

**SERVICE HIT**

**Tel inquiry urged**

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Consumers' Association of British Columbia has asked the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission to hold a public inquiry into the quality of B.C. Telephone service.

The association said in a news release it conducted a

survey of 700 telephone subscribers and found that 76 per cent were unhappy with telephone service.

"The time has come for B.C. Tel subscribers to have the opportunity to present their story," said association president Gina Hartley.

**MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Nearly 40 junior piano students won awards and scholarships during Friday's and week end competition of the Prince George and District Music Festival at Vanier Hall.

In the junior piano ensemble, Grade 3 and under class, Leah Chamberlain and Anne Hosking were first with 84.

In junior piano solo, sonatina Grade 2 class, Vienna Kappell was first with 85. In the same category, folk songs Grade 1 class, Janice Schuett was first with 87 and in that category, modern and contemporary Grade 4 class, Julie Gregson was first with 84.

In the same category, modern and contemporary Grade 2

class, Kevin Chow was first with 85. And in that category, modern and contemporary Grade 5 class, Margaret Fraser and Jill Gregson tied for first place with 84.

And in junior piano solo, J.S. Bach Grade 3 class, Heather Robson and Brian Carter also tied for first place with 86.

In the same category, classical composers Grade 1 Haydn class, Janice Schuett was first with 86. And in that category, classical composers Grade 1 Mozart class, Stacey Gomboc was awarded 87.

In junior piano solo, romantic Grade 4 class, Steven Chow was first with 87 and in that category, folk songs Grade 2 section, Stephanie Chow was first with 86.

In the same category, sonatina Grade 3 class, Heather Robson was first with 86; and in junior piano solo, early keyboard Grade 1 class, Janice Schuett was first with 88.

In the same category, program music Grade 5 section, Clara Lim was first with 87.

And in junior piano solo, early keyboard Grade 2, Rea Fraser was first with 86.

In the same category, sonatina Grade 6 class, Sara Yoon was first with 88.

In the junior piano ensemble duet, Grade 7 and under class, Margaret McLeod and Betty Unrau were first with 88.

And in the same category, concerto Grade 7 and under class, Clara Lim was first with 88.

Lim was also awarded a \$25 junior piano concerto scholarship.

In junior piano solo, sonatina Grade 5 class, Clara Lim was first again with 85.

In that category, early keyboard Grade 6 class, Jennifer Swennumson and Gordon Gauthier were tied for first with 83.

And in junior piano solo, J.S. Bach Grade 6 section, Sara Yoon was first with 84.

In junior piano ensemble duet, Grade 5 and under, Bernadette Kondor with George Kondor and Jill and Julie Gregson tied for first with 84.

In original composition, age 13 and under, Paulette Rempel was awarded 86 and also won a trophy.

In junior piano solo, J.S. Bach Grade 5 class, Clara Lim was first with 86 and in that category, romantic Grade 6 section, Gordon Gauthier was first with 86.

In the same category, Canadian composers Grade 6 class, Sara Yoon was first with 86.

In junior piano solo, sonatina Grade 7 class, Nadine Block was first with 86.

In that category, classical composers Grade 7 Mozart class, Brenda Aitken was awarded 85 and in the same category, Grade 7 Beethoven class, Deanna Comish was awarded 82.

The festival continues until Friday with the honors performance Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

All sessions are held at Vanier Hall and begin at 9:30 a.m. with evening sessions starting at 7 p.m. tonight and Tuesday and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. Friday's session ends at 4 p.m.

Tickets for all performances including the honors are available at the door. The public is welcome.



Alayne Dawe after winning city contest

**MISS TEEN CANADA**

**Contest televised**

Prince George has a representative in a national beauty competition tonight with an "excellent chance of winning."

Miss Teen Prince George, sixteen-year-old Alayne Dawe, won a talent show last week at the Miss Teen Canada competition in Toronto, where she sang and played the same composition that helped her win over 15 finalists in Prince George.

And CKPG Radio and Television general manager Gordon Leighton, whose stations sponsored the local competition, believes she has an excellent chance of winning tonight.

The Miss Teen Canada competition finals may be seen on BCTV at 8:30 p.m.

Miss Dawe is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Allan Dawe of the Knox United Church in Prince George.

She is a Grade 12 student at the Duchess Park Secondary School.

The title of her winning song was You Believe In Me, which she sang while playing the piano.

**PLUNGE INTO LAKE**

**BCR crash fatal**

VANCOUVER (CP) — The British Columbia Railway's main line was cleared late Saturday night following a derailment Friday in which two locomotives left the tracks and plunged into Seton Lake near Lillooet.

The first engine, BCR's largest, weighs 190 tons and is lying about 22 metres offshore. The other, weighing 132 tons, rolled about 60 metres down the lake's steeply sloping foreshore.

Armstrong said there is little firm anchorage near the derailment site for the heavy crane needed to recover the engines. He said it would cost the railway about \$2 million to replace the locomotives.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for Biddcomb's union, the United Transportation Union, says the railway should install electronic devices to detect slides. The system warns train crews of an obstruction on the track.

"It's one of the safety devices we've been asking for," said Ken Lindley, UTU general chairman. "But it just convinces me more that the cheapest thing on the BCR is a human life. They're easy to replace."

He said he intends to bring the matter up at a union-management meeting today.

Armstrong said BCR's operating chief is not aware of any electronic device to warn of slides. He said the railway uses speeder cars to check the line in front of every freight through mountainous sections of the railway.

the ground thaws, to end the drought.

The mean temperature for February was -4.2, two degrees warmer than the average mean temperature.

We had a total of 28.6mm precipitation, compared to the normal of 42.9 mm. Rainfall was 16.6mm, compared to the normal of 6.1mm, but snowfall was way down at 13.8 cm, compared to the normal average of the month of 37.3cm.

"Our warmest day was Feb. 27 when we had a high of 11, which passed the previous high of 9, set in 1949," Rowson said.

The coldest temperature was -21.5 on Feb. 21.

Sunshine hours were near normal with 82.4 hours, compared to the average of 89.5 hours.

**ALDERMAN QUESTIONS STATEMENT**

**Kemano: MLA 'confused'**

Prince George South MLA Bruce Strachan is confused about Prince George city council's stand on Kemano II because he doesn't even understand his own government's policy, says Alderman Ed Bodner.

Bodner led the move in council last week to demand a "full federal-provincial inquiry" into Alcan's proposed Kemano II river diversion proposal.

Strachan said Thursday from Victoria that the council request does nothing more than "to endorse provincial government policy."

He said the new provincial energy policy, announced Feb. 7, gives "full opportunity for public input..." and he "fails to understand why council was not aware of that process."

"No wonder he's confused," Bodner said in response on Friday. The energy policy says a "government review" not a federal-provincial public inquiry like we want.

Alcan wants to expand its Gardner Canal generating station, which supplies electrical power to the Kitimat aluminum smelter to allow expansion of the smelter.

The proposal will reduce the flow of the Nechako River at Prince George by as much as 40 per cent. At Fort Fraser, the river would be dry at low water times of the year.

Bodner said he and others who question Kemano II are suspicious of the Secord government's true policy towards hydroelectric projects in B.C. because it also has a policy of attracting industrial development with promises of abundant hydro power.

"They sell B.C. with statements like this one from a government publication called 'An Energy-Secure B.C.' 'The province's hydroelectric potential is perhaps the strongest attraction for firms considering where to locate or expand.'"

"In the same publication

**New bridge, ferry sought**

Residents of the Reid Lake-Chief Lake area want the Isle Pierre ferry service restored.

They also want to get some government action to build a bridge across the Nechako River, about 40 km west of Prince George.

A petition is being circulated calling for restoration of the service.

Daryl Jarvis, one of originators of the petition and a resident of the area, said the ferry was shut down because of low water last fall.

"In the last five years this has happened every year for four to six months," he said.

Jarvis said government officials explained that the low water was due to holdbacks by Alcan at the Nechako reservoir.

"It seems unreasonable to expect that this community should sacrifice the ferry service to accommodate Alcan," Jarvis said.

He feels that a 20-foot extension of the ferry slip apron could restore the service.

A bridge would give the community a permanent crossing, Jarvis said.

The petition is addressed to Highways Minister Alex Fraser and to both Prince George MLAs Jack Heinrich and Bruce Strachan.

Residents now have to make a detour to the Hart Highway to reach Prince George.

**Robber nabbed**

QUESNEL (CP) — A man who told a teller he had a gun was given \$1,300 at a bank Saturday before he was collared by an off-duty policeman waiting in line behind him. A 22-year-old Ontario man who was unarmed was in custody.

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**Local news**

they say that hydro sites in the province 'will continue to be developed to meet British Columbia's own present and future needs,'" Bodner said.

He said further that Strachan himself is confused about his attitude toward the Kemano II project.

"No wonder he's puzzled," Bodner said, "he doesn't know which side of the fence he's going to land on."

Bodner said Strachan has

publicly said that there's a danger Alcan could move to another country if it's not allowed to proceed with Kemano expansion.

"He said on radio that he 'doesn't want more dams' but he 'doesn't want Alcan to take its \$2.5 billion expansion to some other country either,'" Bodner said.

"What does he want?" Bodner said the MLA's attitude toward Kemano II

seems to depend on who he is speaking to.

City council is afraid the reduction of Nechako River flow will affect the water supplies of the city and two major pulp mills, and also affect effluent standards of waste dumped into the Fraser River by the pulp mills and the city.

The city gets its water from under-river galleries on the Nechako. A reduction of river flow could increase the concentration of effluents by reducing the dilution factor.

Council has asked that the project not be allowed unless it can be shown that water levels at Prince George will be maintained.

Federal fisheries officials are also concerned about the project because of a devastating effect reduced flows would have on salmon stocks.

**Agriculture experts want moratorium on Alcan plan**

The B.C. Institute of Agri-culturists wants the proposed Kemano II hydroelectric development stopped until a federal-provincial inquiry is held.

The body of professional agriculturalists, meeting in Vancouver last week, passed a resolution urging a moratorium be placed on any work on the hydroelectric project until the full impact of such a development is known.

The Aluminum Company of Canada (Alcan) is proposing an \$800 million hydroelectric development, which would see diversion of part of the Nechako River into a reservoir to feed an expanded power production facility at Kemano.

The agriologists, at their annual general meeting, were concerned about the effects of the lowering of the level of the Nechako River which runs through agricultural land in the Nechako Valley. Ranchers in the area have expressed concern that a lower river would mean a lower water table, causing irrigation and water supply problems.

The agriologists called for a moratorium on the project and a full, immediate, federal-provincial inquiry.

The group adds its name to a growing number of organizations and bodies calling for an inquiry of the project. The groups include local govern-

ments, chambers of commerce, Native groups, and a string of protest groups from Smithers to Prince George.

Prince George Chamber of Commerce added its name to the list Wednesday when a resolution calling for a moratorium and inquiry was passed at an executive meeting.

"We asked a committee to look into the Kemano II situation," chamber director Bob Holby said. "When the chairman made his report, it was

clear to all of us that an inquiry was desirable."

According to the water management branch, the Kemano II diversion would lower the volume of the Nechako 75 per cent at Vanderhoof, 40 per cent at Prince George and would lower the level of the Fraser River by about 20 per cent at Quesnel.

Alcan plans a \$2.5 billion smelter expansion, which includes the hydroelectric development to power the new smelting facilities.

**Button campaign supports nurses**

The buttons sported by local doctors say it all — "1980 Fair Deal for Nurses."

The orange and white buttons can be seen on the white coats of many doctors at Prince George Regional Hospital, backing up statements by the local medical association that "doctors here are very much behind the nurses."

Local nurses joined with 12,500 registered nurses across the province last week and voted overwhelmingly for strike action if their contract demands are not met by the Hospital Labor Relations Association, which represents 113 B.C. hospitals.

The B.C. Medical Association announced official support of the nurses Thursday.

"We need the nurses badly, and rely on them a great deal," said Dr. Hugh Patterson, spokesman for the Prince

George Medical Society. "They do very difficult work. It's physically and mentally tiring working with sick people."

He said local doctors support the nurses in their fight for better wages and improved working conditions.

If it's possible to compare jobs, "then nurses do extremely stressful work and should be rewarded accordingly."

Talks are expected to resume early this week between the Registered Nurses Association of B.C., and the HLRA, under mediator Clark Gil-mour.

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**Passenger hurt in city mishap**

The passenger in a vehicle which struck a utility standard Saturday at 15th Avenue and Jarvis Crescent suffered facial cuts and was semi-conscious when taken to hospital.

RCMP said a vehicle driven by Robert Thomas Frew, 20, went out of control and struck the standard about 2 a.m. Saturday.

The passenger was identified as Mark William Burgess, 19.

**A Thought for Today**

A person is often better after criticism — just as a kite rises against, not with, the wind. — Hamilton Mabie

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**SPRING NOT HERE YET**

**Back to the deep freeze**

Spring seemed to come to Prince George in February, only to be chased away by the first few days of March.

With record breaking high temperatures, almost a week of above freezing temperatures, partial thaws which reduced many city streets to running streams, and less than half the usual snowfall, February promised an early end to winter.

But the -15 temperatures early today banished these hopes.

"February was warmer than normal, much drier than usual, less windy and nearly as sunny as normal," said Robert Rowson, spokesman for the Prince George weather office.

"We've had an extremely dry winter so far, with above normal temperatures. We're going to need a lot of rain once

rate at which the air cools. For instance, with the temperature at -15, but a wind chill factor of -30, a car will cool as fast as it would in -30 weather though the temperature itself isn't below -15.

So your hands and head also will cool as quickly as if it were -30 outside.

**Watch the 'chill factor'**

If you put away hats and mitts after last week's preview of spring, you'd better get them out again — the wind chill factor is making it feel like -30.

The temperature this morning was -15, and the wind was from the north at 25 kph, causing it to feel like -30. The wind chill factor is the

**Regional District of Fraser-Fort George PUBLIC NOTICE BY-LAW 419**

Public Notice is hereby given that the Regional Board of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George intends to adopt "Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Subdivision Control By-law No. 55 1971, amendment By-law No. 419, 1980, being a by-law to:

1. Include three new zones, Commercial Recreation II, Lakeshore Residential II and Seasonal Recreation IV.
2. Include minimum lake frontages, road frontages and parcel sizes for these new zones.
3. Require that wells that serve more than one parcel are located in such a way that the lots being served are grouped closely together.

Copies of the proposed By-law 419 may be examined at the offices of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, 311-1717 Third Avenue, Prince George, B.C. between the hours of 8:45 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Dated at Prince George B.C. this 27th day of February 1980

Yvonne D. Harris  
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