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Now It Can Be Told!

Old Man Weather has played queer tricks this winter. Last week sub-zero temperatures were the order of the day—and night—the lowest recorded night temperature being minus 37 degrees, with snow piling up nearly two feet deep.

Early this week, however, the cold spell moderated and people were talking hopefully of "coming up to zero." Now zero is left well behind.

Transportation by rail and bus was maintained with difficulty. Schedules were disrupted the K.V.R. trains coming round by Spences Bridge for several days. Five miles east of Princeton the river ice came over the road, making a detour necessary. Snow ploughs were kept busy on the Hedley, Copper Mountain, Merritt and Hope roads.

The Princeton schools were kept open, but some schools in the district—Allenby and Hedley among others—were closed for some days. The attendance at the Princeton schools was reported down 25 per cent.

OBITUARY

MRS. KATHLEEN FLETCHER

Many Oliver citizens were grieved at the untimely passing of Mrs. John Fletcher, which occurred in Princeton hospital on January 12. Death was due to a hemorrhage.

Deceased who was 30 years of age, had lived here for over 3 years after her marriage in 1938. She was born at Melville, Sask., and her family lived for many years at Eatonia before moving to Oliver last year.

Mrs. Fletcher joined her husband over a year ago at Hedley where he was employed in the Mascot mine.

Surviving are her husband and two daughters, Donna, 3½ years, and baby Jean, a few days old; also her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Miller; five sisters, Mrs. G. Kelm, Hanna, Alta.; Mrs. E. Johnson, Elsie, Dorothy and Edith, of Oliver; three brothers, Eddie at Edmon, Rudy and Jackie at home.

The funeral services were conducted at St. Paul's Lutheran Church by Rev. A. Krahenbil, who addressed the large gathering of friends and relatives, taking verses 13:14 Thessalonians 1, chapter 4, for his text.

Messrs. J. H. Mitchell, Chas. Mitchell, H. A. Ede, G. Eraut, B. Pickering and S. McBryde, were pallbearers. Interment in Oliver cemetery, Graham Funeral Service in charge.—Oliver Chronicle.

Jack Martin returned Saturday last after a month's visit with his daughter at Banff.

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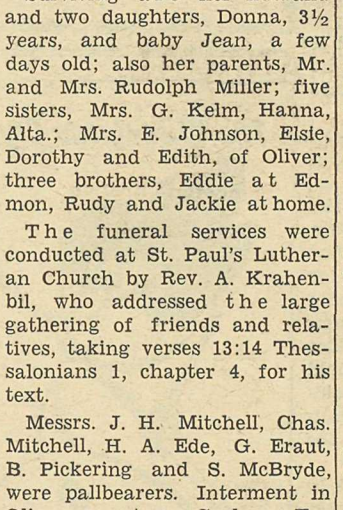

Not all the glamor belongs to the stars. Here is Kay Stevenson, CBC producer at the Toronto studios, who gives the siganls through the plate glass window to such important people as the folks of Newbrdige, Three Little Sisters, Quentin Maclean, the famous organist, all heard on the CBC National Network.

Smoke Fund Cans To Be Collected Next Tuesday

Elks' Smoke Fund tins will be replaced in the following business houses next Tuesday:

Logan's Service, Tulameen Hotel, Princeton Brewery, Taylor's Dairy, Gray's Bakery, McDonald & Wallace, Ewart Hardware, Burns Meat Market, Overwaitea, Princeton Bakery, Travellers Cafe, Hospital, C. P. R. Depot, Princeton Cafe, Princeton Drug Store, H. McConnell (Taylor), Bank of Commerce, Princeton Hotel, Dr. Butler, White's Hardware, Princeton Market, Bretts Garage, Post Office, J. Corrie, Billiard Hall.

The Fund extends thanks to the Princeton, Fish, Game & Forest Protective Association for a donation of $10.00. This amount will buy the boys 4000 smokes.

The next shipment of cigarettes, will be mailed on Feb. 10 to 158 men at a cost of $121.27. Any new names and addresses should be sent in to the Committee before the 8th as shipments are always sent out on the 10th of each month. Any donation through the mail will be apperciated.

Letters were received last week from: LAC Jack Goodfellow, Pte. Emmett Metzler, LAC A. J. Davidson, all of Princeton; Trp. Bert Waite, Allenby; and L|Bdr. L. Carleton, Keremeos.

A full list of the names and number of cigarettes that have been sent to each man, is tacked up in the post office.

Don't forget to drop your odd coins in the cans.

Jack Goodfellow writes:

"I wish to thank you very kindly for the carton of 'cigs' you sent me. It is the first lot of Canadian 'fags' I've had since I arrived in this country, and as they came just before Christmas they will be an extra special treat.

"So far I've been pretty busy but in the near future I hope to go on leave and meet some of the old home town gang. Although a bit late I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

New Policy For Aircrew Enlistment

For the public's information, a new policy regarding aircrew enlistments in the R.C.A.F. will be effective February 1st. In future, states, A. L. Gleen, Flying Officer, for Commanding Officer, No. 1 Recruiting Centre, Vancouver, all applicants for aircrew will be enlisted as Standard Aircrew (Deferred), which means that they will first have to serve in ground duties for a period not exceeding six months.

During this time, as vacancies in the aircrew training schools become available, recruits will then commence their actual aircrew training.

The R.C.A.F. has a generous quota for February, should any prospective candidates desire immediate enlistments.

Local Skier In Novelty Meet

Bill Irwin, of Princeton, is still a drawing card for ski enthusiasts. Photographs in the coast dailies show him soaring through the air in an improvised jump at the corner of 7th Avenue and Oak Street, Vancouver, last Sunday afternoon when a crowd estimated at from three to five thousand gathered to watch the performance.

Mrs. W. R. Foster has left for Trail where she will reside for the rest of the winter. Mrs. Ray Biggs, her daughter, is at present living here, and expects her husband, who is in H. M. Canadian forces, home on leave soon.

Allied Diplomats Visit Montreal

Shown here are four United Nations diplomats who arrived recently at the Canadian Pacific Railway's Windsor Station, Montreal, to inspect war production plants in the Montreal area. They are, at left, Dr. Edouardo Grove, Chilean minister to Canada. Liu Shih-shu... second from left, representin... Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek... overnment in Canada, expresse... tisfaction at the vast quantities ... materials pouring from Canada's war plants, and thinks if Hitler could see that part of Canada's war effort viewed by himself and the three other members of the Foreign Diplomatic Corps, accredited to Ottawa, the German leader's hair would turn even whiter than it is reported to be. Fedor Gusev, third from left, representative of Soviet Russia, showed great interest in a display of Russian war posters now in Windsor Station concourse. Dr. Frantisek Pavlasek, Czechoslovak minister, looks to the day when "made-in-Canada" war materials will have helped free Czechs from Nazi slavery. Arrangements were made for the four diplomats to visit the Canadian Pacific shops which for many months have been turning out a steady stream of "Valentine" tanks.

IMPORTANT GAME CLUB MEETING ON MON. NIGHT

Princeton Association To Hear Proposal Of East Kootenay Clubs

Want Commission Independent Of Provincial Politics

C. V. Prosser, of the Princeton Fish, Game and Forest Protective Association, announces that an important meeting of the Association will be held in the Travellers Hall next Monday night. A proposal, coming from the West Kootenay Clubs, asking for support to make the Game Commission independent of politics is to be discussed.

It is claimed that this can be done without increasing the cost to the individual sportsman. It is maintained that this should be done, because under present arrangements the Game Commission is static, and cannot build for the future as it should, and would like to do.

"It is only right and just that fees paid by sportsmen, and fines and other revenue from Game Commission work, should go to the Commission to enable it to carry on and improve its work. Should the wild life in B.C. disappear as it has in neighbouring provinces and states we would be in a sorry state, and would bewail our lack of foresight."

E. Gray is president of the local Association. All members are urged to be present at the regular monthly meeting next Monday night.

Juvenile Hockey Off To Good Start; Towns Wins Two

The Tunnel and the Town hockey teams opened the Juvenile League last Saturday with the Town taking the opener 5-0. The junior players were very active and all good sports, though a few penalties were handed out.

In last night's games the Brewery took the Town 2-0, while in another fixture the Tunnel trounced the Town 3-1.

Two more games are on the card for this Saturday night.

Increase In Soldiers' Pay Effective Now; Canadians Highest Paid Fighting Force

Most Canadian homes will be affected by the increases in pay for private soldiers and by the new scale of allowances and cost-of-living bonus for dependents of men in the Navy, Army and Air Force, which will go into effect this month according to an announcement by the Department of National Defence.

Canada is proudly listed as having the highest paid army in the world and the average Canadian to whom the army belongs is pleased because the troops are rated as the best-organized fighting unit in existence.

The pay increases are contingent upon the proficiency and good conduct of the men. Jack Canuck in the army will continue to receive $1.30 a day as a private in the army, but at the end of four months' efficient service and good conduct he will be given an increase in pay of 10 cents a day.

If at the end of six months he appears to be a willing, well-trained soldier and still of good conduct then he will get another ten-cent raise in pay so that from then on he will be paid $1.50 a day.

All of this money does not go to the soldier, however. He will, under the new assignment of pay commencing February 1 send his wife $23 a month instead of $20 if he is a private or an N.C.O. below the rank of sergeant, and earning more than $1.40 per day.

His wife and family will receive increased allowances in their own right, also. They will receive a cost-of-living bonus and in addition dependents may earn up to $40 a month instead of $20 without having their allowances affected.

Changes in the regulations affecting dependents' allowances provide that dependents' allowance may now be paid for children of all ranks up to a maximum of six. Previously however, officers and warrant officers class 1 could not claim dependents' allowance for more than two children and ranks below warrant officer class 1 could claim an allowance for not more than four children.

The scale of dependents' allowance for children has also been increased. The rate of $12 per month for each of the first two children remains the same. For the third child the allowance is now $10 as against $9, and for the fourth child $8 instead of $6. The eight dollar rate also applies to the fifth and sixth child. The increase in pay and allowances will date from January 1st.

A further concession provided by the recent changes permits the award of a Dependents' Allowance on behalf of an officer or soldier in respect of a mother or father, who qualifies under the regulations, in addition to a wife and up to six children. Previously a mother or father could not receive an allowance if the officer or

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Louis Johnson, Coalmont Pioneer, Called By Death

Born in Bergen, Norway, on 1st. January, 1872, Louis Johnson, of Coalmont, died at his residence there last Thursday. He came to Canada and Similkameen 32 years ago, and had lived most of that time at Coalmont. Funeral services were arranged by Princeton Mortuary, and held under United Church auspices, this forenoon, Rev. J. C. Goodfellow officiating.

Mr. Johnson used to work in the coal mine at Blakeburn, but since then interested himself in prospecting. He had been in failing health for a long time, and heart trouble made it necessary for him to give up coal mining work.

He had many friends in the Valley, and his passing will be regretted by all who knew him.

Commandos' 'Snappy Service' To Continue

"The Commandos", members of Grade Six Junior Red Cross Society are continuing the "Snappy Service" they started two weeks ago, for an indefinite period. All money received is donated to the Junior Red Cross funds.

"Snappy Service" met with fine response and it has been decided to carry it on for a longer period. The Commandos run errands and do odd jobs. During school hours phone 104, after school and Saturdays phone 4X.

COAL MINERS TO MAKE NEW WAGE APPLICATION

Princeton Local of U.M.W.A. To Apply To War Labor Board

Coal Operators And Miners To Make Joint Application

Princeton coal miners will place a new application for wage increases before the National War Labour Board immediately. The scale asked for is the Crows Nest rate. This action was taken at a regular meeting held last Sunday in the Oddfellows' Hall.

Pit committees will meet coal operators to draw up a new application. In the meantime the Drumheller scale of wages has been accepted under protest. As was pointed out at a previous meeting War Labour Board's decisions were final, but employees or employers concerned had the right to protest and make new application.

The Selective Service office in Vancouver came in for strong criticism at the meeting for sending men to this field to work in the coal mines who are too old, physically unfit or incompetent to do the work.

President W. Forsyth stated that another letter had been received from George "Dutch" Eccles, former union member, asking for more snuff. Some time ago a special tin was placed on the table asking for nickels and dimes to keep "Dutch" well supplied with this rare delicacy.

LOCAL RED CROSS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Princeton Branch Elects Slate of Officers For New Year

Many Supplies Sent To Coast; Financial Statement Presented

At the annual meeting of the Princeton branch of the Canadian Red Cross held in the Parish Hall on January 20th the 1942 officers were re-elected. They are as follows:

President; vice - presidents, Mrs. W. S. Garrison, Mrs. E. Dallow; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. W. Smith; recording secretary, C. R. Mattice; work and purchasing committees, Mrs. T. B. Hopper; home nursing, Mrs. R. T. Thorstenson; transportation, S. A. Wilson; disaster relief, C. R. Mattice; Junior Red Cross, Mrs. C. R. Mattice; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. A. Sorenson; campaign manager, W. E. Lucas.

Supplies sent from the Princeton branch to headquarters in Vancouver during the year 1942 totalled 4,256 articles. In addition 934 articles were sent by the Rebekah Lodge; 184 articles by the Princeton Ladies' Ski Club; 61 articles by the Knitting Club; 284 articles by the L.O.B.A.; 98 articles by the Evening Auxiliary; 171 articles by the Princeton Junior Red Cross; and 26 articles by Jura Junior Red Cross.

The financial statement for the year shows total receipts of $3,007.13; with the sum of $2,884.94 remitted to the Provincial office, leaving a balance on hand at the end of December of $122.19.

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THE SHOW MUST GO ON

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It has become a tradition in certain fields of endeavour that no matter what happens the task in hand must be carried through to completion. It is a tradition well worth maintaining. Stories are told of actors who finished their piece in spite of physical disabilities or in spite of bad news received just before a performance. Railways and bus lines operate in spite of weather. Nothing is allowed to interfere with the delivery of His Majesty's mail. Telephone, light and power lines may be down, and service may be interrupted, but no excuse is considered good enough to delay essential repairs. The terrors of the storm may seem more terrible to those in the cabin, but those in comfortable quarters behind closed doors should not forget those who maintain the essential services of our modern civilization.

The same thing is true of the production and delivery of your daily and weekly papers. Winter conditions often make production more difficult. Old Man Weather is not kind to delicate machinery, and fires must be kept warm to keep his chilly finger from slowing down the linotype. Here again, wood and coal men must maintain our traditions.

It is no joke delivering papers on a cold morning when the snow is deep. The morning paper along with early coffee has become an established institution. Your newspaper carrier ministers to your pleasure. He, or she, too, should merit a kindly thought when you reflect on the tradition that the show must go on in spite of anything and everything that may happen.

THE BATTLE FOR THE MINDS OF MILLIONS

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This is a war of stupendous battles—of Britain, of the Atlantic, of Africa—to name but a few. But the greatest battle of all does not often reach the headlines. It is being constantly waged. The battle line runs through every farm, factory, office and home. In fact, everyone who reads this newspaper is in it. It is the battle for the minds of millions. It is the most vital battle of all, for our enemies realize that if men's minds can be captured or confused, the strongest military defences will fall. That way nations in Europe have gone down, and the strongest outposts of Empire. Sometimes men's minds have been captured with paralyzing fear, sometimes just with complacency and softness, and in every case internal friction has played its part. Whatever our weakness, the enemy has played on it.

Unmeasured forces are on the march. We have to reckon not only with planes, tanks, guns and submarines, but also with the force of revolutionary ideas.

"Behind the force of enemy planes there stands the force of enemy brains. On the battle front he must be out-fought but for total victory he must be out-thought."

The driving force behind our enemies' attack has been the passionate conviction that they can mould the world to their pattern for a thousand years to come. We may call this fanaticism, but it will sweep all before it unless we have a stronger fighting faith and a greater idea. It is not enough to believe that we are fighting for our existence. We need to know that we are building a new world now. So that we can assure our fighting men that we know what they're fighting for. Then they will put that last ounce of endurance or daring or thoroughness into the scales for victory.—Contributed.

District Coal Production For Month of December, And Total Output For 1942

	Dec., 1942 Tons	Output 1942 Tons	Output 1941 Tons
Granby Colliery	8,032	83,446	69,774
Hat Creek Mine	106	1,978	296
Inland Collieries	— —	70	— —
Middlesboro Collieries	2,785	32,088	22,860
Princeton - Tulameen	2,765	30,438	26,116
Tulameen Coal Mines	1,151	9,319	2,883
Total Nicola-Princeton	14,839	157,339	121,929

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Life In Princeton Forty Years Ago Provides Lively Memories Now

(By MARY S. B. WHILLANS)

(From The Vancouver Province of January 23rd)

HISTORY, according to my dictionary, is a narrative of an event or a series of events in the existence of any country, but I am afraid that my reminiscing about a few happenings that took place in Similkameen Valley 40 years ago can not rank as historical, though they may be of interest to some.

AS A FAMILY we surely were pioneers, as my husband, the late Dr. H. A. Whillans, was the first medical man to locate in Princeton; I was the first teacher appointed by the Provincial Government to Princeton, and our daughter, Mrs. R. W. Sandy, of Fort St. John, the Peace River, was the first white child to be born in Princeton to a family resident there.

BUT IN THE year 1901 we were "cheechakos" to the late Mrs. S. L. Allison. I well remember listening to her stories of early days in Similkameen, stories that to me then seemed hoary with age, but which, perhaps, were recent events in comparison to some of my reminiscences of 40 years ago.

THE AUTHENTICITY of the the following story can be verified by looking up the early files of The Princeton Star, or, as I think it was then called, The Similkameen Star. It was about the year 1901 or 1902.

WHEN A DEATH occurred, it had been customary to have a carpenter make the coffin for the remains. What prompted a firm in town, I do not know, but it was evidently thought a propitious time to have an undertaking establishment, for there appeared in an issue of the paper an advertisement to this effect: "Just arrived, a shipment of coffins. Come in and choose yours."

GIFT WAS PLAYED ON NAME OF THE FIRM

WHILE READING this story to another early resident of Princeton, I stated that the advertisement had been inserted by the firm of Day & Knight, but he thought it had been the brain work of Tink Franch, I mention this so I can state as a fact that this firm of Day & Knight sent—as a wedding present to one of Mrs. Allison's daughters—a bedspread and a comforter, "day and night."

I RECALL that in those days there was a weekly mail, but in unusual weather in the winter there were times when two weeks would elapse without mail, except letters, parcels being left for future delivery. In summer, and in average winter weather, staging ran smoothly. The mail and parcels for Princeton were packed into the stage at Spences Bridge and removed at their destination.

IN "UNUSUAL" weather, which included anything from a blizzard to a chinook, and which we British Columbians still so often consider "unusual" the road from Nicola to the top of Hamilton Hill would be bare of snow, while from there on there would be plenty of snow. This condition would necessitate the stage changing from wheels to sleigh runners at the top of the hill, very often a bleak spot.

THIS JOB would not be an arduous one when there were men pasengers, but on my first trip to Princeton I was the only passenger, and to keep warm while the change was made, I had to busy myself with the transfer of mail bags, express parcels and local freight which, on this occasion, included three porkers consigned to the butcher in Princeton.

THIS DISPLAY of work on my part I felt would give the stage driver a good impression of the teacher for Princeton, but I am sure that any favourable opinion he may have had was instantly dispelled when we were driving past a great stretch of what I thought was snow-covered land with a log cabin showing in the distance.

I REMARKED: "There is a beautiful ranch."

STAGE DRIVER'S TONE SAID MORE THAN WORDS

IN A TONE that conveyed nothing but disgust he replied: "It is a lake."

FOR A LONG time after that attempt at conversation on my part I wished I had followed the advice to think twice before you speak.

WITH SUCH a "greenhorn" beside him, he took advantage of the situation to relate weird stories about the country, the people and conditions, all of which I have forgotten except one I put to the test and found correct: "When the weather gets fine, you can pan for gold in the Similkameen River," he said.

YES, YOU COULD pan for gold, but I soon found out that "panning" and "finding" were not synonymous, as I had thought.

BEFORE A BRIDGE was built across the Similkameen at the foot of Bridge Street, a cable strung across the river had a basket in which miners could be carried to the pit, coal brought into town and in which people could be hauled to and fro across the stream.

WHEN I was asked by two young men if I would like to see a coal mine, I replied in the affirmative, and soon we three were walking to the bank of the river where the bucket was "lying in wait," a description warranted by the events that followed. I climbed in and started on my way to the mine, alone, not even one gallant accompanying me.

THIS SOMEWHAT perturbed be, but I felt a teacher should be game for any situation. The river was in spate and great blocks of ice were floating past. However, I was in the basket and was being pulled across the stream to see a coal mine, so why worry.

WHEN I WAS suspended a few feet above the roaring water in the middle of the stream the basket came to a standstill. While moving I felt no fear, but with this sudden stop I was filled with apprehension and still more upset when a voice from the bank shouted: "If you will promise to marry me I will pull you back," and then a shout from the other gallant: "If you promise to marry him I will drown you." Was I sorry that I had wished to see a mine?

CORONATION PICNIC HELD TOO SOON

PRINCETON could well be caled an "outpost of Empire" when King Edward VII came to the throne, for the day on which he was to have been crowned, citizens of the town marked the occasion by holding a picnic, a gathering which at that time seemed the best manner in which to collect a large crowd to celebrate such an event.

IMPROMPTU speeches were made, each one filled with professions of loyalty to the Mother Country. "God Save the King" could not possibly have been sung with more feeling or more lustily than on that occasion. It was a number of days later when the mail came in that we learned the coronation had been postponed.

IT MAY NOT have been real pioneering in those day in Princeton, but if any resident there today had to use coal oil for lighting his home, thaw bread for breakfast when the temperature would reach 40 degrees below zero, eat frozen potatoes very often during the winter, take a bath in a galvanized iron washtub with knees touching the chin and from which it almost needed a block and tackle to be extracted (I was stout in those days), be without any communication with the outside world, and many more drawbacks which I might mention, he might think conditions were at least cousins to pioneering.

AUCTION SALES in those days were a rarity and when it was learned that a sale of livestock and farm produce was to take place at a farm some distance out of town, many of the townsmen saddled their horses and went out of curiosity, my husband among them.

A GREAT BOAR, with a ring in its nose, was put up for sale. Some one called out "Ten dollars." My husband, then, to boost the sale, called out "Fifteen dollars." To his great surprise, and I may say to his chagrin, the auctioneer took no more bids on the animal.

THERE THE doctor was, the owner of a cross boar, with no place to keep it ,no food for it, and decidely no use for it. The food problem however, was solved later when he became the purchaser of a ton of potatoes.

SUCCESS attended his first venture at an auction, for later at the same sale he privately sold the boar and half the ton of potatoes for what he had paid for all, so we had an abundance of potatoes for the winter for the price of hauling them to town.

TO HAVE dentistry done then was a problem and could only be solved when a travelling dentist visited Nicola from the outside. (My husband pulled many a tooth, even one of his own, but other dental work was beyond his ability).

IT WAS ON one of these occasion when a dentist was visiting that my husband and I started out on horseback for Nicola, a distance of 75 miles if I remember correctly. To break the journey we left Princeton in the evening for Granite Creek, and left there next morning on our 57-mile ride.

GUESTS WERE ASKED TO WAIT FOR HOTEL ROOM

When we reached the stopping place at Granite Creek, there was not a light to be seen, but a loud knock soon brought the proprietor to the door. He seemed nonplussed at first when he found it was the doctor and his wife wanting a room for the night, but said if we would wait a short time he would be able to accomodate us.

AFTER THE horses had been stabled and some preparation had been made upstairs for us, he piloted us to a room by the dim light of a candle. I have a very hazy remembrance of that room, but I do know that for a door there was a blanket hung between the door jambs, and its walls on two sides were board partitions one could very easily peek over, if desirous, while the other two walls were formed by sides of the building.

IN THE ROOM was a bunk, a chair and a small table. My husband had stayed there before, but it was a new experience for me. He was in bed, I mean the bunk, when I crawled in. The bedding was too warm for the heat to have come from his body in the short time that he had been there, so I had a fair idea of what had happened.

I WHISPERED to him, "Someone has been sleeping in this bed and was put out to accomodate us."

HIS REPLY was: "Forget it and go to sleep. You must not be so fussy in the country."

WE WERE awakened next morning by the proprietor knocking on the partition and saying: "Doc, will you hand me Col. S.'s teeth? They are on the

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WEDDING

Jones—McInnes

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Wiliam Paret was the setting Monday last for the marriage of Dorcas Belle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McInnes, and Mr. Denis Lewis Jones of Prince Rupert, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Jones of Princeton. The wedding took place Monday, January 18th, Rev. J. W. Smith officiating.

Attended by her sister, Miss Pearl McInnes, the bride was gowned in white net posed on taffeta, her matching veil misting from a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of pink and white roses.

Mr. Douglas Hunter was best man.

After the reception Mr. and Mrs. Jones left for Prince Rupert, where they will reside.

Removing Burned Food

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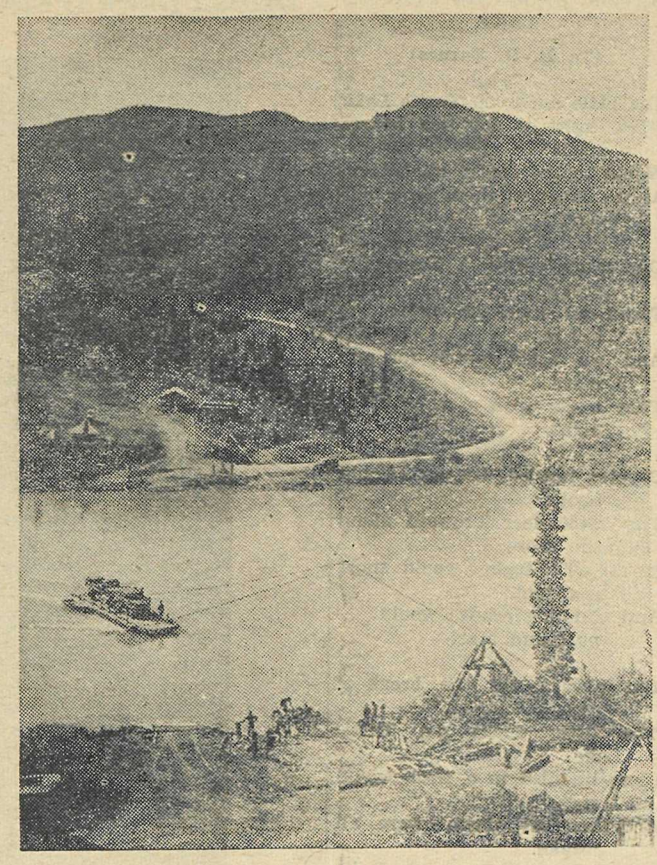
If food has been allowed to burn in an aluminum cooking vessel, place it dry over a fire. As soon as the food has become charred, it will loosen. Remove immediately.

THIS WAY TO ALASKA



The great force of United States soldiers who carved a highway to Alaska through the Canadian wilderness have conquered obstacles of all kinds. Through the bushland and across muskeg and rivers the road now etxends for thousands of miles. A typical ferry used by the army's engineers is shown in this photo. Utilizing the river's current, a barge forces its way across on the end of a wire cable from shore to shore.

Lipstick Stains

If ordinary washing and sponging with carbon tetrachloride does not remove lipstick stains from washable materials, try rubbing them with a colorless grease such as white vaseline. Then sponge them again with tetrachloride, or bleach them with peroxide of hydrogen.

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Life In Princeton Forty Years Ago Provides Lively Memories Now

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table by the window and he cannot eat his breakfast until he gets them."

NO DOUBT that experience gave Col. S. material for another story into which he could inject his my-o-my's freely.

THE YEARLY masquerade dance was a most popular affair. At one a very charming young lady went disguised as a man. Between dances, as was customary, she gathered outside the building with the men for a smoke to keep up her disguise, forgetting that a time would come to unmask. The next day she told me that she was so ashamed that she could not look any of the men in town in the face as she had listened to so many stories when keeping up her disguise.

THESE DANCES gave the local paper material for copy, and I think that not even today could be written a better description of a costume than when my husband, masked as Mephistopheles, was said to have "looked like the devil."

IT WAS ON one of these occasions that two young women decided to represent "Two Little Girls in Blue." With much secrecy they had made dainty dresses and bonnets of pale blue muslin. When they went to the store to get masks, the only two left were hideous ones, for men, with bulbous noses, side beards and very florid faces.

ONE DARED the other to wear them, and later when the dancers unmasked, the father of one of the girls was asked by the editor of the paper what the two of them represented. The father replied: "Damned if I know." When the paper came out it stated that they were two "damfinos."

EARLY PAPER PRINTED GOOD DESCRIPTION

I THINK, though, that the best description of a woman's dress was one that appeared in The Hedley Gazette. It had not been the custom for the editor to describe gowns, but on this occasion he apparently needed copy to fill his paper.

A BRIDE had come to town and at this dance she appeared in a very smart evening dress of blue velvet, the sheath-like skirt lengthening into a train. The bodice was very decollete but the striking part to the majority of us was a long string of pearls that reached nearly to her knees.

THIS WAS a new form of adornment to all us women and it was, if not the envy of all females there, the cynosure of all eyes, even the editor's, for in his paper he described he thus: "Mrs. —— in blue velvet skirt and pearl beads."

General Utility Co., Ltd.

To Consumers

We are pleased to announce final completion of the two new storage tanks and housing. The new facilities provide a total storage of 200,000 gallons which should be a great advantage to the community particularly in case of fire.

Local labor and materials have been used wherever possible, and we think the completed job is a very creditable one.

We take this opportunity to thank the men who worked on the job for their cheerful assistance, and special thanks are due to Mr. Thomas, the contractor, and to the suppliers, Ewart Hardware, Pease & Atkinson and Taylor Lumber Co. who spared no effort to expedite the delivery of materials.

General Utility Co., Ltd.

Get Behind Your Home-Town Paper!

There's a saying that a community is what its newspaper makes it, that its columns reflect the feelings of the people in general and the people in particular. First and always the policy of The Similkameen Star has been to boost and better the community, its enterprises and inhabitants.

You, too can boost—can increase Princeton's reputation and, in more ways than one. One of the best ways to do this is to BOOST THE INSTITUTION THAT BOOSTS THE TOWN—YOUR NEWSPAPER! You enjoy reading it; your family enjoys reading it; the whole community enjoys reading

THE SIMILKAMEEN STAR

A *Loan* A *Lathe* A *Load* OVER LÜBECK

2 mechanics get an idea. Do they deserve credit? *You be the judge.*

THOSE two young fellows had an idea that they could turn out small airplane parts in their spare time, at home. But they needed a lathe . . .

So they went to see the bank about a loan. The manager liked their eagerness, and the fact that both were expert mechanics. They got the loan of a few hundred dollars.

That was three years ago. They have twenty men on the payroll now, and contracts for airplane parts totalling $100,000. They are doing an important full-time job . . . helping Canada's bombers to carry their deadly loads over enemy cities.

The above is an actual case—typical of how banks help free enterprise. It is happening every day in cities and towns across Canada.

Every general manager today, heading a Chartered Bank, entered the bank as a junior in some small branch.

The CHARTERED BANKS of CANADA

Your SUGAR RATION can be helped out by

Saccharin Tablets

100 ½ grain tablets 25c

One tablet equals one teaspoon sugar

100 one grain tablets 30c

Princeton Drug and Book Store

G. G. Lyall, Prop.

THE MEETING of Churchill and Roosevelt in North Africa, and nobody knew about it, until it was all over, is remarkable, and shows that secrets can be kept, but it doesn't always happen that way. Many things could be talked over in ten days, and it is to be hoped that their secret meeting will give god results.

There are so many different things to talk about—concentration of troops, airplanes, tanks, flying machines, guns, and most important of all, a plentiful supply of FIVE ROSES FLOUR, which will give the army the necessary energy to overcome difficulties.

F. P. COOK ESTATE

PRINCETON

—Established 1886—

COPPER WIRE GOES TO WAR

Vast quantities of copper wire are needed for the war effort of the United Nations. The wire goes into aeroplanes, ships, tanks, and innumerable other things. Copper is also required for many other purposes than wire. There is not enough copper to go around, so the Government has severely restricted the use of wire in the telephone business.

We must therefore forego adding materially to our lines and equipment until after the war. This is the reason why many people who want telephone service are now unable to get it.

B.C. TELEPHONE CO.

The Similkameen Star

LOCALS

Mrs. J. G. Cleveland is in hospital.

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Gnr. Frank Bond, who enlisted in the R.C.A. about nine months ago, has completed his course in Toronto, and is home on leave from Halifax. His brother, James, is a bombadier in the same unit.

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The Evening Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. W. McBryde last Tuesday night. There was a good attendance. Miss M. Hawkey and Miss A. Kitsch were introduced to the gathering.

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The cabin of George Larsen and his partner at the Bromley Vale coal mine was burned last Sunday. It is presumed that the cause of the fire was an overheated stove. The two partners lost all their belongings.

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Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Suggitt last week were Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Suggitt and son, of Taft, B.C., and Mrs. A. L. Nivens, of Vernon. Mrs. Nivens is a sister, and L. G. is a brother of Clarence Suggitt. After a pleasant stay here the visitors left last week for their repective homes.

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The annual meeting of St. Paul's United Church congregation was held last Friday in the Church. In spite of inclement weather there was a fair representation. Encouraging reports were received for the year's work. The 1942 Board of Management was returned with the addition of A. K. Stewart.

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Tommy Rabbitt, of Tulameen had the misfortune to suffer serious hand injuries last week when playing with a detonating cap which exploded. He is in hospital, and making good progress. Tommy will be remembered as having an adventure with a cougar a couple of years ago.

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We hope to print, in part, next week, a letter received from Harold Hastings, who is with the R.C.A.F. overseas, and has seen service in North Africa. Harold was formerly on the staff at Allenby. He has had several bouts with malaria, and was in hospital for a time, but apart from that, seems to be fighting fit.

Buy War Savings Certificates and Blast Hitler's Hopes.

LITTLE DUCKS ON TURTLE LAKE

(To H. D. Barnes)

The little ducks on Turtle Lake
When light of day was nearly *spent*
Would to the centre all betake,
As we observed them from our tent.

Our camp, within a black-pine grove,
Faced out upon the water bright,
And we could watch for any move
They made upon a moon-lit night.

Coyotes howled, the owls would hoot,
The mule deer browsed along the shore,
A far-off train would snort and toot
And climbing grades would puff and roar.

But always, till the break of day,
The little ducks on Turtle Lake
Close huddled in a flock would stay,
And then at dawn were all awake.

G. E. W.

PRACTICAL HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Paint on Shoes

Paint spots on shoes can be removed by rubbing them with the head of a sulphur match. Rub firmly, but not so hard as to strike the match. If the spot is stubborn, dampen it with a little water and continue to rub with the match.

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Making Tea Last Longer

When making tea using a small pinch of baking soda, makes the tea go much further and tastes quite nice.—(Contributed).

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Oat Meal Dumpling Recipe

Mince fine through mincer:—
One cup of suet
1½ cups standard oatmeal (not rolled oats).

Pepper and salt to taste, warm water to moisten, not too stiff. Tie in a clean cloth rung out of hot water and dusted with a little of the oatmeal. Put in boiling water with a plate in bottom of pan to prevent sticking. Boil for 2 hours. Turn out and serve with boiled potatoes and meat of any kind. This pudding is quite nice without meat for children. —(Contributed).

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Tender Pastry

To produce tender pastry, the dough must be handled little and rolled lightly. The toughness from overhandling is most often caused by using too much water. Add the water, just a few drops at a time, tossing the mixture with a fork until the flour barely holds together.

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Care of Shoes

Leather shoes will not harden after a bad wetting if they are washed with warm water, and then rubbed well with castor oil.

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Chocolate and Cocoa

To prevent that unpleasant scum from appearing on hot chocolate and cocoa, stir thoroughly with the rotary egg beater before serving.

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Glass Stopper

One method of removing a glass stopper which has resisted all efforts is to put a few drops of salad oil close to the mouth of the bottle. Then stand in a warm place until the oil had had an opportunity to work down between the stopper and the neck of the bottle. Gently tap the stopper on each side and then try and turn the stopper. This method seldom fails.

British Railwaywoman Enjoys Her Job

Miss Mary Harrison, first woman to work as Railway Guard for the London Midland and Scottish Railway, London District. She is seen flagging the 4.20 Upminster-Romford local and seems to be enjoying her job. Before the war she worked in a factory. She is one of the many hundreds of British women who are manning the railways in the place of men released for the fighting services.

Soldiers' Pay

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soldier was otherwise claiming for three dependents.

Rural Canada is doing its part in providing men and women for the Armed Services. Not only have the people in the towns, villages, hamlets and farming communities supported the war effort in their bond and war-stamp buying; their increased production of vital materials such as food, their supply of comforts for enlisted personnel and refugees but they are sending their sons and daughters to the nation's battle units.

Voluntary enlistments from the outbreak of war in Sept., 1939 to October 31, 1942 amounted to 618,318 according to the Department of National Defence. This total was increased to 683,335 when the number of "R" recruits who "went active" was included.

The Maritmes have led the field in enlistment ratios, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island having 41.5 per cent of their eligible male population in the services. New Brunswick has 39 per cent.

A fairly good indication of how rural communities are answering the call for manpower is given in a recent contingent which arrived overseas. Out of 275 artillerymen and engineers who were included in one draft from a camp, 175 came from rural communities and the remaining 100 from the cities.

Drumheller, Alberta, is another example, where there is an honor roll of enlistments totalling 1,202 from a population of roughly 3,000.

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

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE — 1939 Plymouth Custom Coupe. Radio and heater. Bargain at $650. Apply P.O. Box 281 or phone 30.

NOTICE—Black mare, branded B.V. strayed on my property. If not claimed in ten days will be sold for expenses.

C. RODGETT

FOR THE BRIDE . . .

Invitation to the Wedding

FINE JOB PRINTING

The Similkameen Star

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When next you have occasion to place an order for job printing we would appreciate the opportunity of discussing it with you. Be it large or small, we can handle your order.

Billheads, statements, order forms, invoices, letterheads, envelopes, display cards, posters, requisitions, meal tickets, menus, business cards, butter wrappers, personal cards, wedding invitations, shipping tags etc., can be supplied to you efficiently and economically through the facilities of The Star.

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