

Greeks celebrate

Prince George's Greek community Saturday celebrated its home country's 155th anniversary of independence from Turkish rule by staging a party at the Civic Centre. Greek dances were performed in national costumes and Greek dishes were featured.



Proposal studied for oil pipeline

VANCOUVER (CP) — Trans Mountain Pipe Line Co. Ltd. announced Friday that a group of companies will study the possibility of constructing a crude oil pipe line from the Prince Rupert area to tie into existing facilities at Edmonton.

In a news release, Trans Mountain says oil would be received in Prince Rupert from Alaska and other offshore sources to supply refineries in north central United States.

Prince Rupert is 500 miles northwest of Vancouver and 550 miles south of Valdez, the southern terminus of the Alyeska pipe line.

The new pipe line would cost more than \$400 million, the company says.

Trans Mountain says the joint investigation will include marine, environmental, engineering, financial, socio-economic and other matters related to the proposed pipe line to support an application to the National Energy Board of Canada and other regulatory bodies.

The news release says the companies involved in the project are Trans Mountain, Interprovincial Pipe Line Ltd., Ashland Oil Inc., Koch Industries Inc., Hudson's Bay Oil and Gas Co. Ltd., Farmers Union Central Exchange Inc. and Murphy Oil Corp.

The city BRIEFLY

Lumbermen meet here

Anyone expecting startling policy statements from Friday's Council of Forest Industries northern interior sector annual meeting here was disappointed.

The meeting, attended by more than 250 delegates from lumbering towns like Williams Lake, Quesnel, Chetwynd, Vanderhoof as well as Prince George, was mainly an "in house" affair.

The meeting was a prelude of the CoFI annual convention in Vancouver later this week and most of the organization's leading officials seemed to be saving any earth-shaking statements for that meeting.

New president, Don Lanskail, told lumbermen they might expect a more sympathetic ear in Victoria with the new Social Credit government — but not to expect drastic changes for the industry.

"Governments don't control the crucial international markets which affect us," he said.

Delegates were disappointed by the cancellation of forests minister Tom Waterland as keynote speaker of the Friday luncheon. Waterland bowed out in favor of an assistant chief forester for the B.C. Forest Service, who made no startling policy announcements.

The forester, Ralph Robbins, warned lumbermen not to expect a drastic change in the current folio system of setting stumpage rates. He said the forest service would continue to become more technical and exact in its methods of determining logging and lumbering costs and setting stumpage rates.

Math whiz
A Duchess Park Secondary School student placed 12th of about 200 British Columbia students who competed in a Mathematics Association of America contest in March.

Robert Corless, a 17-year-old Grade 12 student, now qualifies for a Mathematics Olympics to be held in May.

The Duchess Park math team placed ninth of 42 schools in the province.

Silver medal
A 32-year-old College of New Caledonia student was awarded the Governor-General's silver medal this week for outstanding academic achievement.

Bill Bailey, a second-year university transfer student at CNC, received the medal, which is awarded annually to one student in each Canadian college.

Bailey is studying English and philosophy and will be transferring to Simon Fraser University in September to continue his education.

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Wet trip

Robert Hill found one way to beat the wet conditions of the past week — just lift your feet and ride on through. Warm, sunny days have left Prince George back lanes pretty wet.

YOUNG EPILEPTIC

Tough decision made by judge

NANAIMO, B.C. (CP) — Judge Jack Caldwell of the provincial court said sentencing a 16-year-old epileptic, psychotic boy to 18 months on a break-and-entry charge was the hardest decision he has had to make.

Scott Bradley Hygen was sentenced Friday to the Vancouver Island Regional Correctional Centre for an October, 1975, break and entry.

Judge Caldwell said Hygen is a psychopath and "psychopaths cannot be treated, they must treat themselves."

"I have never agonized over a decision that I have been required to make as I have over this one," he said. "I find it distasteful to incarcerate a 16-year-old boy... particularly when I'm required to incarcerate him for a lengthy period of time."

Court was told Hygen has cost the taxpayer \$500,000 since he was taken from his parents when he was 23 months old. He has suffered brain damage from epileptic seizures.

Court was also told Hygen caused the loss of 38 days of work by staff members at the Vancouver Island youth centre because he injured them.

Prisoners at the centre fought back when Hygen attacked them.

A meeting in Vancouver in 1975 to discuss the Hygen case was told by a leading forensic psychologist that there was no institution in North America which could help the boy.

Judge Caldwell said he feared that prisoners in the adult facility would injure Hygen if he did not obey the regulations of the restricted society in prison but the boy "may come out having learned something."

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Teamsters eye U.S. settlement

VANCOUVER (CP) — Senator Ed Lawson, Teamster Union Canadian director, said Sunday the Teamster-trucker settlement in the United States should be an object lesson for parties in the current trucking industry dispute in British Columbia.

Teamsters employed by 97 trucking companies in B.C. are involved in a strike-lockout situation that began March 23.

Senator Lawson said that in last week's nation-wide Teamster strike, the first in U.S. history, the federal government sent in a mediator to monitor the negotiations. As long as progress was being made in direct bargaining, the government was not going to interfere.

He said, however, that had negotiations broken down, an 80-day cooling-off period under the Taft-Hartley Act would have been imposed.

Isle Pierre mill expands

Takla Forest Products has announced a \$1.1 million modification program to the company's Isle Pierre division, about 30 miles west of here.

Mark Gunther, president and chief executive officer of Takla, said today the program will process smaller diameter wood into dimension lumber, increasing production at the sawmill by about 19 million board feet a year and creating jobs for about 15 more workers.

Current annual production is about 48 million board feet on a two-shift-a-day basis.

Gunther said the modification program is expected to begin in May with completion date sometime in November.

About 100 workers are currently employed at the mill.

Turner joins MB directors
VANCOUVER (CP) — Former federal finance minister John Turner has been nominated to the board of directors of MacMillan Bloedel Ltd., the financially-troubled forest giant.

A company spokesman confirmed Friday that Mr. Turner has been nominated. He said the company's annual meeting April 27 will vote on the nomination.

The spokesman said J. Page R. Wadsworth, chairman and chief executive officer of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and Edwin C. Phillips, president of Westcoast Transmission Co. Ltd., have also been nominated.

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Rural life meets start at Beverly

A series of information meetings about rural living sponsored by the Fraser-Fort George Regional District starts today at Beverly Elementary School.

The district plans to hold such meetings in all of the district's electoral areas.

Today's meeting is being held in Area C and starts at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday, meetings will be held for Area D, Tuesday at Pinewood School and Wednesday at Buckhorn.

Area F: April 13, Ferndale Hall; Area E: Hixon School, April 20; Area A, Salmon Valley School April 21, Nukko Lake School, April 22; City: Blackburn Junior Secondary, April 26 Austin Road School, April 27; Area C: Stone Creek School, April 28. All meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

The meetings are being held to get the ideas of rural dwellers on the life styles in their areas.

Mr. Froese said the dispute is hurting the industry and added that all trucking companies affected are approaching the crucial point and a number of them are about to go under.

Big increase for ferries?

VANCOUVER (CP) — The British Columbia Institute of Economic Policy Analysis, a provincial government research group, has recommended that B.C. Ferries increase fares to as much as \$13 each way for cars.

The Social Credit government has said it is scrapping the research group, which was set up and funded by the former NDP government.

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CITY COUNCIL

Today's regular city council meeting could be one of the shortest in a year, if the length of the agenda is an indication.

The agenda lists mainly routine business and correspondence to be dealt with by the city's legislators.

RECREATION SCHEDULE

Hart Highway Community Association presents the following programs:

Junior Tumbling: Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Glenview School, for boys and girls eight to 13 years.

Karate: Mondays and Fridays, 6 - 7 p.m. at Glenview School.

Ladies Keep Fit Mondays, 8 - 10 p.m. at Hart Highway School.

Gardening Program: Connaught. The Connaught Community Association is sponsoring a gardening program which will be held on Wednesdays from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Registration session will be held at Millar Addition School on April 14. A lady from the Horticultural Society will relay information regarding the preparation for indoor and outdoor gardening. For more information call Penny at 563-8802.

Fastball officiating clinic: Attention all people who are interested or are involved in Fastball in the city of Prince George. We are holding a fastball officiating clinic, at the South Fort Recreation Centre, 1175 Clark St., Mondays, April 5, April 19 and May 3, starting at 8 p.m. This clinic is open to players, coaches and officials. The clinic will cover "The How To Do It", the basic fundamentals, techniques, and the mechanics of becoming a good official. Some discussion will take place on the rules. For further information contact Dennis, your recreation coordinator at 563-9413 or 563-8802.

Lawyers hold city convention

The Cariboo Bar Association will hold its 25th anniversary meeting this weekend in Prince George.

Bob Dick, the association's president, said all lawyers and judges now or formerly connected with the Cariboo region have been invited to the meeting.

Main guest speaker will be the Hon. J.O. Wilson, former chief justice of the B.C. Supreme Court.

Business meetings start Friday at 10 a.m. at the Inn of the North.

A special feature will be a bonspiel to be held Sunday at 1:30 a.m. after the Saturday night dance.

Spring Gardening: College Heights, Vanway, Beverly. Starts on April 5, Monday, 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. in the College Heights Library, for three consecutive Mondays. Free of charge. Further information call Betty-Jean at 563-8802.

Cheet is a family affair!
Vanway Community Association Hockey Windup: Vanway and Beverly. April 24, 11 a.m. at Vanway Rink. Hockey players to wear clean uniforms and to bring own hot dogs and buns. Call 563-8802, Betty-Jean, if you have any questions.

Ceramics Class: Openings Monday - Wednesday evenings for residents of Hart Highway. Wednesday morning class possible of enough interest shown. For information, phone 962-6393.

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