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BIRTHS

LOWE—To Mr. and Mrs. W. Lowe of Hedley at Princeton hospital on Friday, 18th March, a son.

Police Blotter

Musician Charged—

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's licence, Wm. S. Porteous, touring Vancouver dance player was fined $5.00 and costs.

No Licence Plates—

Pleading guilty to operating a truck without 1938 licence plates, Gordon Freding paid a fine of $10 and costs in police court.

Princeton Fades Out After Taking Lead

Princeton 43, Kelowna 40

A SECOND HALF landslide all but ended Princeton's hopes for the Intermediate B basketball crown as the locals dropped a 16 point lead to eke out a bare three point win over Kelowna in the first of the home-and-home total point Interior final series here Friday. The score was 43-40.

Playing with fire and precision, the locals had their stylish visitors clearly on the run in the early stages, and at one point in the second half had the title apparently within their grasp with a 40-23 lead. Then the deluge. Princeton, up to then playing and shooting brilliantly, could do nothing right, and, once they got the chance, the Orchard City boys showed form that leaves no doubt about the magnitude of Princeton's task.

A 23-point performance by Tony Kovich was rendered merely incidental. Most of his tally was recorded in the first half.

It is likely that the return game will be played at Kelowna Wednesday. Kelowna defeated Armstrong 102 to 33 in the two-game semi-final series and were touted as a sort of wonder team until Princeton's first half stand.

Princeton Senior C's meet Kelowna, perennial champions, here Monday in the first game of the southern Senior C finals. It will likely be a virtual Interior final, as the northern qualifiers are more or less geographical finalists.

Kelowna converted four out of 11 free throws, Princeton one out of four. The visitors had only five men.

To-day the local high school boys are engaged in a tournament at Penticton.

KELOWNA—Ryan (14), Herbert (3), Henderson, Owen (15), Chapman (8)—40.

PRINCETON—Mitchell (2), Mc Intyre, Mullen (4), Russell (6), Stogren, Kovich (23), Cody (8), Mathewson—43.

PAPPAS MAY APPEAL CASE

But Police Say Deatn Knell of Gambling Has Been Sounded

STILL toying with the idea of an appeal, Sutro Pappas had nothing to say; but the window card of his Hellenic Colonization Society lay in the waste basket of the Princeton police office. Trappings of the "club" comprising chiefly furniture—and the $12.00 "pot"—were confiscated by the law.

Convictions were obtained against the recently arrived proprietor of Princeton Branch No 5, Hellenic Colonization Society and seven members Monday. A White, owner of the premises, failed on a technicality, while four charges against "inmates" were withdrawn by police.

Pappas was fined $50, the seven players each $3.00 and costs

Interpreting Magistrate Rowlands' ruling, Police Inspector John Macdonald said that he was well satisfied, and that it would be the signal for prosecution by his force of organized club gambling throughout British Columbia.

One hearing sufficed for the eight charges, by agreement. It required nearly a whole day. Charge against White was heard separately but it was brief and hurried.

Constable F. E. Nelson testified that he had issued to Pappas an ordinary trade licence in the latter's name.

Sergeant David Halcrow of Penticton described a raid by himself and other provincial police officers 5th March. He said a number of men were engaged in a card game, with others sitting around. It was a bare basement room, with a few card tables and a few chairs. There was a show-case with tobacco, etc. There were no facilities usually associated with a club.

Inspector John Macdonald corroborated Sergeant Halcrow's evidence.

Constable Robert Holliday, officer in charge of Princeton detachment, gave similar evidence. He said that the men were questioned about club membership cards, and only

Constable J. D. H. Stewart of Penticton said that in plain clothes he "sat in" on a game on 21st February. Two other men were with him. None were asked for membership cards.

Witness also engaged in a game on the night when his fellow officers staged the raid. Pappas, said the witness, took a "rake-off" every half hour, collecting 10c value in chips from each player, 15c when a new deck was used. On the night of the raid the game was "low ball" a form of draw poker, and a typical "fast" gambling game. At that time Pappas collected a rake-off of 15c each half hour.

While playing at the club, witness said he drank two bottles of pop, which he paid for as merchandise.

"You are what is commonly known as a "stool pigeon," aren't you?" was the way defense counsel Angelo Branca greeted J. H. Hardman, travelling police operative.

Hardman said he had played at the club on several occasions between 3rd and 6th March. He described the proceedure much the same as Constable Stewart had. He was not playing at the time of the raid.

Pappas was the only witness called by the defense. He said this was a properly constituted club, incorporated under the laws of Canada, and the charter was hanging on the wall of the club room. He admitted

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Princeton Must Build More School Rooms

PRINCETON ratepayers will shortly face the problem of a new school addition. The problem, shelved from last fall, will be discussed at a special meeting to be announced shortly.

The board has had the matter under consideration for some time and is now negotiating with the Department of Education on final arrangements, with plans in the government architect's hands.

Tentative plans call for a two room addition in the form of a wing to the high school building, to provide two additional classrooms and laboratory and basement space. Cost is estimated at about $8,000.

Heavy increase in enrollment is of course the necessity. Last September an emergency condition required the appointment of a new teacher and the opening of the Scandinavian hall as a temporary class-room. A new building was discussed at that time, but it was agreed to shelve the issue until spring.

There has been no diminution of enrollment, and the condition of over-crowding is more serious than evr, it was learned from a spokesman of the Board. Two of the classrooms house more than forty pupils.

Eleven class-rooms are now operated, with eleven teachers and more than 400 pupils.

A marked increase in assessment value of local property will contribute materially to the expense. The 1938 roll is $1,106,604.00, compared with the last figure of $867,000. It is likely that there will be very little increase in the tax rate. Inclusion of the Granby power plant and Bromley Vale Colliery is chiefly responsible for the increase.

Word has been received that Mr. P W Gregory has been delayed in sailing and will leave Londan 25th March.

Hedley road will be put in shape immediately. The maintainer went to work to-day.

Canadian Legion will honor its honorary president, Mr. W. A. Wagenhauser on Tuesday evening.

ALLENBY

Last week Wesley Wennerstrom and Tony Affleck were taken ill with measles. They are "serving time" in the isolation ward of the Princeton hospital. This week Gerall Cundill contracted chicken pox and is abed. Neither of the diseases however, has spread to date.

Mrs. M. Patrick left for Vancouver Wednesday. After a short sojourn there she intends to go to Ocean Falls for a short visit.

The Community League held an executive meeting in preparation for the annual meeting in April. All business for the fiscal year was brought to a head.

The two sildes on the track, near the powerhouse and beyond Allenby have been cleaned out.

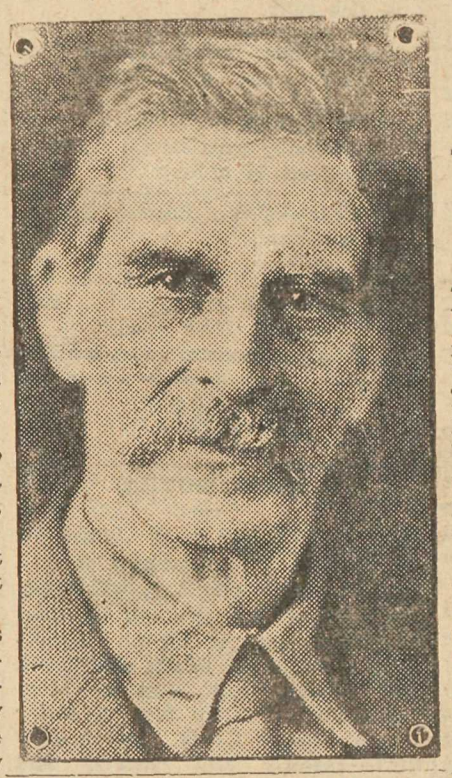
Government and company crews have been co-operating in restoring the road. The worst section is at the junction of the Allenby road.

"Big league" training has been started, with marbles in evidence everywhere.

that cards were played for money, and that he collected a table charge He said this was to help defray expenses. It was not taken by himself, but went to the association, which paid him a salary of forty dollars per month to manage the branch.

He said there were six directors

JAMES ARMSTRONG SCHUBERT



Prompt Arrest Follows Theft Of Spectacles

CHARLES William Campbell, a gentleman with a bad record, had a short shrift in Princeton, and is currently languishing in familiar Oakalla.

Following a smart bit of police work by Const. F. Lines, Campbell was speedily convicted on a theft charge Tuesday.

Campbell was picked up promptly after a pair of $25.00 spectacles disappeared from the room of Murdock McLeod, optometrist, Saturday, at the Hotel Princeton. He pleaded guilty and was escorted to the Coast by Const. F. E. Nelson to serve a six month term.

Investigation showed a lengthy crime recood. Campbell had just completed a session in Nelson jail for forgery.

Slide On Copper Mtn. Railway Cleaned Out

A SLIDE of considerable proportions tied up traffic on the Copper Mtn. branch rail line in midweek. The trouble occurred a short distance above Princeton on a loose hillside, Soft weather and melting snow caused the difficulty.

Special equipment was brought in from Penticton and soon cleared and restored the track. Shipment of ore from the mine to the Allenby mill was not interfered with, and operations were not interrupted.

The run-off continued throughout the valley, with the more exposed sections rapidly drying up.

Heaving invariably followed as the water went off, and roads are becoming impossibly rough, with no signs of any government work yet.

Start Work On New Bridge, Follows Wreck

WORK has commenced on the new bridge near Coalmont destroyed last November when a Kettle Valley freight plunged into the Tulameen river, with loss of two lives.

Workmen began Tuesday preparing for a new steel span which will permanently replace the temporary pile stucture put up in record time after the collapse of the old bridge. Traffic will not be interrupted.

While the line is owned by the Great Northern, a C.P.R. crew will do the work.

Supt. W. J. McLean was in the district Wednesday on an inspection tour.

J. A. SCHUBERT GOES TO REST

Tulameen Survivor of Epic Adventure Crosses The Last Divide

A trail of pioneering that led from infancy, through an overland wilderness, fraught with travail, and into the history books of a nation branched Thursday afternoon when James Armstrong Schubert died at his home in Tulameen. In his 78th year. The end came about noon.

Mr. Schubert was last survivor but one of that epic trek from the Red River in 1862, in quest of the magic gold of the Cariboo.

It is as a pioneer merchant, however, that Mr. Schubert is best known here. He operated stores successively in Penticton, Hedley and Tulameen.

An infant of three yars, he made much of that four-month journey over prairie, mountain and torrent in the strong arms of a sturdy Scot, while his six-year-old brother and four-year-old sister joggled in baskets that hung from the saddle of a buckskin horse which bore their courageous mother, the lone woman of that famous party.

Hardly had the party reached its destination, Kamloops, when Mrs. Schubert gave birth to a fourth child, Rose, now Mrs. Henry Swanson of Armstrong. The oldest child, August, also resident at Armstrong, thus becomes the only actual survivor of that epic trip.

Mr. Schubert had been in failing health for some weeks and the end was not unexpected. The funeral will be held at Tulameen Saturday at 2 p.m, Rev. E. E. Hardwick, a pioneer minister, officiating.

Mr. Schubert opened a general store at Hedley in its infant days early in the century, and about 1913 moved to Tulameen, where he purchased the store of J. H. Jackson, selling out to A. E. Whish in 1928. Of late Mr. Schubert had lived in semi-retirement. He owned a ranch in nearby Otter Valley.

He is survived by his widow, by a second marriage, and by a son, George, of Princeton, and two daughters, Nancy (Mrs. D. Forsyth) of Tulameen and Mary, married and Tulameen and Margaret, who is married and resident in Armstrong. A son by his first wife, Bert, was killed in the Somme action as a member of the 54th Batt'n. Two other sons, James and David are also dead.

Mr. Schubert was considered an authority on early history. He was elected an honorary life member of the Native Sons in 1923, and succeeded the late Mrs. S. L. Allison as honorary president of the Similkameen Historical Assn., which thus loses its second head within a year. Mrs. Allison's future husband was pre-empting land in the Similkameen about the same time the Schuberts ended their historic trip at Kamloops.

Much of the glamor of a notable life was crowded into Mr. Schubert's early years. His father was Augustus Schubert, born in Dresden, Saxony, in 1827. He came to New York in 1854, and the next year at Springfield, Mass., married Catherine O'Hare, who, born in County Down, Ireland, 1834, had emigrated to America in 1850.

James Schubert, their third child was born in St. Paul, Minn., then a frontier mining town, in 1860.

When he was only a few months old an accident was barely averted which was obscurely responsible for writing the Schuberts' names into Canadian history.

The Sioux Indians were very hostile, and one night one of their number smashed a window in the Schubert home, where the infant James was sleeping, apparently intending to kidnap the child. His father pursued him and thrashed him soundly with a poker.

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GAMBLING CONVICTION

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of the local club. He gave four names, but did not know the other two. He produced minutes of two meetings, but these were typewritten and unsigned. He also produced a membership roll.

Cross-examined, he admitted that no activity had been shown with regard to the chartered intent of the organization, to bring out and habilitate Greek immigrants.

Defense argument contended that this was a properly chartered club, and there was nothing irregular or illegal about the games played under its auspices. Crown contended, on the other hand, that the club convention was merely a sham and that actually Pappas was running a gambling game for profit. This view Magistrate Rowlands upheld.

In the obvious haste to wind up proceedings, prosecuting attorney McInnis failed to show that White had definite knowledge that the building was being used for illegal purposes, and on this technicality the Magistrate found dismissal.

It was contended by the Crown that White must have had knowledge of illegal practices. Evidence showed that he visited the premises frequently; but there was no evidence that he was there when a game was actually in progress, and nothing to show that he had definite knowledge of gambling.

Premises were leased by White to Pappas.

Four of the men arrested were not engaged in the game and police withdrew charges.

A curious crowd jammed the court-room.

Angelo Branca, defense counsel noted for his past successful opposition to this section of the Code, said that no new point had been raised, and the security of the Bampton precedent was not disturbed. As no such point of law was involved, and in view of the insignificance of the fines and the cost of appeal, it was unlikely the decision would be contested.

The point on which the conviction was obtained was that the local organization was a 'sham club' operated under the guise of a charter, but in effect merely a vehicle for gambling, with Pappas as the sole benefactor and operating for his own profit. The Bampton decision, it was held, covers a bona-fide club.

Evidence of the police and inmates, including Cost. J. D. H. Stewart, suave Penticton officer, who, incognito, "sat in" on the game which brought the arrest, described how fees and table charges were collected by Pappas.

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The storage dam will be located at a natural damsite about a mile upstream on Roany Creek. The capacity of the reservoir to be created is about three million cubic feet, and it will flood about 20 acres of land.

This Notice was posted on the ground on the 2nd day of December, 1937. A copy of this Notice and an application pursuant thereto and to the Water Act will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Princeton, B.C. Objections to the application may be filed with the said Water Recorder, or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C., within thirty days after the first appearance of this Notice in a local newspaper. The date of the first publication of this Notice is 10th February, 1938.

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OVERLANDER PASSES—

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Fearing retaliation, the Schuberts with a few other families, moved across the frontier to the new Canadian outpost of Fort Garry (now Winnipeg.) They had been there only a short time when with the enthusiastic townspople they turned out to welcome the first Hudson's Bay river boat from Georgetown. Aboard were a party of adventurers from several Ontario towns who, excited by the discovery of gold in the Cariboo, had undertaken a remarkable journey across the prairies and mountains.

Augustus Schubert soon became intoxicated with their ardor, and decided to join them. Mrs. Schubert insisted on accompanying her husband, and eventually it was agreed to take the children also.

There were about 150 in the party and in many respects it was a model of oganization. They averaged about ten miles a day, and never travelled on the Sabbath.

Much of the trip was made in "prarie schooner", on horse and on foot, some on improvised rafts or boats. The expedition was carefully outfitted, even cows being driven along. An Indian guide was commissioned, but abandoned the caravan soon after the start.

They travelled via what is now Edmonton, which they reached on 20th July, arriving at Tete Jaun Cache in the Rockies 26th August. There the party divided, one group proceeding overland and the others including the Schuberts, coming down the Thompson. The voyage was replete with hardship and incident. Indians were often hostile, supplies were low and tempers frayed. Once when the men went to bargain with the natives for food, leaving Mrs. Schubert and the children on a raft at the river-bank a treacherous squaw cut the mooring rope, and the men arrived just in time to avert a tragedy.

The party left Fort Garry 6th June and arrived at Kamloops 9th September.

Mr. Schubert was a lieutenant in the advance party and the mother and children were entrusted to the care of Peter McIntyre, a giant Scot He carried the 3-year old James in his arms half the distance, and swam the Athabasca river with him on his back. McIntyre died at Oliver, 14th February, 1925, and Mr. Schubert was one of his pall-bearers. Mr. Schubert's mother died at Armstrong in 1918, surviving her husband by a few years.

Mr. J. A. Fortune, one of the leaders of the expedition, was with the party that went overland, ultimately reaching Bella Bella. He located in Victoria and later in Spallumcheen, and became one of the best known pioneers of the North Okanagan. The Schuberts later joined him and became equally well known.

Mr. Schubert was road foreman in Penticton early in the century, and opened a store there, managed by the late Charles Revely, who later managed the A. E. Howse store in Princeton. He opened the pioneer store in Hedley, about 1902, with the late W. C. Lyall as manager. The store was located opposite the present Innis garage.

He is spoken of as a fine man, but credit, say his associates, was his downfall in business. He often lost heavily in this way.

Mr. Schubert goes to rest in the quiet beauty of Tulameen's hill-enveloped cemetery. It is a homely little note to conclude on that the file of The Star for 12th May, 1932, carries an item which states that Mr. Schubert was then marking the graves of the old timers whose sleep he now shares.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Princeton Golf Club will be hed in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, 23rd March, at 7:30 p.m.

DOMINION SALES BOOKS
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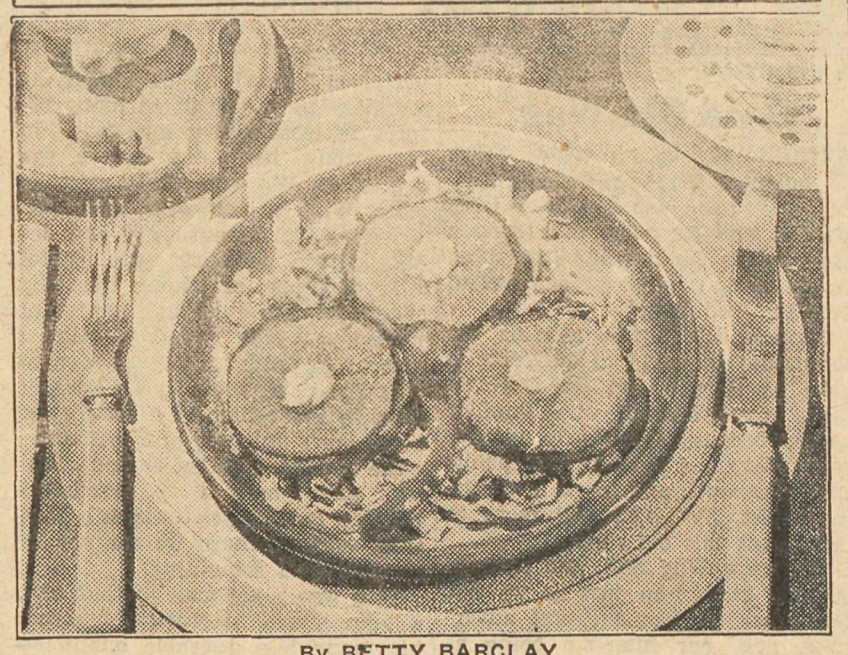

By BETTY BARCLAY

The famous "three-leafed shamrock" grows not only in the land of good Saint Patrick, but also on the green-and-gold tables of smart hostesses this breezy month of March. And here are recipes for dishes that fit right in with a table set in honor of this popular Saint:

Orange Shamrock Salad

(See Illustration)

On bed of shredded lettuce, arrange in shamrock pattern 3 pepper rings made from ¼-inch slices of pepper with center removed. Place a slice of seedless orange in each pepper ring. Center each slice with a pat of mayonnaise. For center of shamrock where pepper rings and orange slices come together, use half of a green olive. A piece of the pepper makes the shamrock stem.

Chateau Macaroni

½ pound package Chateau
1½ cups scalded milk
½ teaspoon salt
2 eggs
1 cup cooked macaroni
2 tablespoons melted butter
½ cup bread crumbs

Cut Chateau into small pieces. Scald milk in double boiler. Add salt and Chateau. Stir until Chateau is melted. Remove from fire and add slightly beaten eggs. Pour over cooked macaroni which has been placed in a buttered baking dish. Blend melted butter and bread crumbs and sprinkle over macaroni. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) for 20 minutes, or until crumbs are brown. Serves 6 to 8.

St. Patrick's Lime Fruit Salad

1 package lime-flavored gelatin
1 pint hot water
¾ cup drained canned crushed pineapple
3 tablespoons pimiento, cut in strips

Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Pour ½-inch layer into loaf pan, or layer of desired depth into fancy mold. Chill until firm. Chill remaining gelatin mixture until cold and syrupy. Place in bowl of cracked ice or ice water and whip with rotary egg beater until fluffy and thick like whipped cream. Fold in pineapple and pimiento. Pour over firm first layer. Chill until firm. Unmold on crisp lettuce or chicory. Serve with mayonnaise. Serves 8.

Magic Nut Patties

1 tablespoon cocoa
½ cup sweetened condensed milk
1½ cups nut meats

Add cocoa to sweetened condensed milk and blend thoroughly. Add chopped nut meats and blend. Drop by spoonfuls onto buttered baking sheet. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) 10 minutes. Makes about 18.

Recipe for Party Success

A sure fire hit for 1938 parties is Crossword Lexicon, the new card game craze that's sweeping the country. It combines anagram technique and crossword puzzle building. The object of Crossword Lexicon is to get rid of your cards first by building words in crossword puzzle formation. Another parlor hit is Boake Carter's Star Reporter, the new game that gives everybody a chance to share the thrills of reporting front page news events.

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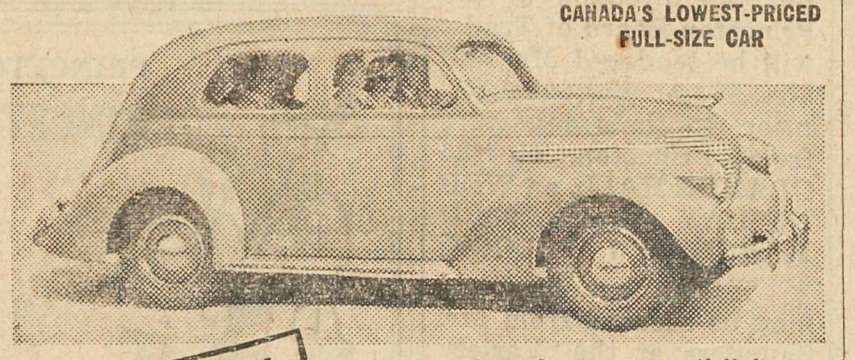

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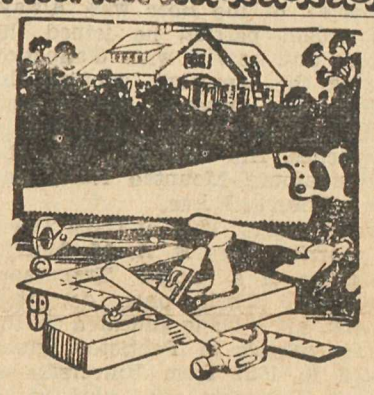

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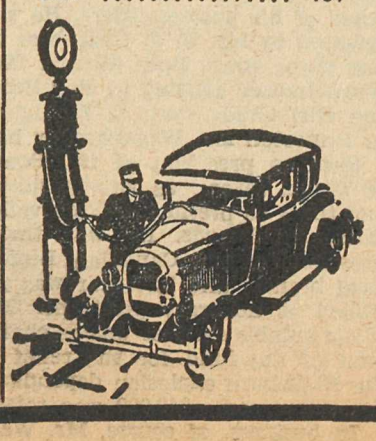

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Prominent Citizens To Leave Princeton

AFTER a residence of fifteen years, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wagenhauser, well known to everyone throughout the valley, leave Princeton for Vancouver next Friday.

A farewell banquet in their honor Wednesday will undoubtedly draw a large crowd from all valley points, and from Penticton, their former home.

Merchant and publican, Mr. Wagenhauser has been a prominent figure here and in Penticton for the past decade. He operated the leading department store in the Okanagan town before assuming a similar role here, with an active branch at Copper Mtn., before the last shut-down.

Mr. Wagenhauser, known to every resident of standing in the valley and also far beyond it, has had an interesting career. He was born in Birmingham 11th December, 1879, and after receiving public school education in London and entering the merchant trade, he proceeded to South Africa as an exporter's representative, just in time for the outbreak of the Boer war. Always an ardent patriot, he joined the colors and served with distinction during the campaign, winning the King's and Queen's medals with four bars and being mentioned in despaches. His regiments were the Johannesburg Mounted Rifles and Lord Roberts Horse.

In February, 1905, at Cape Town, he married Miss E. A. M. Morris, daughter of a noted Transvaaal merchant. Their only daughter, Muriel, after being educated in the public schools of Penticton, graduated in 1927 from University of British Columbia and pursued a scholarship at Clark College, Worcester, Mass., where she met and married Ralph Hidy, now a member of the faculty of Wheaton College, Norton, Mass. Mrs. Hidy is now completing her final labors for her Ph. D., degree, an honor her husband has already attained. Mr. and Mrs. Hidy have spent several summers here.

In 1908 the Wagenhauser's left South Africa for Canada, settling in South Vancouver, where Mr. Wagenhauser operated a general store, and was also post-master. He was later similarly identified in Vancouver and Cumberland, V.I.

Mr. Wagenhauser did not serve during the World War, but "did his bit" enthusiastically at home. As chairman of the Reception Committee he never failed to meet a returning warrior, attend to his comfort, drive him home. This assiduousness the vets remembered when they selected him to drive the Prince of Wales when he visited Penticton—a memorable ride which the Prince remembered on his next visit and perhaps still recalls—for the accelerator jammed.

After disposing of his Penticton business in 1920, Mr. Wagenhauser with his family made a world tour, and responding to the lure of the old home, entered business in Harrismith, Orange Free State, but after three years sold out and returned to British Columbia, in August 1924 taking over the Princeton store he has just vacated.

Always active in public affairs, Mr. Wagenhauser aspired to the reeveship of Penticton after he disposed of his business there. He was defeated by Mr. E. J. Chambers by just three votes. Both he and Mrs. Wagenhauser assisted in Boy Scout and Girl Guide work in Penticton In Princeton Mr. Wagenhauser had a term as president of the Board of Trade, several as vice-president, and three as president of the valley associated boards. He was thrice president of the Canadian Legion, local branch, and last year was installed as honorary president. One of his notable services was as chairman of the fund for the relief of the Blakeburn explosion dependants for whom some $40,000 was raised.

In business, of course, Mr. Wagenhauser has proven a friend to many Similkameen families in time of need, and has given generously to many causes.

Mr. Wagenhauser's plans for the future are indefinite. Mr. and Mrs. Wagenhauser will reside for the time being in Vancouver.

Leave Many Friends

W. A. WAGENHAUSER

MRS. W. A. WAGENHAUSER.

MRS. R. U. HIDY

★ EDITORIAL]

"Good Old Wag"

THERE may be no visible signs, but next Friday morning's Kettle Valley train will breathe a little harder, and its pulse will throb a little faster; for it will be breaking an old tie as it pipes a steamy swan song for "old Wag."

Perhaps the spirit of this old composing machine is quivering a little as it spits out for the last times in active service that familiar name; because for nearly twenty years Wag has been in the public eye hereabouts, and, never a blushing violet, his spirit will more or less haunt this old shop.

We knew Wag well, and perhaps no one knew him just as we did. For years he was our best advertiser, and, our interests being as similar as our natures and outlooks were different, we teamed up in many endeavors, and we saw Wag under lights of many colors.

We were never given to hypocrisy, and we would not spoil the native charm of this valediction by and flattery or insincerity. In many ways we differed with Wag, and never more than when he tried to do our thinking for us. But we could not but appreciate his value as a community worker.

He walked where angels feared to tread; he missed by a mile and won plaudits where a more serious nature—like ourselves, if we may be excused for becoming personal, as in a writing like this indeed we must—would have come close and fretted in shame. He vaulted constitutions and garbled resolutions; he invariably said the wrong thing and it came out right. He made you do things that went against your grain and your judgement. He cajoled you, he bullled you. His psychology was elementary, you could read him like a book. You defied, you swore, you condemned, you rebelled; but always you found yourself doing his bidding; and, typical Englishman, he always muddled through.

When we came to Similkameen ten years ago, young, eager, generous, keen, anxious to serve, Wag was an upstanding man. He had an air of command about him. He was a hard rider, and he knew the value of a willing horse. We found ourselves teamed up with Wag, as secretary to president, in many efforts of community enterprise in Princeton's hey - day before the depression. We were an ill-assorted team. Wag, the emperor, bold, big, careless alike of authority and detail, a born publicist; we, fearful alike of praise or blame; horrified of ostentation, exacting, careful of precedent. Wag loved to make a speech; we feared it like any demon Wag was never more in his element than in the center of a crowd; we never more unhappy and ineffective —the emperor and the student, Falstaff and —may it be excused— Hamlet. But we got through a power of work; perhaps we can say we accomplished something.

Wag was a big man in that day; a man whose magnetism overrode his many less desirable qualities— and we hope this will be taken in purity and sincerity given. He rode the crest of fortune well; we always thought he did not fit so well in the trough of disappointment.

But perhaps the fault is ours; the acid of the years has leached the starch of ambition, the ardor to serve has cooled, and the promise of life, once so green, has faded. Perhaps we hoped for too much; perhaps we quit too easily. At any rate, that phase has gone; but in the welter of memory, there stand some vital moments, some serious, some humorous, with Wag as the central figure. He was the Falstaff of the piece, and he played his part with gusto. His memory will linger long.

Of his family it becomes necessary to speak in a much softer strain; but we need not fear incongruity. For, however incongruous, wherever Wag was, his thoughts of wife and daughter were never very far away. He had his own way of showing it, but he was loyal to the last ditch. He loved glory, but he was never selfish with it; he shared it with his fellow-workers, but most of all with his family.

It was our privilege, too to know both Mrs. Wagenhauser and Muriel intimately in their own right. We attended history honors seminar with Muriel. As a student she has made her mark so well that no comment from us could extol her. Of Mrs. Wagenhauser we would require to speak in terms such as any boy reserves for his own mother; and no boy does that in public print.

There is much more to be said, but ours is not the ability that will say it. In the sincere closing hope that we have expressed the delicate kindness that we feel, we can only say, somewhat flatly and ordinarily, as a welter of incongrous memories surge—so long, Wag and Mrs. Wagenhauser; we shall miss you both—all of us.

NOTICE

A Community Complimentary Dinner, under the direction of the Princeton Board of Trade, will be tendered Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wagenhauser, prior to their departure from Princeton, at the ORANGE HALL, on WEDNESDAY evening, 23RD MARCH, at 7 O'CLOCK.

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