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B.C. Products Week Is Big Success Here

Big Crowd Turns Out To See Princeton's First B.C. Products Display; Many Hampers Won In Quiz Contest; Movies of B.C. Industries Shown

The Field Secretary of the B.C. Products Bureau was tired but happy when he left Princeton for Vancouver Friday morning. He was more than satisfied with the campaign here. Nearly 300 people attended the big display last Thursday evening in the Orange Hall, which had been suitably decorated for the occasion. The local display was under the auspices of the Princeton Board of Trade, and A. E. Bloom was its committee convener. J. W. Southin acted as chairman.

The meeting began promptly at 8 o'clock as announced. Each one entering the hall received a colored folder and a Quiz program number. In commencing his address A. C. Foreman, the Field Secretary of the Bureau complimented the chairman on the brevity and pointedness of his remarks. Mr. Foreman showed how this province shipped here from the East many products which were also made at home. By buying B. C. products people in the west helped to give employment to their own people, and saved miles and miles of transportation charges.

The coloured movies which followed showed B. C. products in the process of manufacture, and gave some idea of the number of people thus employed. There are 1700 plants of factories producing canned fruits and vegetables, boots, shoes, men's clothing, furniture, blankets, Diesel engines, a wide voriety of metal products, building paper rubber gloves, fishing tackle, batteries paint, paper products, meat products, boxes, candies, biscuits, canned milk, ,women's clothing fibre and paper bags, machinery toilet tissues, and so on. In all over 50,000 people are employed in the secondary industries along with an annual payroll of 52 millions. The total industrial payroll for British Columbia in 1940 was over 143 millions. All present were urged to join with manufacturers, retailers and fellow-consumers in the three-fold effort to increase the progress of the local community, thus making our whole Province a finer place in which to live and work.

Displays by local merchants left something to be desired. Prominent were the furniture display by A. L. White, featuring bed and mattress, table, chairs, bureau, and lamp. The display made up a fine unit, and attracted many visitors.

Bob Taylor of Pine Park ranch had on a good display of netted gem seed potatoes. They were prize seed potatoes, and looked all that prize products should be.

This is the first time that such an exhibition has been held here and it is likely that future showings will have a much larger local display.

Perhaps the most exciting part of the whole program was the Quiz. Numbers were read out, and those responding who were able to answer simple questions regarding B. C. products received very healthy hampers full of B.C. goods. Altogether over $125.00 of goods were thus distributed. Dr. J.D. Butler received a very handsome reward for making an extempore speech on the aims and objects of the campaign.

Mr. Cashmore, and the Princeton High School band were on the platform, and the selections played were much enjoyed.

Funds Needed Now For Upkeep of Cenotaph Grounds

Now that Spring is here, Arthur Atkinson can be seen any day beautifying the sacred triangle around the cenotaph. No one estimate in dollars and cents the value of a well-kept green triangle in the midst of a busy town.

The time has come when the committee in charge—G. G. Lyall and E. J. Rotherham—must raise some funds to carry

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CROATIAN DANCE AND CONCERT SUCCESS

Big Attendance At Dance Friday; Music By Coast Orchestra

Young People Play Leading Role in Concert Saturday Night

The dance and concert held by the Croatian Fraternal Lodge here on Friday and Saturday of last week in aid of the Canadian and Russian Red Cross was a distinct success. It had been well advertised, and the response was gratifying.

There was a good attendance at the dance on Friday night. The eight-piece orchestra, the Croatian Tamboura Serenaders, of Vancouver, under the direction of John Vrlak, proved popular. Others in the orchestra were Pauline and Mike Kalanj, Slavka and Tony Tomich, Tommy Oreskovich and Katherine Brisky.

At intervals during the dance vocal numbers were much appreciated. Goldie Popovich, who earned the name of the "Girl with the Golden voice," delighted the audience with her rendering of the popular number "Yours". Mrs. Lubie Vrlak of Vancouver, and Mary Racich and Margaret Lester, of Princeton added vocal numbers.

The prize drawing of a handsome Bulova wrist watch was won by Albert Collett, to whom the first ticket was sold.

CONCERT

The concert Saturday night in the Orange Hall was enjoyed by a large crowd. Mrs. N. Popovich, a member of the local Croatian Lodge, took the chair, and the concert opened with the singing of "O Canada", accompanied by the Serenaders Orchestra. During the evening the orchestra provided several numbers, which were roundly applauded.

Brief addresses were given by Mrs. Popovich and Mr. Vrlak outlining the aims and objects of the society, and the goals toward which they were united in working. Mr. Vrlak spoke in both English and Croatian.

Roy Urbansky, an eleven-year-old Ukranian boy from Vancouver, gave two Russian dances. He won a place in all hearts and was loudly cheered.

Vocal numbers were supplied by Goldie Popovich, Mrs. Lubie Vrlak. Two duets were sung by Mr. and Mrs. Vrlak, and a trio by three in the orchestra; and Pauline Kalanj gave a pianoforte solo.

Local talent at the concert included a pianoforte solo by Mary Prpich; a piano trio by Mary Prpich, Ann Knudsen and Greta Gottfredson; a recitation by Slavka Kralj ("I am a Croatian"); a dialogue by Katie Prpich and Katei Pavich ("The Sailor Song"); and chorus by five girls—Mary Prpich, Slavka Kralj, Katie Prpich, Katie Pavich and Mary Zagar.

Folowing the concert dancing continued till midnight.

Dr. Butler Presents Trophy To Cadets For Marksmanship

Dr. Butler has presented a trophy to the Princeton School Cadet Corps for annual competition. The competition is planned so that every cadet in the corps—not just a few of the good shots—takes part in it.

The corps is divided into teams of six men, the teams being arranged on the individual cadet's past scores. In this way the teams are evenly matched, and every cadet has an equal chance of being on the winning team and so feels himself part of the competition.

Bronze badges, decorated with crossed rifles, for the members of the winning team have also been presented.

The competition covers the entire season so that every shot that each cadet fires during his musketry course may be the one to put his team in front, consequently interest is keen all through the team.

Police Blotter

Nels Holms, of Copper Mountain, charged on Saturday 11th with selling liquor to minors, pleaded guilty before Magistrate C.H. Nichols, was remanded for sentence, and is at present out on bail.

John Manchester, who has been working at Copper Mountain, was charged on Monday 13th with driving to the common danger, and also failing to report an accident which happened on the night of Saturday April 11th, was fined $125 and costs. It is understood that damage to cars is covered by insurance.

Hop Kim Low was fined $300 and costs on April 2nd for selling liquor illegally.

Three cases were tried under the Government Liquor Act. They were each fined $25 and costs. Two paid their fine. One went to gaol.

A case of vagrancy, tried under the Criminal Code, was fined $10.00.

Tommy White was fined $10 on Tuesday forenoon for an infringement of the Game Law.

Weddings

Stevens—Heys

On Saturday evening, April 4, in Collingwood United Church Vancouver, a marriage was solemnized by Rev. J. W. Smith, when Carmen Blanche, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Heys, of Vancouver, became the bride of William Cecil Stevens, son of Mr. Geo. Stevens and the late Mrs. Stevens.

The bride's sister, Miss Pauline Heys was bridesmaid and Mr. Robert Stevens was best man to his brother. Mr. Arthur Paul and Mr. Victor Grant were the ushers. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens will make their home in Princeton, B.C.

Walker—Proudlock

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At 8.00 p.m. Tuesday, April 7 in the United Church, Princeton, with Rev. J. C. Goodfellow officiating, Marbella Elvina, daughter of Mrs. P. Proudlock, of Vancouver, and niece of Mrs. G. Harrison, Princeton, became the bride of David Joseph Walker, son of Mrs. F. L. Walker, of Vancouver.

Mrs. G. Harrison was matron of honor with Mr. Herbert S. Walker was groomsman to his brother. After the wedding ceremony a dinner was served to relatives and immediate friends in the Princeton Cafe.

The couple will spend a short honeymoon in Princeton before returning to reside in Vancouver.

Wells—Nelson

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St. Paul's United Church, Princeton, was the scene of a quiet wedding Wednesday evening, April 8th, when Rev. J. C. Goodfellow united in marriage Dorothy Elizabeth, second daughter of Mr. Albin Nelson, and Albert Richard Wells, youngest son of Mrs. D. Wells, of Merritt.

Miss Ruby Nelson was bridesmaid for her sister. Mr. Lawrence Wells was groomsman for his brother. The newlyweds spent a honeymoon in Okanagan after which the groom reported for service in H.M. Canadian forces.

Elks' Smoke Fund Shipments Boosted To 309,000 Mark

31,500 cigarettes were mailed out to 105 men on the 10th of this month at a cost of $80.76 bringing the grand total to 309,000 cigarettes, stated a member of the Elks' Smoke Fund Committee this week. 309,000 cigarettes are a lot of smokes and these interesting facts give some idea of the huge quantity of cigarettes already mailed to the boys overseas:

It would take a man smoking 20 'fags' a day over 42 years to smoke that many. If they were put in a straight line it would be over 12 miles long, and if they were bought at retail prices they would cost $3,862.50.

Monthly Shipment

The monthly shipment is approximately $82.50 a month, which sends 32,100 cigarettes to 107 men. The load is getting heavy to carry and the Elks' Smoke Fund will need all the financial help they can get. Donations through the mail will be much appreciated. It should be remembered that this is a non-profit fund and nobody makes a cent out of it. All donations go to buy smokes for the boys overseas.

....**Lt. A. V. French and Steve** Freeman are both back from England. Art. French was in Princeton on Monday on his way to Hedley to see his parents Art. has a good word to say for the Elks, and has pleasant recollections of many shipments of cigarettes received.

Help From Keremeos

Keremeos, B.C.
April 10, 1942

B.P.O. Elks,
Princeton, B.C.
DEAR SIRS:-

Last evening the Old Boys of this community put on a basketball game in aid of the Princeton Elks' Smoke Fund. The sum of $14.65 was raised, and am sending it on to you.

Sincerely Yours,
KEREMEOS VICTORY HALL SOCIETY
J. C. Clark, President

Thanks a million, Keremeos. That will help to buy the boys overseas 5,860 cigarettes.

Excerpts From Letters Received By Smoke Fund

Following are excerpts from letters received by the Elks' Smoke Fund from men serving in the armed forces overseas.

Spr. H. B. Lubie—Received my second 300 cigarettes and Oh Boy, what a treat to be able to smoke a real cigarette, after smoking the English cigarette, and they will be still more appreciated when we once more cross the Channel, and hope we have better luck this time, and

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To Water Users of Princeton, B.C.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO STUDY THE REPORT OF B.C. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION RE GENERAL UTILITIES CO., LTD.

Your Committee has found—

1. The General Utility Co. has put no new capital into the undertaking, all repairs, extensions and operating costs having apparently been paid from revenue.
2. Depreciation to the extent of $6,683 was written off in 4 years. Up to December 31, 1940.

3. Revenue for 4 years was	$46,636.29	
Expenses	23,513.51	
Operating surplus	23,122.78	
4. Taken from Revenue—		
Interest	2,982.05	
Depreciation	6,668.23	(6,688.23)
Expenses Vancouver Office	5,760.00	
Other Amounts	7,711.50	
	23,121.78	
5. Book value of General Utility Co. as per Owners	$25,968.77	
Value as per appraisal by Public Utility Engineer	34,265.00	

6. Condition of the system—not good.
7. General operating expenses—too high.

It is the intention of the Public Utilities Commission to hold a hearing, at a date not yet fixed, in Princeton. At this hearing your committee recommends that Mr. J. W. Southin present the water users' case and ask that—

1. The water users of Princeton be asked to pay such rates only as will show a reasonable return on capital actually invested by the General Utility Co.
2. The system be put in first class shape, immediately to insure an adequate supply of water at all times and to eliminate present excessive costs for general overhead.

A general meeting will be held of all water users in Princeton to approve, reject or improve these recommendations.

The place—Travellers' Cafe, Wednesday, April 22, 8 p.m.

WATER USERS' COMMITTEE

Salvage Committee's Hard Work Here Undone By Vandals

It may be true that more harm is done by want of thought than by want of heart but when the results of much labour in necessary war effort is wantonly destroyed the time has come when such nonsense must be stopped.

The Salvage committee enlisted the help of a number of school children in setting shipshape a vast quantity of papers and other salvage. During the Easter holiday this work was mischievously undone and had to be done all over again.

That was bad enough ,but when like offences made it necessary to do the job for a third time it was felt that severe measures must be taken to stop this sheer vandalism. It is not likely that it will happen again undetected, and woe betide those who are discovered.

Home Defence Corp To Be Formed Here

It is the intention of the Department of Home Defence to immediately recruit and organize a supplementary force to be known as the Coast Defence Reserve Militia. The Princeton branch of the Canadian Legion have been so informed by the D. A. A. G. Pacific Command in letters dated March 21st.

It appears that this reserve militia, which is really a home defence unit, is for the threefold purpose of supplementing the reserve army, taking its place in areas where it is not established, and for providing an auxiliary force which is familiar with the local topography. It is not a guerilla unit, but part of the militia reserve auxiliary force.

Organization meetings have already been held in the Legion rooms, and the following organization committee has been elected: Chairman, J. W. Southin, Princeton; W.R. Lindsay, Allenby; F. Buckle, Copper Mountain; W. C. Douglass, Hedley; J. Graham, Keremeos; Bert Letheby, secretary.

Each of the above named would be on the central committee, and represent the district in which they live.

The organization will be on an entirely voluntary basis. There are no age or physical qualification. Those offering themselves should be capable of carrying out the duties required.

A. R. P. Meeting Held Last Friday

Air raid precautions were considered at a large meeting of the Citizens Protection Unit in the Court House last Friday, when Mr. Nichols, the Government Agent, was in the chair. Reports of the blackout were received, and suggestions considered whereby it might be made still more effective.

A number of changes in set-up and procedure were referred to the exectuive, and will be discussed again at a subsequent meeting. The Chairman expressed his satisfaction with the co-operation of all concerned in making the blackout a real success.

One point was debated at some length—the wisdom of having girl runners. Some thought that they should be in pairs. Others thought it unfair that they should be expected to carry messages during a blackout. Others felt that in case of any real trouble they would be just as effective as boy runners.

At any rate it was decided to let their parents decide whether they continue or not to perform this service during A.R.P.

Extension Added To Granby Power Plant Smokestack

An engineering feat worthy of more than passing notice was accomplished at the Granby Co. Power Plant last Wednesday afternoon when the 96-foot smoke stack was lowered, and an addition of 35 feet added.

The smoke stack is made of quarter inch steel plate, and with the additional 35 feet weighs 12 tons. To raise this again, and set it in place was no mean task, and it was a relief to the plant manager, J. W. Southin, when it was successfully accomplished.

Mr. MacFarlan has returned to Princeton after a trip to Revelstoke.

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THE COMING PLEBISCITE

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A plebiscite is a direct vote of the qualified electors of a state in regard to some important public question. The question to be settled by a vote of the people is whether or not the electorate is willing to release the Government from pre-election promises with regard to conscription of men for military service outside the national geographical boundaries. It will not be a vote for or against conscription, but will simply tell the Government that so far as the people are concerned it can do what it thinks best under the new conditions that have taken shape since the pledge was given. It will still remain with the government to determine the issue of conscription. The question is: Are you willing to release the Government from its pre-election promises? It is well to be quite clear abou the issue giving rise to the plebiscite. The answer must be Yes, or No.

It is easy to argue that this is no time to seek the mind of the people on such an issue. The enemy is at the gate, and action is imperative. The plebiscite has already had an unsettling influence on a great many minds. On the other hand, the Prime Minister feels that he has given his word, and that no circumstances have yet arisen to warrant his setting aside a solemn pledge given to the people. Yet the clouds on the horizon are so ominous that many feel that only drastic action can effect safety, or survival. There is inevitably much that the people do not, and cannot know. Those in a position to know have felt it wise to hold the plebiscite, and the best thing for all concerned is to fall in line, and vote according to their desire. To do otherwise would not help Canada's war effort.

We cannot urge too strongly that none should let personal opinions stand in the way of recording their vote. This is important. Unless the result is an overwhelming Yes our enemies, as well as our allies, may misunderstand us. Canada is wholeheartedly for an all-out war effort. Let us make the vote so unanimous that in effect we shall be saying to our Government: "Of course we give you all the authority you want; now get on with the job."

THE GOVERNMENT, UNIVERSITY AND MINING INDUSTRY

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In a recent press release the Hon. Herbert Anscomb, Minister of Mines, says that "Generally speaking, the Department of Mines in all its branches is on its toes very definitely to do everything possible for war and post war development. We make little noise about it for obvious reasons, but we are on the move all the same."

Mr. Anscomb continues: "The Department of Mines, working in co-operation with the University of British Columbia, the mining industry, the Federal Department of Mines and Resources, and the Metal Controller, has established a War Metals Research Board which will make use of the ore dressing laboratories at the University of British Columbia during the five summer months when they are normally idle. The laboratories will be used in carrying out research work on minerals that may yield war metals.

The prime object of this work will be to discover ways and means of recovering small quantities of war metals as by-products from existing operations, and also to determine the feasibility of dressing ores to yield war metals from properties not now in operation. The laboratories may also be used to treat small lots of ores containing war metals.

B.C. INDIANS AND THE WAR EFFORT

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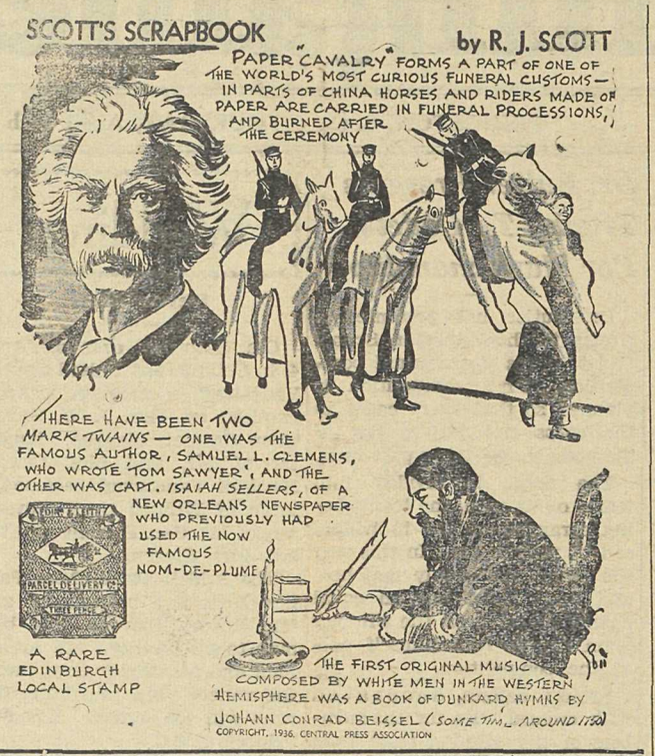
Elsewhere in this issue is a report of money received from B.C. Indians as a contribution to a Spitfire to be used in the Allied cause. Last month an exhibition of Indian arts and crafts was held at Osoyoos, and the proceeds of this went to swell the Indian Spitfire Fund. In these dark and difficult days when so much is at stake it is comforting to think that the native peoples of our Province have seen enough in OUR civilization to make them believe that it is worth working and dying for. So far as we are concerned we are fighting for dear life. The Indians are seeking to revive their ancient arts and crafts, but, at the same time, they are anxious to preserve the new civilization that has come to them.

Some peoples have taken the attitude that our danger is their opportunity. Not so the native people of our Province. No doubt there have been dark spots in our dealings with them, but the Indians feel that much good has more than offset any evils, and they are eager to cast in their lot with us. In this way they will make their contributions to the common heritage of Canada.



Former Residents Visit Princeton From Clearwater

On his return trip from Kamloops, where he attended the Provincial Cattle show during March 10 and 11, Bert Thomas was accompanied by Mrs. Alfred Allison, of Clearwater. They arrived here on the 13th March.

Since then Mrs. Allison has been living with her daughter. Mr. Allison arrived here Monday, March 30th. They intend staying here until after the middle of April.

Dave Archibald, his wife and mother, expect to arrive here from Clearwater about the 16th. Mrs. Rudin will stay a while in Similkameen, but Mr. and Mrs. Archibald will return up the North Thompson after a few days' holiday in Princeton.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison plan to return to Clearwater with Mr. and Mrs. Archibald. It will be two years on 4th April since the Allisons left Princeton for Clearwater.

Frank Shook and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnstone and Jack Norman all left Similkameen eight years ago, and took up land along the Clearwater, which is a tributary of the North Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson returned here early this year. Their home is now at China Creek. Harry is working at Allenby.

Jim and Dave Archibald have been resident in the Clearwater district about four years. At first they went into the sawmill business, four miles east of the Clearwater railway station. Last winter they sold out to the Swanson Lumber Co. of Edmonton, who have bought extensive timber limits, and are cutting 35,000 feet of lumber per day in their new mill.

After selling their mill the Archibald boys bought a trap line on Adams River. Last fall they trapped about $600 worth of marten. Now they are trapping beaver. Jack Norman, who has a farm in the valley, is employed at the Swanson mill. Alfred Allison has a farm sixteen miles north of the Clearwater station.

Mr. Allison tells that the Clearwater climate is similar to that of the lower Similkameen Valley. Winters are mild, and snowfalls are light. Chinook winds keep the frosty weather from being permanent during the winter. The soil is good, and will grow fruits and vegetables.

The farming settlement of the district is comparatively recent, but long before the end of last century Clearwater was a paradise for trappers, hunters and fishermen.

PRACTICAL HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Stained Bath Tubs

Kerosene will clean the bath tubs and wash bowls, but this sometimes leaves a disagreeable odor. An ideal cleanser is the half of a lemon rind.

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Spices

Always keep spices in tightly closed cans or boxes. They will soon lose their flavor if left in open receptacles.

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Hiccoughs

To stop hiccoughs, take a small sup of hot water, hold it in the mouth until it is felt that the hiccough is approaching, then swallow quickly.

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Perspiring Feet

If the feet perspire, powder the stockings with one part of chlorinated lime, one part prepared chalk, and one part powdered starch. Bath the feet daily in cold water.

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Crocheting

Keep the ball of cotton in a bowl or teacup when crocheting, and it will prevent the necesity of crawling on the floor after it at frequent intervals.

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Cake Pans

Dredge the cake pans with flour to prevent the cake from sticking to the pan.

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Substitute for Whipped Cream

Slice one banana and add it to the white of an egg. Then beat it. The banana will dissolve. This makes a delicious substitute for whipped cream.

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Glass

To give glass a frosted appearance, ocver it with a mixture composed of six ounces magnesium sulphate, two ozs. dextrin, and twenty ozs. of water.

Scissors

Cutting sandpaper with scissors until a sharp edge is secured is a quick and easy method for sharpening them.

Former Princeton Boys Enjoy Reunion. In Vancouver

When shall we three meea again? Three Princeton school chums renewed acquaintances in Vancouver last week when Bill Macfie, Stan Pattinson and Milner Gould held an unforgetable pow-wow. Bill is an apprentice in a Vancouver machine shop; Stan was en route to a large logging concern in Northern Vancouver Island, where he will be initiated into the mysteries of land surveying; and Milner was about to leave for the University of Toronto where he will take a course in connection with the medical branch of the R.C.A.F.

Pro-Rec Display In Orange Hall Draws Good Crowd

All who attended the Pro Rec display in the Orange Hall last week were delighted with the programme put on by Bill Wilcox, Pro Rec Chief Instructor, and the other Okanagan Valley gymnastic champions.

Moving pictures and gymnastic team work gave a revelation of what can be accomplished by persistent effort to a iven, worthy end.

Following some introductory remarks by Mr. Wilcox the movies showed pictures of skiing at Hollyburn Ridge, the 1941 mass display at Vancouver, the Pro Rec summer course, other Pro Rec activities and youth hosteling.

After the pictures were over, the tumbling began, the boys being introduced first — Jack Noel, interior B.C. champion; Joe Schwab and his sister, Polly, who had an act of their own, Ed Sugars, the sweetest of them all; August Caincone, Sebastian Shuck, Ed Lipinski, the boys who had no hopes of ever becoming gymnasts a few years ago, little Gloria Sather, who is alone in her class as an acrobat, and presented an excellent act; and last but not least, George Sperle, the clown.

George has a torn ligament in the thigh and couldn't appear in his usual act.

At the end of the evening Bill Wilcox gave statistics on the work that Pro Rec is doing in keeping the boys fit for active service.

The team proceeded to Vancouver to represent the Okanagan in the B.C. Pro Rec competitions held at Vancouver on April 11. All the boys from Kelowna hoped to uphold the usual standards of the Kelowna team which has won the team cup for four years in succession at Vancouver.

Miss Gloria Sather, a Penticton girl, usually works out with her sister, but Lenore was unable to come along, so Bill Wilcox took her place as best he could.

OUT AGAIN, IN AGAIN

For the second time in two months, Harold Robert Hansen, alias Patterson, alias Patterson, alias O'Brien, of Toronto, has been convicted in Montreal of spreading false rumors, a violation of the Defence of Canada Act. Hansen was out of jail only two days after serving a one-month sentence on similar conviction, when he was arrested last week. In court, he admitted, using the name Patterson his mother's maiden name.

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AN OUTLINE HISTORY OF SIMILKAMEEN

[Continued from Last Issue]

V—STOCK RAISING AND FARMING

Those who settled on the land were among those who helped to add the west to the rest of the Dominion. The late Mrs. Allison said that the early settlers were very loyal to the British connection. Though gold lured many prospectors and adventurers, many of whom left, ranching and farming attracted comparatively few, but most of them remained.

As stock raising declined towards the end of the last century, farming and fruit growing grew in importance till today they are the mainstay of the lower valley, of which Keremeos is the centre. The name is said to mean "wind channel in the mountains." The name is descriptive. The town of today lies not far from the river, and the sagebrush slopes beyond the orchard lands are often swept by the winds that course through the valley.

The rolling, bunchgrass hills made an ideal range. The Hudson's Bay Company servants were quick to see its possibilities. There was always a local market for packhorses, and a market for catttle at the coast. Lieutenant Wilson writes in his diary, August 14, 1860:

"We travelled up the much talked of valley of the Similkameen . . . the finest part of the valley was occupied this spring by the Hudson's Bay Company and we found a Canadian half breed in charge. He had some cows and a large number of oxen so that we had a good drink of milk, a thing not to be despised in this part of the world."

Frank Richter (after whom Richter's Pass is named) was one of the earliest cattlemen in the valley. He came to lower Similkameen in 1860, and settled on what is now known as the Cawston property. He sold out to R. L. Cawston and W. Lowe in 1884.

Other well-known cattlemen of early days were J. F. Allison, Frank Suprement (better known as Surprise), Manuel Barcelo, Jack Knowles, Louis Marsel, J. Coulthard, J. W. Manery and Dan McCurdy. Cattle were wintered on the hills, and late in summer were driven in thousands along the trail to Hope, and on to New Westminister.

During the mining booms days in the Kootenay country cattle were driven there. No cattle are driven over the Hope trail now. Instead, thousands of sheep are taken to grave around the summits overlooking the headwaters of Whipsaw Creek.

Stock raising still has its place in the valley, but it has long been exceeded in importance by farming and fruit growing. The continuation of the above quotation from Lieutenant Wilson's diary records the beginning of farming in Keremeos district:

"The Canadian had just gathered in his harvest; the wheat the first grown in the valley looked very well as also did the potatoes and other vegetables."

Barcelo was a Mexican who arrived in the early 60's, and took up the first homestead near what is now Cawston. He brought from across the line many horses for packing. Mrs. Allison gave him credit for establishing the first flour mill in the valley—"a primitive affair, like a gigantic coffee mill."

When Barrington Price and Henry Nicholson arrived in 1876 they saw the need for a flour mill, and erected one on Keremeos creek. The building is still a landmark, though the mill has long ceased to operate. The land on which it stood cornered on the Hudson's Bay property. Both were acquired by J. O. Coulthard, who arrived in 1886.

By the time Mr. Coulthard sold out in 1903 he had nearly 2,000 acres. This included the site of Keremeos. The original site was some miles east towards Penticton. The second site was at Keremeos Centre, near the Tweddle ranch. During railway construction days the present site was laid out, near the river, and easily served by the Great Northern railway.

Land settlement was promoted and an irrigation system installed. The first fruit cannery was started in 1907. Cawston is four miles S.E. of Keremeos and Olalla four miles north. This last named place was named by W. C. McDougall, and is a centre of prospecting and ranching. The Keremeos Columns park, 720 acres, was set aside in August, 1931.

VI—MINING—In a more direct way than fur trading, gold seeking, or stock raising, mining has contributed to the "making of a province." Half a dozen communities in the valley owe their existence to mining; Hedley and Nickel Plate to gold mining, Allenby and Copper Mountain to copper mining, Blakeburn and Coalmont to coal mining. Princeton has been associated with all of these—gold, copper, coal.

Hedley is the largest settlement in Similkameen dependent on gold mining. Placer mining, which began at the mouth of the Twenty Mile Creek in the early sixties, was soon exhausted. The period of lode mining began in 1896. Geo. Allison and Jim Riordan had staked three claims for E. Dewdney in 1894, and one had been recorded by J. Coulthard. These four, however, were allowed to lapse.

Peter Scott located the Rollo in 1897, and three claims the following year. That same August (1898) Albert Jacobson and C. Johnson (two Swedes who had been grubstaked by W. Y. Williams, of Phoenix) located two claims; and four were staked by F. I. Wollaston and C. H. Arundel. Samples of these last claims came to the notice of M. K. Rodgers, who represented the mining interests of the late Marcus Daly, of Butte, Montana.

At the time Rodgers was on his way to the Cassiar district. He cancelled his sailing from Victoria, and next morning started out for Similkameen. The first samples to be assayed carried values so high that Rodgers suspected salting. With this in mind he returned by himself and resampled the properties. The results were equally promising. With the bonding of the group permanent work was started in January, 1899.

In October, 1902, a tramway was constructed, flume work undertaken, and the erection of a stamp mill and cyanide plant commenced. Milling of ore began in May, 1904. By the time that the Nickel Plate holdings of the Daly estate were sold on August 12, 1909, to the Exploration Syndicate of New York, over two and a half millions in gold has been taken.

During the war, and again during the depression, operations were suspended. Since then a number of other companies have entered the field, chief among them being the Kelowna Exploration and Hedley Mascot companies. Although Hedley townsite was not laid out till 1899 when the Hackney Hotel was built, settlement had begun in 1898 with the building of a roadhouse. Th population in 1930 was 500. Today it is considerably greater. The town was named for R. R. Hedley, a surveyor, and friend of Peter Scott, who located the Rollo claim in 1897.

Copper mining has employed as many men in the valley as gold mining. Copper has been located at many points—Copper Creek, Kennedy Mountain, Hope Trail, etc., but only at Copper Mountain has large scale production taken place. Allison had noted copper on Hope Road in 1859, and later had located claims in the vicinity. Kennedy mountain was named for a prospector who passed away in 1933. Hugh Kennedy belonged to the Robert Dick and Thomas Edward type, made famous by Samuel Smiles. His shack was little more than a place to keep fossils, and curios of every kind. Kennedy and Hugh McDiarmid located in 1897; E. Burr and L. H. Jones in 1898; and George Allison staked the Red Buck in 1899.

Copper Mountain is ten miles south of Princeton, and is reached by a 12-mile-long road. There is also a branch line of the Kettle Valley railway running south along the Similkameen to the primary crushing plant. The railway passes through the millsite at Allenby, 5.5 miles south of Princeton, and continues 7.7 miles to the base of Copper Mountain.

The discovery of Copper Mountain goes back to 1888, according to the story told by James Jamieson. One day he and his father were out hunting. Presently a deer presented a target, and both father and son fired. As they approached the place where their prize lay the deer jumped to his feet, and bounded off into the woods.

While the son was lamenting this misfortune the father interested himself in some outcroppings of copper which revealed themselves just where the deer had fallen. Jamieson made known his discovery to R. A. Brown, who came in periodically to buy furs. Brown was variously known as Sunset, Bulldog, Volcanic, and "Dr." Brown.

He staked the Sunset in 1895. Between that date and 1900 a great many claims were staked during a mild prospecting boom. Emil Voigt's camp was located, 1898 - 99. Thereafter little work was done till 1905, when the B.C. Copper Company took options on a number of claims, including the Sunset, and diamond drill work was done. The results were not encouraging, the low-grade ore being too highly siliceous to be smelted direct, and unresponsive to water concentration.

The B.C. Copper Company returned to the Mountain again in 1911, and in 1913 started to develop the Sunset and Princess camps. Ore treatment difficulties had been solved by the discovery of a new process. The branch line from Princeton was surveyed by Pardoe Wilson in 1914, and railway construction commenced two years later.

A power contract was arranged with the West Kootenay Power Company in 1916. The expense entailed necessitated the formation of a new company, the Canada Copper Company. Progress was retarded through labor troubles, and the shipping of ore to the mill did not begin till October 18, 1920. Then the war price of copper dropped to 13 cents a pound, and the plant was closed December 9, 1920.

The Allenby Copper Company was incorporated in 1923, and work was continued till the end of the year. In 1925 it was taken over by the Granby Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, and with the rise in copper prices Copper Mountain was a thriving community till the fall of 1930. Once again the falling price of copper made necessary suspension of operasumed till 1937. Since the Great War the prosperity of the valley has been reflected in the graph showing the rise and fall in price of copper.

Coal is sometimes referred to as "black diamonds", and platinum is called "white gold." In 1858 Allison had discovered coal on the right bank of the Similkameen, near the forks. This outcropping attracted early settlers, who mined their own coal, hauled it over the ice on sleighs and stoneboats to their homes. Princeton and Coalmont became the two centres of coal mining in Similkameen.

Princeton coal area covers 24 square miles. The seam near the forks proved to be 24 feet thick, and was the first coal to be developed in the area. In October, 1897 the Vermillion Forks Mining and Development Company located four square miles, which included the site of Princeton, which site was then a ranch owned by S. D. Sandes, later son-in-law of J.F. Allison.

The following spring this Company began developing the coal seam. In the absence of railway facilities large scale development was not possible, but from 1898-1910 local demand and that of Hedley were supplied. With the coming of the Great Northern railway in 1910 the Company resolved itself into the Princeton Coal & Lands Company, which continued operations till 1923. By this time the daily output was 200 tons, and 120 men were employed.

The mine was taken over by the Princeton B.C. Collieries Ltd. in 1923, but had to be abandoned a year afterwards, internal fires making operation costs too high. Since then it has belonged to the Princeton Properties Limited.

Many companies have operated in various parts of the valley since then. The Tulameen Valley coal Company began in 1924, and continued for ten years. C. Hunter and B. Bowen located this seam. They trucked coal into Princeton, and thus secured money for further development work. By the end of 1924 they had sold 1075 tons. After 1927 the output was 200 tons daily.

The Lynden Coal Mines Ltd. (at Nine Mile) began in 1927; in 1928; and Black Diamond in Pleasant Valley (W. R. Wilson) 1935. Present operating mines are the Granby, Princeton-Tulameen and Old Tulameen.

Twelve miles N.W. of Princeton is Coalmont, which had a population of 250. It was the railway "port" for coal-mining Blakeburn. Coal had been discovered in Collins's gulch by W. A. Davis in 1894, and by Bonthrong in 1909. Prospecting was continued by the Columbia Coal and Coke Company, 1910-12; and by the McAvoy Trust Company, 1913-15. The Coalmont Collieries took charge in 1917. Transportation of coal to Coalmont was by team, then truck, till an aerial tramway was installed in the fall of 1920.

The G.N. Ry. arrived at Coalmont in 1911. Coalmont was so named because of the belief that there was a mountain of coal, which could be stripped, and operated by steam shovels. Blakeburn was named for W. J. Blake Wilson and P. Burns, two company directors.

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Letters to the Editor

Kelowna, B.C.
April 6, 1942

The Editor,
The Similkameen Star,
Princeton, B.C.
SIR:-

I have just received the following telegram from the Hon. Ian Mackenzie at Vancouver, and I shall be glad if you will kindly help me to give it publicity.

Following telegram received from Secretary of State quote Prime Minister has asked me wire you request all Members of Parliament in your district be contacted and urged to see that definite steps taken to ensure maximum vote in plebiscite stop also desirable that someone be appointed to visit each constituency and make checkup on programme being carried on.

By way of illustration of one method through Mayor of City of Windsor committee has been appointed to work on task of getting out vote and heads of all municipalities in Essex County are doing same stop appreciate confirmation that everything possible is being done unquote signed Norman McLarty your co-operation will be appreciated.

May I, through you, seek the co-operation of all Boards of Trade and other organizations to play their part in a universal effort, to make sure that all men and women who have the franchise shall get out and vote in the Plebiscite on Monday the 27th inst.

I also appeal to all those, who in the past months have written to me demanding total war, that they go out now and induce their neighbors to vote in favour of freeing the Government from a pledge which it considers to be standing in its way. I particularly warn the people against those who say that they are not going to bother to vote, for they are dangerous.

Yours truly,
GROTE STERLING

Dave Taylor Now Working On London Paper

Word has come from England that Dave Taylor is safe there, and busy. The news came to Dave's mother, Mrs. Margaret Taylor, of South Wellington, and she has relayed it to The Star. Mrs. Taylor is naturally delighted to learn that her son is safely away from the war-ridden Orient, after nearly three years there.

Apparently Dave was in Singapore, but whether or not he left before that place was attacked by the Japanese forces we do not know. At any rate, he got away, and finally landed in Scotland, and from there proceeded to London, where he is now working on one of the big dailies.

It is quite likely now that we shall soon have a first-hand report of his journalistic experiences in the Orient and in the Home Land.

It's surprising how much punch and effectiveness can be squeezed into a three line classified ad. in The Star.

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FOR COUPONS FROM
Dad's
FAMILY SIZE PAK 6 Doz. COOKIES 49¢
SET NO "CEILING" ON YOUR SERVICE
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THERE'S AN . . .
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EQUAL IN QUALITY TO ANY IMPORTED ALES
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Birth or birthday, wedding or anniversary — when friends or relatives are celebrating in some other city or town, remember that your voice is the best substitute for you. Call them by long-distance telephone.

A time for congratulations is a time for a long-distance call.

B.C. TELEPHONE CO.

THE WATER QUESTION is getting to be a serious thing. The people who started the investigation are to be commended, and they should be backed up by the residents to the limit.

The company should make many improvements, and a substantial reduction in rates, as the present rates are excessive, and are bad for the building programme. Many people have not built houses on that account. They don't like being held up.

F. P. COOK ESTATE
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Cenotaph

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on this work. All who can help are asked to do what they can as soon as may be convenient. Meanwhile the work goes on and the cenotaph grounds presents an oasis of green in an othewise drab town centre.

After all it is a memorial and we must keep green the memory of the boys who did not come back from France and elsewhere after the first Great War.

Buy War Savings Certificates and Blast Hitler's Hopes.

LOCALS

Elmer Burr has recovered from a recent bout with 'flu.

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Mrs Wes. Young left for Vancouver on Sunday morning.

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Billy Britton returned to Tulameen last Sunday morning.

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A. L. Lonsdale is in Vancouver barracks, and expects to leave soon for Vernon.

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Billy Wilson has been visiting his mining claims out the Hope Trail way.

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....**Milner Gould and Don Atkin**son travelled together from Vancouver to Toronto.

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A. C. Foreman left for Vancouver on Friday morning after an interesting visit to Princeton and Copper Mountain.

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E. W. Bouskill has returned from Shaughnessy Military Hospital, and is back to work for H. Knighton.

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George Kovalcik, Sr., returned from Vancouver last week after a serious operation in the Vancouver General Hospital. He is feeling much improved.

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George McLeod, of Montreal, was in Princeton last Friday. He was the first manager of the Royal Bank here, when it opened its Princeton branch in 1912.

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W. R. Foster has returned from Vancouver, where he successfully completed his engineering examinations. Mrs. Foster, who accompanied him to the coast, expects to arrive home on Saturday morning.

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J. W. Southin and J. L. Jenkins, Associated Boards of Trade Committee, to review progress on Hope Road, have made their first report, copies of which have been sent to other Boards of Trade. They are not satisfied with the progress.

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A. E. (Oscar) Kolbo responded to a call for service in the Norwegian army. On Wednesday 8th he went to Vernon for medical examination, but was rejected because of former injury to left knee, which has left a permanent weakness.

Miss Nora Guinon has been enjoying a visit home.

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J. O. C. Kirby left on Wednesday for Vancouver on a business trip.

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Bob Mitchell and Ed Mullin arrived last Friday for a short visit home.

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Milner Gould and Don Atkinson travelled together from Vancouver to Toronto.

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Mr. Cornish, in the Princeton General Hospital, is reported making fair progress towards recovery.

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The United Church Ladies' Aid have planned a social evening for tomorrow night, to be held at the home of Mrs. Jacobson.

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Mr. A. G. Simpson's niece's husband died suddenly in Victoria last Thursday night. J. Watson left here on Saturday for Calgary where funeral services were held on Tuesday.

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John Clark was thrown from the grader when it hit a rock last Monday. He suffered serious knee injuries, and was taken to the hospital for treatment.

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Mr. Lucas, Principal of Princeton Schools, arrived home at the end of last week, after a few days in Vancouver, where he attended the B.C. Teachers' annual convention in the Kitsilano High School.

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W. D. Seaman and J. O. C. Kirby travelled to Penticton on Monday to discuss with C. G. Bennett, Vice-President of the Associated Boards of Trade, the matter of representation at the B.C. Council meeting to be held this month.

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A recent issue of The Vancouver Province carried on the front page a picture of Principal F. H. Bates of Chesterfield Boys' School, North Vancouver, and three school boys, driving a four-wheeled English dogcart drawn by two black horses. The boy in front, to the left of the driver was Dick Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Harrison, of One Mile.

Letters from the Men Overseas

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can make a better job of it.

Cpl. John Pinson—I want to thank you once again for the cigarettes that you sent me. I think you will realize how much we appreciate them when I tell you that it is almost impossible to get a cigarette in England that is even 'smokeable.'

Spr. R. Miller—I have received another lot of your cigarettes, which I thank you all very much for. If it wasn't for the Canadian cigarettes which you and others send over to us, we would never have a penny to spend on anything else, as it wocld take all we get to buy smokes over here. So you see the Canadian smokes cheer the boys up, and I wish you lots of luck in sending them.

Pte. Rod Blanchard — Many thanks for the cigarettes I received from you some time ago.

AC1. Rupe Bain — I received the first cigarettes last week, but I was away on leave when they came so I didn't start to enjoy them till Monday. They are very welcome and I wish to thank all the contributors to the Elks' Smoke Fund for the good work they are doing.

Art Ryder and I correspond regularly, but we haven't been able to get together yet. I have found Fred Waterman also but haven't seen him.

I had a busy time on this last leave visiting relations, and made six stops altogether. I didn't know there could be so many people in two families. I have so many cousins and second cousins that I am in a daze trying to figure them out.

LAC D. L. Gaffney—A note of acknowledgment and also to show the deep appreciation I feel on receiving 300 cigarettes. Please extend my thanks to everyone connected with the sending of these gifts as I realize more fully now on this side the good work they are doing.

NOTE — LAC Gaffney is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. 'Bob' Mitchell.

Sgt. Don Lucas—Once again I take the time and opportunity to thank you for your last gift carton of cigarettes. It is needless for me to mention again what a grand programme you are carrying on, and how much the fags are appreciated.

Another recipient of your cigarettes in my company is big Vic Berkeley, or should I say (snuff, snoose). Vic is one of the biggest and strongest men in the Battalion.

NOTE—Pte. Vic Berkeley used to work up at Copper Mountain and the Elks send him a roll of snuff every month.

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