

For the people
By Alan Morley

One Good Citizen
Now that the annual "good citizen" season is on, I return to my nearly speculative as to why one citizen of Vancouver has never been presented with a medal.

It is fairly noticeable that the recipient of a medal of good citizenship medals are usually pretty popular, as well as good members of the community.

Outstanding Service
Major Matthews is too prickly to be popular in that fashion, but he has an odd sort of popularity even with the people who are as tough as the hardest.

More than anyone else I know, the Major has identified himself with his work, and his work is one of the finest services that an unwarred citizen has ever done for the people of Vancouver.

Against Difficulties
Nominally a "salaried official" of the city, he is really nothing of the sort. For every cent he has ever drawn from the city treasury, he has put more money of his own into the archives, let alone his infinite labor and persistent research.

More, he has fought against ignorant "economizers," indifferent officials and personal detractors year after year, until he must time and again have been heart sore and discouraged.

An Honorable Work
The Major is not a historian. His love for his city is his inspiration. It is in his love for the achievements, the vicissitudes, the virtues—yes, and even the vices, of his fellow citizens of the past and the present.

His theories and opinions are open to argument, for he has neither technical historical training nor cold and impartial judgment. But his records of actual facts are superb and the integrity of his records unquestionable, even as is his personal integrity.

They may not give him a medal while he is alive, but it is more than probable that citizens of the future will set up a statue to him after his enemies are dead and forgotten.

Four B.C. Airmen in RCAF Casualty List

Four British Columbia airmen, including three from Vancouver, were listed in the latest Royal Canadian Air Force casualty list released in Ottawa Monday night.

Sgt. Richard Thomas Barber, 25, son of Mrs. H. H. Barber and Mr. J. H. Barber, of Vancouver, whose father is E. A. Morrow, 1969 West forty-fourth, were reported missing after air operations overseas.

PO Richard Philip Locke, son of Major and Mrs. J. C. Locke of Otsanquam Landing, near Hazelton, was reported missing after three years in a German prison camp.

Duncan Student Wins Poster Prize
Edward Chow, student at Duncan Consolidated High School, Duncan, B.C., has been awarded a \$25 prize for his poster on fire prevention work.

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CBC Man to Tell of Alaska Highway Trip
Fresh from two weeks spent in a giant snow drift at an uncharted point along the Alaska Highway, Peter Stursburg will broadcast tonight his story of this continent's most sensational job of being in the wilderness.

City Market May Get Some Face-Lifting
Brighter days are in store for the city market. Remorseful members of the City Council's market committee, conscious of their neglect of the Main Street Institution, resolved Monday to refurbish it.

A dog was returned within a few hours.

English-Born Sunday...
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The Vancouver Star

Chess Master's Skill Routs His Opponents

Twelve men of mathematical bent sat in the Vancouver Chess Club, Thursday night, and, for more than three hours those men didn't exchange a civil word with each other.

They were taking part in the city's most unsocial diversion, the ancient and noble science of moving 32 small pieces of delicately carved figures across 64 squares on a board with one aim in view, the checking of the tail-end, and incidentally most useless figure on the board, the King.

But there was something different about the conduct of this session of chess. One man was matching his skill against 11 opponents.

Charles F. Millar, city chess champion, stalked from board to board, moving a Knight here, a Rook there and when the exhibition was brought to a close he had emphatically defeated nine of his adversaries, awarded a draw to two more.

PRELUDES FINISHED
The play began at 8 o'clock. For the first hour it was fast and almost reckless. Mr. Millar would march from table to table, size up the intricate layout with one swift glance, pounce on a piece and move it across the board.

At 9 o'clock the game had slowed down. The minor pieces of play were over. Inferior fighters had been removed from the battlefield and those remaining occupied positions, which demanded clear thinking and cautious manipulation.

At 10 o'clock Mr. Millar had moved into the field in a shambling, slow motion. His movements now were precise, determined. Only occasional flashes of tongue and consider the situation. Generally he made his moves with an almost disdainful gesture of wearied triumph.

As the hands of the clock crept toward 10:30 he had eliminated most of his opponents. STUDY IN CONCENTRATION
Two wily old generals of the chess board, C. P. Perry of Vancouver, and A. G. Bourne of Vancouver, were giving him the scotch of earth policy as they conducted a retreat. Weakened and cut, Mr. Millar hoisted the white banner and called for a truce. All hands graciously agreed to a draw.

During the period of play those men were a study in concentration. Some sat with their chins cupped, their hands, some leaned back gazing raptly at the chess men, one fellow forgot to remove his topcoat and all maintaining cool and lasting silence.

Mr. Millar admitted having guided a small flying wing Bill Greening, who pilots a truck around the city all day and studies chess in his off hours. Bill, a graduate of Sassex, was confessed he was just as surprised at his brilliant defeat, hardly he was any of the spectators—or Mr. Millar.

Mr. Millar formerly held the provincial championship and is president of the Evening Courier, having won the city laurels three years in succession. He is a tall, graying and very gracious man, all great soldiers, but he has been chess player.

GOOD FOR STUDENTS
Napoleon was a very weak player but his opponents always gave in to him because of his revengeful tactics when defeated. General Montgomery is an accomplished chess player. Mr. Millar does not think that Hitler knows anything about the game.

Burned in Blast
Paul Harris, an employee, suffered slight burns and cuts on the face in an explosion of a carbon tank at Second Avenue Building Supplies, 143 East Second, Monday evening. Some windows in the building were broken by the blast.

STUDIES IN CONCENTRATION

It has been said that the game of chess is a great brain builder. From the expressions on the faces of these members of the Vancouver Chess Club the other night one could imagine there was a great deal of truth in the statement.



CHARLES F. MILLAR
He defeated nine of eleven opponents.



J. R. HOWAT
Figuring out his next move.



JOHN BROWN
What shall I do now?



EDDIE DEWAR
His pipe aids his contemplative mood.

Bylaws to Be Enforced In Japtown

While tenants flooding into Little Tokyo in the wake of departing Japs will have the protection of all Vancouver's housing bylaws under a plan approved Monday by civic building committee.

Before renting any premises to Whites the Custodian of Alien Property will be asked to have a complete inspection made of health, electrical, building and plumbing departments.

Aldermen said that the City Hall works thus kept posted on the developments and housing standards would be elevated.

In doubtful cases, Building Inspector Andrew Haggart told the committee, the Custodian already asks for a survey. The City Council has instructed Corporation Counsel D. E. McTaggart to apply for a written undertaking that the practice will be followed in all cases.

Ald. Buscombe, chairman, pressed for the policy because of trouble the city now has having over another Jap property. It is a row-house on the Fraser River foreshore.

Although a survey has shown that the structure is on city-owned land, the city knew nothing about it until a tenant had paid the Custodian's agents a \$100 annual rental in advance, only to find that there was no water service.

A special committee which is considering the broad problems involved in white occupancy of Little Tokyo will resume sessions next week, Ald. Buscombe said. He said that the Council, C. W. McPherson, is out of the city until next Tuesday.

Court Halves Sentence On Drug Charge

A sentence of 18 months imposed on Ruby Palmer, was reduced by the Court of Appeal Monday, to nine months and the 18-month term given to Smith was cut to two years in the penitentiary.

They admitted at the Fall Assizes a charge of conspiring to have drugs in their possession as a result of obtaining prescriptions from 17 doctors for a solution which allegedly contained 10 percent opium.

Their appeal from the sentence imposed by Mr. Justice Manson was conducted by A. G. D. Crux, while G. S. Wismer, K. C., appeared for the Crown.

It was contended by Mr. Crux that the trial judge inferred the pair were trafficking in drugs and punished them accordingly, but that the drug was for the use of Smith, who was an addict.

The witness testified that the prescriptions contained sufficient opium to make 240 doses, which would hardly be considered one month's supply for one person.

They got as many as four prescriptions a day, he told the court, on representation by the woman that the solution was needed for her husband, who was engaged in a defense industry, for a sore ear.

Aircraftman Kirch Arrives Overseas

Aircraftman Eddie Kirch, 36, has arrived overseas, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kirch, 4942 Rupert Street.

AC Kirch, who was born in Winnipeg, came to Vancouver as a student at the Carleton Elementary School, where Kirch and John Oliver were classmates at High School.

Prior to his AC Kirch enlistment in the RCAF he was employed by Canadian General Electric Co.

Two Seek Damages For Auto Crash
Trial opened in Supreme Court Monday before Chief Justice Wendell Farris and a jury of two claims against H. Horsfield, 1391 West Seventh, as a result of a traffic accident at Sixth and Hemlock, May 4.

Claimants are Carl Nohr, Miss Ion Millard operator, and Bjorne Torrensen, waterworks employee of Mission. Represented by L. McAlpine, K.C., and C. W. Hodgson, Nohr seeks \$2200 special and unstarred general damages for his injuries, while Torrensen is suing for \$215 damage to his car, which Nohr was driving.

City Stores Running Short of 'Spuds' as Movement Spreads

Only the rapidly-dwindling potato stocks on retailers' shelves stand today between Vancouver and a potato famine. Expectations are the unit of the War-time Prices and Trade Board and growers over a \$13 cut in potato prices, ordered last week, is broken, Vancouver will be without potatoes by the end of the week.

The situation was marked today by: Board ceiling would hardly meet the cost of production.

Growers also expressed appreciation of the cooperation they have received from the consuming public.

Mr. Reid agreed that the problem would have been avoided if the Price Board had an agriculture representative to make preliminary surveys and advise them on actual conditions.

SOME STORES CLEANED OUT
Some retailers are already out of supplies; others report that the rush of civilian buying is rapidly depleting existing stocks.

The farmers, however, are guaranteeing the militia its supply of potatoes.

Their resolutions made it clear that they would continue to ship potatoes for military use, as the WPTB order does not effect the price paid by the Department of Munitions and Supply for potatoes.

CARRYING OUT ORDERS
Officials of the War-time Prices and Trade Board today denied assertions that the cut in prices was ordered by the local officials.

They pointed out that their purpose is to see that orders from Ottawa are carried out.

City retailers today said that their potato stock is running low and the shortage of potatoes will be acute by the end of this week.

HEAVY BUYING
David Simpson Ltd., following a rush of buying over the weekend, has no supplies on hand.

Nearly all stores report heavy business today.

Wordward reports some Alberta potatoes on hand, but a representative today pointed out that the prairie report does not approach the city's needs.

VICTORIA, Nov. 4.—With the local office of the Prices Board and the British Columbia Coast and Interior Vegetable Marketing Boards still in disagreement over the potato price ceiling, wholesalers here announced today that they have stopped all sales of potatoes until the matter is clarified.

Tire, Gas Thieves Continue Active

There was no let-up in activities of tire and gasoline thieves Monday.

One of a spare tire and wheel from her auto was reported to police by Mrs. M. Eicklund, 1777 Carl Street, East Broadway.

Frank Michie, 6127 Pandora, said a tire and wheel were removed from his auto in the 100 block of East Broadway.

Eighteen gallons of gas were siphoned from the auto of A. Andersen, 2653 East Broadway, while it was parked at the rear of his home.

Jim Herberington, 1388 East Eighth, reported that a radio and two headlights were stolen from his auto at Homer and Helmington.

BIRTHS—MARRIAGES ENGAGEMENTS

By Betty Clarke

BIRTHS
BIRCHMOR—To Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Birchmor, 2742 Sussex Ave., a daughter, Elizabeth, born Nov. 21, 1942, a son, Kenneth, University Hospital, Vancouver.

ENGAGEMENTS
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Whittaker announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Lillian, to Mr. Joseph P. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olive Brown, Vancouver, to be held at the home of Mrs. Whittaker, 1388 East Eighth, on Dec. 15.

MARRIAGES
PILGRIM—On Nov. 23, 1942, at the St. Paul's Church, Vancouver, the Rev. Edward J. A. Barlow, by the Rev. Edward J. A. Barlow, officiating, the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Olive Brown, Vancouver, to be held at the home of Mrs. Whittaker, 1388 East Eighth, on Dec. 15.

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MVLIRA—To Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Mvlira, 4031 W. 4th Ave., a daughter, Margaret, born Nov. 21, 1942, a daughter, both doing well.

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