

Back in my young and ambitious days I used to have a dream. It kept me busy during those otherwise unoccupied moments as riding on the streetcar, waiting to interview prospective employers and listening to the minister read the week's announcements at church.

I dreamed that somebody had left me two thousand dollars and that with those two thousand dollars I was going to open a restaurant.

It was going to be a very special restaurant. Oddy enough, it wasn't going to get up like a submarine, a D-6 or the ambler room of the Alhambra. And as far as I can remember the waitresses were just going to be waitresses, not better garden frazzles, air hostesses or Bali girls.

The specialities of this restaurant were to be made by a chef-dreamer that I was, lay wholly in the food.

There were, for instance, the soups. The one that lingers most fondly in my memory called for a good old-fashioned soup bone, lima beans, chopped onions and carrots, and—just like that—a handful of mint.

With this I planned to serve a crusty little homemade bun—that was what we called it at home—and for those who preferred to stop with the soup—we so often did at home—there would be more crusty buns and more and more steaming plates of soup till they hadn't the strength left to lift the spoon.

Another feature of the house was to be six-layer dinner. You made that in one of those brown bean potter. A layer of chopped round steak, a layer of onions, a layer of sliced potatoes, a layer of tomatoes, macaroni and a rice, a layer of fresh mushrooms, a layer of peas dumped in on top. I have fed this a lot of people since, and most of them have come back for so many helpings that they had to be assisted to rise from the table at the end of the fill—no I doubt if I was over-optimistic in trusting that it would be a favorite with the customers.

I won't go into the ham, baked with brown sugar and cloves and served with sweet potato pots, the steak and kidney pie, the pork chops and...

The Trappings Were Terrific

This dream, along with my plans for opening a bowling alley, establishing a dog cemetery and outfitting a trimper, has gone the way of all good little day-dreams. But I was reminded of it the other day when I took a friend to lunch at one of our city's new food emporiums. It was a swell joint, with a doorman, a hostess, a bunch of cute little waitresses in cutie uniforms and a layout that was the masterpiece of the town's top interior decorator. It didn't take us more than an hour and a half to get fed, either.

We had lamb stew, which was mostly fat and bones and...

Street Corners

My best piece of Chinatown folklore has been wiped out. I mean the legend that "there's more Chinatown underground than above." It said that beneath the pavement lay a network of tunnels dug by Chinese for exciting and criminal purposes.

It wasn't hard to believe so long as I no proved it false. But workmen of the city's sewerage construction department finished off my job in recent months and with it my world of mystery under the incense-burners. They have ditched straight down the middle of Pender Street to follow the sewer line to install larger pipes. They haven't found a single tunnel as far as I know.

Merger of Many Odors

The stink was wonderful. It was a merger of odors of cooking and many other smells in one place. It was the aroma from the two-sellable trading companies displaying windows filled with shark fin, dried snake and root, and strange provender.

Faith in Chinatown Legends Goes

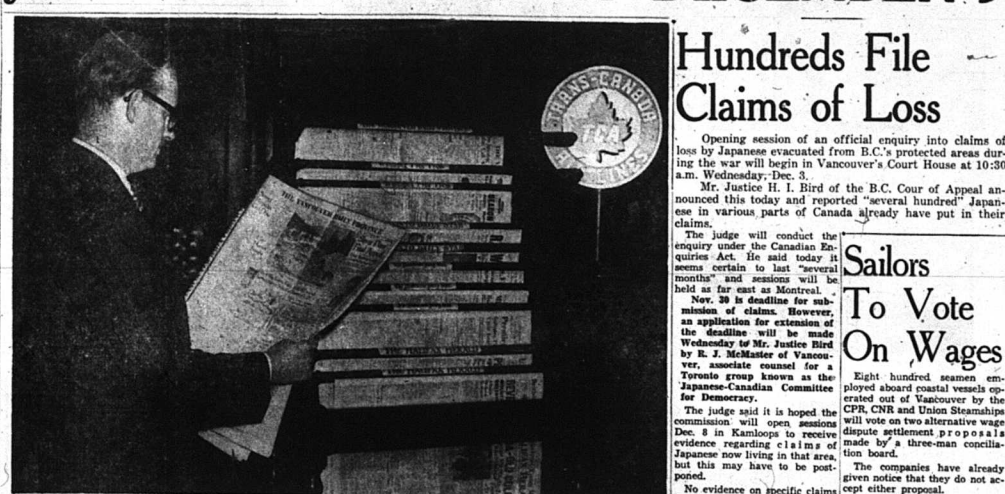
One of the first to shake my faith in Chinatown legends was Detective Angus Stewart only a year or so after the underground began letting me use a safety razor. Angus knew the place well from his work on the narcotics detail.

Youth Jailed For Assault

A plea that he was "sugar" out of town and go logging" failed to reach sympathy with the 23-year-old Anthony T. Beccili, Grand Union Hotel, was sentenced to three months in a charge of assault.

Lloyd George Burke, 1634 Main, told Magistrate W. W. B. had to be treated at hospital.

JAP HEARINGS START DECEMBER 3



YOU DON'T HAVE to be in Vancouver to get the latest news in The Daily Province. Graeme S. Gibson of Vancouver is reading about his hometown in the Trans-Canada Airlines office in London. It's part of a new T-CA service to help passengers maintain a link with Canada and developments at home. Latest copies of Canadian dailies are flown across the Atlantic aboard a North Star each day and are read avidly by Canadians across the pond.

One Family Leaves, Four Others Arrive In British Columbia

For every family which leaves British Columbia, four families from other provinces move to B.C. This was shown today in the November report of the Family Allowance Division of the department of national health and welfare, issued at Victoria by W. R. Bone, regional director.

It said 1064 families receiving allowances moved to B.C. during the past month, while 245 families left for other parts of Canada.

As usual, families from the prairie provinces headed the list, with Saskatchewan with 324, Ontario was fourth.

First Aiders To Inspect 'Drunks'

Three new police sergeants appointed today to supervise the city's first aiders to inspect "drunks" who are sick or injured—will also examine persons arrested on drunken driving charges.

The appointments were announced by Chief Constable Walter Mulligan.

All qualified first aid men with more than 20 years' police service, they are Consts. J. McArthur, Harry Green, and J. W. Thompson. They will serve under Sgt. Charles Palmer who is in charge of the jail.

Appointments followed decision by Chief Mulligan and Acting Mayor Charles Jones, to provide further medical supervision in view of recent deaths of men arrested on "drunk" charges.

New rules for reception of "drunk" prisoners, provide that a sergeant jailer examine each man before he is taken to his cell.

Yearly medical check-ups on their living and had no homes worth going to. They stood as a man's physical condition, the prisoner will be sent directly to hospital. If, however, a prisoner shows no other effects but drunkenness, he will be placed on a bunk and visited every two days.

If there is no change in his condition, all of whom are registered nurses, will be called in to make further examination.

Sold Wine, Fined

Sale of a part bottle of wine to an Indian brought a fine of \$100 or 30 days for Tom Randall, 58, of 73 Powell.

Reopen Borstal Home For Young Offenders

BURNABY—British Columbia's Borstal home, Marine Drive and Patterson, was officially re-opened at 11 a.m.

The long-sought re-opening of the school gives courts an alternative to jail for young offenders aged 16 to 21. The re-establishment has been advocated by most B.C. magistrates and youth workers.

In the large recreation room of the home nine youths, the first to come to the school, members of the staff, friends and officials, listened while Royborough Smith, director, read the opening message from Attorney General Gordon S. Wilson, who was unable to be present.

Each day about 100 youths are sent to the home by the courts for a definite sentence.

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Housing Problem Now Faces Park Rats

Rats which have taken up residence in stumps near the Stanley Park bear cages will be evicted by the park board.

Stewart Lefaux, assistant parks superintendent, told the board Monday night that large stumps near the zoo are being removed.

Park workers recently saw a rat watching the bears and followed it home, Mr. Lefaux explained. As a result, the stumps will come out.

The rats will be stumped for new homes in that section of the park.

17 Civic Candidates File Papers

With the noon December 3 deadline for the filing of candidates for civic office December 10 papers around the corner, only 17 candidates have filed papers with City Clerk Roy Thompson.

Majority contestants to date are Acting Mayor Charles Jones and Peter McAllister.

Non-party candidates are Ald. Alex Fisher who has not yet registered.

FOR ALDERMEN: Aldermanic candidates are: Albert Dunn, 6108 Beattie; Magnus Elison, 870 East Forty-fourth; Laura E. Jamieson, 2034 Trafalgar; Effie Jones, 5038 Sherbrook; Grace MacInnis, 442 West Fifteenth; Robert S. McQuillan, 5403 Mackie; Arthur J. Turner, 3822 West Thirty-eighth.

Park board: William George Calder, 2528 McGill; Bert A. Emery, 2204 West Fourteenth; Knut H. Hedquist, 1967 East Thirty-fifth; George Thompson, 1154 West Thirty-third.

School board: William J. Cameron, 2724 East Sixteenth; Minnie M. Farrel, 2024 Trafalgar; Hilda Kristiansen, 1223 Barclay; Ronald Macaulay, 104 East King Edward.

City man's wife dies in England: Winnipeg's Mrs. M. M. 27, wife of Don Mantle, 290 Bluff, died Saturday in England of pneumonia, according to word received here.

Mrs. Mantle was born in England. She married when Mr. Mantle was serving overseas with the Canadian army. They were married in the Savoy Hotel, London, in January, 1943. Mr. Mantle served overseas for five years. He was discharged as a major.

By Harry Hanan

Hundreds File Claims of Loss

Opening session of an official enquiry into claims of loss by Japanese evacuated from B.C.'s protected areas during the war will begin in Vancouver's Court House at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3.

Mr. Justice H. I. Bird of the B.C. Court of Appeal announced this today and reported "several hundred" Japanese in various parts of Canada already have been in their claims.

The judge will conduct the enquiry under the Canadian Inquiries Act. He said today it seems certain to last "several months" and sessions will be held as far east as Montreal.

Nov. 30 is deadline for submission of claims. However, an application for extension of the deadline will be made Wednesday by Mr. Justice Bird by E. J. McMaster of Vancouver, associate counsel for a Toronto group known as the Japanese-Canadian Committee for Democracy.

The judge said it is hoped the commission "will open sessions in Vancouver to receive evidence regarding claims of Japanese now living in that area, but this may have to be postponed.

No evidence on specific claims moved from the opening session in Vancouver, which was confirmed to discussion of procedure and planning of future sessions.

Counsel for the Dominion Government is a noted Toronto lawyer, Col. John W. G. Hunter. For the past week he has been busy here with preparations.

Chief counsel for the Japanese-Canadian Committee for Democracy is another Toronto barrister, F. B. Bessie.

T. G. Norris, K.C. of Vancouver, will represent many of the new homes in that section of the park.

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Sailors To Vote On Wages

Eight hundred seamen employed aboard coastal vessels operated out of Vancouver by the CPR, CNR and Union Steamships will vote today on alternative wage dispute settlement proposals made by a three-man conciliation board.

The companies have already given notice that they do not accept either proposal.

Award of the conciliation board is not binding on either party.

Dave Joyce, business agent of the AFL Seafarers' International Union, says the alternative awards vary only in the amount of "cost of living" increases.

It is a basic monthly pay boost of \$18.75; 85 cents an hour overtime, 50 cents an hour "cost of living" for handling certain types of cargo, and five "free days" a week.

The latter gives a 46-hour week to watchkeepers, quartermasters, lookouts, oilers, and others.

It offers a boost of \$15.75 a month and other concessions to seamen on tug and barges, and a raise of \$14.75 a month to deck boys, deckhands and wipers.

It offers an increase of \$5.75 monthly to all classes of seamen. Union members will vote here and at Prince Rupert.

Princess Victoria Crashes With Scow

Minor damage was suffered in a collision just off Brockton Point between a Straits Towing and Salvage Co. derrick barge and the Canadian Pacific steamer Princess Victoria, shortly before 10:30 a.m. The tug Louise Jahn, towing the scow, was damaged. No one was injured and the Princess Victoria docked on time.

Chinese Fined

Twenty-six Chinese were each fined \$5 or 10 days, in Police Court today, for acquiring a gaming house at 110 East Pender.

Post Office Warns Shippers

Pack that overseas parcel carefully. That's the plea of postal authorities, who report that many such packages of gifts and foodstuffs are arriving damaged and crushed because Canadian senders don't take enough care in preparing them for the "post air."

The post office offers these tips: Always enclose the items in a strong corrugated container. Use an ordinary cardboard box; don't mail sugar, rice or other loose foodstuffs in this paper bags; don't send anything which may leak or spread; don't send jars or bottles unless they are wrapped in cushioning or lighter fluid. Be sure and tie the completed parcel securely with twine over thick wrapping paper. Post parcels, books and unclassified, may be mailed up to 20 pounds weight to individuals in the U.K., but must be clearly marked "Gift Parcel."

Advertisement for Christmas Gift Guide. Includes a small illustration of a gift box and the text: "Read the Christmas Gift Guide IN Province Classified PA 4211".