

THIS Column

By JEAN HOWARTH
The old gentleman up the coast got his accident...

From now on he can "play and sing" as much as he likes to soothe the everlastingly homesick.

It's around a couple of weeks since Frances Reynolds of the Community Chest sent me his letter and I printed it here in this column...

The old lady got her radio, too, and back to the beam with all her soap operas. In fact, I think we had offers of four accoucheurs around 20 radio. People are really nice when you get to know them.

And Housing

Now that I've got started, I think I might as well make this letters day.

A lot of my mail since Friday has been about housing of Mr. Litchfield's. It seems that it's exactly the sort of house that a lot of people are searching for.

The only trouble is that this house is something of an experiment. Mr. Litchfield built it to put an idea of his about housing into concrete form.

He didn't know whether B.C. housewives were going to go for a house without a basement, for a home that was built square and had a sound roof.

The house isn't open to visitors yet. First of all it's going to be looked over by the powers that be, who will ponder the idea of a whole housing project.

Planned Building

The only way we can have good housing—and we can have it as we afford—to have it in the form of something like this project he has in mind.

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Some Questions

They have to know if we prepared to get along without basements. Eliminating the basement cuts the cost of the house.

They have to know such things as how many bathrooms we want, whether we want to eat in the kitchen or have a separate dining room, where we want the laundry to go in.

Especially I'd like to know—can you bear to be parted from the basement.

Edmonton Girl Dies Suddenly

Denise Corbett, 14, of Edmonton was pronounced dead on arrival at General Hospital at 9:30 this morning after she had a heart attack at 1760 East Seventh.



CHUCK JONES, Vancouver Daily Province photographer took these pictures of mine rescue workers at Pacific Eastern overnight as men fought to bring out bodies of three explosion victims.



R. A. DAVIE was onshore lucky man. He was at the top of the shaft when blast came.



JACK O'BRIEN was almost lifted off his hoist at the top of the shaft when explosion came.



ROBERT NICHOL (left) instructor of mine rescue squads, takes time out with Ostersjo, Pacific Eastern Mine foreman.

Claims Inquiry Now Due

Japanese Cases Start in East

Mr. Justice H. I. Bird of the B.C. Court of Appeal said today he hopes his official inquiry into Japanese-Canadian property-loss claims will be able to open about Oct. 1, "probably in the east."

The Vancouver jurist said he will advertise for claimants as soon as the department of justice at Ottawa appoints counsel for Canada's custodian of enemy property, whose work will be investigated by the one-man commission.

Mr. Justice Bird said also: 1. Sitings probably will be held in each city where the B.C. Security Commission had an office during the war—Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Moose Jaw, Lethbridge and Vancouver.

2. The commission is likely to begin its hearings in the east and wind up in Vancouver.

3. It is impossible to predict how long the probe will last.

4. The commission itself probably will not need counsel, as the inquiry appears likely to resolve itself into a contest between individual claimants and the custodian.

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The investigation, under the Inquiries Act, is into claims of losses allegedly suffered from B.C.'s protected areas during the war.

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Falling Tree Kills Girl On Eve of Birthday Party

From The Vancouver Daily Province New Westminster Bureau NEW WESTMINSTER—On the eve of her thirteenth birthday, Orvetta Brown, 1369 Townline road, ran out of her home to invite a friend to her party—and was instantly killed.

A 100-foot fir tree, being felled near the house by John Redling, owner of the property, struck her on the head.

The attractive schoolgirl—she had just passed into Grade 7 at New Westminster's Kelvin School—was dead when a doctor arrived.

Mr. Redling, for whom Orvetta's mother keeps house, told police he had just called "Timber" when he saw the girl. He shouted "Get out of the way!" and began to run toward her, but stumbled.

By the time he got to his feet, it was too late. "She would have had all her feet if she had kept running," he said.

Today was to have been occasion for a double celebration. Mrs. Brown started work Monday at Westminster Cannery. She returned from work, her arms laden with cake, cookies and candy for a party.

She brought Orvetta a new dress, to wear to school next morning. The child was excited. She ran to tell her friend about the party, and her gifts.

The Browns—mother, Orvetta and 10-year-old Lillian—moved to Surrey from New Westminster only two months ago "because it is safer for the children."

Before coming to the Royal City last October, they lived at Cupar, Sask., about 50 miles from Regina.

New Locomotives On GNR Soon

Tentative date of Oct. 1 has been set by Great Northern Railway for introduction of two new 2000-horsepower Diesel locomotives on morning and afternoon "Pug" Sounders, passenger trains operating between Seattle and Vancouver.

Delivery of the locomotives is expected this week.

Wants British Housing Tips

John Henderson, Vancouver School Board's housing committee head, thinks Reconstruction Minister C. D. Howe should be able to pick up valuable tips on housing during his visit to England.

Reminding trustees Monday that England is building faster than Canada, Trustee Henderson declared, "It might be a good idea to get that information to Mr. Howe, and see if he can speed up things here."

Liquid Evidence Crowding Police

Liquid evidence seized for possible bootlegging prosecution is taking up plenty of space at Police Headquarters.

Over-night raids added 27 bottles of "hard" liquor and 108 bottles of beer to stocks on hand. Detectives Ben Hagman, James Frew, Charles Clarence and Alex Imiah took 22 bottles of spirits and 96 of beer from premises in 100 1/2 Robson, and five bottles of liquor and a dozen beer from a rooming house in unit block West Cordova.

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MINE BLAST victim Vernon Wright, 4533 West Sixteenth, photographed as he held a neighbor's child in his arms.

Langley Board Gets Last Minute Aid; New Bus Promised

Special to The Daily Province MURRAYVILLE — Transportation difficulties had the Langley School Board bumped briefly Monday after the B.C. Traffic Inspector condemned a bus and ordered the school board to sell it.

Two new buses are on order. The agent, Len Nicolas, told the school board one bus on order for over a year was on the assembly line in the east.

The second bus ordered last March is expected before the end of the year.

After the board had discussed ways and means of making the six buses at their disposal carry the children this year, Mr. Nicolas received word the new bus would be in Langley in time for reopening of schools on Sept. 2.

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Long-Time West Van Councillor, Reeve Dies

William Dickinson, 78, former reeve and councillor of West Vancouver, died early today at his home, 180 Fortieth, West Vancouver, following a brief illness.

He retired in 1946 after the longest continuous period in public office in West Vancouver.

A native of Roston, N.B., he came to the North Shore municipality in 1910 and opened the local branch of the Royal Bank of Canada. He was manager of the branch until 1930 when he retired.

In 1931, Mr. Dickinson was elected to the council which position he held until 1945 when he became city magistrate. He retired following expiration of his two-year term.

Mr. Dickinson as survived by his wife, three sons, J. R. Dickinson, at home; W. J. Dickinson, Vancouver; T. S. Dickinson, West Vancouver; one daughter, Margaret, at home, and three grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Hollywood Funeral Home.

Civic 'Fair Day' Holiday Rejected by City Council

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