Driver jailed

The driver of a vehicle that struck a parked van, injuring its two occupants, has been sentenced to four months in jail, fined \$350, and had his licence suspended for three years. Edward Andrew Matthies,

20, was the driver of a vehicle that failed to negotiate a curve on the Fifth to Fourth Avenue diversion, at Laurier Crescent, April 21.

Matthies' car struck a van

parked on private property.
A Legal, Alta., couple, Carl
and Lilo Jensen, who were
sleeping in the van, were
injured, Lilo seriously.

Matthies was charged with dangerous driving and driving with more than .08 per cent blood-alcohol content.

He was sentenced in county court by Judge J.J. Anderson.

NDP speech

Gene Errington, former head of the Women's Rights Branch, will speak to a special meeting of the Fort George NDP today at 7:30 p.m. in Room B of the Quesnel Building at the College of New Caledonia.

the NDP and why the party didn't achieve what it intended.

Community plan

The city's travelling community plan show sets up at Lakewood Secondary School today at 7:30 p.m. to give city bowl residents a shot at what the planning department proposes for future Prince George. The show, led by city planner

Dave McDonald, includes a proposed community plan is all about, and a slide show trip around the city by helicopter. McDonald and a number of assistants will be present to favors renovating the current

the fourth in a series of more than a dozen such gatherings with neighborhoods and interest groups to explain the plan, due to go to public hearings beginning Nov. 22.

Thursday at 8 p.m. the plan is to be presented at the Prince George Art Gallery in the Arts Complex on 15th Avenue.

Next week meetings are set for Connaught Secondary School, Monday; Shady Valley School and Vanway School, Tuesday; Hart Highway School, Nov. 16 and College Heights School, Nov. 17. All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

Girl's death investigated

FORT ST. JOHN, B.C. (CP) dents who are not on the current voters list can still vote in ish Columbia community are the Nov. 19 municipal, school investigating the death of a board and regional district 17-year-old girl, whose part- election. ially clothed body was found on a school ground Tuesday morning

Police said that foul play is suspected.

No name was released and no further details were avail-



CANDIDATES' FORUM

Election issues emerge

Citizen Staff Reporter The new library, 10-1; better snow plowing, 7-4; six-day Errington will give a critical shopping 10-1; improved analysis of the social policy of bus service, 11-0.

That was the score at the first aldermanic candidates' forum Tuesday at the Community Arts complex. Eleven of the 14 candidates

in the running for five seats vacant on council this year talked with about 40 voters, mainly women members of arts groups and the University Womens' Club which organized the forum at Studio

Only one candidate was lesson on why planning is brave enough to speak out essential for the city, what the against the cultural interest group's motherhood issue. Alex Forbes, a College

Heights resident who is a stationary engineer, said he

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Even though in no man's land, Forbes told the meeting there are more important issues in the city than building an expensive new library, which would only be the beginning of pressure to continue the entire \$10 million to \$15 million cultural-civic centre.

'I'm concerned that in 1980 we have to go on our own with road costs and other such things," he said. "The costs of that are not known and I predict taxes could increase as

He said there are other priorities like a new Coliseum and additional swimming pools are needed more than a new library

Stanley Massey, incumbent Monica Becott, incumbent Art Stauble, Bob Parris, Mike Bundock, George Winter, Al Holdner, Ron Racette, Lee Acott, and Gordon Jagar all cited a variety of reasons for favoring construction of a new

They suggested the library is a step toward creating a better

deserves more attention from the public than it is receiving.

per cent of the electorate is not

exactly a great vote of confi-

answer questions and talk to library, not building a new one. people after the presentation. The Lakewood meeting is FOR ALDERMAN, TRUSTEE

Labor endorses pair that election of school trustees

The Nov. 19 civic elections the council's nod for school trustee. Both were endorsed dominated the monthly meeting of the Prince George and District Labor Council Tuesday and it was decided to support one candidate for council and one for school board.

Labor council president Ed Bodner won endorsement for his campaign for city council and Al Turner, a journalist, got

All a person has to do is fill

out a voter registration card

and affidavit at the polling sta-

Municipal Act say that to vote

tion and then vote.

unanimously. The labor council declined to

endorse Bob Parris, Al Holdner and Ron Racette, all aldermanic candidates. because they did not appear in

months in the municipality, six months in B.C. and a year in

A voter must also be 19 years

However, it is not necessary

Those not currently on the

to be a property owner to vote

required forms at the polling

in a municipal election.

dence," he said. person, but asked support by letter only.

Turner told the delegates Turner urged the delegates to get their union members to vote because school trustees play an essential role in the future of everyone with chil-dren of school age. Missing from list? You can still vote

"In labor terms, the more people who vote in the election the stronger the trustees' mandate in negotiations with the government in Victoria," he

Bodner told the delegates he wants to establish a better relationship with all segments of the public here by being a member of city council. He is for the construction of a new library, six-day shopping, improved recreation facilities, decentralized public work yards and more secondary industry for the city.

a person must be either a station, will have their names canadian citizen or British included on the 1978 rolls. PROVISIONAL FIGURES

8.5 per cent budget hike seen

Prince George and area resi-subject, have lived three

Recent amendments to the voters list and who fill out the

Canada.

Citizen Staff Reporter

The cost of running the Prince George school district in 1978 will be about 8.5 per cent or \$3.7 million more than it was in 1977, according to a provisional budget adopted by school trustees Tuesday.

The \$47.4 million budget, which was passed without comment at the regular board meeting, will provide the district with spending authority during the interim period when the final budget is being drawn

SCHOOL BOARD

School district secretarytreasurer Mac Carpenter said today the budget represents the cost of continuing present

if the final budget will be more or less than the provisional

now," said Carpenter today.

The final budget is expected programs. in the latter part of April and He said it it too early to tell it will include an estimate of how much the Prince George home owner will be assessed

"It doesn't indicate what will

"This is just a rough But the provisional budget estimate of what it will cost to does indicate a financial pattern

continue what we are doing of the past and the future.

BRIEFLY . . .

McGeer meet delayed again

Prince George school trustees officially decided Tuesday to wait until next year for a meeting with Education Minister Pat McGeer over the half-completed administration

The trustees had originally hoped a meeting might be arranged here this year.

These hopes were dashed when it was learned the only possible meeting place this vear would be Vancouver, and that the meeting would be too late for any progress to be made this year.

The priority now will be to arrange a meeting in Prince George and try to get approval for all the money needed to complete the administrative

The meeting will coincide with the opening of two new secondary schools here next

The ministry had indicated earlier that \$212,000 could be approved for partial renovations to the building but the board will now be seeking about \$500,000 for total comple-

The administrative centre is the renovated old Winton School on Ninth Avenue and Edmonton Street.

It will house the school districts' administrative staff.

teachers from four schools in needed for operations. Prince George were approved by the school district Tuesday.

Different groups at the Prince George Senior Secondary School will be visiting Cuba, France, Britain, China and Japan.

dents and teachers from increase in the energy costs of Duchess Park, D.P. Todd and running schools in the district Lakewood Junior Secondary This is estimated at about \$1.2 will visit England and France. million.

The biggest estimated area of increase is a whopping \$939,697 (17.8 per cent) increase in the amount needed to pay off money borrowed to build new schools.

This includes mortgage payments on school buildings built in 1966 as well as new construc-

"It's gone up by a million because we borrowed \$10 million within the past year,' explained Carpenter.

"And our mortgage interest is about 10 per cent just like it is for someone buying a

Carpenter says most of the mortgages being paid on school buildings are done for a 20-25 year period and that the massive building programs here during the 1960s won't be paid off until the 1980s.

The other significant estimated area of increase is Field trips by students and the \$3 million (nine per cent)

Most of this is for teacher salaries of \$24.3 million (an 8.3 per cent increase) which usually represents between 85-90 per cent of the total salaries

The provisional 1978 budget In other approved trips, stu- also estimates a \$147,800 future for the city, to take it out of the rough-and-tumble era of the boom town Most candidates agreed the

present library is cramped, has no parking available and even with renovations would be a dead-end building. Three candidates were mis-

sing from the forum. George Gibbins was sick in hospital and had asked that a prepared statement be read. Gibbins favors the new library and said he wants to see development of a "total community" for the people who live here, to enrich the quality

of life here. Ed Bodner was at a meeting of the labor council of which he's president and came near the end of the forum. Bodner said he favors the new library but declined an invitation to speak because he said it wasn't fair to fellow candidates that

he should get the last word. The forum received no word why Brian Brownridge couldn't attend.

Asked for comment on the civic properties and recreation commission and the value of parks board, candidates agreed some improvements could be made in community relations of the CPRC.

They were divided, however, on how the improvements "A turnout at the polls of 20 could be made. Some favored a re-organization, a few creation of the parks board.

An elected parks board, as in Vancouver, is not allowed under the Municipal Act.

The next candidates forum is Sunday at Duchess Park Sec-ondary School. School board and regional district candidates talk between 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Aldermanic candidates are on stage at 8 p.m.

REGIONAL DISTRICT

A meeting of Fraser-Fort George Regional District directors here Thursday is the last chance voters have to see the board in action before the Nov. 19 election.

On the board and running for re-election are incumbents Harold Mann of Area F (Willow River-Giscome) and Art Stauble representing the

city.
There are seven candidates running for the two open city

seats on the board. David Lisle is contesting the seat held by Mann.

The meeting Thursday at 1 p.m. in Prince George city council chambers will look at a number of issues including the increasing demand for rural subdivision development, hiring of an economic development commissioner and the endorsement of a regional recreation commis-

In September there were 39 subdivision applications for land in the regional district and in October 135 applications were received, including 57 lots in Miworth and 28 near Chief Lake Road.

Directors will also look at recent amendments to the Land Commission Act.

Heroin nets prison term

A Vancouver man arrested at Quesnel airport with 66 caps of heroin has been sentenced to four years in the B.C. Penitentiary.

Grant Frank Elston, 25, was arrested after disembarking from a Vancouver flight at Quesnel Sept. 16.

He was charged with possession of heroin for the purpose of trafficking. The drugs had an estimated street value of

Elston was sentenced by Quesnel provincial court Judge T. R. Cullinane. **HEARING SET**

Hospital plan ideas flow in

Citizen Staff Reporter

At least 10 community organizations will make presentations today on long-range plans for the Prince George Regional Hospital.

The hospital board's longrange planning committee has called for a hearing at 7 p.m. in room 101 at the hospital. The committee will hear from: the child development centre, School District 57, the Cancer Society, the chamber of com-merce, the St. John Ambul-ance Society, the city planning department, the Senior Citizens Home society, the Prince George chapter of the Physiotherapy Association of B.C., and the hospital's own occupational therapy and dietary departments.

The long-range planning committee has been charged with making recommendations to the hospital board on: the maximum size of Prince George Regional Hospital; future financing and administration structures for the hospital and any other health care units developed in the future; and new types of treatment, trends in treatment and diagnostic processes likely to be introduced in the area.

Chairman of the committee, Bob Martin, said "I'd like to



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hospital board how to best coordinate hospital care.

Hospital administrator Bert Boyd says a number of other groups have expressed an interest in the hearings but have not yet forwarded briefs. They include: the Northern

Interior Health Unit, the mental health centre, the Registered Nurses' Association of B.C., the hospital's auxiliary and the Prince George Medical

Because of the number of briefs being presented, Martin says the hearings may have to continue at another date, probably in December.

Boyd and Martin will be joined on the committee by trustees Barry Lloyd and Harold Mann.

tax cuts rejected

Forestry

VANCOUVER (CP) — Forests Minister Tom Waterland said Tuesday it is impossible for the government to lower taxes even though it realizes the forest industry needs large amounts of revenue to expand. Both Waterland and Mines Minister Jim Chabot addressed a joint meeting of the Vancouver branches of the Canadian Institute of Forestry and the Canadian Institute of

Mining.
"We in government know that if we take more and more dollars away from the forest industry, the industry will not be able to expand," said Waterland. 'Instead, we are trying to encourage expansion within the industry."

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