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Ten Years Ago—Thursday, December 2, 1937.

Farmers in the North Okanagan and Salmon Arm areas received approximately $40,000 this year for their commercial pea plantings.—Clair McPhee, a popular figure in Okanagan sports circles for the past two decades, died suddenly Monday night.—Suffering a cracked vertebra, Ernest Schunter, lumber pole contractor, drove his car over 25 miles of rutted, narrow road from Sugar Lake to Lumby Sunday to medical attention.—Dr. J. E. Harvey was elected president of the Vernon Curling Club at a meeting Tuesday. A. C. Liphardt was named vice-president.—Vernon's sports arena is to be supervised by a group of five taxpayers acting as a board of directors with power to carry out any policies deemed beneficial.—Vancouver's Local Council of Women, the B.C.F.G.A. and the B.C. Fruit Board are co-operating in a campaign to develop a livelier and more informed interest in the use of B.C. apples.—Last Friday's and Saturday's fall of heavy, moist snow played havoc with communication lines in Vernon and Kelowna.

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Twenty Years Ago—Thursday, December 8, 1927.

L. L. Stewart has announced that he will seek re-election as Mayor of Vernon in the coming civic elections.—Repairs on the local skating rink are progressing favorably and, weather permitting, hockey practices will begin around the middle of the month.—Shareholders in the Vernon Fruit Union authorized the directors to build a new packing house, if one was needed, at a shareholders' meeting held in the Agricultural Hall in the Courthouse on Saturday afternoon.—A musical comedy, "Sylvia," was put on in the Empress Theatre on Friday evening by the St. Andrew's Players, before a capacity crowd.—Rt. Rev. A. J. Doull, Bishop of the Kootenay, returned recently from a visit to the Slocan and Nelson portion of his Diocese.

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Thirty Years Ago—Thursday, Dec. 6, 1917.

Vernon and immediate vicinity has subscribed $239,000 for the Victory Loan Drive, it is announced by Mayor Shatford, the general chairman.—A civic bylaw to which little attention is paid is that prohibiting riding of bicycles on the sidewalks. G. Ross, of the Customs Office, was knocked down by a bicycle on the sidewalk last week. The rider did not even stop.—W. A. Lang, formerly a prominent resident of Peachland and now chief of the division of publicity, Dominion Department of Agriculture, was in Vernon this week.—On Saturday night, November 26, the police made a raid on Chinatown and in one house the keeper and 17 players of fan tan were rounded up. The following Monday in court before Magistrate Heggie, their bail of $20 each for the players and $50 for the keeper was estreated as they did not put in an appearance.—A fire occurred last Friday afternoon in which a stable and storage shed on Lyons Street were destroyed.

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Forty Years Ago—Thursday, Dec. 5, 1907.

The Royal Horticultural Society of Great Britain has awarded the gold medal to the British Columbia government exhibit of fruit. Oscar Brown Shipping Co., Vernon, has been given a gold medal also.—The third annual dinner of the St. Andrew's Society was held on Frdiay night in the Royal Hotel and about 80 men and women attended.—At the City Council meeting on Monday night, Mutrie & Mutrie submitted a plan of their sub-division north of Elm Street to be known as Bushy Park.—The flour mill at Enderby is working day and night at present getting ready a big order of 50,000 sacks of flour for China and Japan.—V. C. Maddock states that eight cars of steel pipe are now being laid at Okanagan Centre, and he is quite confident that the irrigation system will be completed by the first of April.

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Fifty Years Ago—Thursday, Dec. 2, 1897.

Frank McGowen, City Clerk, treasurer and collector, has resigned because his private business was encroaching so much upon his time as to make it a matter of difficulty for him to attend to his public duties. Four applications for the post have been received, but no decision has been made yet.—The Council has appointed Fred Billings as city solicitor at a salary of $150 per year. He is to handle all legal matters and to act as returning officer at the polls.—Thomas McK. Lambly, for many years a resident of the Interior, passed away at Kelowna recently. With his brother, he was for some years owner of the townsite at Enderby.—It will afford satisfaction to many old time friends of Capt. T. D. Shorts, the pioneer navigator of Okanagan Lake, to learn that despite the many rumors to the contrary, the gallant and irrepressible captain is very much alive. From the time he left Vernon for the distant north some two or three years ago, no word was received until recently when Thomas Ellis, of Penticton, was sent a letter. Capt. Shorts is in the Klondyke, it is reported.