

'Massive' search on for hunter

FORT ST. JOHN (Staff) — A "massive search" by more than 100 volunteers is underway about 50 kilometres northeast of here this morning for a 75-year-old hunter who disappeared Sunday.

Lester Krumm of 100 Mile House disappeared after he and his grandson split up while on a hunting trip in the Peace River country.

A spokesman for the provincial emergency program said today he hopes for positive results by this afternoon.

Aircraft from Fort St. John are also participating in the search, which is now in its third day.

Camp Trapping receives grant

School District 57 has been given a \$34,000 grant for a construction program at Camp Trapping.

The camp is a "wilderness" area for about 25 juvenile offenders and is located 52 km south of Prince George.

The grant will provide funds for a 10-month program of construction of on-site facility improvements and small sheds.

Also a construction consultant will be hired for the program.

The boys at the camp, who range in age from 14 to 17, will learn practical skills used in the construction industry, including basic structural design, blue print reading, foundation and excavation work, framing, roofing, insulation and masonry.

The juveniles will spend the first months of the program upgrading existing facilities at the camp then on extensions of a workshop, garage and a classroom and recreation room.

The grant was provided by the review board of the employment development branch of Canada Employment.

Pilots hold study session

VANCOUVER (CP) — British Columbia government officials had to do without government aircraft Tuesday as 19 pilots held a one-day study session on flight safety.

Dick Loret, spokesman for the pilots who are members of the British Columbia Government Employees Union, said the government is trying to eliminate some safety regulations from the union's master agreement.

The spokesman said the move was difficult to understand because government ministers would be most affected by the regulations.

The pilots also operate the province's air ambulance service but said that service would be maintained.

Judge Laskin condition good

VANCOUVER (CP) — Bora Laskin, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, is in good condition in St. Paul's hospital here after undergoing surgery, a hospital spokesman said today.

Laskin, who had an operation on Friday, was scheduled to address a special convocation at the University of British Columbia today.

Nathan Nemetz, chief justice of the B.C. Appeal Court, was to replace Laskin at the convocation.

Dr. Ross Sharp said Laskin was admitted to hospital Aug. 2 for a hernia operation and underwent another abdominal operation Friday.

Laskin, 66, had been vacationing here when he became ill.

SCHOOL BOARD

The board of school trustees will consider a proposal for the purchase of \$27,000 worth of musical instruments for schools this year.

The board meets tonight at 7 p.m. at the boardroom 1891 Sixth Ave.

Trustees will also consider giving final approval for the construction of a \$32,000 junior-sized football field at Edgewood Terrace School.

Also board members will recommend secretary-treasurer Mac Carpenter be nominated to the City Housing Committee.



Pete Boudreau, ambulance official reaches for the Vial of Life, taped to the refrigerator shelf.

MEDICAL HISTORY LISTED

Vial of Life campaign starts

by HAZEL ALLAN
Citizen Staff Reporter

One small, plastic bottle could mean the difference between life and death for people with medical problems.

The bottle, known as the Vial of Life, contains a medical data sheet listing a person's name, doctor and all pertinent medical information, such as allergies, heart problems, diabetes, and any prescription drugs being taken.

The bottle is attached by a rubber band to the underneath of the top refrigerator shelf and a red decal indicating the presence of the vial is stuck on the refrigerator door.

The decal alerts ambulance personnel, police and firemen that the medical data of the household is in the fridge.

The Prince George Ambulance Service is spearheading a campaign here to provide everyone, but especially the elderly and chronically ill, with the vials.

"We have already distributed 500, and we have another 2,000 available," said Pete Boudreau, spokesman for the ambulance service. The vials can be obtained at most city drugstores.

The program was initiated in B.C. by the New Westminster police but the

Ambulance Employees Union is in charge of distributing the decals and information on the vials.

"If we come into a house and you're lying unconscious on the floor, we don't know who you are or what you're suffering from. We wouldn't be able to start treatment until someone who knew you arrived or until we got you to hospital."

"But if we see the decal on the fridge, we know the vial is there, telling us why you're unconscious, and we can start treatment right away, in the ambulance, before we get to hospital," Boudreau said.

"We, the ambulance service, are usually first on the scene. It is vital for us to have the information. Every second counts."

The Prince George Ambulance Service district stretches from Dome Creek in the east to Bednet Lake west, south to Hixon and north to Summit Lake.

"Sometimes we have a person in the ambulance for more than an hour. A diabetic in a coma, for example, could be in trouble after an hour, but if we have the information contained in the vial, we can give an immediate solution

of glucose and he'll be talking to us within five minutes."

The Vial of Life program was begun by a policeman in Michigan a few years ago and was launched in Canada by the New Westminster police in October, 1978.

"It started out as a frustration thing — not being able to do anything because we knew nothing about the patient — and it has snowballed. We're using it for people who can't speak English, for parents leaving a baby with a sitter, and long distance truck drivers are taping the vials to their steering columns if they have medical problems."

The vials are free and kits containing 500 vials have been donated by various local service clubs and by the health ministry.

"Each kit costs \$105. So far in Prince George we have distributed 500 vials, mainly to senior citizens and handicapped people. But if the program is a success, then we hope that a Vial of Life will be mailed to every householder in the province," Boudreau said.

Ambulance Service personnel will be at the Pine Centre and Parkwood Malls September 12 giving away vials.



Every second counts as ambulance personnel read the vital information contained in the vial, which could save the life of the unconscious patient en route to hospital.

COST SOARS IN U.S.

Heating oil price: We're lucky

Citizen news services
Recent heating oil prices may anger Prince George householders, but they should count themselves lucky by comparison with United States counterparts.

In Washington, D.C., a gallon of home heating oil costs about 83 cents a gallon — nearly 70 per cent up from a year ago.

By comparison, new prices instituted here by Chevron Canada Ltd., are expected to be about five cents over the previous 71.8 and 65.9 cents a gallon for stove and furnace oil. Last year, prices were 69.1 and 63.3 cents a gallon, respectively for stove and furnace oil.

Imperial Oil Ltd.'s new prices are 76 and 71 cents a gallon, in the same order as above. As of Aug. 30 they were 71 and 66 cents a gallon and last September were 68 and 63.3 cents a gallon.

Husky Oil (Alta.) Ltd. reports new prices at 74.55 and 68.55 for stove and furnace oils.

Previously they were 70 and 64 cents a gallon.

By comparison, Imperial Oil reports the going rate for heating oil in Ottawa is 69.7 cents a gallon, including the 4.6-cent hike that took effect this week.

But that doesn't tell the whole story, because the Canadian (Imperial) gallon is 20 per cent larger than the U.S. one and the Canadian dollar is worth about 15 per cent less.

If you take those two factors into account, the U.S. consumer is paying the equivalent of \$1.14 Canadian for an Imperial-sized gallon of heating oil.

That's 64 per cent more than the Canadian consumer is paying.

Needless to say, the price — and the supply — of heating oil is a touchy subject in America right now, even if winter is farther away than it is in Canada.

Oil companies are under heavy attack for their spreading profit margins, and in some places there is skepticism about the Carter administration's recent assurances supplies will be adequate this winter.

"The oil industry is inviting precisely the public response it most fears and detests," the Washington Post thundered this week. "It is inviting the reimposition of controls on heating oil, and the regulation of refineries as public utilities."

The school went to classes elsewhere.

The parents said the Terrace school board decided to close Two Mile school without adequate consultation with parents and refused to listen to their pleas to keep it open.

John Olson, a spokesman for the parents, said they plan to continue the protest through the week.

School closure protested

"As parents, we do not want to take this avenue," he said. "There is no bitterness towards the school board."

"All we are asking for is a fair chance to sit down and bargain with them. We would never come to the point where we would hold the kids out of school to any great length."

LEAFLETS DISTRIBUTED

Tradesmen, IWA battle heating up

by JAN-UDO WENZEL
Citizen Staff Reporter

A war between the building trades unions and the International Woodworkers of America over construction projects is heating up again.

Members of the building trades were handing out leaflets today at the entrances to sawmills where employees are members of the IWA.

The B.C. and Yukon Building Trades Council is complaining that too much construction is being carried out in B.C. by firms employing IWA members.

The battle erupted in May when there was about 40 per cent unemployment in the construction industry and the unions felt the IWA was taking away jobs from their members.

"Today unemployment has eased. The carpenters are worst off among the building trades, but lay-offs in other trades is already starting," a spokesman for the council said.

The building trades feel the IWA is intruding into their jurisdiction, although both are members of the Canadian Labor Congress and the B.C. Federation of Labor.

The construction workers say that when the CLC was formed each union was granted jurisdiction in its field, but the IWA has intruded for several years.

Attempts to resolve the issue over the years failed and an umpire was brought in.

Dr. Carl Goldenberg, acting for the CLC, ruled in 1971 the IWA had the right to carry out maintenance and repairs in existing mills only, and that construction of new mills fell under the jurisdiction of the building trades.

"But the IWA intrusion has continued," the spokesman said.

Local IWA officials said they could not comment on the issue and that action would be taken by the regional headquarters.

IWA regional president Jack Munro was unavailable for comment.

Hydro hopes to aid fish

VANCOUVER (CP) — British Columbia Hydro says it hopes that the opening of a partial creek diversion near Lillooet, B.C. in the southern Interior will eventually double the number of sockeye salmon reaching spawning beds in the Seton-Anderson lakes system in peak years.

Aim of the \$100,000 project, being funded by Hydro, is to restore losses to both runs caused by the Seton hydroelectric plant.

Biologists say the project could increase the value of the runs by up to \$1 million in peak years.

Hydro spokesman Sydney Orpwood said Gates Creek sockeye migrate in July and August, so the diversion will not help the run until next year.

However, the diversion will be finished in time to assist the Portage run from mid-September to mid-October, he said.

The Seton plant takes water from Seton Lake and discharges into the Fraser River. The migratory route for the salmon is upstream past the power house and then up Seton Creek.

However, biologists say when the fish reach the power house they sense water from their home creek and attempt to enter Seton Lake from that spot, but are unable to do so. As a result, only half the Gates and Portage salmon complete the spawning cycle.

The diversion project involves opening an existing tunnel from nearby Cayoosh Creek. The partial diversion will mix Cayoosh Creek water with Seton water and biologists hope that by balancing the power house water and the Seton creek water, all the fish will find their way through Seton Creek to the spawning grounds.

Hydro built the Seton plant in 1956.

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Munro is also the first vice-president of the B.C. Federation of Labor. Federation president Jim Kinnaird is a former president of the building trades council.

The council says the IWA gives employers an advantage by carrying out the projects.

The building trades state that IWA tradesmen are paid less per week than tradesmen members of the council.

An IWA tradesman, according to the council, earns \$12.51 an hour, plus \$1.86 in hourly fringe benefits for a total of

\$574.80 per 40-hour week.

A building tradesman ironworker has an hourly rate of \$12.47 plus a \$2.85 hourly benefit for a total of \$651.10 for a 40-hour week. A building trades millwright totals \$651.95 a week, while an electrician earns \$673.20 per week.

"While our men are unemployed, the employers benefit by having the IWA workers carry out the jobs for less. We need unity in the labor movement by honoring jurisdictions," the building trades spokesman said.

NDP's convention okays PG policies

by ARNOLD OLSON
Citizen Staff Reporter

Prince George was in the forefront of the just-completed New Democratic Party convention, with policies on the outdoors gaining wide acceptance.

Not only were almost all locally-suggested policies adopted, but Donna Sacuta, a 21-year-old member of the party for five years was elected member at large for this district. No one in Prince George had held that position for almost five years.

Sacuta has held office of president of the New Democrats North for the last three years. That body represents northern ridings: Atlin, Prince Rupert, Skeena, Omineca, Cariboo, the two Prince George ridings and North and South Peace.

She said the most important part of the convention from her point of interest was the discussion on nuclear energy. Experts from Washington state and from eastern Canada outlined the party position regarding dangers inherent in that form of energy.

Ken Bernsohn, who had been recreation and conservation policy chairman said, "That was the first time the NDP tried to adopt both a philosophy and an administrative framework for outdoor recreation."

He said many of the policies presented and adopted had been hammered out first in the Prince George district.

Importance of those policies can best be appreciated when one realizes a recent poll showed 47 per cent of local men spend at least eight days a year fishing, he said.

"But no one in government is directly charged with providing outdoor recreation. They only provide rules and regulations and people to enforce them. In fact, without an order in council, any such work is illegal," he said.

The convention proposed a new act be proclaimed by the provincial government, for outdoor recreation and con-

servation and that a separate ministry be provided.

"An NDP government would increase investment in recreational resources to catch up with the public demand for both facilities and services," Bernsohn said.

Funds would provide for more conservation officers as well as facilities. He said less than \$20 million have been spent in that area — less than would be derived from interest if the Highways Department budget were to be banked.

"That is really very little," he said. Various policies for protection of wildlife and habitats were also adopted, from preservation of species near extinction by giving them preference over industrial development to making the "rubber boundaries" of parks less flexible.

Bernsohn said the convention was one of extreme work for members, with long days filled with meetings and discussions. But, he said, it was one in which the middle-of-the-road members held power, with moderate policies gaining strong support.

"It was one of realism, if one word is to sum it up. We realize we cannot wipe out the past and that we cannot move faster than the electorate will allow," he concluded.

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