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PICNIC PAVILION FOR PEACE ARCH PARK

On May 23 the Chief Forester, informally but officially, opened the new Picnic Pavilion at Peace Arch Park between Blaine, Washington and White Rock, B. C. The building represents the Provincial Government's contribution to the comfort and convenience of the many thousands who journey to Peace Arch for a day's outing in the course of the year. During the winter months the Pavilion has been under construction by Mr. L. Allstrom of White Rock, with Mr. T. Barret, also of White Rock, putting in the electrical installations.



The new pavilion is open. In front of the massive stone fireplace, Mrs. Ruth E. Peeler, State Park Commissioner for Washington and Mr. Orchard exchange congratulations. Looking on, Mr. R. Rowe Holland and Mr. J. J. McRae, both of Vancouver and the only surviving members of the Peace Arch Memorial Association.

Present at the opening was Mrs. Ruth E. Peeler, Commissioner of the State Parks and Recreation Commission of Washington; the Mayor, and the President of the Chamber of Commerce, of Blaine, Washington; Messrs. R. Rowe Holland and J. J. McRae, members of the original Peace Arch Memorial Association; Mr. A. Hope, M.L.A.; Mr. T. Read, M.P.; and a number of officers of the Forest Service from Victoria, Vancouver, and the Green Timbers Forestry Station.

The Pavilion comprises a large hall, roughly 40' x 60', with a huge fireplace at one end. Tables and chairs are provided for the comfort of the users. Over to one side is a modern, streamlined kitchen equipped with sinks and electric hot plates --the latter being operated by a dime-in-a-slot mechanism. Adjacent to the main building are wash rooms for men and women. The building is constructed of waney-edge cedar and the structure is highlighted by the carved yellow cedar doors produced by Joe St. Pierre of the Parks and Recreation Division. Photographed by Paul Johnson, the masthead of this issue of the Newsletter depicts this attractive and much-needed building.

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INSECT REPELLENTS

Mosquito-crazy cruisers have wished devotedly since the start of time for a really effective insect repellent. Many of us have carried our bottle of citronella but never felt that it accomplished much more than to accumulate dust and dirt.

During the war, it was reported that the United States had developed some remarkably effective dope for use in the insect-infested Pacific Theatres, and more recently a number of commercial preparations have been on the market which either purported to be, or were suspcioned to be, this marvelous wartime preparation. Recently, we had one of our agents endeavour to get the lowdown at Ottawa on these commercial preparations and the United States active service formula, and we have much pleasure in reporting the results of these investigations. We were directed to Dr. C. G. MacNay of Dominion Science Services, who was good enough to answer our questions. The following is a digest of our notes and memory of what we were told.

Insect Repellents (Continued)

A number of excellent repellents were developed in the United States for war service. They are all far more effective than any of the common dopes that most of us have been in the habit of using. One will be slightly more effective with certain types of insects than another; and in view of the fact that they were being shipped to every corner of the Globe, the Service preparation was a combination of two or more varying proportions in order to get the greatest effect with the greatest number of types of pests. Here in British Columbia, we have to contend only with about two species of mosquitoes, black flies, and sand flies, and these various new repellents are about equally valuable for our local purposes. Combinations, therefore, are not necessary.

The most effective of the various preparations, and the one that formed the bulk of the compounds, is dimethyl phthalate (in order to save laborious typing and reading d.p., hereafter in this report). Some of the others are: 2-ethyl-1, 3-hexanediol (this one was developed at Rutgers' University and is sometimes known as Rutgers 612), dimethyl carbate, n-butyl mesityl oxide oxalate (commonly known as Indalone), 2-phenyl cyclohexanol; 2-cyclohexyl. d.p., Rutgers 612, and Indalone are the commonly used ingredients in the commercial repellents.

For all practical purposes in British Columbia, the d.p. is all we need, and this can be bought in bulk at a comparatively modest price. It is used straight out of the bottle as it comes from the laboratory, without diluent of any kind.

One bad disadvantage of all these is the fact that they act as a solvent for plastic and paint. It is a choice, therefore, whether you will put up with ruining your new nylon fishing line, plastic watch strap, and the paint of your pencil softening up and smudging your notes, or stand the mosquitoes. In this connection, there isn't much use turning to the dozen and one trade preparations, for the best of these are combinations of the wartime developed repellents noted above. One of these we examined offered, for 57¢, about two ounces in a fancy bottle with two labels, one in English, the other in French. At the bottom of the French label, in very small print and in English, is the caution "Avoid contact with nail polish, painted, varnished, or lacquered surfaces." We can guess that this one is chiefly d.p., which sells in a vinegar jar, at about \$6.00 or \$7.00 per gallon. The trade preparation at 57¢ adds up to around \$40.00 per gallon.

Dr. MacNay's own concoction, a repellent which he advises is also much more effective than anything most of us have ever used, and only slightly less effective than these newer compounds, is extract of pyrethrum 30 mixed about 1 part pyrethrum to 4 of peanut oil. If you want to smell particularly attractive, you can add a small proportion of citronella or thyme. Pyrethrum comes in strengths of 20, 30, or 40; i.e. the extract of 20, 30, or 40 pounds of the flower to a gallon of solvent. Pyrethrum 30 is recommended. Pyrethrum is not a solvent and does no damage to nylon stockings or fishing lines, and it is non-irritating.

When applied direct to the skin, all of these new repellents are good for two to six hours depending on a variety of circumstances. They are good for two to six days if used on cloth. Socks treated with either the pyrethrum or d.p. will repel insects from the ankles for a period of days, and will have the same effectiveness if applied to the collar of the shirt or a bandanna handkerchief around the neck, shirt cuffs, or any other garments at vulnerable points, as for example, across the shoulders.

This is the best dope we are able to get. Apparently, it is the authentic latest on insect repellents and something really worth taking advantage of. We, ourselves, are certainly going to lay in a stock of either d.p. or pyrethrum next time we head for the woods.

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PRINCE RUPERT DISTRICTOUR RANGER MEETING

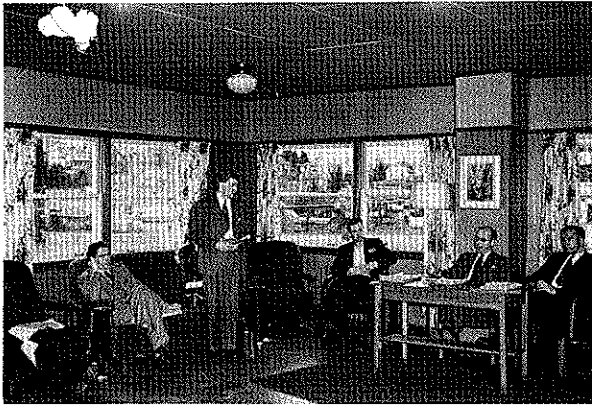
A highly successful and interesting Ranger Meeting of the Prince Rupert Forest District was held in the Civic Centre at Prince Rupert on March 30th and 31st last. Fourteen Rangers and Acting Rangers, representative of all Ranger Districts, attended, together with two Victoria representatives, G. M. Abernethy and C. C. Cooper, and eight members of the Prince Rupert Headquarters Staff.

District Forester Marc Gormely presided over the gathering and opened the meeting by delivering an address of welcome to the assembled delegates, wherein he expressed pleasure at the opportunity of having such a large representation of the staff brought together for a general round-table discussion of District problems, and wished the meeting success in its deliberations of the next two days.

Papers for the consideration and edification of the meeting were presented by the following members of the District Office: COMMENTS ON MANAGEMENT NOTES, Asst. Forester Ken Reid; CRUISE REPORTS AND APPRAISALS, Asst. Forester Ken Reid; SILVICULTURAL PROBLEMS, Asst. Forester Bev. Boulton; AUCTION SALE PROCEDURE, District Forester Marc Gormely; PERSONNEL POLICY, District Forester Marc Gormely; PRE-ORGANIZATION, Fire Inspector Jim MacDonald; CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT, Asst. District Forester Marvin Kullander; GENERAL ACCOUNTING AND COLLECTION PROBLEMS, Chief Clerk Bill Murray; RADIO COMMENTS, Radio Technician Frank Goertzen.

Interesting discussions based upon the wide coverage of the individual topics took place throughout the sessions, and many informative points were brought to light as a direct result of these discussions. However, the entire time was not devoted to serious discussion of forests and forestry. The agenda was agreeably spotted with entertainment for the benefit of the assembled throng.

At an "Open House" held at the District Forester's residence a most enjoyable evening was had by all the boys. The evening was spent in playing cards, and at suitable times the Boss

Prince Rupert District (Continued)

J. A. K. (Ken) Reid delivering Management Paper to enthralled listeners. (L.-R.) L.B.B. Boulton, Ken Reid, Frank Goertzen, Marc Gormely, and Bill Murray.



"An Attentive Group." (L.-R.) S. T. Strimbald, W. A. Antilla, Jack Mould, J. Keefe, L. G. Taft, J. A. Willan, and I. Martin.

administered the odd injection of Mr. Kennedy's tonsil salve which gradually mellowed the proceedings to a point where the odd irrational bid was made, or even to a point where married men were making ten-cent bets!! Luckily, the ladies joined the party about midnight to serve refreshments of a more solid nature, and the highly successful party concluded in the early hours of the morning.

The following evening after conclusion of the meeting, a banquet held at the Broadway Cafe provided another excellent opportunity for the fellows to let down their hair. After an excellent repast including a cocktail hour supervised by Carl Smith and Bill Murray, the evening rushed by, aided by the rollicking sing-song led by Gordon Abernethy, accompaniment by Dick Tweed on his accor-dian and "Dizzy-fingers" Smith on the piano. A feature of the evening's jocularities were reminiscences and reflections of the by-gone days told by Syd Cooper of Terrace as well as stories told by practically everyone present. We heard later on--too late to have them perform as soloists--that Harvey Campbell has an excellent bathroom baritone, and Thor Strimbald an out-of-this-world second barroom tenor. However, we'll catch them next year if plans for a 1950 Ranger Meeting materialize.



Gordon Abernethy leads the singing at the Banquet.

In conclusion then, from every point of view, the meeting was entirely successful, and even at this writing we are reaping the benefits of the good fellowship and co-operative attitude which in no small way were made possible by the personal contacts made at the 1949 Ranger Meeting. Here's to many more of the same!!

The Group.

Left to Right seated on floor--C. Cooper, G. Abernethy, M. W. Gormely. Seated on chairs--C. L. Gibson, S. T. Strimbald, W. A. Antilla, J. B. Scott, J. A. Willan. Standing --J. P. MacDonald, D. R. Smith, C. Dahlie, H. B. Hammer, J. A. K. Reid, W. H. Murray, W. H. Campbell, A. A. Antilla, L. B. B. Boulton, L. G. Taft, J. Mould, J. J. Keefe, S. G. Cooper, and I. Martin.



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Staff Picnic

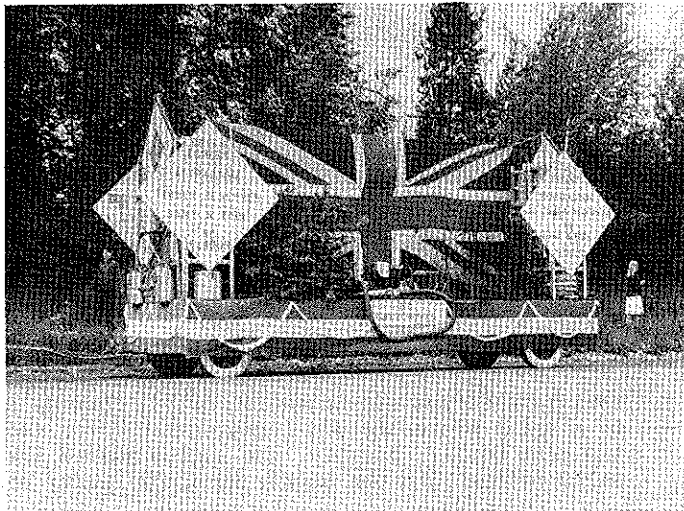
On Sunday, June 26th, the Office Staff and their friends embarked over the briny to Tugwell Island for a picnic outing which we hope will be an annual affair. The sea was a bit choppy in places and some of the participants had a rough time in finding their sea legs, but all in all it was a most enjoyable affair. On the beach, softball, hiking, and eating were the main attractions, with everyone joining in, particularly on the latter outdoor sport! In the early evening the party adjourned to Salt Lakes where a supper of hot dogs, coffee, and ice cream was served by the self-appointed culinary staff.

Although the weather was a trifle cool, each and everyone enjoyed the outing, and we're hoping for a bigger and better one next year.

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FORT GEORGE DISTRICTIt Pays to Advertise

The float entered by the B. C. Forest Service in the July 1 parade took first prize again this year. The credit for the good showing goes to Frank Williams, Ralph Robbins, Joe Milne, and Bruce MacAskie, who were responsible for its creation. The theme was a comparison of burnt and green forest.



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Welcome Home

The District welcomes Mrs. Don Ritson to Prince George. Don and Marion returned to this city after a pleasant honeymoon in the States and are now becoming settled in their place of residence at 1758, 5 1/2 Avenue after arriving in the midst of the recent heat wave. However, the size of their wood-pile would now indicate that they expect a hard and cold winter--and they could be right.

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Ranger Meeting.Discussion

Too much took place at the general meeting to quote the many topics here, however, interesting and intelligent discussion took place on the various topics tabled. Everyone present entered into this discussion and it was felt by all that this fact paid off in real dividends. We greatly appreciate the interest shown during the meeting by those attending from outside the District, namely Gerry McKee, Gordon Abernethy, Clarence Cooper, and Dr. H. A. Richmond from Victoria; Colonel A. Parlow and Art Kirk from Kamloops.

Banquet and Dance

The ever popular banquet, culminating the two days of discussion, met with its usual success and was followed by dancing till 2 A.M. All took place at the Prince George Hotel Grill. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a scroll to Mr. Robert Carter by Mr. McKee on the occasion of "Bob" completing 25 years of service. Singing by the six newcomers to the staff was commendable as were the songs by Harold Quinn and Rangers Campbell and O'Meara. Guests included Sub-Inspector George Clarke, Dr. H. A. Richmond, George Forbes, Frank Reid, Harold Quinn, and Tom Hyslop. Gordon Abernethy and Herb Cook together led the riotous singing which filled the banquet hall on occasion. The dance following the banquet finished off the evening (for many) in grand style and proved very successful. The hardy perennials rendezvoused at the old maestro's for the balance of the evening. Consensus of opinion--"They are getting better every year."

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KAMLOOPS DISTRICTSpace, Golf, and Parker

The Kamloops office staff have taken a new lease on life. The long-awaited extra office accommodation has finally materialized. We still have some crowded quarters but anticipate that we may soon acquire additional space to house our augmented staff.

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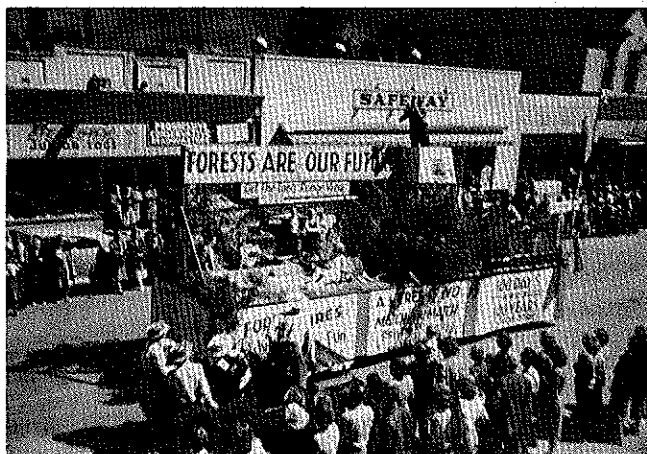
Harry Parker recently took a few days holiday to visit Spokane on a Rotarian mission. There are vague rumours to the effect that Harry won a putter in the golf tournament. There are further vague stories that the putter is held up for duty purposes. Perhaps he merely had a good time.

Speaking of Harry, he held a stag party in honour of his 60th birthday on June 18. A number of his friends and associates attended a stag party at the golf club house to wish him many more such birthdays.

Kamloops District (Continued)

Harry Parker is an important part of the Kamloops organization but he has been in for a certain amount of ribbing lately. It appears that he wrote to a mill man concerning some unpaid accounts, threatening seizure if no action was forthcoming. However, the mill burned down a few hours later and we have been accusing Harry that his letter was too hot.

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Exhibits and Floats

A view of the Kamloops District Float entered in the June 30 parade which was held in conjunction with the Annual Round-Up.



The very effective float designed by Ranger Bob Hewlett and his staff for entry in the Merritt July 1st Celebrations.

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Nice Treatment

Mrs. Mary Gordon, who has been billing clerk for a number of years, was advised by her physician to live elsewhere. For some obscure reason she has left for the Barbados, after disposing of her fur coat and other cold-weather apparel.

In her honour, the full Kamloops staff met at the DeBeck house on Saturday evening, June 18. The wives and girls in the office prepared enjoyable refreshments which perfectly culminated an evening of games and dancing.

Col. Parlow was convalescing from a sojourn in the hospital, but was able to be in attendance for a short while, long enough to present Mrs. Gordon with a travelling kit.

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Jack McCluskey Retires

After thirty-five years, Jack McCluskey has signed his last Logging Inspection Report and on June 20th, the members of the Forest Service staff, together with a number of the staff of the Vernon Courthouse, gathered in Jack's old office and presented him with gifts as a mark of the esteem in which he was held. Owing to illness, the District Forester was unable to be present in person to make the presentation, but on behalf of the District staff, Mr. Parker of the Kamloops Office expressed the good wishes of everyone for a long and happy retirement. Since Jack had planned to do considerable travelling over the next few months, the gifts were chosen with this in mind. They comprised a portable radio and a portable ice-box. Jack expressed his appreciation of the gifts and the thoughts expressed and particularly asked that his appreciation be conveyed to everyone associated with the presentation.

In the evening of the 20th, Jack was the guest of the operators in the Lumby District. Mr. Fisher of the Lumby Timber Company was spokesman for the gathering and on behalf of the industry presented Jack with a very fine easy-chair and footstool to match. A table also accompanied the gift and it was conceded that with the chair and footstool, a table on which to place the radio and an ice-box (which some day may be suitably filled) at his side, Jack was well equipped to meet the future.

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We regret to report that Mrs. Reg Shuttleworth passed away at the Merritt Hospital after a protracted illness. Reg has been patrolman in the Merritt Ranger District for a good many years and his many friends extend their sincere regrets.

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NELSON DISTRICT

It is usually conceded that only the good die young. This brings us to the distressing, but inevitable conclusion the Flying Observer A. E. Moen and Dispatcher O. P. Moen will be with us for many years.

Nelson District (Continued)

To satisfy their many acquaintances, who have been impatiently anticipating the pleasure of reading the Moen Obituaries, we are submitting the following as a Memoriam:

St. Peter and Old Lucifer, in grave and weighty tone
 Were talking to old Father Time, his whiskers sear and blown.
 He sharpened up his gleaming scythe with whetstone and with hone.
 And said "Come, I'm a wasting, who's the next one to be mown?"
 Lucifer said "There's Arvic. How big and fat he's grown!
 I very nearly took him when he was skin and bone."
 St. Peter said "You're out of luck. I. B. is on the 'phone,
 And by the time you get there, you'll find the bird has flown."
 And Time said "You ain't kidding! Past History has shown
 That he sneaks out from under, no matter what he's sown.
 Last time he was in trouble through a paltry nickle loan
 That he had to pay a kiddy when he swiped her ice-cream cone."
 St. Peter said "Now there's O. P. under that table, Prone.
 He's been buzzing round at Salmo like a self-inflated drone.
 And with the life that laddie leads he's plenty to atone."
 But Lucifer said "Peter, you really should have known,
 That even down in nether Hell we must maintain some tone."
 And after further talking they really had to own
 "That it would take us both I fear to handle one alone."
 "Must these two live forever" said the Reaper with a moan
 And they both agreed emphatically with a sepulchral groan
 "We cannot face Eternity with Both the Brothers Moen."

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Best Wishes

A recent change in Ranger District Boundaries gave Ranger Frank Hill, of Kaslo, an opportunity to visit and "Pre-organize" some new territory in the Gray Creek area.

One of the first things he did was to pick himself a bride from these "Greener Pastures."

She was Miss Gwen Burge, daughter of the late Assistant Ranger J. Mck. Burge and sister of ex-Assistant Ranger "Jim" Burge. The marriage took place on June 25.

There are very few district members of the Service who have not experienced the warm hospitality of the Burge home and we know that they, and many others, will wish Gwen and Frank all possible happiness in the future.

Frank now becomes related to his neighbour, Ranger Stilwell, of Lardo, who is married to Gwen's sister, Ruth.

We hope the latch string will still open the door as usual, Gwen.

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A farewell party was held in the Forest Service Management room last May 31 when Miss Sibyl McLean, our former Operation Clerk, left the Service to venture over matrimonial seas. She will be missed by one and all in this District Office and we take this opportunity of wishing her every happiness and success. A gift of a silver entree dish, and a corsage, was presented by Assistant Forester George Minns, conveying the best wishes and goodwill of the District Staff.

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Charles (Chuck) Wilson, the pilot of the plane that the Forest Service in Nelson uses for bombing runs, must have landed in Vancouver recently.

He stopped long enough to swap marriage vows with Miss Patricia Bell-Irving and must have cut his honeymoon pretty short as he was back to work before we had really begun to miss him.

They both come from very air-minded families and we hope that the "treading on air" feeling will always stay with them.

When they do "come down to earth," we wish them both "Happy Landings."

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Perspective?

A prominent operator in East Kootenay sent in a return for material cut on Lot 2638. No record of any such lot could be found, and much correspondence ensued in an effort to clear up the mystery. At last the sleuthing bore results--the operator had looked at his map and copied the altitude of Kingsgate, 2638', onto the return, instead of the lot number.

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Nelson District (Continued)MORE PUN THAN PUNDIT

Now JOHNSON said to JOHNSON
 "Let's plant an apple tree,
 So take a TURNER round the block
 CHASE up a CRANE for me."

But JOHNSON said "I'm ailing.
 My neck is racked with PAYNE
 My push is missing lately and
 My FORSE is on the wane."

Then JOHNSTON cried "You SIMPSON,
 You've made yourself a wreck."
 And I. B. answered "ROGERS,
 I have a bad STEFANAC."

My 'ead is OTT and throbbing
 And I have many ills,
 No wonder what the BOYCE all say
 "You're green about the GILLS."

So JOHNSTON said to JOHNSON
 In accents smooth and wiley
 "Just try a shot or two of this:
 You'll soon be well and SMILEY."

"HARBOTTLED VITominns" he cried,
 And for a glass did grope
 "To MINNS no words, I nearly died
 But still I see there's HOPE."

And JOHNSON said to JOHNSTON
 "Your words brought on light shock
 It's years, as well as BREWERS
 Ale that gave me my WHITELOCK."

Then JOHNSTON said to JOHNSON
 "Come now my lad, you're fine
 I warn you that you mustn't
 Go into a deKLEIN."

And now this story's finished and
 It's getting pretty late,
 What happened to the planting?
 Why they let the APPLEWHAITE.

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VANCOUVER DISTRICT

Friends and acquaintances may have wondered why, during the last week of April, Eric Fox wore such a strained and worried expression instead of the bright and cheery smile which usually suffuses his countenance.

It would not have been difficult for anyone sufficiently interested in Eric's well-being to run down the cause of the trouble, however, for Eric was O-i/c of arrangements for the dinner to honour Charlie Haddon on his retirement and Eric had a problem. The problem was this, the York Room at the Georgia had been engaged for the dinner and this room had a fixed capacity. It could hold just so many diners, and no more. Those who had signified their desire to attend and do honour to Charlie and had paid their money equalled the capacity of the room, and considerably more.

What to do? Hand back some of the ticket money? This did not seem the solution for it would hurt the feelings of the persons wishing to attend to be refused admittance and it would hurt Eric to return their money to them.

It is rumoured that at the last moment Eric and the management of the Georgia Hotel called on Dean Doug. Greggor and this eminent mathematician by the use of calculus, spherical trig, and by jamming diners closer together, managed to seat x plus y persons in a room whose maximum capacity was rated as x on April 29, 1949.

Much credit is due to Eric for his arrangements, for the dinner was a great success and was attended by practically all members of the Vancouver District staff, many from the Victoria Office, several field officers, and many ex-members of the Service who had retired within recent years or had left the Service for the timber industry.

Dr. C. D. Orchard as chairman, tendered the regrets of the Minister at not being able to attend, and then spoke feelingly and in detail of the outstanding contribution that Charlie Haddon had made to the Forest Service during his 37 years of service and, concluding, presented on behalf of the staff, to Mrs. Haddon an overnight travelling clock, pocket book and wallet containing a cheque for \$250 and on behalf of Gerry Andrews and associates a framed aerial photo of Vancouver city. Ed. Bassett, who succeeds Charlie Haddon as District Forester at Vancouver, presented him with a Book of Remembrance containing signatures of members of office and field Province-wide.

Charlie Haddon arose and thanked the speakers for their words of praise and his host of friends in the Service for their presents and good wishes. It was evident that he found this one of the most difficult speeches of his career but he spoke well, and briefly reviewed some of the highlights of the early days in the Forest Branch. He mentioned that his departure would make his old friend, A. G. Mumford, who was present, senior in length of service.

At the conclusion of Charlie Haddon's remarks, Jim Mahood spoke briefly for the field staff, Doug. Taylor and Eric Fox for the office staff, and Chris Armstrong for the scalers.

Messages of good wishes from the Minister and from the District Foresters of Prince Rupert, Prince George, Kamloops, and Nelson, and from Tommy Simmons and Sam Marling of Victoria were read by Ed. Bassett.

Entertainment at the dinner was provided by community singing, ably led by Ken McCannel. Art Stringer was on hand and favoured the meeting with several solos. It is always a treat to listen to Art and he is always generous with his encores.

Miss Doreen Pye, of the Vancouver Office Staff also sang several numbers which were very much enjoyed.

The dinner ended with Auld Lang Syne and the wishing of Charlie and Mrs. Haddon the very best of everything for the full years ahead.

Vancouver District (Continued)

Charlie Haddon receiving aerial photograph of City of Vancouver from The Chief. Mrs. Haddon and Bob St. Clair are shown to the right.



The Chief extending wishes of good luck and good health to Mrs. Haddon during presentation ceremonies.

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Jackson Thompson

1884-1949.

We pause to salute the passing of Jackson Thompson on July 14, 1949.

As an immigrant from Belfast, he pioneered in Northern British Columbia in 1909--served in the Canadian Army during 1914-1918, carried a limp as witness, and remained on the strength of the militia until the end.

In 1948 he volunteered in uniform for a place in the ranks of flood-relief workers, and possibly undermined his not too robust health at that time.

For 34 years he had been with the Forest Service and we knew him as an unassuming and cheerful fellow-worker, who was never too busy to spare a helping hand or a word of advice to those about him.

To his immediate family we extend our heartfelt condolences. May he rest in Peace.

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Marg Sez:

The Vancouver Forest District has a bouquet of congratulations and best wishes to hand out this issue. Firstly two tiny rosebuds, one to Trayton Kenward's daughter Kathryn Mary, born June 26, and another to Howard Barker's third daughter who managed, along with the recent fires at Lake Cowichan, to keep him quite busy.

A lot of new foliage has been added to the Service, namely David Wall who is branching out as a Junior Clerk, Kay Smithers in the billing room, George Symes of the computing staff, and Reg. Court who returns for another summer as Assistant Draughtsman, and Les. Chamberlin who comes in from our field staff as a slash and snag disposal officer.

Some of the bloom is taken off our offering by the leave-taking of Gordon Sutherland, Cruiser, and Bud Froelich, Computer.

A few bleeding hearts are being tended for Ruth Milburn who is spending and will continue to spend much of her time in Shaughnessy Military Hospital, and for Arthur Waddington who has been on sick leave for two months now.

A very special bon voyage wish goes to Doreen Pye who is travelling with the Elgar Junior Choir through England and Canada as assistant conductor.

Vancouver District (Continued)

An official hello again to Mr. Lloyd Webster who has returned to us after five months of illness. It is nice to see him around the office once more.

Of course, no Newsletter could be complete without news of a wedding, so it is with pride and pleasure that we announce the marriage of Olive Shields and Harry McMillan on June 17, at Chown Memorial Church, at which time Miss Mary Kosick, also of this office was guest soloist.

A gathering of the staff was held prior to Olive's marriage when Mr. Bassett presented the bride with a lovely silver tea service on behalf of the staff. Mrs. McMillan is back on the job for a short time and is having just a little difficulty in remembering to sign the voucher with her new name.

A special bulletin for all Susan Mitchell fans and admirers. She's back with us again, but you'll have to look in a corner to find her.

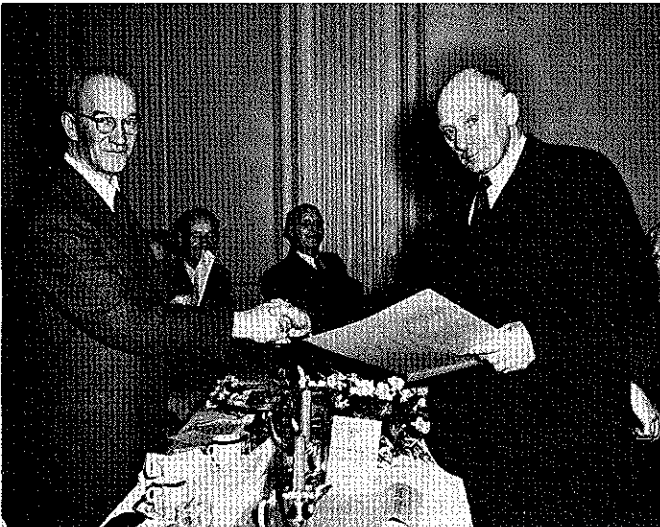
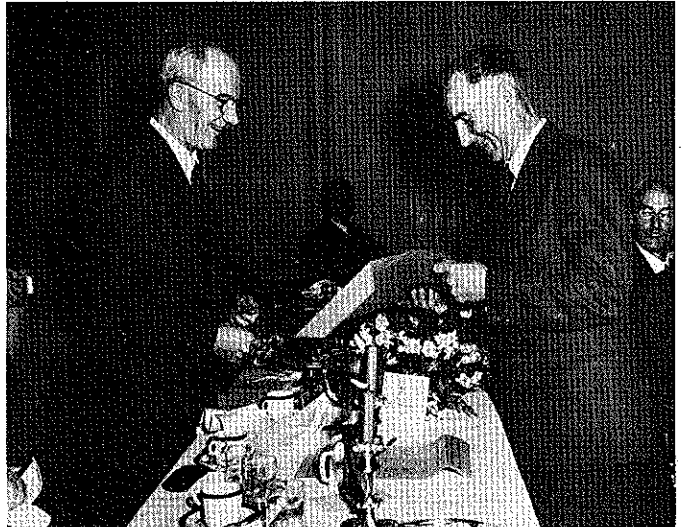
It has been reported that the Search and Rescue Squadron of the R.C.A.F. have found their object, the former being one Al Pottage and the latter being our own Bliss Cassidy.

We like to hear about someone getting on in the world and so it is with pleasure we report the promotion of Jim Atkins, formerly of the Kamloops Office, to Clerk of Operations at Vancouver who will handle much of the correspondence and reports of that division, and Arnold Ginnever who is replacing Les. Chamberlin as Ranger at Thurston Bay.

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Four 25-Year Pins Presented

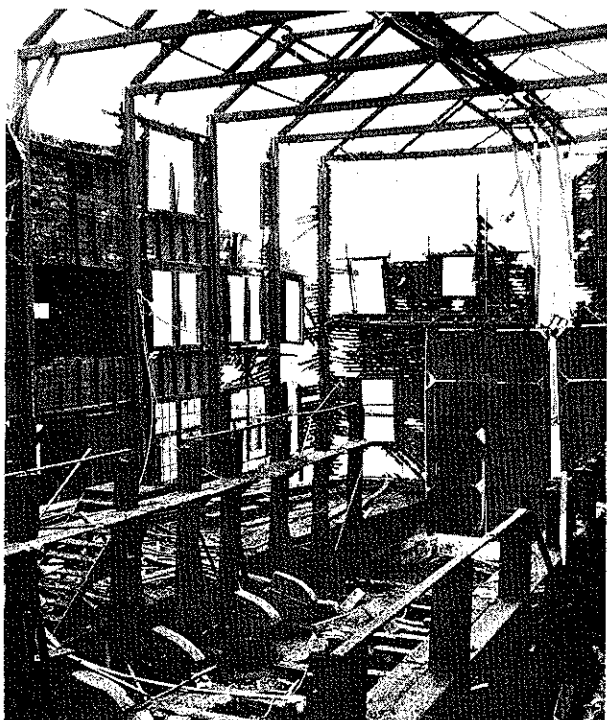
During the dinner given by the Vancouver District to honour Charlie Haddon on the occasion of his retirement, the Chief presented four members of the Vancouver office with 25-Year pins. The recipients were Messrs. C. F. Holmes, J. A. Featherstonhaugh, Miss J. A. Bruce, and Miss Drummond.



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MARINE STATION FIRE

For those of us who have heard but haven't seen what happened to the Marine Station as a result of the fire on May 17, the Newsletter is publishing this picture, taken by Paul Johnson.



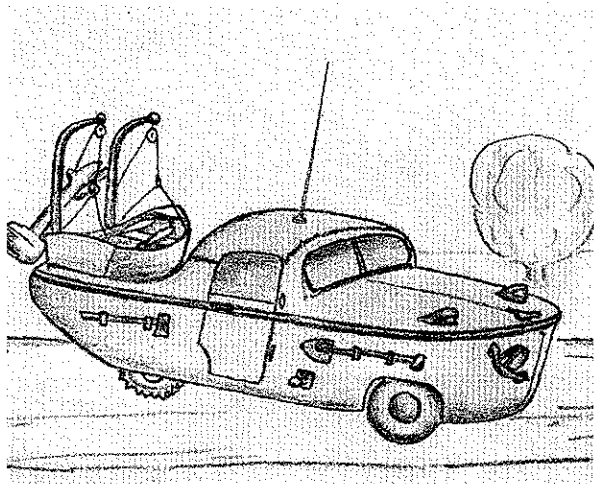
These are the remains of the centre ways of the Station as they appeared a couple of days after the fire which also burnt into the administration offices. Luckily, however, there was no boat on the ways at the time of the fire and most of the records in the offices were saved from destruction.

Howard Taylor, saddled with the task of rebuilding the damaged portions of the Station, tells us that the centre ways have now been completely cleared out and that the drawings for the new construction are ready. The newly built west wing (to the right of this picture) escaped with rather light damage except that an entirely new roof will have to be put on due to the weakening of the roof beams closest to the fire.

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New "Buzz Wagon"?

The accompanying rough sketch, sent in by Mechanical Inspector Bob Baker, is that of a new car proposed for use of Rangers of the B. C. Forest Service.



The refinements and modifications are the result of months of research on the part of office and field men of the Mechanical Superintendent's Department, combined with recommendations made by the Rangers themselves.

The vehicle is amphibious, with four-wheel drive, engine mounted in the rear, thus leaving the conventional engine compartment for the storage of maps, sleeping-bags, old sweaters, boots, bottles, etc. The top is fully detachable, with zipper fastening so that it can be easily and quickly removed for the benefit of Rangers desirous of receiving a quick sun-tan (not to mention numerous mosquito, black-fly, horse-fly, and no-see-um bites).

The radio aerial is of the telescoping type and can easily be detached and converted into a very efficient fly-rod--N.B., the reel and gear

is also carried in the front compartment (under the sleeping bag).

The dinghy and outboard motor are, of course, to be used only in a case of dire emergency. Use of this equipment for fishing purposes will only be sanctioned if the Ranger has been without food for a period of forty-eight (48) hours.

Just what company will undertake to build this vehicle (?) at the price we have in mind is doubtful but we can dream, can't we?

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CASUALTY

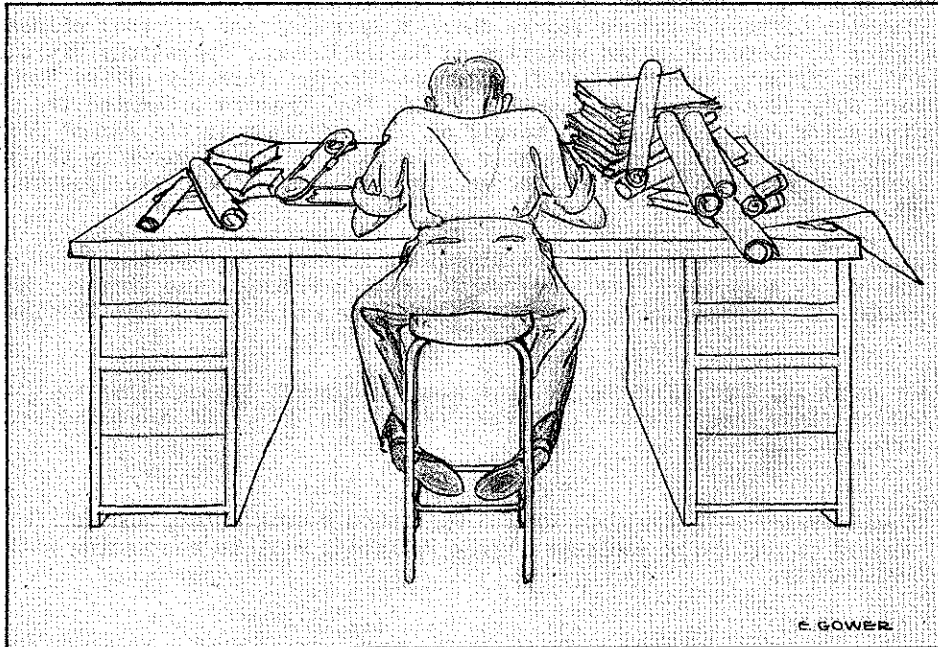
As this issue of the Newsletter goes "to bed," Eric Druce, Supreme Editor-in-Chief, entered the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria for an operation. We have been assured that he will be up and around again in a matter of two weeks or so which means he will be back to P.R. & E. by the time this issue "hits the street."

We all say "Thank heavens for that," and only hope that this issue won't have a detrimental affect on his recovery.

WHAT? NO SONGS OF THE SERVICE?

It gives us much regret to state
We've had so darn much work of late,
There's been no time to concentrate
On Service rhymes--they'll have to wait.

But when these urgent tasks abate
We hope, at some not distant date
To have more poems to relate--
That is--if we recuperate.



John C. Ciceri Retires

After twenty-nine years service, Mr. J. C. Ciceri retired on superannuation on the 30th June, 1949. Known to his colleagues more familiarly as "John," Mr. Ciceri had been in charge of "Atlas" in the Management Office during the greater part of his service.

At a very pleasing ceremony on Monday, 13th June, Mr. Ciceri was presented with a fine travelling bag and other incidentals by the Chief Forester on behalf of John's many friends in the Service. In making the presentation, the Chief paid a warm and sincere tribute to John's early training in the Motherland, his work on survey parties in the days when railroad construction was proceeding in Western Canada, then his war services from August 1914 till 1919--a splendid record in itself, the Chief said--and finally his work with the Forest Service.

John made an appropriate reply which was interspersed with the dry humour for which he is noted, and expressed his deep appreciation of the gifts.

H. M. (Harry) Potts, who has been understudying John for some time, has now taken over the intricacies of keeping the Management "Atlas."

HATCHED AND MATCHED

Hatched

- Holyhead - To Geoff, of Forest Accounts, and Mrs. Holyhead, a DAUGHTER, Linda Maureen, on January 11, 1949, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria.
- Saunders - To Jack, of Forest Accounts, and Mrs. Saunders, a SON, Gregory Alan, on June 15, 1949, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria.
- Witt - To Howard, of Prince George office, and Mrs. Witt (nee Vera Mack) a DAUGHTER, Patricia June, on June 23, 1949, at Prince George.
- Levitt - To Rick and Mrs. Levitt (nee Winnie Oxendale, formerly of the Forest Service Library), TWIN DAUGHTERS, on June 27, 1949, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria.
- Jones - To Ranger Gordon, of Penny, B. C. and Mrs. Jones, a SON (7 lbs. 10 oz.) on July 15, 1949, at Prince George.
- Wharf - To Norman, of Reforestation Division, and Mrs. Wharf, a DAUGHTER, (7 lbs. 9 ozs.), Norma Laverne, on July 22, 1949, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria.
- Bowers - To Eric, Radio Technician, of the Kamloops Office, and Mrs. Bowers, a DAUGHTER, Nancy Christine, in Kamloops.

MatchedHinton-Featherstone

On June 25, at St. John's Church, Victoria, B. C., Winnie Featherstone became the bride of Thomas Hinton, Geographic Division. On behalf of their associates in the Department of Lands and Forests, Mr. Orchard presented the happy couple with a case of flat silverware and a tri-light. Prior to her marriage, the bride-to-be was honoured at a grocery shower given by the girls in the Forest Service.

Ritson-Mermod

District Office at Prince George share congratulations and good wishes with Head Office at Victoria in the marriage of Marion Mermod, Operations Division, Victoria, and Don Ritson, Management Office, Prince George, formerly of the Victoria Office, held July 29 at St. Martins-in-the Field. Mr. Orchard presented the couple with a Mix-master and table lamp on behalf of their friends in the Forest Service. The bride-to-be was also honoured at a miscellaneous shower given by the girls in the Forest Service. (See Prince George District for further developments.)

Howard-Kerr

On June 11, Pat Kerr, Economics Division, Victoria, became the bride of Ronald Howard, at a ceremony performed at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Mr. McKinnon presented a coffee table to Pat from her friends in the Forest Service.

Allen-Larson

On April 14, Joyce Larson, who has been Management stenographer in the Kamloops Office since she returned from the C.W.A.C. in 1946, and Bob Allen were married in Kamloops.

Pritchett-Fraser

Glenys Fraser, the Kamloops Office Operation stenographer, and Cal Pritchett were married on May 14 in Kamloops. Mrs. Pritchett will be continuing with the Service temporarily.

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THE WELCOME MAT

Out comes the old battered "mat" once more to extend a hearty and sincere welcome to the following new arrivals in the Victoria Office.

To Parks Division--Messrs. L. Brooks, T. R. Broadland, and R. H. Ahrens, as Foresters-in-Training; C. J. Velay, R. G. Knight, and J. M. M. Bailey, as Engineers-in-Training; R. Stewart, as Draughtsman; and Miss Joan Wellburn, Stenographer.

To Operation Division--D. W. Perrie, as Meteorologist; Gordon Cockrell in the Draughting Office, and Jack Smythe, who will work under Bill Spouse in the Mechanical Section. Also Miss Ruth Veitch, formerly of Forest Accounts, has replaced Mrs. Ritson (nee Marion Mermod) as Stenographer.

To Economics Division--Jim Pickford and Dick Holden, who will work in the Forest Base Maps Section.

To Management Division--Cliff Ivens, Ken Weismuller in the Draughting Office, and Miss June Kroeger, with Timber Sales.

To Accounts Division--Miss Lavender Allen, Cliff Anastasiou, and Donald Van Wart.

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Progress

Something in the nature of a new departure in Forest Service circles in this Province is the appointment of Mr. Donald W. Perrie as Meteorologist with our Operation Division. Mr. Perrie, who comes to us after 16 years of experience in the field of meteorology, gained with the Dominion Department of Transport, the R.C.A.F. and the Canadian Army Research Group will undoubtedly be a definite asset to the Fire Research and Planning Section in particular and to the Service in general.

Confidentially, we hear that Mr. Perrie is available after hours for the holding of conferences on just why that refrigerator won't defrost or the possibility of fine weather over the week-end.

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Good Luck, Mollie

Mrs. Mollie Lawrence, who has been with the Management Division as Mr. E. B. Prowd's stenographer for a number of years, has now left the Service to look after a husband. On June 29, Mr. R. C. St. Clair, Assistant Chief Forester, presented Mollie with a coffee table on behalf of her many friends in the Victoria offices.

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