

\$30 a Month Old Age Pensions at 60 Sought

B.C. Members Press Ottawa For Action

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OTTAWA, Feb. 23.—Old age pensions of \$30 a month, starting at the age of 60 are being recommended by the British Columbia members of Parliament who yesterday held a caucus to discuss the matter.

The present pension of \$20 a month starting at the age of 70 is considered inadequate. E. W. Mayhew (Lib., Victoria) in his recent speech on the address advocated a cost of living bonus, his plan being that such a bonus (a minimum of \$1.25 a week) would assist the pensioner until the social security committee of the Commons brings in its report and the government brings down legislation.

Most of the members, however, advocated an immediate all-round increase and a reduction in the age qualification, to provide for old people who find the war economy a bit too much for them and the present scale of pension inadequate to miss the increase cost of living.

B.C. Internes Pass Tests

Eighteen British Columbia interns, including 11 from Vancouver, have passed examinations held by the Medical Council of Canada last month. It was announced by Dr. J. Tanton Argue, registrar of the Council.

The graduates now may become registered to practice in any province in Canada without further examination, upon paying the necessary fee and meeting the other provincial requirements.

They include K. A. Campbell, Robert H. Gourlay, Robert G. S. Arthurs, Charles Erlo Robertson, Peter Howard Spohn, Jermaine Vincent White, William T. Hall, D. A. Smith, S. R. Waldman, Arthur C. Walsh and Harry M. Worth, all of Vancouver; Robert Morton Jameson and John Franklin Tysoe, Victoria; George Alexander Nicholson, Revelstoke; William "Fred" Russell, Coombes; Leslie Arthur Patterson, Queen Charlotte Islands; A. V. H. St. John, Alert Bay, and Margaret B. F. Sylling, Tranquille.

Year in Jail on Stabbing Charge

A sentence of one year in jail at hard labor was imposed by Magistrate F. S. Wood today on Maxwell C. McMahon, 30, of 149 West Hastings, who pleaded guilty to wounding Mike Hudak in Niagara Hotel, 435 West Pender, January 23.

Through his counsel, John Sutherland, McMahon claimed that Hudak was a bigger man than he and that Hudak first struck him several blows and held him against the wall. He had tried to kick Hudak, but failed and resorted to use of a knife to get himself free, Sutherland said.

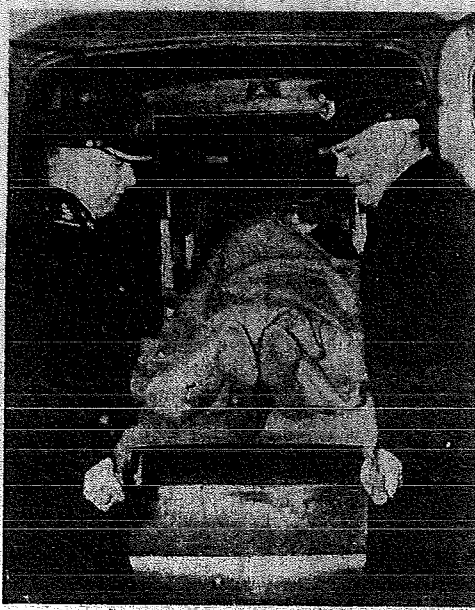
Cook Dies After Fall From Vessel

William Wilfred Sykes, 1291 Parker, a cook aboard a freighter, died today in St. Paul's Hospital to which he was admitted after he fell off the ship at 2:40 a.m. Sunday.

Sykes slipped while walking on the deck and fell between a dock guard log and the side of the ship. He was rescued by A. E. Arthur, chief officer of another ship, berthed nearby.

He was unconscious when admitted and never regained consciousness.

TRUCK BECOMES AMBULANCE



R. A. deL. Herwood of St. John Ambulance Brigade (left) and Inspector H. H. Scott, British auxiliary police officer now on special ARP work for the Canadian Pacific Railway in Canada, demonstrate simple equipment which turns an ordinary panel truck into a two-bed patient emergency ambulance. A wooden collapsible frame that will hold a double stretcher fits into the truck and can be loaded by two men, instead of the three normally required. The equipment, which is low in cost, is in general use throughout United States. Today's demonstration was given by Inspector Scott at the City Hall for the benefit of St. John Ambulance Brigade and ARP officials.

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War in Africa

yesterday, participating in more than 20 missions.

A vital bridge near the gap also was attacked, but clouds prevented observation of the results. (No specific report on the activities of the ground forces of the British 8th Army of Gen. Bernard Montgomery, last announced attacking outposts of the Mareth Line in southern Tunisia, was made today.

(The War Office in London said that the 8th Army's operations in Tunisia would no longer be covered in communications from Cairo since those actions were a part of the command covered by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in North Africa.

CONVOY BLENDED

Bombers and fighters from Allied bases made a swift sea sweep off the Tunisian coast and attacked a convoy of two supply ships with a naval and air escort, the war bulletin said. One of the supply ships was sunk and three of the protecting planes were shot down.

Eleven Allied planes were lost yesterday in the heavy air activity.

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Plane Crash

Ister Bert Fish was entertaining at a Washington's birthday dinner. He and other Legation officials, including the Secretary of Premier Dr. Antonio de Oliveira Salazar.

The officials also visited the injured at the hospital.

The crash was the first major accident during the four years Pan American has been operating its trans-Atlantic service, during which more than 44,000 passengers and 2,500,000 pounds of mail have been carried on 1225 flights to and from Europe.

Among other entertainers aboard the plane were (Mr. and Mrs.) Roy and Jean Rognan, dancers, known professionally as Lorraine and Rognan; Gypsy Markoff, singer and accordionist; Grace Drusdale, pianist; Elia

New Cases Added To Assize List

Four new cases have been placed on the calendar for Vancouver Spring Assizes, which open next Monday before Mr. Justice Robertson.

They are charges of indecent assault against William Davis, who also will be tried on two counts of rape; theft of a fishing net against Edward Houston; retaining stolen goods against John A. Dillon; conspiracy to have drugs against J. B. Snyder and Austin Pinel.

According to present arrangements, the retrial of Robert Hughes, Floyd Berrigan, William George Blamly and John Petryk for the holdup murder of Yoshiki Uno will come late in the Assizes.

No War Jobs at Lower Wages

By BRUCE HUTCHISON
Vancouver Sun Ottawa Bureau.

OTTAWA, Feb. 23.—Men transferred to war industry under National Selective Service will not suffer monetary loss in the switch of jobs, it is learned.

"National Selective Service officers have been instructed to exercise considerable care in the transfer.

For example men who earn \$40 a week in non-essential industry will not be forced to take \$20 or \$25 a week war work.

It is expected that in the transfer the switch will be from lower to higher paid work.

Where a man is required to take lower paid work, provision has been made for Selective Service to pay him up to \$5 per week.

Considerable concern has been expressed in labor circles because of a suspicion that men would be forced, under the new regulations, to take work at much lower wages than was earned in regular employment.

This suspicion, an official said, is groundless.

White Waitresses In Cafe Protested

Civic license committee referred to the Police Commission a complaint received Monday from the League of Women Voters that white girls are working in a Chinese restaurant.

Under the impression that such labor conditions are prohibited by bylaw, the league asked for enforcement.

Actually, however, the matter is one within the discretion of Chief Constable Donald MacKay. Corporation Counsel D. E. McTaggart, K.C., pointed out that the Women's and Girls' Protection Act (a provincial statute) gives the chief power to ban employment of white women in cases where he believes morals are likely to suffer.

Find CPR Ticket Lost by Sailor?

There's a worried sailor walking the streets of Vancouver today looking for a colored strip of paper his railway ticket to Halifax.

Ordinary Seaman E. D. Leiper, RGN, saved his money for a trip to this city where he has been spending leave with his mother, Mrs. E. E. Leiper, 3236 East Twenty-third.

Monday he took a jaunt down town and somewhere between his home and the business area, lost his return ticket on the CPR lines. In order to report to barracks at Halifax on March 2 when his leave expires, OD. Leiper must leave Vancouver Wednesday evening.

Any person finding this ticket is requested to get in touch with Mrs. Leiper at DEXter 2665R.

5 Day Store Week

Japs Upset Over Plan to Sell Lands

The average Japanese property owner is in a state of "mental turmoil" over the recent appointment of a federal commission to sell Jap. real estate holdings in Vancouver, according to the current issue of the New Canadian, weekly journal published by Japs at Kaslo.

Owners had thought that "they were assured at least of a house or a piece of land which might see them through the uncertain period after the war," but now that assurance has been dispelled, the publication states in a critical editorial.

Not only that, but greater insecurity and bitterness is felt since many contend that they would have taken steps to dispose of their real estate themselves had it not been for the assurance that it would be protected," the editorial continues.

This assurance, it is claimed, was based on the implied policy of the Dominion government of turning over property to the custodian of alien enemy property at the time of evacuation "as a protective measure only."

The weekly states that owners are now asking whether "their status as citizens gives them no protection as far as retaining, if they wish, what they acquired under all the laws of the land."

It concludes by calling for a statement from Ottawa to answer the owners' perplexity and "to bolster belief in a democratic government."

ARP Aiding Salvage Drive

"ARP workers are co-operating wonderfully" was the comment of F. W. Benwell today, as the salvage committee prepared for its Wednesday house-to-house collection in another section of West Point Grey.

Area to be covered this week includes the south side of Tenth West to the south side of Sixteenth Avenue, from Crown to Blanca Streets. The following Wednesday collectors will throw their snagnet around every available piece of scrap from Tenth Avenue north to the water's edge between the same streets. In addition, they will cover Drummond and Belmont Drives.

Advance calls, to explain the campaign and tell householders what is needed and how to package it, are being made by the ARP. Every house is visited.

Scrap steel is still being collected and yarded for future needs, Mr. Benwell explains.

World Nations Must Shun Nationalism

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NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 23.—World nations must think in terms of a world replacing intense nationalism and individual effort.

This was the message given by Rev. J. Burton Thomas, rector of Holy Trinity Cathedral, to the B.C. Regional Consumer Credit Conference here Monday.

Daniel Buchanan, dean of the faculty of Arts and Science, University of British Columbia, spoke on education and goodwill, while post war rehabilitation problems were discussed by J. E. Patrik, credit manager of T. B. Lee & Company.

J. W. McClure spoke on credit collection procedure. The conference ended with a dance.

Chief Joe Dead

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NANAIMO, Feb. 23.—Harry Joe, Indian, chief of the Ladner Tribe, died at the local reserve Monday evening following a

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