

Leisure programs sought

A November survey conducted by Prince George's three community schools shows city residents want more cultural and athletic leisure activities.

The survey was organized to determine the needs of the communities served by the schools — Duchess Park, Lakewood and Nechako North.

Debbie Ward, co-ordinator of Duchess Park Community School said residents of that area expressed interest in occasional evening socials, cultural activities like music, dance and glee clubs, and sports such as cross country skiing, badminton and keep fit classes.

Many people requested functions like bingos, flea markets and dances, she said. They wanted to attend activities occasionally without being committed to them.

More than 40 people asked for dance and music activities, 52 requested bingos and 47 expressed interest in cross country ski sessions, she said.

Brenda McLennan, co-ordinator of Nechako North Community School, said athletic activities were the highest priority of people of that area. As a result, cross country ski classes will begin there.

One-night activities and cultural events were also important to the residents.

Many people expressed interest in upgrading programs such as accounting, bookkeeping and French lessons, she said.

The co-ordinator of Lakewood Community School was not available for comment but Ward said craft activities were among the top priorities in that area.

Property law changes eyed

VANCOUVER (CP) — The provincial government is considering major revisions in land title laws and the reform of laws dealing with property rights of married couples, Attorney-General Garde Gardom said Thursday.

Mr. Gardom told a meeting of the Vancouver Bar Association the government plans "a reform of the law of family property in line with contemporary concepts."

"In the field of family law, considerable injustice has resulted from the conflict between rights and under existing law and the ethical and moral entitlement of spouses to share in matrimonial property," he said.

Mr. Gardom also announced plans for new land title laws, which would simplify transfer of ownership. He said the changes will take into account future use of computers in the processing of land titles.

Passage of the Ombudsman Act ranks high on his priorities for the spring session of the legislature.

Mr. Gardom said the bill, "which time prevented finalizing this year," will have taken him "11 years and four parliaments and, indeed, the sooner the ombudsman is in place, the better."

Four hurt in collision

Four people were injured Thursday in a head-on collision near Red Rock.

Police say the accident occurred at 5:26 p.m. on Highway 97 south when a south-bound small pick-up driven by Bradley R. Kuchuiran, 21, from Quesnel went out of control and collided with a car driven by Donald A. Ferguson, 28, of Prince George.

Two passengers, Thomas Little, 55, from Prince George and Paul Morehouse, 16, from Quesnel, were also injured in the accident.

All four men were treated at the Prince George Regional Hospital and released.



Citizen Photo by Len Teniser

Three vehicles

Police investigate the three vehicles involved in a collision at the intersection of Ferry Avenue and Highway 16 Thursday. Marilyn Vandevosse, 23, and her one-year-old daughter Rania received minor injuries when their car and a vehicle driven by Dennis Dunbar of Prince George were in collision with a semi-trailer truck driven by Rutgerus Vandinter, 49, of Vanderhoof.

HAMPERS, DINNERS, FILMS

Sally Ann gears for Christmas

The Salvation Army Christmas program in Prince George will help needy families, homeless men and senior citizens again this year.

The third annual dinner for senior citizens will be held at the Citadel, 777 Ospika Blvd., at 5 p.m. Sunday. More than 125 people are expected to attend.

Transportation has been pre-arranged but if a ride is still needed, you're asked to phone 564-6151.

Christmas hampers for needy families will be distributed Dec. 23. Application for a hamper may be made by phoning 564-6151 between 10 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday.

Contents of the hampers,

which include a turkey, canned goods and new toys, are purchased and donated by local residents.

Last year, about 200 hampers were distributed locally.

Salvation Army Christmas carollers will visit the Simon Fraser Hospital and senior citizens' residences Friday

and next week. Members will also distribute "sunshine bags" filled with fruit, candies and a copy of War Cry (Salvation Army magazine) to prisoners at the jail in Prince George.

The traditional Harbor Light dinner and films for homeless men will be held on Christmas day at 835 Third Ave.

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Local news

McGregor dam studies outlined

Studies on the effect of the proposed McGregor Diversion will not have to be completed until Dec. 1, 1977 and the earliest date construction could start would be 1978, a B.C. Hydro spokesman said Thursday.

Tom Thompson told directors in the Fraser-Fort George Regional District this showed that B.C. Hydro is concerned with the effect the diversion could have on the area.

The regional district was told earlier that a decision on the project would be made before the studies were completed.

B.C. Hydro is planning to dam the McGregor River about 60 miles east of Prince George. This would back up water into the McGregor and Parsnip valleys and finally spill it into Williston Lake.

Thompson said five different studies are being done by consultants to determine what the environmental and socio-economic impact of the project would be.

These studies, which have already been going on for six months, were outlined by several consultants at the meeting.

Suzanne Veit said her assessment of the social impact of the project showed that a work force of about 1,100 would be employed to complete the five-year construction project.

Veit estimated that 80-85 per cent of the work force would come from Prince George, but

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that almost no one would be employed after the construction was completed.

She said 600 workers would live at a camp near the project while other families would commute to work from Prince George, Upper Fraser and Sinclair Mills.

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During an interview after his presentation, Thompson said the main influence on the status of the McGregor Diversion would be what happens with the Hat Creek thermal energy project near Kamloops.

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Request for grant sent back to city

A \$12,800 funding request for a Prince George senior citizens drop-in centre here was sent back to city council Thursday by the Fraser-Fort George Regional District.

City Council had balked at the request at a meeting two weeks ago and sent it to the regional district board for its consideration.

But regional district directors decided to send it back to the city after they heard a report from Yvonne Harris, program director for the regional development com-

mission. Harris asked the directors to send the request back to the city and she explained they could "frustrate" the project if they took it over since the funding process would take longer in the regional district.

Regional district administrator Bill Kennedy confirmed this today. Kennedy said it would take the regional district four or five months to get the money since it does not have the authority to do this while the city does.

made later this month or early next year.

A 1977 provisional budget of \$2,093,604 for the Fraser-Fort George Regional District was approved Thursday.

The total expenditures in the budget, excluding debt charges, will increase by \$29,805 over the 1976 budget.

But it is expected the total requisition will increase by \$116,023 due to a reduction in surplus available for expenditure in 1977.

A 1977 provisional budget of \$1,130,570 was also approved Thursday by the Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District.

These expenditures are \$61,260 more than the approved budget for 1976. Most of the increases are due to an increase in interest rates and the amount of money that must be paid back to this province next year.

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Oil, not chemicals linked to sickness

VANCOUVER (CP) — The director of the Cariboo Health Unit said Thursday that furnace oil is a more likely cause of an Alberta family's medical problems than consumption of a toxic chemical leaking from buried British Columbia Hydro capacitors near Sheridan Creek, B.C.

Dr. Phil Long said in a telephone interview from Williams Lake, B.C., that symptoms reported by Keith Arney, his wife and two young daughters while they were liv-

ing near Hydro's Sheridan Creek capacitor station sound more like problems with furnace oil than with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

"We would be extremely surprised if any of the symptoms attributed to PCBs by the (Arney) family really have anything to do with polychlorinated biphenyls," said Long.

"But we have noticed that some families at Sheridan Creek have experienced problems with furnace oil getting into their well water and we've pointed this out to them."

The Arney family, which moved to Falher, Alta., from Sheridan Creek seven months ago, reported skin infections, mental depression and general listlessness while living in the Cariboo community north of Williams Lake.

Long said the family's symptoms are more compatible

with furnace oil ingestion than they are with PCBs, which damage the liver, stomach, kidneys and skin.

The Arney family was living near Hydro's McLeese Lake capacitor station where 69 faulty capacitors using PCB as an insulator were buried by a Finnish contractor four years ago.

Hydro crews located and removed the suitcase-sized capacitors last weekend after high levels of PCB concentration were found in preliminary tests at Sheridan Creek.

Pipeline worries MP Iona

OTTAWA (CP) — Sport Minister Iona Campagnolo said Thursday she has reservations about a proposed 753-mile pipeline to Edmonton from Kitimat, B.C.

Mrs. Campagnolo told reporters that to reach the Kitimat terminal, in her Skeena riding, large tankers would have to pass through treacherous inland waters.

She said she "had strong reservations about the laws governing the type of vessels" that would be used to carry crude oil from Alaska.

There was also a \$325-million salmon enhancement program along the British Columbia coast that "could be wiped out by a spill of crude oil from a tanker."

She said environment protection plans that Kitimat Pipe Line Ltd. has filed "could hardly be very detailed in the short time" the proposal has been studied.

She said it was also unlikely that the company would get permission from the Indian affairs department to run the pipeline through Jasper National Park.

While the shipping terminal in Kitimat would provide badly-needed employment, Mrs. Campagnolo said she is keeping her constituents informed on all the possible impacts of the project.

She has asked the National Energy Board, which will study the pipeline, to hold some of its hearings in the Kitimat area so local residents would get a full picture of what was involved.

Payback ordered

VANCOUVER (CP) — The federal anti-inflation board has ordered 1,300 clerical and library workers at the University of British Columbia to pay back 15 months overpayment.

The payback order came as the union learned its contract wage increase from the university had been rolled back to 15 per cent from 19 per cent.

Fairleigh Funston, spokesman for the Association of University and College Employees, Local 1, said Thursday that a committee has been formed to negotiate with the university ways of implementing the payback.

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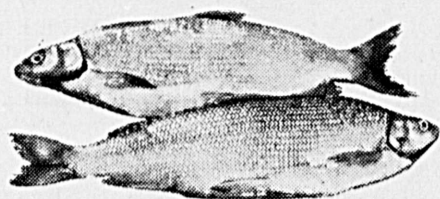
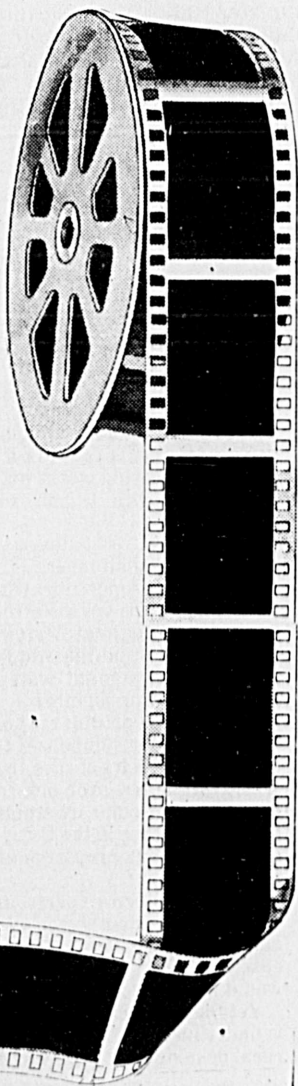
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