



WOOD

### Pioneer pharmacist mourned

Funeral services for pioneer pharmacist Gordon Stuart Wood will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. from Assman's Funeral Chapel.

He was 92 at the time of his death and had been in failing health for three years.

Born in Kamloops, he opened a pharmacy on George Street in 1925 after operating a pharmacy in Burns Lake for five years.

An avid sportsman, he was the goalie for one of the city's first hockey teams and was often called to judge ski-jumping competitions held at the jump once located on Connaught Hill. He also won many awards and trophies in shooting competitions.

He was a former director of the board of the Prince George Regional Hospital, president of the Prince George Board of Trade, a charter member of the Rotary Club of Prince George and an original member of the Prince George Golf and Curling Club.

Professionally he served on the council of the Pharmaceutical Association of B.C. for 14 years where he held the office of president from 1965 to 1966.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel, and brother, Ronald, and sister-in-law, Mary Helen of Richmond.

### College launches campaign

A fund drive to raise \$450,000 for Prince George College officially kicks off in its cafeteria today at 7:30 p.m., but parents have already raised about \$100,000.

The fund drive is to raise money to pay off a \$300,000 debt which has accumulated during the past three years and to provide money for building maintenance and renovation.

Areas in need of improvement are the senior science lab, water disposal system, lighting and heating, and the computer science room, where expansion, ventilation and sound-proofing are needed. The video teaching area is crowded and has no blackboard, the French language class has no lab and the chapel is considered too small and does not present a focal point for the Roman Catholic private school.

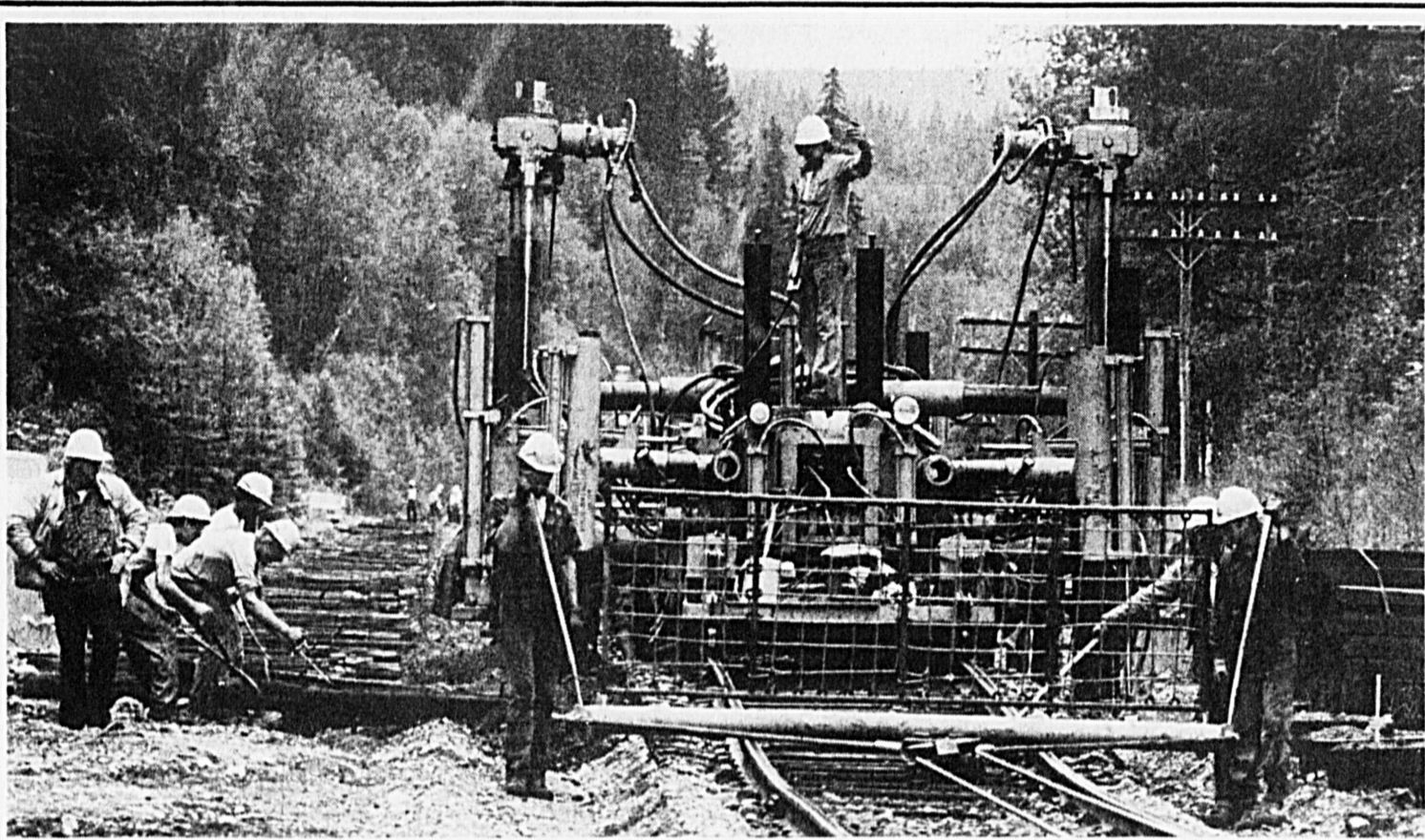
The debt, with \$30,000 annual interest, arose when Bishop Fergus O'Grady could no longer continue his practice of underwriting the school's costs because of recent economic conditions, said Bob Parker, fund campaign manager.

The coming year's enrolment is expected to exceed 350, the break-even level. This represents a 24-per-cent increase over the past three years.

Prince George College retains its name from its founding, 25 years ago when it provided high school and two years of college. After about four years' operation the college function was dropped.

Parker said the school's success rate, with 49 per cent of its graduates going on for post-secondary education, is higher than the 13 per cent average for public schools.

In the school's 25 years of operation more than 500 students have graduated.



A massive sled plough inches its way along Canadian National's north line while raising the track, levelling the grade, and kicking out the bad ties. Meanwhile, laborers haul old ties away from the plough.

### NORTHEAST COAL ROUTE

## CN gangs upgrading line

by BOB ROWLANDS  
Staff reporter

Canadian National is digging up the past and preparing for the future in northern B.C.

That future is a vastly-improved rail line that can withstand the powerful locomotives in unit coal trains that will roll along the north line from Prince George to the coast this fall.

The workers only have eight hours' track time a day because regular trains are still travelling through. During that time, they have to remove old ties, put in new ones and have them spaced, spiked and anchored before anything can move again, says program supervisor Richard Rinaldi.

But they've got the most modern machinery available and they're covering about two kilometres a day.

About 40 laborers and 20 machine operators work in each gang, who live in a camp on rails about a kilometre away. CN provides their room and board.

The number of people in each gang varies slightly from week to week: many of them are laid-off railway employees who have come from all parts of the country for the job, he said.

As the economy improves, they're returning to their regular jobs in their home towns and local people are gradually taking their place.

Gangs have been working their way east from the Prince Rupert area. They're near Isle Pierre now and they should reach Prince George around Labor Day.

"Their production has been excellent and they might even arrive here a bit sooner than that," said John Butterwick, the railway's project engineer.

At the start of the work gang is a winch car that pulls a 18-metre long machine called a sled plough, which takes ballast from under the track and makes the grade even. The sled also lifts up the track as it moves along, a hydraulic arm kicks out bad ties and laborers haul them out of the way. A wheel at the rear marks the place for new ties.

"Twenty years ago, we did all this by hand, but we're modernizing just like everyone else," Rinaldi says.

Between 620 and 740 new ties are being installed every kilometre. The railway used to have 20 ties every 13 metres or so, but heavier coal trains will require 23.

After the bad ties are removed, a small powered rail car with a crane on the front lifts new ties onto the track and another machine called a tie inserter puts them underneath.

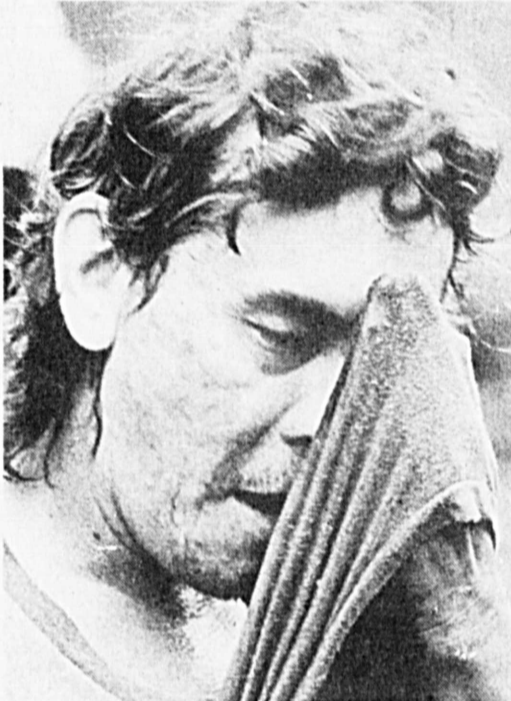
Then more machines known as rail lifters come and raise the track again along so laborers can install the plates. The men set the spikes by hand and a track-mounted air hammer called a spiker knocks them into place.

Behind these machines are rail anchor applicators which install anchors to prevent the rails from "running," Butterwick says.

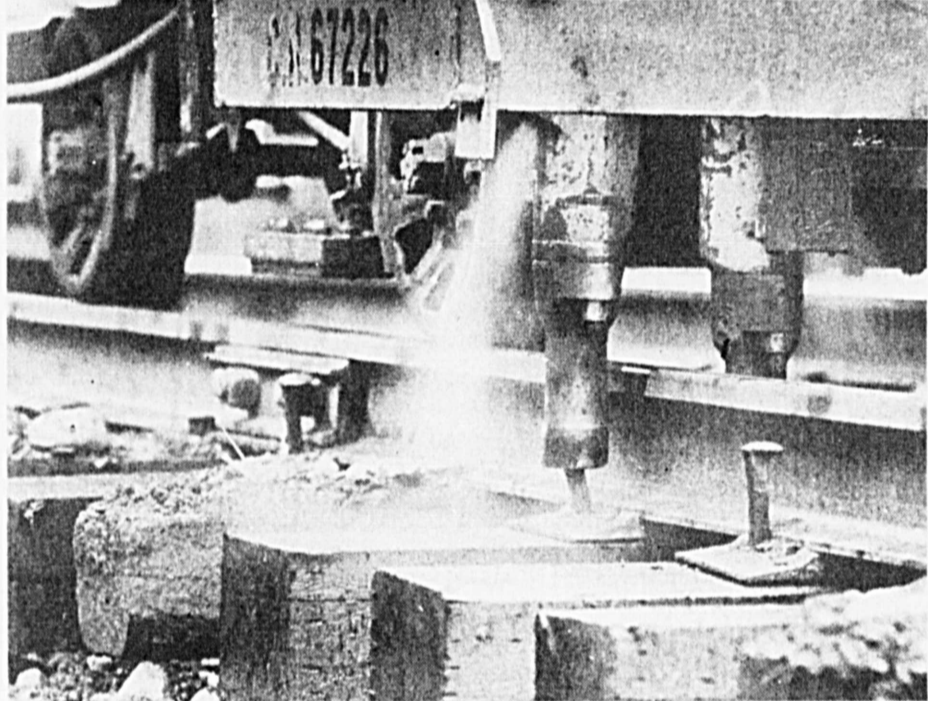
Rails tend to bunch up when trains run over them or if there are temperature variations, but the anchors restrain these movements, he said.

After all the spikes are in place, a work train dumps new ballast and another machine called a tamper lifts the track, aligns it with a laser beam and consolidates the ballast under the ties.

The work near Isle Pierre is just part of the railway's \$105 million upgrading program in northern B.C. this year. The company may spend \$125 million in this region in 1984.



After a morning of hard, steady work, one of the laborers wipes perspiration away before taking a lunch break beside the tracks.



After the new ties are installed, a spiker slowly goes along the track, knocking new spikes into place.

Citizen photos by Brock Gable

## Judge unmoved by breath tale

A provincial court judge dismissed a Prince George man's evidence Tuesday that he sprayed an alcoholic-based mouthwash into his mouth before providing breathalyzer readings and found him guilty of driving with over .08 blood alcohol content.

But Judge J. H. Kenney did not dismiss evidence by an alcohol expert that Amway Sweet Shot would affect

breathalyzer readings by as much as .05 if sprayed within minutes of a reading on the RCMP machines.

"I cannot believe that," said the judge of the man's evidence that he "surreptitiously" sprayed the freshener into his mouth while waiting to give breath samples.

Following this logic the judge ruled that an RCMP member would have noticed him spray-

ing something into his mouth.

"All the officers know you can't put anything into your mouth," said the judge of the man's testimony that he asked to have a cigarette and was refused.

The arresting officer admitted to defence council Dave Jenkins he didn't search Melvin Cassidy before he entered the booking room and did not constantly watch him before

he provided two breath samples.

The incident began for 37-year-old Cassidy when he drank six bottles of beer over three hours with a friend.

They then set out for the man's home but were stopped by the RCMP officer within minutes of leaving.

Zela Samila, an alcohol absorption expert called by Jenkins to form argument for the defence, testified that

amount of liquor for the 190-pound man would have put his breath readings at the borderline level — between .07 and .09 mg of alcohol per litre of blood.

Cassidy provided readings of .14 and .13.

However Samila testified the Sweet Shot is alcohol-based, and if sprayed into the mouth within minutes of, providing a breath sample, could affect the breathalyzer reading by as much as .05 mg per litre of blood.

"How high the reading depends on how soon before the reading is taken the Sweet Shot is sprayed in the mouth," said Samila.

Another witness called for the defence testified he had known the man to use Amway Sweet Shot for four years.

"It's as bad as his cigarette habit," said Dennis Laybourne. Laybourne said his friend used the Sweet Shot to quell a nervous habit.

Judge Kenney will pass sentence Friday.

## Trapper's yarn doesn't help

A Prince George trapper spun a long yarn about hunting bear when two neighbors saw him carrying a dead muskrat and the tale earned him a stiffer penalty than the original one.

Judge J. H. Kenney remarked before raising Clifford Loring's \$100 fine to \$250 that his being a trapper and committing the offence is "somewhat worse than the ordinary sod who may not know what he's getting into."

Two brothers told the courtroom — amidst bursts of chuckles from all in attendance — that they heard a single rifle shot last April on their property near a swamp just outside of the city.

Upon investigation the two men met Loring, who both testified to knowing, carrying a rifle on a beaver dam.

When he saw them he dropped a carcass which looked like a small beaver or muskrat into the water.

Both told the judge Loring said he was shooting muskrats.

But Loring testified, after acting in his own defense, that he set out in the late afternoon in mid April to hunt a bear a neighbor had spotted.

Loring has a trap line — but far away from the swamp — and was in possession of a bear licence.

He said he fired three shots at a target and

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PRINCE GEORGE AREA OFFICE, 1046 - 4th Avenue.

July 27	9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
July 28	9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
July 29	9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
August 3	9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
August 4	9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
August 5	9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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