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Prospective buyers were placed in touch with the Japanese owners. If they failed to agree on price, the services of the committee were invoked to arbitrate. Seventy percent of the vessels were from one to 12 years of age. Sixty ships were built from 20 to 25 years ago.

HITCH IN SALES

A curious factor intervened soon after the selling plan was started and it caused some confusion and delay. Some Japanese groups being personally prepared for evacuation from Stevenson somehow got the notion that they might be allowed to resume fishing "under supervision."

It took quite a lot of persuasion by Mr. Kimura to convince the Japanese owners to complete sales.

March was the big month for selling, when \$400,000 was taken over the counter.

By the middle of May more than 600 boats had been sold and all these deals were completed by free negotiation between buyer and seller. When the committee were understood by the Japanese, the majority became reconciled to the disposal of their vessels and co-operated to this end. In one case only was formal arbitration applied.

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Lose Any Cocoa?

A case of cocoa, found by a citizen on Richards near Hastings on Tuesday is awaiting its owner at police headquarters. It is believed to have fallen off a delivery truck.

Two Tenders Received For Chlorination Plant

Two tenders on chlorinating plants, equipment and installation have been received by the Greater Vancouver Water Board but a special session of the board late Tuesday afternoon adjourned until 9:30 a.m. Thursday to allow time for their tabulation.

"There were so many minor modifications in the tenders that we couldn't get them tabulated for this afternoon," Dr. E. A. Cleveland informed the board.

The tenders, which came from Shanahan's Ltd., Vancouver, on Wallace and Tiernan equipment, and from Keith Mercer, Montreal, on Patterson Engineering Company equipment, were opened at noon Tuesday before Dr. Cleveland, G. V. Perry, board secretary, and H. A. Perry, representing the Department of Pensions and National Health. The original closing date was

4:30 p.m., Monday, but owing to a delay in mails the extension was allowed.

A wire read to Tuesday's meeting from Dr. R. E. Wodehouse, deputy minister of pensions and national health, approved the board awarding the contract on the advice of its officials. Dr. Cleveland had wired asking if this were to be done.

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Morality officers found 10 less keepers of bawdy houses at a total of 64, while the gambling squad took in 56 keepers of gaming houses, or exactly half as many as in the previous year. Murders doubled, from two to four.

Gunner Arrives Safe Overseas

Gunner Fred Beck, son of Cpl. and Mrs. Walter

Beck, 1437 Grant Street, Victoria, has arrived safely overseas, according to word received by his parents.

Gunner Beck is a member of the 21st Field Regiment, 59th Bty, Royal Canadian Artillery.



Gnr. Beck

W. S. Wainwright, delegate of the B.C. Jersey Cattle Club, has returned from the annual meeting of the parent Canadian club at Toronto. D. O. Bull of Bramp-ton, Ont., was made Dominion president.

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BIRTHS and MARRIAGES

Deaths, Cards of Thanks and In Memoriam Notices on Following Page

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GIFFORD—To Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gifford, New Westminster, at Royal Columbian Hospital, on February 15, 1943, a son.

HEISTERMAN — To Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Heisterman (nee Phyllis Thomas) of 1235 E. 52nd Ave., at the Vancouver General Hospital, on Feb. 15, 1943, a daughter, Linda Irene.

HERCHENSON—Born to Corporal Wm. Herchenson, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, and Mrs. Herchenson, at St. Paul's Hospital, Feb. 15, 1943, a son.

KNIGHT—To Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Knight (nee Gertrude Symonds), 1429 East 2nd Ave., at Grace Hospital, February 16, 1943, a son, William Mervyn. (Died at birth.)

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bradford, 525 10th Street, New Westminster, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Edith May, to A.B. James Lawrence Farden, R.C.N.V.R., older son of Mrs. Farden, Millardville, B. C., and the late James Farden. The marriage will take place the latter part of April.

MARRIAGES

LOVE—WELSH—On January 29, 1943, in Holy Trinity Church, New Westminster, B.C., by Rev. R. Sloan, David Vaughan Love, Sub-Lieut. R.C.N.V.R., to Ruth Geraldine daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Welsh of New Brunswick.

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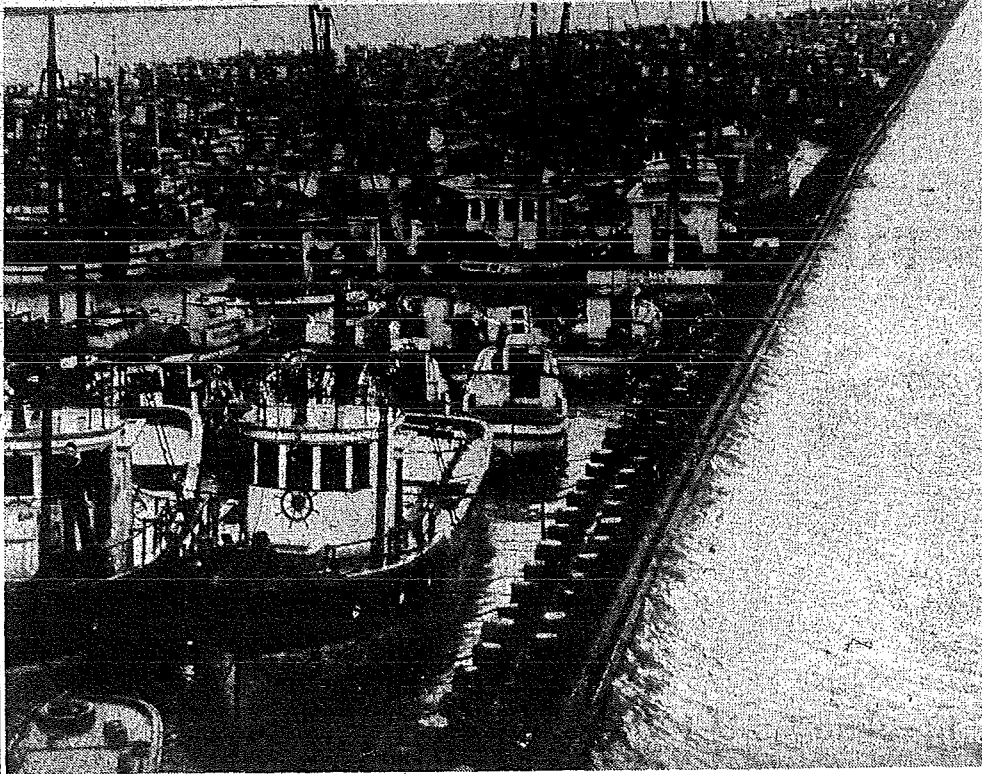
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Election speeches were held Tuesday in the University auditorium and balloting took place this afternoon.

Brenda Goddard, first co-ed to contest the president's chair in 25 years, said she hoped to extend women's war work activities on the campus. "One hour per week of physical education is not enough," she stated.

Miss Goddard expressed the belief that there is little use in barring corsages from university social functions unless the money thus saved is turned over to some worthy cause.

"As it is now," she said, "disallowing corsages is just a benefit to the boys themselves."

Bob White, third candidate, recommended for the ensuing year the taking over of the university cafeteria and bookstore by students. These, he felt, should not only be run by students but should employ solely campus help.

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\$100,000 HIGHER

After paying more than \$1,200,000 to operate the police system the citizens lost \$257,023 more property than the cops could recover in 1942, suffered property damage of \$250,987 in traffic accidents and coughed up \$100,807 in fines and court fees.

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