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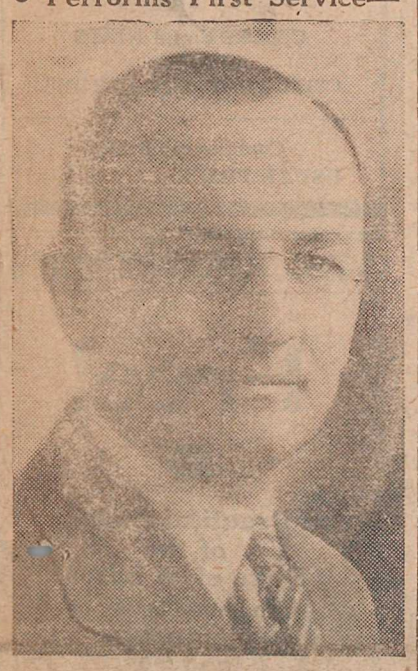
Thirty-Seventh Year; No. 20 PRINCETON, B.C. THURSDAY, 15th APRIL, 1937. Two Dollars Per Annum.

● **Important Session Here—**

W. C. KELLEY

● **Performs First Service—**



H. H. BOYLE

● **Hits Back At Critics—**

THE DUKE OF WINDSOR

● **Seeks Liberal Nomination**

C. H. TUPPER, M.L.A.

BABY DROWNS AT ONE MILE

Eighteen-Month Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Price Fell Into Creek

A short but anxious anxious search for wee Gordon Price ended tragically Saturday night as searchers found the body of the 18-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Price of DeMuth's mill in the shallow waters of One Mile Creek about 6 p.m.

The little fellow had toddled off unobserved about an hour before. His absence was soon noted and a vigorous search immediately begun, the mill being shut down to enable workmen to assist.

Discovery was made by Mr. J. J. Taylor, mill superintendent. Dr. D. McCaffrey, coroner, after investigating, announced that no inquest will be held, though he will conduct an informal inquiry.

Mr. Price is a truck driver in the employ of the lumber company.

FIRE ENQUIRY IS EXPANDED

Two Committed On Charge Of Fabricating Evidence

THREE local men will face County Court Judge W. C. Kelley Monday on serious charges concerning an alleged fraud in the fire which destroyed two houses at Blakeburn on the night of Saturday, 27th March. Public interest has seldom run higher, and a rare legal battle is anticipated, with the eminent Vancouver criminal lawyer R. L. ("Pat") Maitland slated to handle the defense.

J. Prpich and T. Krupan joined their fellow-countryman, J. Militich, under suspicion Monday when in a crowded court-room they were committed for trial on a charge of fabricating evidence. Militich has already been committed on a charge of falsifying an insurance claim.

A charred and battered upper frame of a sewing machine that sat on the exhibit table was the concentrating point of prosecution evidence on Monday. Defense counsel S. J. Remnant, an associate in the Maitland firm, vainly endeavored to shatter the witnesses' convictions that the blackened metal skeleton was "planted" among the ruins by the two accused, using Militich's car, on the morning of Saturday, 10th April, after fraud proceedings had been commenced against Mili-

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PRINCETON PLANS CORONATION FETE

Appropriate Programme Planned At Public Meeting Wednesday Evening

PRINCETON will celebrate the Coronation in unison with the Empire, with an appropriate ceremonial and sports programme.

This much was made certain when an enthusiastic meeting Wednesday set up mechanism and began preparations for an appropriate if modest recognition of the historic event. It is under general auspices.

While plans are still in the embryo stage, a gathering at the Cenotaph, sports and dance comprise the main features. It is properly planned to have the school children play a major role, and a souvenir of the occasion will be presented to each boy and girl, while it is expected that the teaching staff will arrange a suitable May day ceremony along time-honored lines, to include selection of a May Queen.

Full text of the Minutes is appended in the public interest.

The Finance Committee has already commenced a canvass and up to Saturday night reported collections totalling $46.00

Celebration Minutes

Princeton Coronation Celebration
OFFICIAL MINUTES

A Public Meeting was held in the Parish Hall, Princeton, on Wednesday evening, 21st April, at the hour of 8 o'clock, for the purpose of considering a Celebration at Princeton to honor the Coronation, 12th May, 1937, of Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. About thirty attended.

Mr. Frank Chaisson was voted to the chair.

Mr. Dave Taylor was named Secretary (Mrs. Gillham, 2 Mr. Horrocks.)

Messrs Gibson and Gregory outlined the purpose of the meeting, at the invitation of the Chair. **Mr. Horrocks** explained the attitude of the Princeton Post No. 56, Canadian Legion (of which more later.)

To stage Celebration.

Moved Mr. Taylor 2 Mr. Horrocks that this meeting undertake to promote a Coronation Celebration and proceed with business thereto. Carried.

Souvenirs for School Children—

Mrs. Pattinson suggested that a suitable souvenir of the occasion be presented to each boy and girl of school age. Discussion followed. Mr. Taylor 2 Mrs. Gillham that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the problem of a suitable souvenir. Carried.

Souvenir Committee:
J. D. Saunders, (nom. Mrs Gillham)
S. R. Gibson (nom. Mrs. Gillham).
Mrs. E. Pattinson (nom. Mr. Gregory

Finance—

The question of financing and the scope of the Celebration were discussed. Moved Mr. Rotherham 2 Mr. Horrocks that a Finance Committee be appointed. Carried.

Finance Committee—
E. J. Rotherham (Mr. Wagenhauser)
E. Dallow (Mr. Gregory).
Mrs. J. A. Macfie (Mr. Horrocks).
P. W. Gregory (Mrs. Gillham).
Mrs. E. Dallow (Mrs. Gillham).

Committee Chairmen—

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Little Hope For Reduction In Princeton Water Rates

Water Board Hears Complaints, But Interpretation Of The Act Is Disappointing to Large Partisan Gallery of Ratepayers Thursday

DECISION of the Provincial Water Board on the complaint of Princeton water users against rates and administrative practices of the General Utility Company, Ltd., may be expected in about three weeks, acting-chairman Major J. C. MacDonald announced after the Board completed a scrappy four-hour hour hearing in the Court Room Thursday afternoon.

Text of Water Session Thursday

H. H. Avery, cited as the complainant, read a list of objections, naming (1) a scale of rates which he considered excessive and unwarranted; (2) the company's refusal to honor use of meters; (3) threatening tone of letters to users in arrears; and (4) failure to provide local office facilities.

He contended that many residents were unable to afford water at present rates, some of whom had idle services. He estimated the number of live services at 200, including about 28 with meters. He sought a full statement of costs and returns from the company.

Mr. Gregory, former manager of the system under the Princeton Waterworks Co., called by Mr. Boyle said that the purchase price to the General Utilities was $11,000 payable over eleven years, plus a cash payment of $1500 to the Princeton Hospital of an advance to the old company. The purchaser assumed the debts and collections of the old company.

Mr. Gregory gave it as his opinion that the difficulty the old company had in operating profitably was due (1) to unusual expenses from abnormal winter conditions and (2) inability of users to pay during hard times which then prevailed During years of industrial prosperity, he contended, the company had made a good profit, from $1000 to $2000 in 1928-29.

He pointed out that the severe winters of 1928-29-30 necessitated a heavy outlay for thawing. At that time the frozen ground had to be dug, which in itself was costly and the time required aggravated the situation. Since then, he said, the pipes had been hooked up with conductors so that electrical thawing equipment could be speedily connected, and this expense would be avoided in future. (Later evidence contradicted this).

Better industrial conditions now prevail and this should be reflected in receipts. He instanced one occasion where a new main was laid on Tapton (?) avenue on promises of householders to use the service but only two had done so. There is an ample field for expansion, with an unserved district beyond the depot with more than 100 houses.

Assets of the old company at sale, 30th November, 1936, were given as plant, properly depreciated $17,098.00; supplies $868.00; real estate $275.00; unexpired insurance $77.00.

The pump man was paid at the rate of 60c per hour.

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But, in the turn of the enquiry there appeared little prospect of any drastic changes in line with popular desire.

A packed and partisan gallery seemed somewhat disappointed with the procedure in general, under the limiting confines of the enquiry under the Water Act, as interpreted by Major Mac Donald.

The attitude of the investigators is apparently that the onus is on the water users to establish a case that the company is charging unfairly high rates on the basis of operating costs. Apparently little attention will be given as to the policies and administrative practices.

The consumers' case, handled by Mr. H. H. Boyle, Penticton barrister and candidate for the Legislature, thus performing his first service for the local public, was based on the content on that better local conditions warranted a reduction in rates, especially in view of reduced capitalization and savings in operating costs, which the ratepayers contended were gained at sacrifice of service. Strong objection was also taken to the Company's attitude in refusing to honor meters.

Mr. A. L. Murray, manager of

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LOCAL YOUTH IS ACCUSED

Jack Gulliford Must Face Trial on Statutory Charge

JACK GULLIFORD, 20-year old Princeton youth, will face trial on a serious statutory charge, following committal at a preliminary hearing Friday evening shortly after his arrest by Princeton Provincial Police.

He is charged under Section 301-ii of the Criminal Code.

It is probable, police indicate, that he will elect for speedy trial, which will permit the case to be heard at the session commencing Monday. All hearings are in camera.

The alleged offense, involving a fifteen-year old Tulameen girl, is said to have been committed in Princeton 23rd January.

Round the Corner

● There is a great how-de-do in the Soviet Elisium about sabotage. It seems—or else these suspicious Russians are even moreso—that some carnally minded individuals are upsetting the umpteen-year plan by an organized orgy of wrecking. The trusting natives have been industrially toiling to produce door knobs and rubber tires and the like, only to find out that when they were all done they were duds.

Now of course this is all very annoying even in the communist experiment; but they should not feel too badly about it. Civilization has been doing this all along, and Nature before that. And to be frightfully blunt, we'll be blithely doing the same thing June first. And think of the unprofitable labor of the fond parents whose offspring only turned out to be politicians.

● The British freighters have run the gamut at Bilboa, and that is something to shout about. But when the horns stop blowing there is going to be a problem fitting this piece into the neutrality jig-saw. Possibly we could call it active passivism, like the Frenchmen who "forced them to be free."

DISAPPOINTING—

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General Utility Company, Limited, which, he explained, administered five separate rural utilities, used balance sheets of the Princeton Waterworks Company, former operators, to support his contention that the rates were not out of line with operating costs. During its 28 years' operation, he argued, the system showed an operating loss of more than $4,000, and had never given the investors any return. "On the record to date we would be justified in applying for an increase in tolls", he adavnced.

He justified a somewhat rigid attitude towards collections by drawing attention to considerable losses through bad debts in the past.

Mr. Murray's suggestion of higher rates was the occasion for an explosion from the packed gallery, which drew a sharp reprimand from the Chairman. The crowd obviously was not in sympathy with the Chairman's attitude in limiting the enquiry to what he considered relative evidence, and on several occasions he interposed to cut short argument which he considered of a general and irrelevant nature.

Mr. Murray contended that there was no evidence of unreasonable profit, and hence none of excessive rates. He said that his company planned to convert an annual loss to a fair profit by efficient administration.

"There is no compulsion on the company to operate along any prescribed lines," said Major MacDonald. "All the Board can do is to see that the company treats the public fairly in the matter of the present operation. This company has no monopoly, and in an unorganized territory there is nothing to stop any company that can make a better job of it from doing so. Only a municipality can secure a monopoly."

The rates scheduled to come into effect 1st May will properly apply until a new schedule is announced by the Board on the basis of this enquiry. Both the old and new rates will be investigated.

Major J. C. MacDonald presided in the absence of Mr. J. E. Lane, chairman, who is seriously ill. The other Commissioner was Mr. E. Davis.

Princeton Water Users Air Grievances Before The Commissioners

TEXT OF SESSION

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With regard to **Meters**, Mr. Gregory said they were installed at the expense of the consumer. At 30th November there were 28, all privately owned except one, which was installed at the insistence of the water company at the Brewery.

New rates schedule advanced by the Company as effective 1st May was filed, copy of The Star containing advertisement being entered as an exhibit.

Pressure Mr. Gregory estimated at from 90 to 98 pounds at Bridge St. Chairman ruled out any argument as to pressure as beyond scope of enquiry.

Improvements were made to the system during his term as manager, (1927-36) Mr. Gregory said. Considerable wood pipe was replaced by metal, and the line extended to give a circuit of the town. A concrete sump at the intake and a concrete intake were provided.

"And a new pump—"

Major MacDonald smiled significantly.

"Well, a reconditioned second hand pump", reciprocating the smile

Tanks, which were built at the inauguration of service in 1909 were provided with the necessary replacements to underfootings and concrete foundations, and concrete foundation laid for proposed new tank. By-pass was installed to provide for direct pumping into system in event of failure of tanks.

Old rates, set by the Water Board in 1929, were based on capitalization of some $25,000. Charges were net.

Cross-questioning by Mr Murray elicited that reported profits were based on billed accounts rather than collections. No dividends had been paid but in recent years deficit had been reduced from $11,000 to $4,500 as at 30th September, 1935.

Mr. Murray questioned reputed safeguarding against frost through electrical leads. A leading question and a quick reply brought a demonstration from the audience. Major MacDonald looked severe.

Mr. Gregory claimed the leads had been effectively used.

Mr. Murray questioned the item of bad debts reported in the assets. He suggested that only $3700 of the $5704.18 was remotely collectable. Mr. Gregory thought there was a good chance of getting another $1,000.

At this point Mr. Boyle faced the gallery and asked anyone who had anything to say to come forward. Major MacDonald quickly and firmly intervened, pointing out that only relevant matter could be admitted, and flatly denying any "general invitation."

He adjourned the session to allow Mr. Boyle to assemble evidence.

Major MacDonald asked Mr Avery for concrete evidence to support his complaints. "There is no use telling us rates are too high," he said, "That is what we are here to determine. There is no limit to opinions."

Mr. Avery thought meters more equitable and considered a local office a convenience to which the users were entitled.
and since these were put in privately the Company was not obliged to honor them.

Mr. Avery wanted to know what guarantee there was as to sprinkling. Could the company refuse water for sprinkling? Mr. Murray said that any system was obliged to make reservations against contingency, though there was no intention to refuse water for sprinkling. Major MacDonald said he was "satisfied it would work out all right."

At this stage Mr. Murray sought return of a company memo he had produced. Mr. Boyle wanted to examine it further. "I furnished this information to the Commission; I won't furnish it to anyone else", said Mr. Murray.

Fuel used at present is coal from the Lind mine at $2.35 ton. Formerly wood was used. Mr. Macfie said that at present rates this coal is cheapest. The mine is a stone's throw from the plant.

There are four employees in the

Mr. J. A. Macfie, local agent and pump-man for the Company was called by Mr. Murray. Questioned as to the thawing leads, he said that "most of the connections are useless and ineffective" In twenty he had tried during winter thawing only two had worked. He explained that the earth corroded the couplings. Major MacDonald said this was very likely. He agreed that freezing was bound to occur as many of the pipes were shallow, one only 18 in. down, though a fill was anticipated there.

Answering a suggestion that he was paid less by the new operators, Mr. Macfie told Mr. Murray this was so, as he is paid only for time at the pumps. "Quite a bit less", he insisted.

He said he had handled 25 thawing jobs during the winter. He had not done any of this for the old company. If freezing was shown to have occurred on private property consumer paid costs; if in the company line, the company. In many cases the cost was split 50-50. Freezing was worst where lines crossed the road. "In the hard packed soil" said Major MacDonald, nodding.

Referring to the old statement, Mr. Murray showed that on collections of $98,079 there was a loss of $73.00, exclusive of taxation. He pointed out that the auditors had commented on he bad debt item, suggesting a larger reserve. There was an annual increase in bad debts, which ranged from $50.00 to $296.00

"In other words, the investment could never be made to pay and became so bad that the investors were glad to get rid of it at a sacrifice," argued Mr. Murray. For the current year there was a loss of $328.89 on billed revenue.

"In fact," he said, "based on these records we might well be applying for an increase in rates."

Sarcastic laughter greeted this remark. "Try it!" said a voice from the crowd.

It did not matter what the new owners paid for the system, Mr. Murray contended. Even at $1 capitalization the system to date would not have paid a nickel. " We are justified in making a fair earning on the full value of the equipment We hope to do it by reducing operating costs."

In the three months under new company $2317.20 was collected on $2592 billed, and expenses were $1,932.87, he stated.

New rates schedule proposed would save the community 480 per month Mr. Murray said; reducing costs to those on flat rate by $732 and increasing costs to metered users by $232.

He submitted that nothing that been done was insurance against further costs through freezing.

On the point of **Deposits**, he said that a deposit of $5.00 was required of new services only. It was not fair to require it of those who had been paying regularly and no use with those in arrears. In view of the bad debts situation here he considered it necessary.

Justifying the stand re meters, he said, "Tariffs don't last forever There was no contract regarding meters. Those with meters have saved for a number of years at the expense of the company or those on flat rates. There is no obligation to continue."

He showed that average monthly cost for metered services was $2.84 (minimum rate $2.75) while the same water cost the consumer on flat rates $4.15. He thought this unfair to the latter. "Either all meters or none," he said.

On the complaint that no local office was maintained, he said that the General Utility Company Limited operated also five or six rural electrical utilities, all of which were conducted on the same basis. He argued that a central office made for efficency. (At this point he dropped two of the matches he had been fingering throughout the enquiry.)

Major MacDonald again questioned Mr. Avery about meters. Mr Avery said he installed his in 1928 They cost $20.00 installed, paid by the consumer.

On the point that two meters had been installed since the new company took over, Major MacDonald reasoned that the 1929 schedule now in effect clearly stated that these must be installed by the company, Vancouver office, Mr. Murray said. Cost of administration is allotted to the different companies pro rata.

At this point Mr. Gilbert Prideaux clashed with Major MacDonald from the gallery. Mr. Prideaux chipped in with "Yes. you can let all the flowers wither up", on the matter of sprinkling reservations. The Major brought him to order. Mr. Prideaux retorted. The Chairman threatened to evict him. "That sort of talk won't get us anywhere," he said. "We're not getting anywhere anyhow" retorted Mr. Prideaux. Mr. Boyle invited him to come in and "address the Commission" and after Major MacDonald made strict reservations against any "address" Mr. Prideaux began. They got along quite amicably, but Mr. Prideaux could not "oblige" the Major with much "relevant matter."

It was suggested that the real reason for high rates was that the present system was obsolete and expensive, that a much cheaper gravity system could be brought from Summers Creek. Major MacDonald said this might well be, but it had nothing to do with the Board. If a company could be found to try it there was nothing to stop it. The present company has no monopoly. Only a municipality can obtain such monopoly through the Minister of Lands.

Question of responsibility for fire **protection** was raised. The Commissioners cited the Water Act, in which provision is made that the Minister of Lands may require, in unorganized territory, installation and service of hydrants, which, of course are chargeable to operating costs and therefore affect rates. Mr Gregory stated that the local hydrants were installed voluntarily a number of years ago.

It had not been made clear which rates schedule Mr. Avery protested. but Major MacDonald gave assurance that both old and new schedules would be considered.

It was explained that by a revision of 1929 the company may set rates as it desires, and they apply unless at the request of the users, the Commission investigates them and alters them. Thus the new rates will come into effect 1st May, pending decision of the Board. "The Board will set a new tariff, based on its findings at this enquiry" said Major MacDonald. He expected the decision to be in in about two to three weeks.

The Board has no jurisdiction in the matter of purity, it was stated, when he point was raised. This is under the provisions of the Health Act.

WATER ON THE BRAIN

[AN EDITORIAL]

THE corpse has been dragged from the water closet, and we have all had the opportunity for a good cry while the experts probed and scapelled. The verdict is still a mystery of science, but we are not o'er stepping the bounds of temerity to forecast that it will be much the same as at any other inquest, for a dead horse is a dead horse on whoever's saxophone you play it.

There was an obvious, and not unnatural atipathy on the part of the mourners towards the coroner, for his seeming apathy, or at least lack of sympathy; he just didn't seem to get our point.

In a broader view, however, the dear chap's attitude can be appreciated. He is just a unit under the Water Act; he is not the Act, and as far as our balanced sense of fairness could perceive, he was correct if cruel in most of his decisions, the simple facts being that the locals had a hard nut to crack and did not go very well about doing it. Logic is logic in any court, and the breaks were all on the side of the utility company, who had to prove nothing and did it well.

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21	49	29
22	57	25
23	54	32
24	59	34

BIRTHS

BAILLIE—To Mr. and Mrs. Allan D. Baillie of Allenby, at Princeton Hospital, on Tuesday, 20th April, a son.

Greenwood Family To Make Home Here

MRS. K. McGillivary and family have left for Princeton to make their home. The boys will be missed in hockey circles, as no game was complete without one or other of them. They were respected as good, clean players, and always popular with the fans.

Mrs. McGillivary will also be greatly missed at the Sacred Heart church, where she was choir leader for nearly 20 years. She has a cheerful smile and is known throughout the Boundary country for her charitable heart and willingness to help anyone in sorrow or distress.—Greenwood News.

Arrests Follow Fire

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tich, in whose home the strange fire started.

A large gallery, mostly Blakeburn people, attentively followed the long drawn and somewhat dull proceedings, and at least once the court had to call for order as over-enthusiastic spectators interposed remarks.

Prosecution case was built around the evidence of Blakeburn people who testified they disturbed two men who were digging in the ruins of the fire in the early morning hours.

Mr. Frank and Mrs. Mollie Kambich, residing in Blakeburn Townsite near the scene of the fire, were aroused about 4 a.m. 27th March, accord ng to the Prosecution version, and saw two men digging among the ruins. Gus Molencik, a lodger at the Kambich home, fired a shot into the air, and the men fled into the hills. They were not identified

Constable Lees of Coalmont was notified and he co-opted the services of Constables Hatherill and Deane of Princeton.

Constable Lees and Mine Superintendent George Murray dug where the men had been seen and recovered the remains of the sewing machine. The earth appeared to have been newly disturbed.

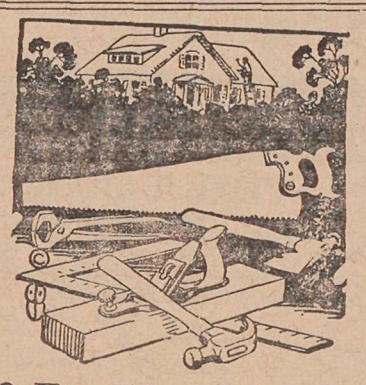
Meanwhile several persons noted Militich's automobile parked near the Sherriff residence. About noon Prpich was seen to approach the car. He was arraigned by police.

Meanwhile Const. Deane accosted Krupan walking down to Granite Creek by the old trail. Police state that Krupan admitted he had been at Blakeburn and visited the scene of the fire. He said he had been looking for a job. Superintendent Murray intimated that he had not been approached in this connection then or since.

Defense counsel Rayment attempted to establish that the sewing machine might have been there all along, but to have been missed by searchers. Witnesses were, however, firm in disbelieving such a theory. Kambich told how he had previously filled in a hole with earth. It was in this new dirt that the machine was found. He was positive that it was not there when he moved the earth

General evidence was given by Messrs George Murray and Douglas Miller. Mr. Ray Barnes described footsteps he followed. Constables Lees, Deane and Hatherill gave police evidence. Const. Lees conducted the prosecution, assisted by Const Hatherill.

Krupan and Prpich are meanwhile held in the Princeton lock-up. Militich is free on $3,000 bail. The maximum on the Prpich-Krupan charge is seven years. Militich was charged after his insurance claim was investigated. Though he carried only $800 insurance he reported loss of personal belongings and furniture totalling $1800. The Richardson house adjoining, also destroyed, was not insured.



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HEDLEY

Mr. Bill Gillies, popular transfer man, left Wednesday morning for the Coast. He will visit his brother who is seriously ill in the Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster.

Mr. James E. Taylor of Vancouver is a visitor to the Golden Zone

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs Andy Teneyche is seriously ill in the Princeton hospital, and Mrs. Teneyche is a frequent visitor.

A new ice cream parlor is being erected by Vancouver interests next the Shell service station.

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CAWSTON

Mrs. H. Chapin and daughter, Miss Gertrude Chapin, Mr. and Mrs Lloyd Jones of Kelowna were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Pettypiece on Sunday.

Mr. J. H. Bromley of Hedley was in Cawston on business Thursday.

Mr. Charles H. Tupper, M.L.A., called on friends in Cawston on Saturday.

An enjoyable dance was held under the auspices of the Hall Board Friday evening, with good representations from Hedley and Keremeos noted.

Miss B. C. Macmurchie, school teacher, was ill last week, and Mrs W. N. Sinclair relieved for a few days.

Mrs. Cassan and little daughter Joyce of Flin Flon, Man., are guests of Mrs. Cassan's mother, Mrs. D. C. MacDonald.

Mrs. W. J. Manery and son Mr. C. Manery spent Sunday with S. R. Manery and family.

Mrs. A. P. Pettypiece left for Vancouver Sunday to be with her mother, Mrs. H. Chapin, who is ill at the Coast.

Spring has touched the lower valley with its magic, and there is a delightful air of freshness and promised beauty. The trees are greening, and soon the orchards will be a mass of blossom.

CANADIAN PACIFIC
TIME TABLE

Train No. 11 [WESTBOUND]
Leaves Princeton 2:06 a.m. Daily
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General Switch In Local Police Service

A wholesale shift of Provincial police officers in the Similkameen, effective 1st May, is announced.

Const. F. G. Hatherill, officer in charge at Princeton, will be moved to the Nelson detachment, and will be succeeded by Const. R. Halliday. Const. J. Deane of Princeton will take over the Coalmont assignment, in the nature of a promotion, and his place here will be taken by Const Smith of Nelson, who will be succeeded by Const. Lees of Coalmont.

Const. C. G. Miller of Hedley is also slated for a change. The life of a policeman in the Similkameen may not be an unhappy one as in the play, but it sure is uncertain.

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NOTICE]

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VISITING HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday) 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday) 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

GENERAL UTILITY COMPANY, LIMITED

RATES FOR WATER

Commencing 1st May shall be as follows:

DOMESTIC RATES	Rate per Month	Net if Paid by the 10th of the Month of Consumption
Dwellings without bath, having one occupant	$2.50	$2 00
Dwellings with bath, having one occupant	2.75	2.25
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Dwellings with bath, having 2 or more occupants	4.00	3.50
Dwellings with or without bath occupied by parties in receipt of Government relief, having one occupant	2.00	1.50
Dwellings with or without bath occupied by parties in receipt of Government relief, having two or more occupants	3.00	2.50
Sprinkling of Gardens surrounding consumer's dwelling on lots not over 50 ft. wide (hours to be regulated by the Company)	1.00	1.00
These rates are for water to be consumed on the premises served. Where parties not resident on the premises are allowed to draw their water supplies from any service the charge for that service will be	5.50	5.00

☆ It is the intention of the Company to treat consumers alike. Consequenly all domestic consumers will be charged on the above basis irrespective of whether the service on their premises is by pipes leading into the dwelling or by stand-pipes in the garden. For a similar reason all domestic consumers will be charged on the above rates and not by meter.

☆ All payments by parties whose accounts are in arrears will be credited to the oldest outstanding portion of the account, except where the party has made a satisfactory arrangement with the Company for liquidating the arrears by instalment; in which case the instalment only will be credited to the arrears, and by paying his current account on time, together with his arrears-instalment, the party will be enabled to get the benefit of the discount.

COMMERCIAL RATES

The Commercial rates at present in force covered by Schedule dated January 1, 1929, are continued exactly as they at present stand.

Princeton Citizens Prepare to Honor Coronation With Celebration

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The Chair ruled that Committees name their own Chairmen.

Sports Committee:
J. G. Norman (Mr. G bson)
Dr. J. D. Butler (Mr. Gregory).
Mrs. Gillham (withdrew).
W. E. Lucas (Mr. Bloom).
R. Thorstensen (Mr. Bloom).
E. Gray (Mr. Horrocks).
Miss M. Avery (Mr. Gray)

Publicity Committee:
Dave Taylor (Mr. Horrocks)
J. D. Saunders (Mr. Horrocks).
Miss H. Miller (Mr. Norman).

Dance:
J. M lne (Mr. Gibson)
E. Dallow (J. Norman).
Mrs. E. Gillham (Mr. Horrocks).
Const. F. G. Hatherill (Mr. Wag'r.)
Mrs. E. J. Pringle (Mr. Horrocks).
A. G. Matthews (Mr. Rotherham).
J. Horrocks (Mr. Dallow).

General Committee—Mr. Gregory proposed a General Committee to work in conjunction with the officers in supervising the entire project, comprising the Chairman of each Committee and three additional members. Mrs. Dallow, 2 Mrs. Macfie, moved accordingly. Carr ed.

Executive—
G. M. Harman (Mr. Horrocks.
A. Gould (withdrawn).
F. Chaisson (withdrew).
G. G. Lyall Mr. Rotherham).
A. E. Bloom (Mrs. Gillham).

Moved Mr. Goodfellow 2 Mr. Milne nominations close. Carried.

Parade—
Mr. Wagenhauser spoke in favor of a parade. Discuss on followed, endorsers pointing out the importance of the occasion and dissenters (1) the proximity of Dominion Day and (2) difficulties involved.

Moved Mr. Goodfellow 2 Mrs. M. Meher that the Celebration do not include an official parade. Carried, Mr. Wagenhauser dissenting.

May Queen Festival—
Mr. Gregory introduced the subject of a May Queen Ceremony, possibly to include parade of school children, band, and ex-serivce men; also May Polc dances, selection of May Queen and Crowning ceremony. Moved Mr. Gregory 2 Mrs Pattison that such a ceremony be incorporated in the programme. Carried.

Moved Mr. Gibson 2 Mrs. Gillham that the **Princeton School** be asked to arrange this ceremony. Carried.

Mr. Taylor moved that communities of Coalmont and Blakeburn and especially the schools be invited to join in the Celebration. Mr. Goodfellow spoke against the motion.

Dance Assignment—
A discussion arose on the matter of the dance. Mr. Gray asked for clarification, pointing out that the Legion had a prior announcement. **Mr. Gregory** (President of the Legion) stated that the Legion had decided at a meeting last Wednesday to relinquish claims on the Dance in the event of the Celebration Committee agreeing to take over same, and assume contracted liabilities in connection. It was suggested that any surplus be turned over to a fund to maintain the Cenotaph.

Moved Mr. Taylor 2 Mr. Goodfellow that the Legion's offer be accepted, with thanks. Carried.

Next Meeting—
Moved Mr. Taylor 2 Mr. Rotherham that a further general meeting be held at the same place, at 8 p.m. Monday 26th inst., unless otherwise arranged at the call of the Chair; at such meeting Committees to report. Carried.

Matter of arranging for the Band was left to the discretion of the General Committee, as was also the matter of Fireworks.

Thanks of the meeting were extended to the Band for relinquishing the hall (Mr. Gregory, 2 Mr. Gibson); and to the Chairman (Mr Gibson, 2 Mrs. Pattinson.)

On motion of Mr. Goodfellow, 2 Mr. Gibson the meeting adjourned with the singing of the National Anthem, Mr. Goodfellow presiding at the piano.

Respectfully submitted,
DAVE TAYLOR, Secretary

Suggested Agenda Next Meeting
1. Call to order.
2. Reading of Minutes.
3. Correspondence.
4. Reports of Committees.
(a) Finance; (b) Sports (c) Dance (d) School re. May Queen; (e) Publicity; (f) Souvenir.
Suggest reports be in writing.
5. New Business.
6. Adjournment.

COQUIHALLA TO OPEN

After a detour via Spence's Bridge for several weeks, trains will again be routed over the Coquihalla this coming week. Summer schedules will also come into effect.

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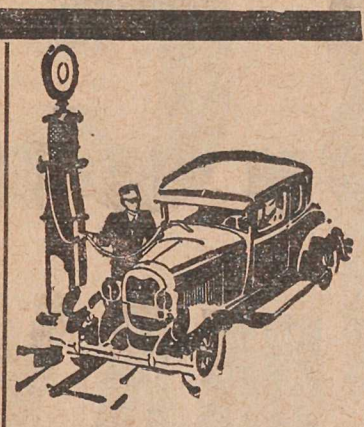

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SOFTBALL swings into action this week, anticipating its biggest season on record, with new faces, and new ideas, projected against a background of past successes.

A four team city league gets off on a twenty-four game schedule next week, and as the season expands inter-city games will be entertained.

The set-up comprises three old established clubs and a new Town team. High School and Ex-High's are back in line, while Pen Pushers will play under a commercial sponsor, with The Star taking over the franchise of last year's champion Travellers, but starting from scratch Commercial sponsors will be found for both student teams.

Club rosters are pretty well complete, but teams are given until 1st May to complete their lists. No player-limit has been set but fifteen will likely be the accepted rule as elsewhere. Games will be played on Wednesday and Friday, in the nature of a warm-up, with league business opening on Monday next.

B.C. rules will be adhered to this year, which means a larger diamond and nine players instead of ten as last year. Andy Muir was named official umpire, with power to select assistants. All four teams will be outfitted. The executive was given full administrative authority, and will automatically take care of any tactical differences or field disputes Mr. Lucas was delegated to appoint an official scorer, and Dave Taylor for The Star agreed to supply scoring forms and a score board and to find a cup.

High School have virtually all the boys who put up a great show last year. They led the league till the final stage. They will be a real

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Softballers Wanted For Star's Happy Family

IF you play softball, and are unattached, you have a date with the Printer's Devil—that is, unless you are Jean Harlow. Though there are names a-plenty on our books, we're still in the market, and there are always dangers of some of our best bets moving out of town. We especially want a chucker, and have a spare linotype for Bob Feller to practice on. Any softballer of the sportsman type who wants to try out with a good bunch is invited to turn out to practice at the school grounds Tuesday at 6 p.m.

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CIRCUS POSTPONED

Owing to unfavorable weather conditions locally, it has been found necessary to re-arrange our Itinerary, and our visit to Princeton set for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week has been postponed for two or three weeks. Watch for further announcement in this paper.

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Princeton Softballers Swing Into Action

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threat. Principal Lucas is manager, last year, but Manager Jake Lancaster is out to step up enthusiasm, and there is no doubt the ability is there.

with Perley (Jr.) Russell playing adjutant.

Ex-Highs are also a closed concern They were a bit of a disappointment

Pen-Pushers were a new club last year, comprising teachers, bankers and business lads. They got along so well they want to stick, though they will have additions to the r playing strength. They finished in great style last year after a shaky start, and right now are nursing a secret notion they are the team to beat.

The Star is the one club starting from scratch. It takes the place of the champion Travellers' outfit of last year, which has folded up. It does not intend to let this handicap hold it up, however, and already has made a serviceable beginning towards lining up a club. There is still room for new players, and an open invitatiion is extended. It hopes to provide worthy opposition for the older clubs along the best sporting tradition. Cyc. Taylor shares the managerial spot with canny Bill Muir, and the purple and reds w ll be heard from.

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Second and Vicest President—W. E. Lucas.
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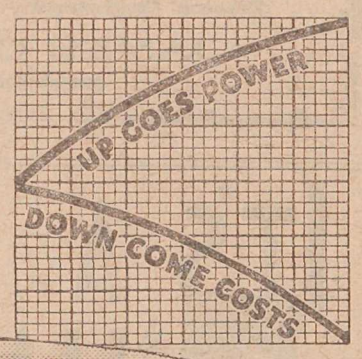

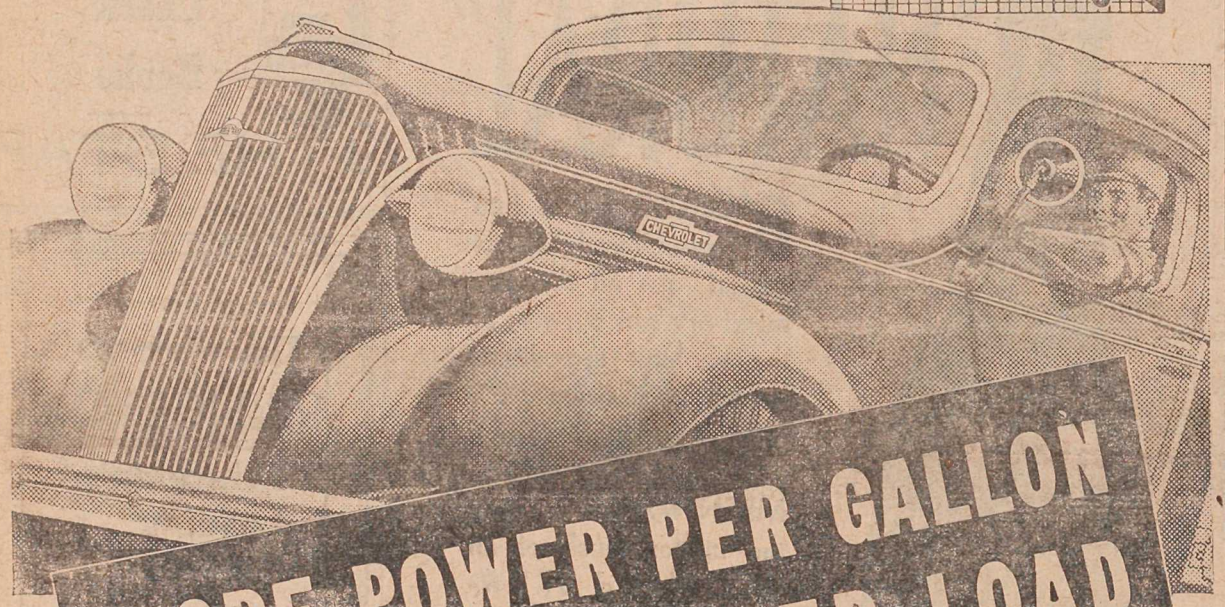

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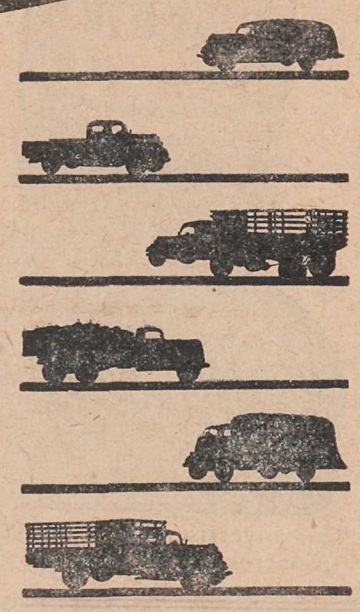

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