conrad Street School, Saturday, March 20.

St. Peter's Y.P.A. Bazaar, Parish Hall, March 27.

Queen Mary Chapter, I.O.D.E., Daffodil Tea, March 29.

Sea Cadets and Jobs' Daughters Combined Show and Musical Revue, March 31 and April 1, Navy Drill Hall.

Canadian Legion W. A. Spring Sale, March 31.

Anglican Easter Sale, April 1.  
J.C.C. Smoker, Moose Temple, April 2.

Card Party, Catholic School Hall, April 8, at 8 p.m.

Prince Rupert Symphony Orchestra Concert, April 9.

Presbyterian Spring Sale, April 15.

Orange Tea, April 21.

Women of the Moose Tea at the home of Mrs. C. McIntyre, 546 8th Ave. East on April 22.

Rotary Minstrel Show, evenings April 23 and 24. Children's matinee April 25.

United Church Spring Sale, April 29.

St. Peter's spring sale, May 6.

Mother's Day Tea, Home Cooking, Sonja Ladies, May 8, Sons of Norway Hall (I.O.D.E.) 5th Ave. East, 2 p.m.

Registered Nurses' Ass'n Tea, Nurses' Home, Wed., May 12.

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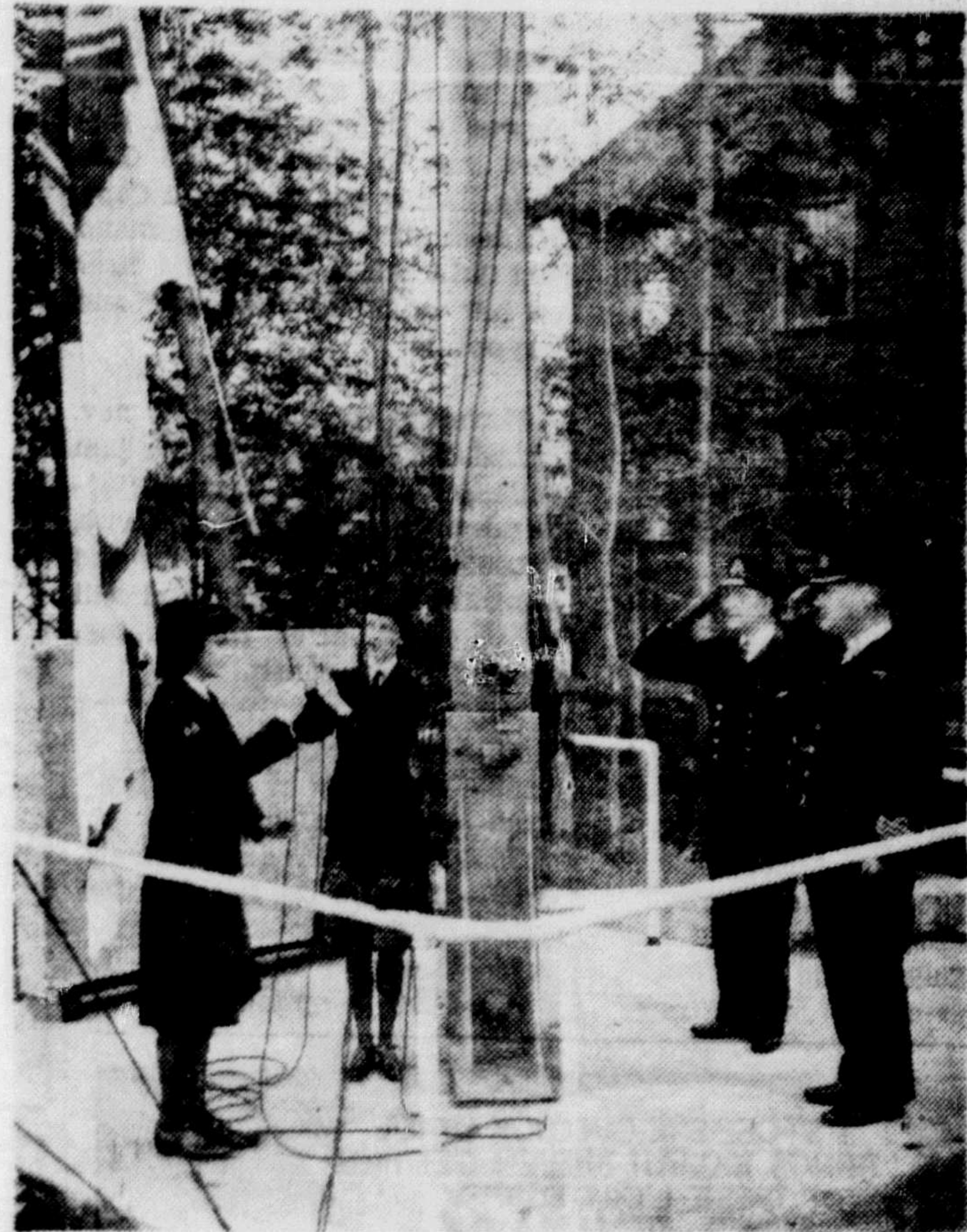
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## H.M.C.S. CHATHAM

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SATURDAY, MARCH 20

2:30 to 6 p.m.

**FREE PUBLIC DANCE**

9:30 to Midnight

## CHATHAM NATION - WIDE NAVAL LINK

### Welcome From C.O.

It is with pleasure that Prince Rupert's naval division accepts the opportunity to invite and welcome the public to W.B.C. (come alongside) H.M.C.S. Chatham Saturday afternoon, says Lt. Cdr. J. D. McRae, commanding officer. "In extending this invitation to attend the Division's 'open house,' it is our intention to acquaint the public with what goes on behind the scenes at the local Naval unit," he said.

The Division is an integral part of your community and as such feels that it has the support and interest of the general public.

"For the young man who wishes to become a part of the active group that makes up the Naval Reserve of Canada, there are many openings. Those enlisting in the Naval Reserve are required to take two hours' instruction each week which consists mainly of being taught to use naval equipment, rifle shooting and viewing instructional films. Recreation in the form of basketball and badminton is also a part of this two hour period. During free time the facilities of the Division are available to the personnel.

"As further training, Naval Service Headquarters desires that each officer and rating takes at least two weeks additional training and this to date has consisted in most cases, of a sea cruise. During the past year 12 local boys were able to take one of these trips which included visits to California ports, the Panama Zone and Eastern seaports. The Department of National Defence pays all expenses in connection with naval service activities and provides remuneration for all drills attended.

"This summer the naval tug and cutters which are at the disposition of H.M.C.S. Chatham



Lieut-Commander J. D. McRae, R.C.N. (R), commanding officer.

will be used to provide considerable training for the local reserves. The craft will also be used to carry organized swimming and picnic parties during the summer period."

In order to further publicize H.M.C.S. Chatham, a dance is being held in the Naval Drill hall Saturday night.

### Ship's Officers

LIEUT. CDR. J. D. McRAE  
Commanding Officer

LIEUT. THOMAS JOHNSTON  
First Lieutenant

LIEUT. WALTER SMITH  
Recruiting and Seamanship Officer

LIEUT. CARL SMITH  
Paymaster

SURGEON LIEUT. R. M. LANE

LIEUT. J. L. QUINN  
Staff Officer

More about H.M.C.S. Chatham on Page 6

### Western Anchor of 20 Reserve Divisions

H.M.C.S. Chatham, which will hold "Open House" Saturday from 2:30 to 6 p.m., is one of the 20 naval divisions which today span the Dominion from Prince Edward Island to Prince Rupert, and which are in direct touch with an urban population of nearly four and a half million Canadians. Though unaffected by the rise and fall of any tide, it is organized and operated in the sea-going tradition. A "quartermaster" greets the visitor as he comes "over the gangway" on to the "quarter deck" and directs him to the "ship's office," "the purser's store," the captain's "cabin," or wherever his business calls him.

Members of the "ship's company" have their hours of training or recreation timed by the "bells" struck each half hour by the quartermaster, or respond to the shrill strains of the bos'n's pipe." At the end of their evening's activities they return "ashore." All this is thoroughly natural and commonplace to the seaman, but to the newcomer it possesses an atmosphere and color that leaves him with his ear cocked for the sound of salt swells beating against the walls of the "ship."

The establishments of the Royal Canadian Navy (Reserve) are modern training centres erected specially for the purpose in recent years or, in a few cases, accommodation that was specifically adapted. They are the funnels through which came the 100,000 men who made up the bulk of the Royal Canadian Navy of World War II. They are the splendidly equipped centres of training where today Canada's naval reservists are being brought to a steadily improving standard of efficiency. They are also the recruiting offices through which come the new entries for the R.C.N.

There is both romance and significance in the background of the reserves. In World War I it was the volunteer, non-professional seamen who made up the greater part of the expanded R.

C.N. that reached a strength of about 6,000, but no attempt was made to continue the then R.C. N.V.R. when the war concluded. By 1922 the permanent force, too, was within an ace of extinction in the wake of post-war economy, at one time its total strength sinking to 366 officers and men.

### COMMODORE HOSE CONCEIVED PROGRAM

The following year the naval chief of that period, Commodore Walter Hose, had an inspiration. The Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve was formed on a coast-to-coast basis at first drawing largely on Canadian ex-navy men whose love of the service was as keen as ever. The spirit of the 600 men who comprised the early reserve made possible a network of training centres that gradually injected the navy into the national consciousness.

For many years the divisions were simply identified by the names of the cities in which they were located but during the past war they received their "H.M.C.S." titles. The names were well chosen. Most have a strong local significance and between them they provide a sweep of Canadian history, and geography that is almost as broad as the Dominion they cover.

## It's Open House!

**SAT. AFTERNOON MARCH 20th**

*At your Nearest Naval Division*

### H.M.C.S. CHATHAM

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Commanding Officer  
**Lt.-Cdr. J. D. McRae**  
R.C.N. (R)

Staff Officer  
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R.C.N.

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