

## Truckers' work time extended

Independent truckers working for the Department of Highways will again work 10 hours a day — until highway funds run out.

The truckers had been cut back to a working day of seven and one-half hours because the department did not have the money to pay for more. The about 90-100 owner-operators are employed in hauling materials to and from highway projects.

Spokesman Dean Taylor said the shorter hours did not allow the men to make sufficient money.

"Now we have agreed that we will work nine and one-half to 10 hours until the funds are gone. Then, however, we are free to look for other jobs," he said.

The matter was solved in a meeting between the truckers, highways officials and Fort George MLA Howard Lloyd.

## TOURIST ALERT

VANCOUVER (CP) — The following are urged to contact the nearest detachment of the RCMP for an urgent personal message:

Alfred Haglund of Victoria  
John Hillyer of Salmon Arm  
Allan Jones of 100-Mile House

Freddy Moyon of Prince George

Edmond Nolby of Minneapolis, Minn.

Robert J. Pangracs of Calgary

Gerry Walker of North Vancouver.

## Forest fires 'mopped up'

The Prince George forest district office reports no new fires in the past 24 hours.

Fire protection officer Russ Tremaman said today there are 11 fires burning in the district with all being either under observation or in the "mop up" stage.

But Tremaman says with lightning strikes overnight new fires are expected.

The fire hazard is rated at high in most areas but extreme in the Williston Lake-Fort St. James area, the officer said.

## 'Third party needed'

VANCOUVER (CP) — A spokesman for the provincial labor ministry said Wednesday that it is obvious that third-party intervention is necessary for a settlement in the brewing industry strike-lockout.

"We realize that," said Peter Cameron, assistant deputy minister of labor for industrial relations. "All we have to do is convince the parties of interest that that is the path to follow."

"We have been monitoring this dispute since its inception. We have made it clear to the parties for some time... that we are ready and available to provide our resources to them." Cameron said that "at this point in time, I have no definite indication that it is possible to bring the parties together."

Both sides—the Canadian Union of United Brewery, Flour, Cereal, Soft Drink and Distillery Workers and the Brewery Employers Labor Relations Association—appear reluctant to request help from a third party.

Eric Harris, chief negotiator for the employers, said the companies are not interested in third-party assistance at this point.

Union spokesman John Langley said the union applied for mediation before some of its members were locked out at three breweries June 8, but has taken no further initiatives.

Langley said he hoped predictions that the dispute, which started with a strike at Carling O'Keefe in Vancouver May 26, would last until Labor Day do not prove correct.

"If they (the employers) were willing to sit down and make any sort of reasonable offer, I'm sure we could work something out. But they don't seem to want to meet."

Meanwhile, B.C. beer drinkers continue to buy limited supplies of imported beer at government liquor stores, pay duty on beer brought in from the United States and search for hotels selling B.C.'s newest, and at the moment only, beer.

About 2,600 cases of beer produced by a Prince George brewery have been distributed to several hotels in the Vancouver area.



Space skaters

Brad Field puts a new wrinkle in the skateboard sport of barrel jumping. Brad, of the Space Skater skateboard club, successfully clears two summer playground instructors and three team members in a skateboard jump. Brad's volunteers are from left,

team members Sheldon Pineo, Chris Dollinger, Paul Thobo-Carlson and playground instructor Heather Murdoch and Margi Hofman. The club has donated time and equipment to the parks summer program.

## FORT ST. JAMES HOTEL

# 'Zoo' closure urged

FORT ST. JAMES (Staff) — RCMP here have recommended a closure of the Fort Hotel.

Sgt. Ed Raaflaub said a report asking for, "some kind of closure," went from the RCMP detachment to the liquor licence inspector in Prince George as the result of an incident Saturday at the hotel.

Sgt. Raaflaub said, "The report suggests to the liquor inspector that some kind of closure be instituted." RCMP, on the authority of the liquor inspector, instituted a 24-hour cabaret closure Saturday after a brawl in which hotel owner Larry Whitely had a finger bitten off and his son received a broken nose and facial lacerations.

Whitely had his finger sewn back on at Stuart Lake Hospital. Son Mark was taken to the same hospital and then transferred to Prince George Regional Hospital where he underwent surgery on his nose.

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Sgt. Raaflaub said the report to the liquor inspector did not recommend a certain length of closure.

"It is entirely up to them," he said. The recommendation was mentioned at a meeting between RCMP and the village council Wednesday and the council voiced no objection to the action.

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## Special constable sought

FORT ST. JAMES (Staff) — RCMP here will expand its special constable program.

Sgt. Ed Raaflaub of the Ft. St. James detachment said a second Native Indian constable was being added to the force under the special provisions for Indian constables.

Under the program the successful applicant is sent to Regina for a nine-week training program.

Fort St. James received its first special constable in October, 1977, and according to Sgt. Raaflaub, Cst. Dave Pauquette has worked out well.

"We are looking for someone, preferably from the Tachie Reserve," Sgt. Raaflaub said. "We have had four applicants." The reserve is 60 km from Ft. St. James.

The sergeant said the detachment had received permission to add the special constable. The selection will be made by November if the special constable training program goes ahead in January as scheduled in Regina.

"This will give the applicant two months to work out of this office and become familiar with procedures."

He added, "The reason we

asked for a second constable to work out of the Tachie Reserve is because of the four murders we had in 1977, three of them were on the reserve. There has been a history of violent crimes there. We instituted weekend patrols there and we think a special constable there will be a great help."

Armed Forces 442 Squadron from Canadian Forces Base Comox will be demonstrating their Buffalo aircraft.

The event is sponsored by the Blue Mountain Flying Club of Vanderhoof.

## Vanderhoof to hold air show

VANDERHOOF (Staff) — Billed as the largest in Central B.C., the Vanderhoof Air Show gets off the ground Saturday and Sunday.

The show expands to two days this year with a fly-in and the Central Interior Sky-diving Championships Saturday and the airshow events Sunday.

Members of the Wide Sky Flying Club of Fort St. John will arrive with their gliders at 9 a.m. Saturday for a demonstration and will be offering rides.

Throughout the day visiting aircraft will be taking part in competitions such as spot landings and flour bombing where participants try to hit a target with a small bag of flour.

Both days start with a pancake breakfast at the airport. On Sunday the airshow will start at 12:30 p.m. with aerobatics, sky-diving, glider demonstrations and military demonstrations.

The Canadian Reds aerobic team will be performing as will Freddy Ludke from the U.S.

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## Logging contract survey launched

Provincial Forests Minister Tom Waterland said Thursday he's established a committee to study government policies and regulations governing contracts between logging contractors and forest companies.

The four-man committee has until September to look into the relationship between the province's contract loggers and companies holding forest harvest licences.

He said the committee will interview companies, forest industry associations, contractors, B.C. forest service officials and others and submit recommendations to the forest ministry before Sept. 15.

Committee members include: A.B. Robinson of the B.C. forest service, D.E. Hanuse for logging contractors, R. Sworder for forest companies and W. Hawkes for the labor unions.

## Mine drops legal action

WILLIAMS LAKE, B.C. (CP) — Gibraltar Mines Ltd. has withdrawn legal action against five employees, members of the Canadian Association of Industrial, Mechanical and Allied Workers, counsel for the company said Thursday.

Gibraltar started contempt of court proceedings after alleging the employees blocked an access road to the company's copper mine June 30, violating a British Columbia Supreme Court injunction handed down June 5.

The minister also announced changes in organization within the forests ministry in line with a previously-announced reorganization of the ministry.

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## Illegal salmon earns fine

Albert Kouwen was fined \$380 in provincial court here today for buying and possessing bootleg salmon from a native Indian.

Kouwen was caught July 19 with 14 sockeye salmon which had been caught in fresh water. He was charged with buying the fish from a native Indian who had not caught the fish lawfully under a commercial licence, and with possession of sockeye salmon caught in fresh water.

Kouwen pleaded guilty to both counts.

A fish and wildlife spokesman said about 74 pounds of fish were confiscated in a routine check of Kouwen's store, Bert's Meat Market. The fish was found in his storage locker and had not been displayed for sale.

The spokesman said it is easy to identify fish caught in fresh water rather than salt water and there is no legal way to sell fresh-water-caught salmon here.

Another man has been charged with selling the fish and was to appear in provincial court later today.

## Mackenzie holds rodeo

MACKENZIE (Staff) — The rodeo comes here Saturday. The 11th annual Kinsmen Rodeo takes place Saturday and Sunday with all the trimmings.

Activities start at 7:30 a.m. Saturday with a pancake breakfast at the Legion Hall and a parade through the downtown area starts at 10 a.m.

The rodeo gets under way at Kinsmen Rodeo Grounds at 1 p.m. both days.

The Northwest Rodeo Association-sanctioned event will feature some of the top performers from the Pacific North West and Alberta.

Organizer Terry Kehler of the Mackenzie Kinsmen Club said the stock on hand for the rodeo is some of the best around and includes a bull which has never been ridden. The rodeo grounds are five km west of the community past the golf course.

Festivities include a rodeo dance at the arena at 9 p.m. Saturday.

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