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JR. RED CROSS SNOWBALL FROLIC IS BIG SUCCESS

Full House At Orange Hall Friday For Red Cross Entertainment

Bridge, Whist, Dance And Floorshow Supply Enjoyment For All

On Friday night the Orange Hall was filled to capacity when members of the Princeton Junior Red Cross staged their Snowball Frolic. Winners in bridge and whist, which occupied the first part of the programme, were: bridge, George Schisler and Mrs. Lewis. Whist, Ernie Doell and Mrs. A. Lipchuck.

A floorshow following, presenting "Wintertime." A girls' chorus, dressed in white and blue, delighted the audience; "Winter Weather"' was sung by Eileen Taylor, Stan Schisler and Gerald D'Angelo; and a trio sung by Don Gray, Ann Knudsen and Pat Harman. The senior boys sang "Russian Winter", with Bill Tidball as Hitler, D'Auria Gorrie sang selections which were roundly applauded.

Refreshments were served by waitresses in dainty costumes, and dancing continued till well after midnight.

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CARD OF THANKS

The girls of the Junior Red Cross would like to extend their sincere thanks to all those who contributed in making their "Snowball Frolic" a success. The Club would like to say that they greatly appreciated the fine co-operation they received from everyone—their names are too numerous to mention here.

"Coney Island" At Capitol Theatre Next Week-End

All who love a good western story, with plenty of action, will enjoy Gene Autry, starring in **The Singing Hill**, showing tonight, Friday and Saturday at the Capitol. In addition, a newsreel rounds out a good program.

Showing on Monday & Tuesday of next week, February 14 and 15, will be **My Sister Eileen,** with Rosalind Russell, Brian Aherne and Janet Blair playing the leading roles. In this comedy, two sisters from Columbus, one aspiring to write, and the other to act, pep up Greenwich Village by the things that "just happen" to them. Then "things happen", and the comedy ends in "all's well."

A comedy feature, "Stooge to Congo", and newsreel, complete the night's entertainment.

Coney Island, spelling love and romance, features Betty Grable, Cesar Romero, George Montgomery and other favourites, will be shown at the Capitol on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, February 17, 18 and 19. In addition there will be a comedy picture and a newsreel.

Amber Ski Meet Slated For Feb. 20

If skiing conditions remain as they are the Amber Ski Club will hold its annual tournament on Sunday, February 20th. A number of competitors from outside clubs are expected to attend.

Slalom and jumping will be held for all classes. If the weatherman send just a little more snow conditions should be good for downhill as well. Club members are busy with preparations for their annual tournament. Further details will be announced next week. "Look out below!"

Fish And Game Association Hold Meeting Monday

A well-attended meeting of the Princeton Fish and Game Association was held in the Travellers Hall on Monday with Wes. Young in the chair in the absence of President E. Gray, and C. V. Prosser at the secretary's desk.

Gordon Toombs, president of the Interior Game Association, announced that the Interior Convention would be held at Vernon on May 23rd. Recommendations were forwarded to the Game Commission for the stocking of Murray Lake in the Coquihalla district with Eastern Brook trout.

A letter from J. J. McEwan, president of the West Kootenay Rod and Gun Club, was heartily endorsed. It contained an appeal to all members to keep their heritage, and not allow choice fish and game preserves to become the sole property of the wealthy.

Copper Mountain Carnival Raises $117 For Jr. Red Cross

A successful carnival sponsored by the Copper Mountain Junior Red Cross was held in the Copper Mountain Rink on January 30. The carnival queen Kathleen Kirby, attended by her maids of honour, Doreen Gabry, Muriel Wright and train bearer, Betty Hamby, entered the rink on a float, representing a swan.

The audience enjoyed a varied programme. A ballet dance on skates, races to suit all ages and a hockey game rounded out the evening's entertainment.

Net proceeds were $117. The organization wishes to thank the following business houses for donations: Princeton Drug and Book Store, Jas. Corrie, Ewart's Hardware, Groceteria, Overwaitea, Gray's Bakery, The Princeton Bakery, C. V. Prosser, Spafford's Men's Wear, S. Osmak, Alf. Sorenson, Princeton Market, Red and White Store, Granby Meat Market, Granby Consolidated Store, Famous, Woodwards, Birks.

Youth Convicted For Leaving Job

Convicted at Chilliwack February 4th of quitting his job at Middlesboro Collieries Ltd. Merritt, without permission of National Selective Service, Mitchell Bain, formerly of Merritt, was fined $25.00 and costs.

Following conviction Bain settled in full. Prosecution was conducted by F. K. Grimmett, K.C., who established that the Middlesboro Collieries Ltd. was a "designated establishment", and that a male employee of such a plant must give a special form of notice of separation requiring the consent of National Selective Service Officer of the District, before quitting his job.

This fact had been fully explained to Bain, and he had been ordered back to work. Instead of returning to his coalmining job Bain had left Merritt without notifying Kamloops Selective Service Office of his new address.

$50.00 Raised For Elks' Smoke Fund

A very enjoyable whist drive and dance was held in the Coalmont Hotel last Friday in aid of the Elks' Overseas Cigarette Fund. The winners were: ladies, 1st. Mrs. Davies; men, 1st. M. Belyck Jr.; consolation, ladies, Mrs. Carey; consolation, men, M. Belyck Sr. Lucky chairs Miss C. Smoker and D. Wallace.

A donation of a fruit cake from Mrs. E. Riley, Penticton, was raffled, and realized $48.10. The winner was Lawrence Wells.

OLD TIMER DIES; LIVED HERE OVER FIFTY YEARS

Neil McFadden, Age 81, Passes In Hospital After Short Illness

Came To Similkameen District During Granite Creek Gold Rush Days

After only a few weeks' illness, Neil B. McFadden, resident here for nearly 55 years, passed away in the Princeton General Hospital on Thursday, January 3rd. He was in his 81st year, having been born in Kirkfield, Ontario, on May 24th, 1863.

Funeral services were held from St. Paul's United Church on Monday afternoon, and interment took place in the Princeton cemetery. Oldtimers of Similkameen were well represented at the services. The only relative present was a nephew, J. A. McKenzie, of Vancouver. Other surviving relatives are a brother and two sisters in Kirkfield, Ontario.

Mr. McFadden came to Similkameen when the Granite Creek gold rush was attracting wide attention, and worked as carpenter in this district from then until a few years ago. In his prime he was a fine speciman of manhood, and he put his conscience into all his work. He was a workman that needed not to be ashamed.

Among the virtues that made him respected by all who knew him were his integrity, and consistency. He never learned to trim his sails to changing winds in Church or State, but was a good church member, and a staunch Conservative from early manhood to the end of the road. He had deep convictions and abided by them.

For many years Mr. McFadden was a member of Knights of Pythias Lodge. Mrs. McFadden died October, 1939. Thereafter Mr. McFadden seemed resigned to wait for the great reunion in which he profoundly believed.

Now that they are gone Princeton is the poorer. They were good citizens, staunch friends, who worked and prayed for the best things in our community.

Inquest Held Last Friday

The first fatal accident of its kind in Similkameen for a long time occurred on Wednesday, February 2, when Gordon Ernest Rhodes, of Princeton, met his death while unloading logs for Ellis Freding at Thomas Meadows. He was caught by a log and crushed. An inquest was held on Friday.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arnold Rhodes, Gordon was born at Creemore, Ontario, on March 30, 1910, and had been in Princeton and district during the last five years. He was wellknown here, and had made many friends, who will sincerely regret his passing.

The remains were shipped on Sunday morning to Creemore, for burial. He is survived by his parents, one brother and one sister.

The Elks are planning another social evening to be held in the I.O.O.F. Hall on Friday, February 25th. Attendance will be by invitation.

Music for the dance was provided by Misses Annie Clark, Flora Tillery and Mr. J. Logan. The sum of $50.00 was sent in to the Cigarette Fund.

Miss C. Smoker spent the weekend at Vancouver visiting her mother, Mrs. G. Smoker.

Miss Jean Wells, of Merritt, spent the weekend visiting her brother, Lawrence.

Delegation Interviews Prov. Gov't. Cabinet

Similkameen Industrial Welfare Association Representatives Assured Of Co-operation After Meeting Premier J. Hart And Prov. Cabinet

The three delegates sent to Victoria to safeguard the future of Similkameen were cordially received by the whole cabinet and Premier John Hart pledged all possible assistance in realizing the committee's objective. The B.C. Government will make representations to Federal Government on behalf of local industries, and the Hon. E. C. Carson, Minister of Mines, has placed himself at the disposal of the committee in preparing their Ottawa brief. The Premier said that he felt the situation was serious enough to demand the attention of the Federal Government. Such, in brief, was the result of the committee's efforts to safeguard the future welfare of this whole valley.

The members of the delegation were named subsequent to the first meeting of Similkameen Industrial Welfare Association, held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Princeton, on the afternoon of Sunday, January 9th. Representing local unions, the Board of Trade, churches, and fraternal organizations, respectively, were George W. Anderson, president of the Copper Mountain Miner' Union, and also of the S.I.W.A.; J. L. Jenkins, immediate past president of the Princeton Board of Trade and Rev. J. C. Goodfellow, minister of St. Paul's United Church.

These three arrived in Victoria on the morning of February 2nd, and through the good offices and tireless efforts of our Similkameen member, Bernard G. Webber, a conference was arranged for the following afternoon. On Wednesday afternoon the committee was privileged to listen in to speeches made by the mover and seconder of the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, R. C. MacDonald, Dewdney, and R.H. Carson, Kamloops.

The Premier called a special meeting of his cabinet, and the delegates were introduced by Mr. Webber. Mr. Goodfellow thanked the Premier for the courtesy extended to the delegation, and assured him that conditions in Similkameen were not peculiar to the district, but a symbol of conditions arising in many place throughout the Dominion.

He thought that a definite policy might be formed which would meet such cases. The delegation had been appointed in view of the uncertainty of future industrial operations in Similkameen, and the consequent anxiety in many minds.

"The three main factors threatening continued operations at Copper Mountain and Allenby have to do with men, money and markets. The manpower problem has become increasingly serious. Neither the Granby Company, nor any other company can carry on without sufficient number of key men, and other employees.

"In addition, there must be men to carry on development work. Without this the mine would automatically close in nine or ten months. Development is imperative in the interest of continuity.

"The second problem is financial. The Government contract with the Granby Company terminated at the end of last year. Because Canada seems to have sufficient stocks on hand, copper has lost for the time being its high priority as a war mineral. This, of course, has robbed production of its urgency, and the contract has not been renewed.

"The Granby Company is determined to carry on, with reduced staffs and decreased over head, without benefit of subsidy. The hope is that it will be possible to maintain the organization until such times as the trade winds blow again, and expansion once more becomes possible.

"The Granby Company would naturally want to know what would be the Government's attitude if resources were exhausted in trying to maintain a going concern. Would a tide-over subsidy be available till better markets made it unnecessary?

"Now that the contract has not been renewed, Granby copper must be sold on the open market at 11.7 cents per lb., or stored in the hope of better prices later on. Of course, after the war, markets now closed, may be available.

"If operations at Copper Mountain and Allenby were discontinued it would create a sort of economic blackout in Princeton and district. We do not forget the spectre of unemployment when Granby was closed from 1929 to 1936. Even then we had the advantage of the coal mine operating at Blakeburn, which is now closed. It is such a situation we are seeking to avoid..."

Mr. Anderson then addressed the cabinet, expanding the initial statement:

"I want to deal with Copper Mountain itself and some of the dire results that will accrue, should the copper mine close down.

"There are approximately 200 home owners working and living in Copper Mountain whose home will immediately become valueless should the mine operations cease. They, the workers, will have to be moved to other jobs in industry, many, in fact, will have to obtain some form of help in order to move, there will be no other forms of work available in the vicinity of Copper Mountain, and all of the efforts and sacrifice of these workers to build a home will have been in vain.

"If it had been necessary for the Government to move workers to some more vital war industry, we could understand such a thing, but as some of the men from Copper Mountain have been transferred to gold mine such does not seem to be the case.

Last year the Granby Co. was unable to obtain through Selective Service, sufficient men to keep up the tonnage they had contracted for, with the War Metals Board, and keep their developments up to the amount to ensure continued operations; it was a case of sacrifice tonnage, or pounds of copper, or to sacrifice development and keep up the tonnage; the Granby Co. chose to sacrifice their development and meet their obligations as best they could to the United Nations.

"The result is now, that the Granby Co. is so sadly behind in their development work that complete shutdown is inevitable unless some form of help is forthcoming, that is the reason we support subsidies, coupled to the fact that it seems to us inevitable that the Government will have to subsidize or help in some form, many industries during the transition period from War to Peace.

"We also feel, that if we are to enter into unemployment, with industry closing down in

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"FIRST ROUND OF STRUGGLE WON"—*Cameron*

There can be no doubt of the success accomplished by the delegation elected by the S.I.W. Association to interview the Provincial Government on the serious threat to the economic life of the Similkameen district.

Meeting with the Provincial Cabinet in Victoria Thursday, February 3, the delegation under the leadership of Rev. J. C. Goodfellow, laid before the Cabinet the situation with which this district was faced should Granby Co. operations cease to function.

In its presentation, the delegation diluted none of the seriousness, likewise it did not exaggerate. The case was presented squarely, as would effect all sections of our social strata.

Extreme sympathy and offers of all possible aid were promised by Premier Hart on behalf of the Cabinet, to the delegation. The Provincial Government has offered to make joint representation to the Dominion Government, along with the Committee, and has further offered to help in the preparation of the brief.

The aid proffered by the Provincial Government was a full granting of the delegations' requests on behalf of the S.I.W. Association and shows clearly the Government's close contacts with conditions existing and developing across the Dominion. Their ready willingness to aid in a solution to our problems is a good omen and speaks highly of our democratic system and the real representation the peoples have.

Muh credit is due to Minister of Mines, Mr. Carson, for his ready and sympathetic ear, and to our Provincial representative Mr. Bernard G. Webber, for his efforts on behalf of his constituents. The first round in the struggle for economic existence has been won. We must not rest on our laurels, much more remains to be done. The S.I.W. Association has established a worthy precedent for other communities, likewise threatened, to follow. Let us keep up the good fight until security is assured.

"POSSIBILITY OF CLOSEDOWN NIL"—*Baillie*

At a general membership meeting of Community League of Copper Mountain, called to discuss the disposal of the league's assets in the event of a close down it was unanimously decided by those present, that the main bulk of the assets would be distributed to charitable, bona fide working class organizations and educational bodies, with particular emphasis being laid to those organizations resident in the Princeton district.

An optimistic feeling pervaded the whole meeting regarding any possible close down, and the plans laid were only made in the event that a close down was inevitable.

Mr. Baillie, Vice-President and General Manager of the Granby Co., drew prolonged applause, when he stated: "that in his opinion, the possibility of a close down at Copper Mountain was practically nil."

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WELL BEGUN ONLY HALF DONE

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The Similkameen Industrial Welfare Association's delegation to Victoria have completed their assignment. Their mission to Victoria accomplished that which they set out to do. They were cordially received by the cabinet in a special session which lasted an hour. Each of the three delegates presented one aspect of the case, and answered many pertinent questions asked by the cabinet ministers. They had a good hearing, and left feeling that they had enlisted the aid of the provincial cabinet in their effort to maintain industrial operations in Similkameen.

It is well to remind ourselves that nothing final has been accomplished. The most that can be said is that a good beginning has been made in a worth-while effort to safeguard the future welfare and industry of Similkameen. If nothing more is done then nothing has been accomplished, and the efforts to date have been wasted. But it is not the intention of the Association, or its commitee, to let the matter rest where it now stands. Well begun is only half done, and they mean to finish the job.

In this connection the members of the delegation desire to pay a well-deserved tribute to our local member, Bernard G. Webber, who went the second mile in seeking to be of service. It seemed evident to us that he is held in high regard by coalition and opposition members alike, and the readiness with which the Premier agreed to his suggestion that a meeting with the cabinet be arranged with the least possible delay is in itself a token of the regard in which he is held.

POST-WAR DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL PARKS

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The provision of facilities for recreation is likely to rank high among Canada's post-war activities. Already some public bodies are increasing their appropriation for the development of tourist travel—no doubt in anticipation of victory within the next year or two.

No one can forecast with any degree of accuracy when the war will end, but most people agree that, when it does, there will be a greater demand for recreation and travel than this world has ever known. A people, wearied in body and spirit by the strain of war and by heavy responsibilities, often unrelieved even by the usual holidays and vacations, will want rest and recreation as they have never wanted it before. This surge of recreation-seekers must be anticipated and the necessary human and physical equipment organized to meet its requirements.

Nature has been especially generous to Canada in providing recreational areas of great extent and variety in widely separated parts of the country. Canada is fortunte, too, in possessing a system of national parks which can be used both for the maintenance of health and morale at home and the attraction of tourists from abroad.

In addition to the 26 areas covering more than 29,700 square miles now under federal ownership and administration as national parks, other areas are being considered for park development. More than 10,000 square miles in the Yukon Territory adjacent to the Alaska Highway have been set aside recently for possible extension of the national parks system. Two additional sites have been offered by the Province of Quebec and one by New Brunswick, and proposals looking toward the establishment of a sea-level park in British Columbia have been discussed. It is expected that other sites, representative of the most suitable areas for the purpose, will be offered by the provinces. Already a chain of these national parks extends from British Columbia in the West to Cape Breton in the East. It includes some of the finest scenery in the world as well as other features attractive to the vacationist.

Post-war development plans include better arterial and secondary highways leading to the parks, improved highways within the parks, cheaper accomodation available to those of low incomes, secondary roads, foot and horse trails in order to render points of special interest readily accessible, and improved fire and game protection to meet increased dangers from heavier and more widespread use of the national parks.

THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

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These are stern days for the Canadian forces overseas and the country is told to prepare for even more difficult days ahead. There is no doubt that this "victory year" will bring home, more than ever, the bitter cost of total warfare, not only in terms of material expenditures, but also in terms of the flower of the nation's youth.

Donald Nelson, Chairman of the United States War Production Board, stressed this point in a recent appeal to the American people. Illustrating how victories increase the demand for war supplies, he said that one thousand airplane workers would have to work forty hours a week for a year to replace the sixty Flying Fortresses lost in the Schweinfurt raid. And this takes into no account the bomber crews that went too.

But what price this victory if it leads to a welter of the same old selfishness, the carking criticisms of the other fellow, the greeds and fears and hates that marked the brief chaotic respite between th last war and this? What use for men and women to die gloriously, that we may go on living ingloriously?

History repeats itself only because people do. This time we need to face the facts, not of what our governments have or have not done, but of what we have failed to do. Many have given their lives to give us the chance to build a new world. The only coinage that will repay the debt is the coinage of a new spirit and a resolve to pay back, in living honestly and in restoring sound moral values in business and home, something of the high cost of victory.—Grand Forks GAZETTE.

A WEEKLY EDITOR LOOKS AT Ottawa

Written specially for the weekly newspapers of Canada

(By Jim Greenblat)

Sells Flags For Armistice

Ottawa storemen were given a jolt the other day when a brisk salesman was around offering flags and bunting for sale, to be used for Armistice Day. No, he wasn't a bit early, he explained, this was the armistice when this war ends. The next jolt may be coming to the salesman and others thinking the same way.

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Salvage Big Business

We think of salvage as a civilian job, but it might interest you to know that the Army goes in for it in a big way, saving millions of dollars annually. A recent National Defence report showed that 826,000 pairs of boots and shoes were repaired and restored to service. They operate a boot repairing plant which can produce 1500 pairs each week, using uppers stripped from condemned boots.

Articles scrapped and resold realized $410,351. Reconditioned by contract, we noted, were damaged enamelware and galvanized utensils, including more than a thousand boilers and twenty thousand jugs, bowls, mugs and plates. Clothing repair and tailor shops made over three million repairs to garments of all kinds.

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Combat Inflation Menace

One of the interesting people at the national meeting in Ottawa of the 14 Regional Consumer Branch chairmen of the Wartime Prices & Trade Board was Mrs. Cameron Dow, lately appointed rural advisor to the branch. She is national president of the Federation of Women's Institutes.

Mrs. Dow in plain language said: "If inflation is ever allowed to get hold in this country, we're sunk. I remember what happened in the last war and after. Even though we sold some of our stuff at a high price the things we had to buy were higher and in the long run we were worse off than before. That must not happen again."

Mrs. Dow proves her faith in the value of checking prices by keeping accurate account of her purchases in her "Little Blue Book."

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Must Check Military Status

The Minister of Labour is issuing an order which will put the onus on employers to check male employees of military call-up age to see if they have complied with mobilization regulations. An employer will include Dominion, provincial and municipal governments as well as private business of farmers, even where the employee is a son or other relative of the farmer.

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Americans Investors Here

Americans are really big investors in Canada. A United States Treasury census reveals that American-owned property in foreign countries reaches over the nine billion dollar mark, 34 per cent of this being in Canada.

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"Passing The Bucks"

If you sometimes wonder why banks have increased staffs, put it against the large number of cheques that are issued, for one thing. Cheques cashed against individual accounts aggregated $53,797,000,000 during 1943, a new high point in Canadian history, too. Be sure to read that amount correctly, because it sure is passing the bucks and no fooling!

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Dental Health Good

The dental health of Canadians ranks among the best in the world but it will be given a filip after this war by the way our Dental Corps is looking after the men and women of the Armed Services. Over 1200 Canadian dentists are now serving with the, Navy, Army and Air Force. Every sailor, soldier and airman is made dentally fit before going overseas or on active operations.

Then a dental officer with his portable equipment and mobile dental clinic goes with them wherever they go. Since the outbreak of the war over ten and a half million dental operations have been completed.

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Pot-Pourri

Canadian metallurgists will now be devising new plans for civilian use of magnesium (Canadian produced) restrictions for which have been removed by the Dept. of Munitions and Supply.

Canada's navy now totals 80,000 personnel, including about 4,500 Wrens; with 250 fighting ships and 400 auxiliary craft. Once we laughed at the 'Rainbow' and 'Niobe'.

Only soldiers discharged after November 1, 1943, are entitled to the new scale clothing allowance, upped to $65.

A new medical research group has been formed for examination of methods of treatment of wounded Canadians, to improve healing techniques; they follow the wounded from frontline to base hospital, checking all the way.

The Embryo Artist

Wartime Day Nurseries are being set up in industrial areas across the country under Dominion-Provincial agreement, to provide a healthy, happy environment for children of working mothers. In the picture above, an enthusiastic Volunteer worker(supplied through the Women's Voluntary Services Centre for one of the Toronto Nurseries, encourages a very young embryo artist.

New Invention Boosts Speed Of Fighting Planes

"With a strained look, one of impatience and disgust, the pilot, using every available horsepower his aircraft was allowed to give, was trying to catch the fleeing enemy." How he longed for a fraction of a mile more speed, and what he could do with it was his frantic wish.

A motor's capacity is sometimes far greater than the horse-power claimed for it. Horsepower is often just a mark beyond which a pilot dare not pour on power lest engine performance falter or completely stop—a mark on their speed indicator beyond which they are told lies the danger.

Standard of California scientists working on new aviation fuels had to know the **actual** output maximum of aircraft engines and as a result the Calstan Detonation Indicator has come into being.

With this device on guard, the pilot can fully unleash his motor often far beyond listed horsepower. Speed and critical altitude can be boosted and fuel economized. When the engine is pushed to its actual limit the indicator flashes a warning to the pilot and only then does he need to throttle down, by which time he most likely has obtained that greater speed he needed for his grim purpose.

This important equipment has been made available to others on war jobs and in many laboratories it is helping to improve aviation gasoline and the motors that use them. That is just one story from the Standard of California research notebook. As you read this other new ways to push back sky frontiers are being developed.

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TIMBER SALE X33923

There will be offered for sale at Public Auction in the Ranger's office at Princeton, B.C. at 12 noon on the 18th day of February, Timber Sale X33923, on an area situated near Coalmont ,to cut 630,000 board feet of fir and yellow pine.

Two years will be allowed for removal of timber.

"Provided anyone who is unable to attend the sale in person may submit a sealed tender to be opened at the hour of sale and treated as one bid."

Further particulars may be obtained from the Chief Forester, Victoria, B.C., the Ranger, Princeton, B.C. or the District Forester, Kamloops, B.C.

TIMBER SALE X34485

There will be offered for sale at Public Auction in the Ranger's office at Princeton, B.C. at 12.15 p.m. on the 18th day of February, 1944, Timber Sale X34485, on an area situated near China Creek, to cut 618,000 board feet of fir and yellow pine.

Two years will be allowed for removal of timber.

"Provided anyone who is unable to attend the sale in person may submit a sealed tender to be opened at the hour of sale and treated as one bid."

Further particulars may be obtained from the Chief Forester, Victoria, B.C., the Ranger, Princeton, B.C. or the District Forester, Kamloops, B.C. 9-2

Sale Of Shares In Livestock Producers' Assn. Progressing

The following letter, dated February 3rd, has been received from the secretary of the B.C. Livestock Producers Co-operative Association:

Your readers may be interested to know that the sale of shares in this Association is progressing satisfactorily. We have made initial payment on the yards to the Government and the business transacted in the yard to this date has been very satisfactory.

The first general meeting of the Association will be held in Kamloops during the Bull Sale which will be on the 21st and 22nd days of Marh. At this meeting the shareholders will elect the directors for the ensuing year and it is hoped that there may be representation from all parts of the Province.

Provision has been made in the constitution whereby every part of the Province, showing an interest in the association, through the purchase of shares, will be represented.

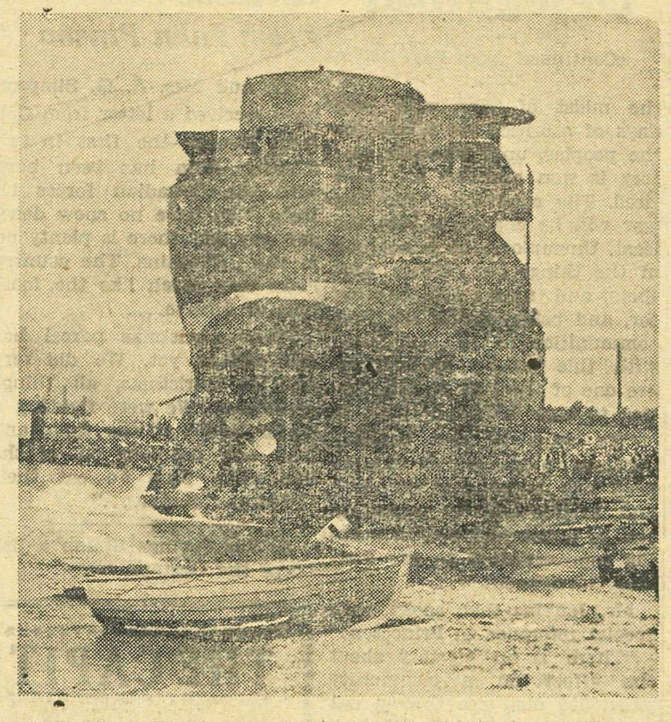
Ink Stains

To remove ink stains from silk, wet the spot with turpentine ,and allow it to remain for seevral hours, then rub between the hands. This will also be effective for taking ink out of cotton and worsted goods without injury to the fabric.

Salad Leaves

A few drops of vinegar added to water will freshen the salad leaves if they have become wilted.

Twelve Vessels Launched



H. M. C. S. Dundurn, one of many tankers being built under Canada's wartime shipbuilding program, is shown above as she slides down the sideways into the water, in the yards of the Canadian Bridge Co. at Windsor, Ontario. The launching of the Dundurn was one of twelve which took place on "Ships for Victory" day, to mark the christening at Halifax of H.M.C.S. Micmac, first Tribal destroyer, and largest war vessel ever launched in the Dominion.

More than 625 vessels have now been launched in Canada since the beginning of the war, including naval ships, freighters and special boats. The 12 launhings were part of the production schedules of but a few of the twenty-one major shipyards, and sixty smaller boat building organizations in the Dominion.

The fact that Canada, a nation with practically no shipbuilding industry before the war, can now launch 12 ships, all but one steel vessels, in a single day, indicates the importance she has won among the world's great shipbuilding nations.

Star Ads Are Cobblestones on the Highway of Business

Gov't. To Launch Vast Program, Hart States

(Special to The Star)

VICTORIA—What is considered to be the most constructive and forward looking programme of government policy ever to be enunciated in the Provincial House was outlined by Premier John Hart in his address in reply to the speech from the throne delivered here this week.

The Premier presented a 27-point programme. Twenty-three points of which were for definite and immediate action. The other four dealt with enquiries. Action in connection with these matters will await the presentation of findings.

The highlights of the Premier's policy and address are as follows (1) Bureau of post-war rehabilitation and reconstruction to be established under supervision of Minister of Education, as chairman Provincial Secretary and Minister of Labor, Minister of Public Works, and Minister of Trade and Industry. $50,000 provided in estimates for operation of bureau.

(2) Province has acepted invitation to attend Ottawa Conference to discuss with dominion and other provincial representatives post-war plans.

(3) Government implements gift of 1,000,000 acres of land to provide settlement for veterans qualifying under the Dominion "Veterans Land Act, 1942" and who are desirous of so doing. Investment of nearly $30,000,000 by Dominion Government expected in this province under veterans' land settlement plan. The Dominion Land Settlement Board has purchased lands, including these occupied by Japanese in the Fraser Valley, for carrying out of Veterans' Land Settlement Plan.

(4) Assist prospectors to uncover the mineral wealth of the province through the medium of grubstaking. $50,000 provided for this scheme.

(5) Government provides $50,000 grant in conjunction with smaller grants of dominion and private industry to operate forest research labratory for development of forest research at University of British Columbia.

(6) Special annual grants of $370,000 provided to lighten the burden of education on cities, district municipalties and rural areas, increased aid, including latest operations since 1940 total approximately $1,000,000.

(7) Enquiry to be conducted into entire field of provincial day municipal relations and more provincial cost of education.

(8) A 20% rebate will be given all owners of passenger cars, effective March 1. Rebate represents saving to car-owning public of $400,000 and will affect 99,000 car owners.

(9 Farmers will be granted total exemption on all improvements. Assisted value of improvements amount to $26,000,684.

(10) Government decides to continue policy of all owning farmers to pay taxes by working on public highways. Since inception of scheme taxes amounting to $1,702,000 have been worked out by farmers.

(11) All taxes on land and buildings will be rebated to all these serving in the armed forces during their periods of enlistment.

(12) Remission of succession duties payable by the estate of a member of the armed forces who lost his life as a result of the war will be granted.

(13) Further review of the operations of the B.C. Electric Co. Ltd. assured. Further action expected to be given consumers this year.

(14) Public utilities policy enunciated as follows: "After a great deal of consideration I firmly believe it is in the best interest of the development of this province for the people to control the entire hydro-electric and light services now being used and which may be used for sale to the public."

(15) Interim report of hydro-electric committee submitted and assurances given that investigation will be continued into feasibility of rural electrification.

(16) Position of Government with respect to proposal that municipalties accomodate transit light and power distribution system of B.C. Eletric Co. Ltd. clarified. Municipalities asked to hold conference and state their views in connection therewith.

(17) Peace River outlet of Pacific Coast assured by provisions of $250,000 estimates to undertake location and construction work this year. Route will be Prince George to Dawson Creek by way of Pine Pass, a distance of 274 miles.

(18) Legislation to be introduced providing for regulation promoting the development of potential coal and oil reserves.

(19) Provision of funds for a large program of public works including highways and buildings included in this program in the sum of $2,000,000 for institutional buildings.

(20) Total of $1,500,000 proposed for program of extraordinary road maintenance. This sum is in addition to regular maintenance vote of $2,300,000, thus providing an aggregate of $4,000,000 for maintenance work

(21) Allowances to unemployables to be substantially increased.

(22) Further representations made to Ottawa for increase in Old Age Pensions, increase in permissable income and lowering of age limit.

(23) Create Industrial Research Council designed to expand our secondary industries and make wider use of our natural resources.

(24) Provision of funds to establish vocational training in conjunction with the dominion to equip our men and women for peacetime occuptions.

(25) To give preferential treatment to British Columbia veterans in connection with employment in the government service.

(26) Widening of the policy of free text books to include all grades from one to six inclusive.

(27) Maintain the financial policy which is giving the province a high credit rating.

The policy outlined above, together wtih achievements of past two years, were pointed by Premier Hart as the policy of the present administration. Assurances were given that the Government would continue to pursue this policy and render the fullest co-operation to the dominion in all matters destined for the general welfare of the nation with respect to post-war rehabilitation and reconstruction and when the time arrives would be prepared to discuss the re-adjustment of Dominion-Provincial relations.

In his introductory remarks the Premier alluded to the six point program presented to the House by the Leader of the Opposition several days ago and pointed out that five of them were entirely national in character and a definite departure from the former stand taken by the CCF leader in this province.

Point number three of Mr. Winch's six point program, the Premier said, was, no doubt, the kernel of the socialistic policy of the CCF Party. There was nothing specific mentioned in this point and on general principals the Government was opposed to it since it meant socialism.

ANSWER THIS ONE

"My good woman," said the judge, "you must give an answer in the fewest possible words of which you are capable to the plain and simple question whether, when you were crossing the street with the baby on your arm, and the bus was coming down on the right side and the taxi on the left and the motorcycle was trying to pass the bus, you saw the plaintiff between the motorcycle and the taxi, or whether you saw him at all near the motorcycle, taxi, and bus, or either, or any two, and which of them respectively, or how it was."

The Dust Mop

To clean the oiled dust mop satifactorily, put two tablespoons of turpentine in each gallon of hot soapsuds, and let the mop soak in this solution for about two hours, then wash.

Oddfellows & Rebekah

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Friday, Feb. 11

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It speaks well for the ability of the Princeton boys who can make a touch like that, to help out the town in giving employment. As they all use FIVE ROSES FLOUR it shows how brain and nerve building it is.

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To People Who Can't Get 'Phone Service

One of the reasons many people have to do without telephone service these days is the shortage of telephone wire. War demands must come first and the copper wire that is ordinarily used for telephone lines must now go into essential things as aeroplanes, ships and tanks.

More material for war means less material for telephone service.

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The Similkameen Star

Scratch pads of useful sizes are obtainable at The Star Office.

Invest In War Savings Stamps

Princeton Paragraphs

Clarence McInroy is recovering from his recent illness, and is able to be out and around.

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The United Church Ladies' Aid will hold their Valentine Tea in the Parish Hall tomorrow afternoon.

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Mrs. George Glennie returned to Kamloops on Friday after a week here, the guest of Mrs. W. R. Foster.

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FO Fred Waterman, DFC, who was expected home last week, was delayed in Montreal due to illness.

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Copper Mountain curlers are having their annual bonspiel this coming wek-end. A number of Princeton rinks will attend.

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A meeting of the Similkameen Industrial Welfare Association will be held in the Elks' Hall tonight to receive the report of the delegation to Victoria, and to make further plans.

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Henry B. Howard, formerly a resident here, and now with the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada, with offices in Victoria, wishes to be kindly remembered to E. E. Burr.

Buy War Savings Certificates

St. Cuthbert's Ladies' Guild

WHIST DRIVE

PARISH HALL

Monday, Feb. 21

at 8.00 p.m.

Prizes — Refreshments

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned being a person authorized by the Minister of Public Works in writing to exercise the powers vested in the said Minister under Part 11 of the "Highway Act", and being of opinion that the Main Highways are liable to damage through extraordinary traffic thereon, hereby makes the following Regulation pursuant to Section 33 of the said Act:

The following load and speed limitations are imposed from twelve o'clock midnight, February 17th, 1944 until further notice:

On Okanagan Highway No. 5 from Summerland to Marron Valley Junction and Southern Trans Provincial Highway No. 3 from Marron Valley Junction to Osoyoos:

Trucks With Pneumatic Tires:-

Payload (ie. load carried) not to exceed 50% of the tare (i.e. unloaded) weight of truck, and not to exceed 50% of the authorized carrying capacity. Speed 25 miles pe hour.

Passenger Vehicles With Pneumatic Tires:-

Busses having a gross weight in excess of 6 tons are prohibited.

Vehicles Not Fitted With Pneumatic Tires:-

Entirely prohibited.

Dated at Penticton, B.C. this 8th day of February, 1944.

A. C. MACKENZIE,
General Foreman.

NOTICE
Estate of Milan Malich

Separate tenders will be received by the undersigned for purchase of each of the following two items comprised in the assets of the Estate of Milan Malich, retired, deceased, lately residing in the Town of Princeton, who died on or about the 2nd of January 1944.

1. Fuel wood, 4 cords, 1,000 b.f. lumber.
2. House and land, 9.2 acres, Lot 277, Group 1, Y.D.Y.D., situate on the property of the deceased in Princeton on Lot 277, Group 1 Y.D.Y.D.

Dated at Princeton, B.C. this 9th day of February 1944.

CHARLES NICHOLS,
Executor.
by J. O. C. Kirby, his Solicitor herein. 10-2

NOTICE
Estate of Gordon Ernest Rhodes

All persons having claims against the Estate of Gordon Ernest Rhodes, lately residing in the Town of Princeton, logger, deceased, who died on the 3rd. day of February, 1944, are hereby notified to send in to the undersigned on or before the 26th day of February 1944, full particulars of their claims, The assets of the deceased will be divided among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to claims of which the Official Administrator, shall then have had notice.

Dated at Princeton, B.C. this 9th day of February 1944.

CHARLES NICHOLS,
Official Administrator.
By J. O. C. Kirby, his Solicitor herein. 10-2

Lois Goodfellow arrived home on Sunday morning on a three weeks' holiday.

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Mrs. E. Engen and son, Alan, of Penticton, were the weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. Knudsen.

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Miss Pat Hall was the guest of Miss Francis Lester over the weekend. She is a telephone operator at Penticton.

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J. R. McDonald had a letter from his brother, in Prongua, Sask., who enjoyed a few weeks here this winter.

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Mrs. D. Gellatly had the misfortune to fall on the treacherous ice yesterday, and hurt her back.

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Mrs. Colin Campbell, Copper Mountain, visited her mother, Mrs. W. R. Foster, here yesterday. Mrs. C. B. Ewart returned with Mrs. Campbell to Copper Mountain, where she will stay for a few days.

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George Carleton had a lucky escape last Thursday when his Model A car went over Baker Hill, and caught fire. Having sand handy George was able to bring the fire under control. The car is now running again under its own power.

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An Elks' Lodge is being organized in Keremeos. Kelowna and Princpeton lodges will visit there next Wednesday to conduct installation ceremonies. Princeton Elks will leave Princeton Hotel at 6.30 p.m. Wednesday next. Members, please take note.

PRACTICAL HOUSEHOLD HINTS

A suggestion: Clip and paste these daily hints, according to subject, in an index scrapbook, that they may serve their purpose in time of need.

Wall Paper

To remove wall paper saturat the paper with boiling water, using a whitewash brush, and when loosened, scrape off with a putty knife.

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Rugs

Rugs can be prevented from curling at the corners by sewing a piece of haircloth about six inches square to the underside of each corner.

Delegation

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the midst of War, with long days of sacrifice yet ahead for the peoples, until ultimate victory is won and the last shot fired. The conditions after the war will be chaotic to say the least. Unemployment is not one of the things our fathers, brothers, and sisters are fighting for, and being one of the first communities to be threatened with this hungry spectre, we are one of the first to take action to cope with and offset it.

"We want to see industry continue to operate, we want to keep our homes and our jobs, and to this end we appeal to you, to enlist your aid, in making representation to the Federal Government."

Mr. Jenkins then spoke, with special reference to Princeton:

"There is no mystery about the effect on a community when 500 men are thrown out of employment and due to lack of any other work are forced to go elsewhere. Included in the 500 mentioned, more than 100 have homes in Princeton.

"The Granby payroll at this time is over three-quarters of a million a year. After all deductions, more than $600,000 is handed out in cash yearly to workers. This does not include executive salaries.

"We have already lost over 60 families through the Bromley Vale coal mine closing. These men and their families have been sent to Fernie.

"The population of Princeton, which is the hub of the Similkameen is 2,000 people and is mainly supported by Granby. We have about 100 working in other coal mines, 75 logging and lumber mills, 50 farming and cattle raising and about 150 dependent workers, that is merchants, utilities, lawyers, doctors, Provincial Government employees.

"There are more than 50 places of business in Princeton. Granby is the largest consumer of lumber and mine timber, and the mills would suffer from decreased volume. Also, Granby purchased huge quantities of scrap iron which would be difficult to sell elsewhere due to freight costs. Railway crews who live in Princeton would be removed.

"The loss of Granby may have a serious effect on our one remaining coal mine as they provide electric power for operation of same. We sincerely trust there is something that can be done to keep this operation going and thus save our community from an economic blackout."

Red Cross To Appeal For $10,000,000 In New Drive

The Canadian Red Cross will make a national appeal for $10,000,000 in voluntary contributions throughout Canada starting on February 28th.

In previous appeals the people of Canada have more than supported the cause and the generous response of the Canadian people in the last appeal showed their open-heartedness and understanding of the Red Cross work.

The Red Cross is an international organization and under the Conventions of Geneva, is required to obtain its support by voluntary subscriptions to preesrve its rights, privileges and immunities guaranteed under International Law.

The national appeal in March was planned with the fullest co-operation of the Dominion Government to avoid disruption of plans of the National War Finance Committee. And too, the American Red Cross is making its national appeal during the same month, making it a continent-wide campaign.

The largest work facing the Red Cross during the current year is supplying food parcels for Canadian, British and Empire prisoners of war in Europe an dthe Far East. The Society now has five packing plants in Canada, with a weekly production of 100,000 parcels.

Of this amount the Canadian Red Cross donates 30,000 weekly for prisoners in Europe, the remainder being paid for by the British and Australian Red Cross Societies. Provision also has to be made for food, drugs and other supplies for Canadian prisoners in the Far East. These two objectives alone will require $5,500,000 during 1944.

The work of the Canadian Red Cross has never been greater, and the need has never been greater. This year, it is hoped, will be victory year, but the work of the Red Cross does not end with the cessation of hostilities. It continues wherever there is human suffering.

Mending Celluloid

Celluloid can be mended by moistening the broken edges with glacial acetic acid and holding them together until the acid dries.

Is Your Subscription Paid Up?

Simpsons Hear From John Pinson

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Simpson have received a letter from Cpl. John Pinson—the first in two months. John has been busy with the Canadian forces in Italy. "We have no snow down our way, but there is plenty up in the mountains. The country looks very much like the foothills of Alberta....

"Your Christmas parcel has not arrived yet. We did very well at Christmas, all things considered. We were fighting a major battle at the time, and took one company out of the line at a time to eat their Christmas dinner...."

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CONEY ISLAND

BETTY GRABLE and GEORGE MONTGOMERY

Comedy — News Reel

Princeton General Hospital Association

NOTICE

The annual fee of ONE DOLLAR for membership in the Association is due and payable not later than the 29th of February, 1944.

The said fee must be paid by that date to qualify members to vote at the General Meeting to be held on March 22 next at 8.00 p.m.

P. H. WILSON,
Secretary.

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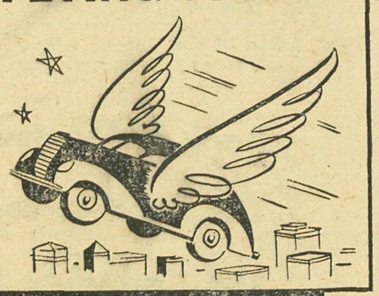

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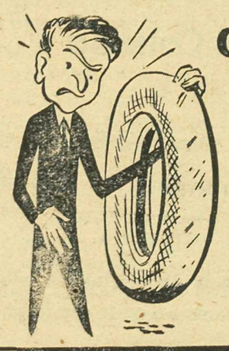

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