★ The Similkameen Star

Thirty-Eighth Year; No. 25 PRINCETON, B.C., THURSDAY, 26th MAY, 1938. $2.00 Per Annum; 5c Copy.

NEWS BRIEFS

★ **Playing softball** on Friday night, Adam Schulli broke his collar bone for the third time. High School is off to another walkover. They won from Cosmos 8-2, the store boys having trimmed Pen Pushers 20-12 in the opener Wednesday.

★ **Ross-Armstrong** fight postponed to Tuesday night.

★ **Princeton Elks** will pay a fraternal visit to Oliver on Tuesday evening.

THE WEATHER

May	Max.	Min.
21	83	39
22	86	36
23	83	36
24	84	39
25	82	39
26	85	35
27	80	37

BIRTHS

ALLAN—To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allan of Hedley, at Princeton Hospital, on Monday, 23rd a son.

Police Blotter

Fracas Brings Fines

It was a good fight while it lasted, but the cops have to spoil everything. Ross and Armstrong will get paid plenty, but these two Copper Mtn. men had to pay for theirs. —One $25.00 and costs, Liquor Act, the other $5.00 and costs, good old Section 238. Magistrate Nichols.

Moral: Read The Star.

Princeton police don't cry "wolf." An Allenby youth was the first victim of the order to travel at a safe speed past the school zone. He paid $10 and costs. He said he did not see the warning in The Star. Bet he sees this.

WEDDINGS

Lacny-Yackulic

The wedding was quietly solemnized at the home of the groom's mother on Saturday of Paul Lacny and Katherine Marie Yackulic. A reception followed. Mr. and Mrs. Lacny will reside in Princeton.

Corsi-Cieslikowski

A wedding of considerable interest was solemnized at Okanogan, Wash., on Saturday, 21st, when Lucy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Cieslikowski of Copper Mtn. became the bride of Mr. George Corsi son of Mrs. B. Vittoni and the late Mr. Corsi of Wolf Creek ranch. The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Cieslikowski and Mr. and Mrs. Vittoni.

On Sunday evening many well-wishers greeted the newlyweds at a joyous reception at the Wolf Creek ranch. Mr. and Mrs. Corsi will reside at Copper Mtn.

Wride-Hall

A wedding of exceptional interest was solemnized in St. Cuthbert's church, Princeton, Saturday afternoon when Margaret Ann, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Barr Hall of Princeton became the bride of Dr. Edward Gordon Wride of Hedley, son of Mrs. Mary Wride and the late Mr. Wride of St. Thomas, Ont. His Grace Archbishop A. U. DePencier performed the ceremony in a church adorned with white bridal wreaths, and thronged to capacity.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was a charming figure in white. Her gown was of white satin with flowing train, with which she wore a bolero jacket trimmed with self material and veil in halo effect, on a bandeau of orange blossoms. Her jewels were a single strand of pearls, White hose and shoes completed her costume, and she carried a bouquet of lily of the

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COPPER HITS DANGER ZONE

Local Industry Not In Any Immediate Danger, Is Feeling, However

WEAKNESS of the copper market has caused some local uneasiness, though there seems to be no immediate cause for alarm.

Copper is down to 8.50 at New York, and it was at 9 when the Granby company shut down in 1930. There is no denying, therefore, that the situation has elements of seriousness, but a shut-down is not nearly in sight.

The situation is not parallel. Then Granby had Anyox as a major consideration, and, with its end in sight, it was good policy to concentrate.

Now Copper Mtn. is its sole interest and its organization has been specially designed for this operation. After a year of concerted effort, operations are just swinging into stride, with a new efficiency obtained. It is now estimated that Granby can successfully produce copper at a little over 7c.

In spite of the glut on world markets, Granby has no problem in disposing of its product. Japan has contracted for the entire output, so that as long as the price remains high enough for a bare margin, there is not much doubt of Granby taking the expensive plunge of cecessation.

Rigid economy measures are already in evidence, however. Some 25 men have been laid off at Copper Mountain, and non-productive staffs are being trimmed.

All extra work has been suspended, nd discontinuance of West Kootenay power used for this work is alone said to effect a saving of some $70.00 a day.

It is commonly expected that there will be a wage reduction, as the wage scale in the industry fluctuates with the price of copper. No cut has been announced yet, however, and a rise in price will automatically bring a re-adjustment

Keremeos, Allenby School Sport Winners

CLASS A
(Native Sons' Shield)

	Points	Score
1. Keremeos	68½	128½
2. Princeton	116	116
3. Blakeburn	25½	100½
4. Hedley	38	98
5. Copper Mtn.	5	90

CLASS B
Similkameen Star Shield

1. Allenby	29	29
(2. One Mile	10	20
(2. Nickel Plate	10	20
4. Sterling Creek	7	17
5. Coalmont	11	11
6. Olalla	0	0

ONCE again Princeton won most points but Keremeos took off the honors when handicaps were entered at the eleventh Similkameen schools track meet at Hedley Monday. Princeton earned 116 competition points to Keremeos' 68 1-2, and almost amassed a score equal to the combined totals of ten competitors, but what would have been a walk-over became a narrow defeat due to the handicap system, based on school population, and it becomes increasingly apparent that with only two candidates in each event, the top-heavy Princetonites must win almost everything to finish on top.

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Injured Pilot Former Resident of Princeton

INSPECTOR R. CARTER-GUEST
Now investigating the accident

SPECTACLAR crash of a plane in an unnamed lake near Fort St. James early this week involved two persons well known here.

Charles Elliott, pilot, in serious condition after two days exposure, was formerly a partner in the Hill and Elliott garage. Alan East, husband of the injured woman, and whom she was flying north to join, frequently calls here as an insurance agent.

It is recalled that Elliott is himself a competent mechanic. He left Princeton for Lethbridge in 1922, and became interested in aviation, later organizing Pacific Airways, of which he is manager.

He stopped off here about a year ago while bringing in a new plane from Detroit. He contended that a plane was as safe as a car. He always carries a light emergency kit sufficient to sustain him for several days, but in this his first accident it did him no good as the plane crashed in a lake.

Mr. East was here only a month ago.

Empire Day Quietly Observed In Valley

A long, lazy week-end summarizes Similkameen's Empire Day. It had no local patriotic significance and there was no local celebration.

A few went to Oliver and other points; gasoline burning being, indeed the most popular recreation.

Mr. C. W. Burt reports both the oratorical contest and dance satisfactorily successful. The winning ticket on the radio was No. 857, held by J. Moffett of the Canty Mine.

Both beauty and youth were served when Allenby's Nadine Wenestrom won the money grab-bag prize.

Three Delegates For Kamloops Game Meet

SIMILKAMEEN will be represented by three official delegates at the annual provincial convention of game associations at Kamloops, 3rd June. Rev. J. C. Goodfellow, W. Young, and C. W Burt have been delegated by the Princeton Fish, Game and Forest Protective Assn., and in addition there may be other local visitors. A strong U.S. repesentation is expected.

★ Mrs. V. Long and Mr. H. Trehearne are assisting at the Princeton Post Office.

SUDDEN SPELL OF HOT WEATHER SENDS SIMILKAMEEN STREAMS ON RAMPAGE

A SUDDEN surge of heat brought new problems to the Similkameen this week in the form of swollen streams. It was a complete reversal of the complaint, which has been the backwardness of the season.

It was generally agreed around Princeton—lacking official record—that the rivers are at their highest in about four years.

The peak came Wednesday night and gardens and street-ends on Princeton's esplanade were flooded. The tennis court, about 100 feet from the river, is under six inches of water, and the frogs are croaking merrily, while basements are the swimming pools they usually are at this time of year.

A bridge over Kelly Creek in the upper Tulameen is reported out, and Road Foreman Al. Johnston has been a worried man for a week.

But there has been no serious damage.

It is commonly believed that the peak has been passed, and the water is expected to continue to drop.

Three Early Fires As Weather Takes An Abrupt Warm Turn; Little Danger, Though

HOT, sultry weather has suddenly precipitated an early season fire menace, the forestry branch reporting humidity at an extraordinary low point for the time of year. Ranger J. M. Fraser said that Wednesday's Princeton reading of 6.5 was the lowest in all his experience. However, the hot spell is sudden, and the woods are still green and moist.

Three fires have been reported to date this season, all of them recent and none of them dangerous. One was near Freding's logging camp, and was extinguished by the logging crew. It covered about two acres. A fire near One Mile Creek on the Coalmont road was nipped early. The other resulted from boys playing near the golf course; or it may have been that Stan's game was particularly hot. The blaze was soon extinguished, with no damage.

$21,000 Project In Mind As Ratepayers Consider Princeton School Addition Soon

AN addition to Princeton school costing $21,000 and providing for manual training, demestic science, library and laboratory facilities is what Princeton ratepayers are being asked to approve when they meet Monday.

Four new class-rooms are provided for in the plan, which involves the removal of the old court house building, converted into a school a few years back.

The alternative, which neither the government nor the special committee appointed by the ratepayers approves, is a two room structure with basement, to cost $7,500.

If the larger effort is endorsed the government makes a grant of one third; if the smaller one fifth. It is proposed to take care of the balance by a bond issue, circulated locally.

It is foreshadowed that there may be some opposition from the ratepayers, in view of past diffidence towards any considerable expenditure. At present one class is accommodated in a rented hall, and by next year more room will be needed.

Everything in the proposed new buiding is according to latest approved school standard. All classrooms are about 25 ft. by 30 ft., the library and laboratory a little smaller. The basement provides laboratory, manual training and domestic science quarters, the ground floor two class rooms, principal's office, first aid and supply room and male and female teachers' rooms. Top floor provides two class rooms and library.

The building, in the form of wing on the depot side of the high school measures 95 by 30 feet, is of frame construction and conforms with high school lines. Plans provide for future expansion, the eventuality being replacement of the present public school building.

★ **An engineer** of the Pioneer Company's staff was in the Tulameen area this week, notably examining the Fitzgerald property. The Boothe placer interests are expected in next week.

★ **No local tickets** in the Irish sweepstake draw.

★ **Princeton's Domninon Day** will be a two-day fete, featuring horse racing and sports.

Hedley, Allenby Students Win Honors In First Similkameen Oratorical Competition

DOUGLAS WILLIAMS of Hedley and Lois Logan of Allenby won the honors in high school and public school classes respectively at Tuesday's oratorical contest in Princeton.

Though inexperience was evident in all efforts, it was agreed that a commendable start has been made and there were evidences of real promise. Certain of the topics were unfortunate, offering little scope for originality, and certain candidates had made the mistake of memorizing their speeches, forgetting that naturalness and emphasis are even more important than matter in platform speaking.

Douglas Williams showed by far the most understanding of the art in giving quite an able interpretation of the trend of political thought in Europe. He traced the growth of the various "isms"; he pointed, but he did not preach.

Donald Allen, Princeton, chose to talk on the unfortunately technical subject of "Dust Explosions." His analysis was clear but unconvincing

Jean Coldicott of Copper Mtn., whom judges Mrs. T. B. Hooper and Mr. P. W. Gregory grouped with Mr. Allen for second place, selected the interesting topic of "The Youth Movement."

Lois Logan told the iteresting story of the Panama Canal in lucid fashion, in winning the public school cup. Janet Sim, Princeton, had ing the case of the Hope-Princeton road, but did not do herself justice through over - anxiousness. Lila Jones of Jura told the interesting life history of the bee.

Keremeos, Allenby, School Sport Winners

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At that, the lower valley gladiators, with a wealth of track meet tradition behnd them, made a contradition behind them, made a consistently good showing and were clearly ahead of the pack.

Thanks to the brilliant showing of the senior boys, attending Princeton High School, but running under Allenby colors, the concentrator town took Class B honors and the Similkameen Star shield for smaller schools, and had a grand climax in a record-breaking win in the now cup-less McKenzie cup classic, senior boys' relay.

But the real high-light of the 35-event meet, run under ideal conditions, was the exceptionally high standard, regardless of scores. An all-time record assault saw eleven records toppled and five tied, even eclipsing the landslide of 1932.

The two outstanding performances were turned in by strapping Trevor Cody of Allenby in the senior sprints and Junior Forsyth, husky Princeton 14-year old, who set marks of 14 ft. 6 and 4 ft. 8 in the broad and high jumps that will probably be marvelled at for some time; and who incidentally looms as the star prospect.

Sturdy Marion Oelrich who last year carried the unknown One Mile school on her back to a Class B title, ran this year as a student of Princeton high school, and entered both senior and junior sprints winning in her own class and running second in the open, but without sensation.

Laurie Lavalley made holy ground tremble when he tied Bronson Lansing's ten foot mark in the senior pole vault.

The hurdles again provided a feature, and all three records fell, with Milloy of Keremeos clipping two and a half seconds off the senior boys' mark in a beautiful run.

Coalmont and Blakeburn pleased with an improved showing, though nowhere near their proper place. Only school to fail to lift a point was Olalla.

★ Mr. and Mrs. Geo Murray and family motored over to the Okanagan on Saturday, enjoying a nice week-end reprieve from their labors at Blakeburn.

Track Meet Results

120 yd. Hurd'es—1. Milloy (Keremeos); 2. Russell (Princeton); 3. Gordon (Hedley); 4. Kirkland (Allenby). Time, 15.4 sec. (record).

100 Yards—1. Cody (Allenby); 2. Campbell (Ker.); 3. Atkinson (Pr.) 4. McIntyre (Pr.) Time. 10.8 sec.

220 Yards — 1. Cody (Al.); 2. Campbell (Ker). 3. Eakin (Copper Mtn.); 4. Atkinson (Pr.) Time, 24.4 sec.

880 Yards—1. Patenaude (Ker.); 2. Manning (Al.); 3. Milloy (Ker.) 4. Eakin (Cop. Mtn.). Time, 2 min. 18.8 sec. (Record)

Broad Jump—1. Russell (Pr.); 2. Boag (Blakeburn); 3. McIntyre (Pr) 4. Gladish (Hed.) Distance, 18 ft. 5 in.

High Jump—1. Gordon (Hed.); 2. Loski (Pr.); 3. Fraser (Hed.); 4. Mitchell (Pr.) Height, 5 ft. 2 7-8in.

Pole Vault—1. Lavalley (Pr.); 2. Kovich (Pr.); 3. Kirkland (Al.); 4. Shemilt (Ker.) Height 10 ft. (ties record).

Relay (440 yd.)—1. Allenby; 2. Keremeos; 3. Princeton; 4. Blakeburn. Time, 52.4 sec. (record).

Boys Under 16)

120 yd. Hurdles—1. Smith (Ker.) (2) Smart (Coalmont); 3. Gordon (Hedley); 4. Huey (Pr.) Time, 19 sec. (record).

100 Yards—1. Gregory (Pr.); 2. Manery (Ker.); 3. Caldreath (Cop. Mtn.); 4. Frew (Bl.) Time, 12.2 sec.

220 Yards—1. Miller (Ker.); 2. 4. Edwards (Bl.) Time, 27 4-5 sec. (record.)

Broad Jump—1. Frew (Bl.); 2. Paul (Pr.); 3. Edwards(Bl.); 4. Lavery (Hed.) Distance, 15 ft. 3 in

High Jump—1. Macfie (Pr.); 2. Baird (One Mile); 3. Hatton (Coal) 4. Miller (Ker.) Height, 5 ft. (record.)

Pole Vault—1. Pavicich (Pr.); 2. Shenton (Pr.); 3. Gordon (Hed.); 4. Lavery (Hed.) Height, 8 ft. 4 in.

Relay (440 yd.)—1Keremeos; 2. Coalmont; 3. Princeton; 4. Blakeburn. Time, 57 sec.

Boys Under 14

75 Yards—1. East (Ker); 2. Holley (Bl.); 3. Popovich (Pr.); 4. Rubis (Pr.) Time, 10 sec. (record.)

Broad Jump—1. Forsyth (Pr.); 2. Rubis (Nickel Plate); 3. East (Ker) 4. Bonora (Bl.) Distance, 14 ft. 6 in. (record.)

High Jump—1. Forsyth (Pr.); 2. Bush (Hed.); 3. Lawrence (Pr.); 4. G. Lyon (Hed.) Height, 4 ft. 8 in. (record).

★ **Tiny grasshoppers** are already swarming the flats, indicating that even last year's plague will be outdone as summer advances.

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DAVE TAYLOR, EDITOR, TYPOGRAPHER

Relay (300 yd.)—1. Princeton; 2. Hedley; 3. Princeton; 4. Keremeos. Time, 43 4-5 sec.

Boys Under 12

50 Yards—1. Perpich (Pr.); 2.Coleman (Ker.); 3. Bunock (Pr.); 4. Gilmore (Bl.) Time, 7.8 sec.

Mixed Relay Under 12 (300 yd.)

1. Hedley; 2. Allenby; 3. Princeton; 4. Princeton. Time, 43 4-5 sec. (ties record).

Girls Open

Hurdles, 80 yd—1. Overton (Ker) 2. Powell (O. M.); 3. Muir (Pr.) 4 Lester (Pr.) Time, 12.2 sec. (record)

100 Yards—1. Allen (Pr.); 2. Overton (Ker.); 3. Oelrich (Pr.) 4. East (Ker.) Time, 13.2 sec. (record)

High Jump—1. McLean (Pr.); 2. Pendleton (Ker.); 3. Lawrence (Pr) 4. Manning, (Al.) Height, 4 ft. 2 in (ties record.)

Relay (300 yd.)—1. Princeton; 2. Keremeos; 3. Blakeburn; 4. Hedley Time, 40 sec. (ties record).

Girls Under 16

75 Yards—1. Oelrich (Pr.); 2. Racich (Pr.); 3. Armstrong (Ker.); 4. Biggs (Hed.) Time, 10 1-5 sec.

High Jump — 1. Powell (O.M.); 2. Murray (Bl.) and Moore (Hed.) (tie); 4. Gordon (Hed.) and Armstrong (Ker.) (tie).

Relay (300 yd.) — 1. Hedley; 2 Princeton; 3. Allenby; 4. Keremeos. Time, 42.8 sec.

Girls Under 14

1. Racich (Pr.); 2. Ray (Pr.) 3 Manery (Ker.); 4 Logan (Al.) Time 10 .4 sec.

Relay—1. Princeton; 2. Blakeburn 3. Hedley; 4. Keremeos. Time 43.4 sec. (ties record.)

Girls Under 12

1. Logan (Al); 2. Unwin (Sterling Creek); 3. Yates (Pr.); 4. Gordon (Hed.) Time, 7 sec. (record)

Softball

(Class B schools)

1. Nickel Plate ..... (6 pts.)
2. Sterling Creek ..... (4 points)

★ **LEGAL NOTICE]**

NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to and inclusive of the 30th day of May, 1938, for the purchase of the following described property situated near Jura, B.C.

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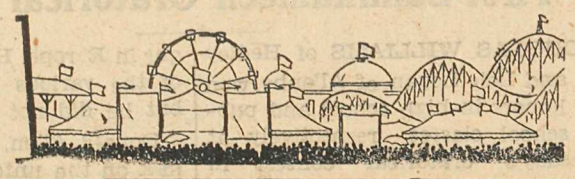

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Cloke left for a two weeks' motor trip on Sunday. They will visit numerous inter-o. towns and finally spend a few days in Victoria where Mr. Cloke's parents reside.

Congratulations on the showing at the school track meet, especially to the double-winners, Trev. Cody and Lois Logan.

Congratulations too to Miss Logan for her success in the oratorical contest.

The tennis court has received a coat of green paint and will be lined shortly.

The government grader is doing good work on the double turn at the power house corner.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Nesbitt and family spent the week-end in Kamloops, their former home.

A number of "new" cars have been appearing in Allenby lately.

Yenessi girls' club gave a successful repeat performance of its concert at Copper Mtn.

Wride-Hall

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valley and white roses.

She had as her attendants Miss Augusta Boyes of Napanee, Ont. and Miss Marjorie Wride, niece of the groom.

As maid of honor Miss Boyes wore seal blue net, skirt bouffant, and bolero jacket, appliqued with pink flowers, pill-box hat of matching net, ornamented with pink flowers, and blue shoes. She carried pink carnations. As bridesmaid Miss Marjorie Wride was similarly costumed in pink, with bodice trimmed with tiny bits of ribbon, and hat and shoes to match. Her corsage bouquet was of blue irises.

The groom was attended by Mr. Todd Harris of Hedley, and Dr. Paul Phillips and Mr. Bronson Lansing were ushers.

Miss May Lindsay at the organ played marital music, and during the signing of the register Mrs. C. T. Thomson sang "O Promise Me."

A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents, some ninety guests honoring the newlywed. The bride's mother received in a gown of black crepe. Mrs. Wride, mother of the groom, chose navy; Mrs. Leonard Buckler of Kelowna, and Miss Ann Hall, sisters of the bride, wore navy silk and pale gray.

Mrs. R. J. Wride, in navy, and Mrs. E. Waterman, in gray, presided at the table. Serviteurs were Mrs C. R. Mattice and the Misses Peggy MacDonald, Audrey McCaffrey and Isobel Howse.

For travelling the bride wore a neat black suit, piped in braid, with black turban hat, black shoes, white shoes and the groom's gift, a silver fox fur.

Following a wedding tour of Eastern Canada, Dr. and Mrs. Wride will take up residence in Hedley.

SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING

The qualified voters of Princeton School District are hereby notified that a **Special School Meeting,** as authorized by the "Public Schools Act" will be held on the **30th** day of **May,** in the **High School,** at **7:30 p.m.** for the purpose of considering proposals to build certain additions to the Schools.

- By order of the Board of Trusees.

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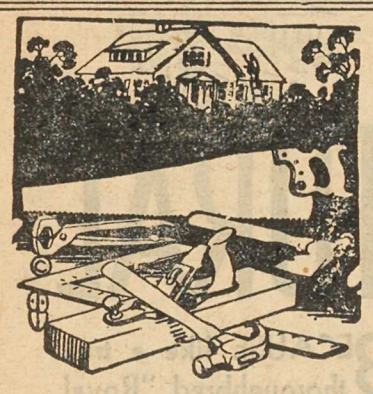

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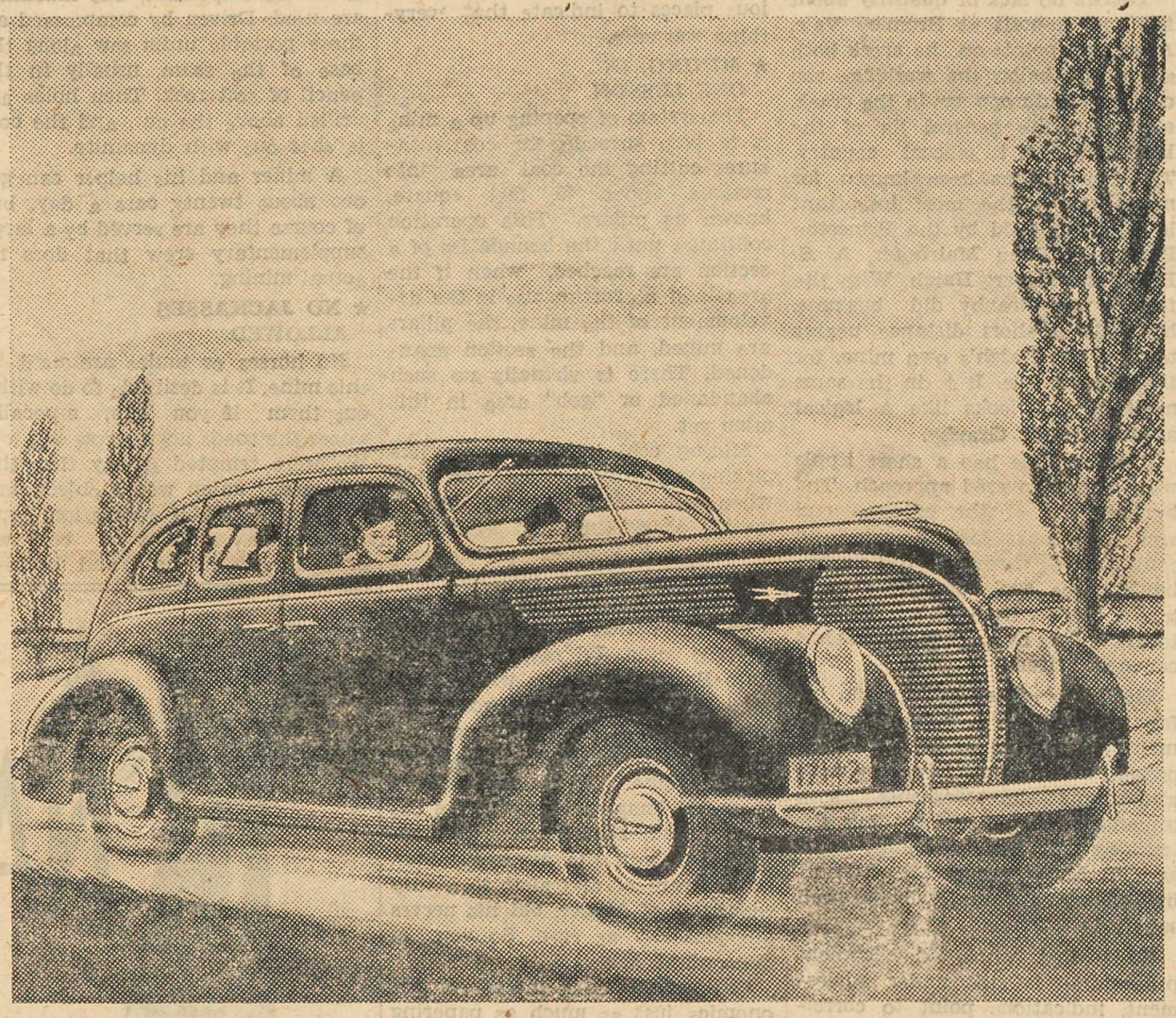

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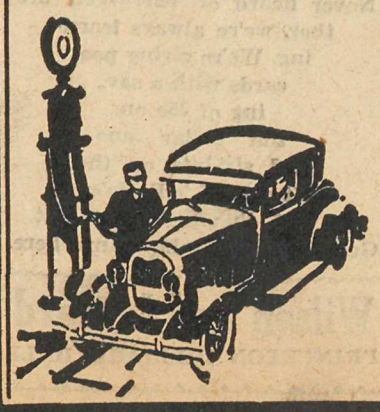


Bromley Vale Colliery From Above and Below

UNUSUAL holidays—what's your score? Sometimes you make whoopie with the thundering herd; sometimes you blow a horn while the herd thunders; sometimes you pull the official strings that others may have fun. Sometimes you answer the call of the open road; sometimes you seek sylvan solitude where speckled beauties rise. Sometimes you climb mountains. Sometimes duty keeps you at the keyboard. The same duty, or pursuit of pleasure, may take you winging in the clouds.

But did you ever spend a feast day down a mine, by desire—and like it?

This printer did, and from this point we are sure of one reader, for genial Arthur Hilton, fireboss at the Bromley Vale mine, who did the honors, expects a story. He said so. And it may be of general interest to know what is going on at this busy new industry, now Princeton's principal payroll.

When Bromley Vale was taken over by Granby about eighteen months ago, it was rather an east end orphan than a successful business man. Its spotty history showed little progress, but lots of incident. Half a dozen hopeful efforts there had been to make a mine out of it, even to one or two ventures that left a sour taste. Wages were unpaid, and one bright scheme had farmers and butchers from outside putting in $50 as an investment in a mine—and a job. In short, as Mister Micawber would say—and Mr. Micawber seems peculiarly appropriate — the whole thing was a shoestring, and one that kept breaking.

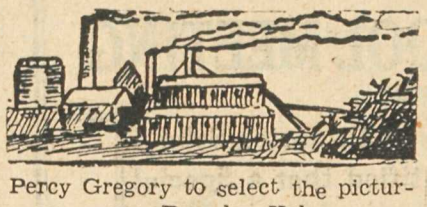
★ A BUSY LITTLE PLACE

But now it is a busy little hive, getting out 225 tons a day ,though you'd wonder how they do it; with seventy workmen and their dependants getting wage cheques as sure as the bank of England—well, any way, bank of Granby.

And it's probably unique among coal mines in that it has no marketing problem. It would, of course, like to develop a little high grade lump, just to sweeten the ledger, but the bulk of its product is eagerly gulped up by the big Granby power plant, turning over the big turbines which speed the wheels of the huge Copper Mtn. and Allenby operation. And, as the power generating units—at least, the main one—depend on pulverization, the effort here is to get the coal out rather small than big.

For a while they had troubles in using the coal, but it was mostly a problem of adaption, and now everything appears to be co-ordinated with utmost efficiency.

The first thing that strikes you as you approach the new colliery over the usual wickedness of Similkameen roads is the beauty of the countryside. You might be thinking it the rocky road to Dublin, but it is a beauty typical of their own English countryside that probably led Wilfred Freeman and



Percy Gregory to select the picturesque name, Bromley Vale.

From its cloistered source high up a distant mountain, the little creek here ambles through pleasant meadow through a wide but well defined valley, eventually tossing its self-important mite into the silvered offertorial of the Similkameen river.

Right now the harmless little fellow is raising high-jinx. Gorged by melting snow, it is in seasonal flood. and is giving a good deal of trouble. It has swept away part of the dam and the flume, but can't cause any great damage.

★ COAL FOR EVERYONE

There's no lack of quantity about the coal deposit at Bromley Vale. At several points on the creek both above and below the workings you can trace outcroppings in the creek, and even the general lie of the land tells you it is coal country. The deposit has been known for many years, the most important leases being held by the Princeton Properties, John Mairhofer, A .S. Black and Robert Haigh. With the former two Granby did business, but only a short distance nearer town is Mr. Haigh's own mine, for the present idle. It is in the same measure and looks like a logical acquisition for Granby.

Bromley Vale has a short tipple with a long covered approach. The bunkers are at the extreme end and the trucks load quickly and conveniently, three five-ton models hauling the coal some four miles to the chutes, from which it is fed to the boilers by an ingenious Johns conveyor system.

The mine of course is in its infancy, and there is a big development programme ahead. This will possibly mean electrifying the mine and many improvements, both underground and surface; but the trucking will likely continue, manager T. M. Wilson and the Granby officials apparently being well satisfied.

While the whole development programme is still under advisement, indications point to correlated small operations rather than one large, involved mine. The tipple has been built to serve three tunnels from different directions. This system should be economical.

Besides the tipple, outside buildings comprise blacksmith shop, power house, lamp house and office. All are small temporary buildings.

The mine has been in coal practically since the first shovelful of dirt was moved, and even with the present sizeable output, all mining is relatively close to the surface. Levels and crosscuts have been run in much greater distance than the main slope has been driven, to open up working places immediately, of which there are at present some twenty. As yet there is no effort at driving to the boundaries.

For the present, power for the compressor is provided by diesel drive, with a small steam plant for the screens.

★ DOWN UNDER

The mine was idle when the notion possessed us to "go look see" but Mr. Hilton, fire-boss was just coming on shift to keep things in shape. Alex Rintoul started the diesel and in a few minutes the gauge showed sufficient pressure for the pumps.

If you've lived in coal mining communities, it does not take you long to make friends, and we were soon outdoing each other telling tail ones as we left the warm sunshine behind and plunged into the black depths whence cometh dusky diamonds. It's just as well to cultivate goodwill, because what's mystery to you is elemenatry to the seasoned miner. To him the intricate network is like the plan of a big city, and besides, years of experience bring a sense of underground direction that makes an old stager quickly familiar with a new mine.

It's thrill enough to leave the cheerful security of light and move into interior darkness, even when, as in most mines, you travel for a distance along a broad avenue that is the main haulage way. But at Bromley Vale you are hardly out of the sun before you delve down a groping cross-cut. After that, you take what comes and expect plenty.

Mr. Hilton made a quick but efficient inspection round of the mine, chalking significant marks at various places to indicate that everything was safe.

★ MINING, IN ONE LESSON

The system of opening up a mine is to bore through the coal measures cutting the coal area into sections about 75 feet square, known as pillars. This operation continues until the boundaries of a section are reached, when if the area is of no further use in the development of the mine, the pillars are mined, and the section abandoned. There is virtually no such abandoned or "gob" area in this mine yet.

Mining coal is not exactly like picking raspberries. You know that when you start, and it's just a matter of getting used to it. But the first few hours are pretty hard on both nerves and muscles.

Probably everybody has his own peculiar nervous reaction to going down a mine. I'd say it was like unto Byron's gladiator who resigns to death, but conquors agony. In other words, it hurts, but you can take it. I'd never be comfortable in a coal mine. There would be a thousand imaginary deaths. On the other hand, acquaintance will reveal that with the average miner, he is ware of and alert to a very real sense of danger, but his nerves are perfectly at ease. So you ct nonchalant, too.

Coal mining is a matter or economics just as much as papering the parlor, with the imporatant difference that comfort is not considered beyond the rigidly enforced factors of safety.

The pitch is level or steep just as the nature of the coal demands; the roof is just the way mother nature made it, begging the safety props which don't help the elevation, but rather have a bad habit of swooping down and cracking the amateur on the noggin. The science of bending is a technique born of skill and experience, and your pride conceals the bumps.

No mine is a picnic. Where the coal measures are thick and the conditions are naturally good, of course it is easier. The grades are often steep, running up to forty degrees, and the roof is sometimes pretty low. Especially in the newer parts of the mine is this so. The thing to do is get the coal out; if roadways are needed through the particular place, they come later.

★ ALSO GOOD FOR LACROSSE

Roof conditions, as to danger of falling rock, look to be fairly good in this mine. The height and the angles are the bad features. The seam is only about four and one half feet thick, and this naturally makes for a low roof. In consideration of the danger from bumps on the head, the management insists on use of the type hard hat, a great boon to the mining industry. They don't supply printers with hard hats; they just take out insurance on the roof.

The working places, where the coal is mined, are off the slopes and levels; often they are the forerunners of new roadways. They follow the pitch of the seam, almost invariably working up, so that the man does the climbing and the coal takes advantage of gravity.

These working places are not more than six feet wide and the height of the seam. That makes for safety and economy in timbering. They run up seventy-five feet or so. Alongside is a cast iron chute into which the coal is shovelled.

Machines do the big job in coal mining now-a-days. Especially is their use important where the domestic market is served. They permit the taking out of coal in larger pieces. In this mine, where most of the coal is to be pulverized, size is not so important, but machines are used. Driven by compressed air these portable units saw along the base of the seam, usually in the pencil of soft rock. Then holes are drilled above the cut, and the coal is shot out with dynamite.

A miner and his helper can get out about twenty cars a day, but of course they are served by a large supplementary crew that does no actual mining.

★ NO JACKASSES ALLOWED

No horses or mules are used in this mine. It is desirable to do without them if you can, especally where the roads are narrow and low We were tempted so say that the jack-asses' union would object, but that would be self accusation, considering the amount of coal we brought out in hair and boots—oxfords, at least when we started.

It is not a bad mine for water, so far, any way. We have seen lots worse. But where you object to the water is on the steep slopes with the low roofs. There are a few level places where you have to walk on elevated boards—Pattullo bridge, Joe Hilton called it; and we both agreed if Mr. Pattullo got on the business end of a muck stick for a while, down there, he might be a little more appreciative of the taxpayers' money, part of which originates right there.

At present the mine is driving west, following the seam on its downward dip. A slight amount of water is accumulating, handled by two pumps, which require to operate only part time.

There is as yet no fan. natural ventilation being sufficient. The air was pure and sweet, and Mr. Hilton's lamp showed no traces of gas. He said it was only rarely noted, in small quantities, in the wet spots.

★ Rev. and Mrs. Goodfellow and family motored over to the Okanagan on the holiday.

★ Mr. A. McCrum has been spending a few days in Vancouver on business.

★ Mr. Cameron Hooper has been confined to his home for a few days

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