PAINTER KILLED

Inquest expected

An inquest is expected to be called next month into last week's death of a 73-year-old Prince

James Dunwoodie Fraser was working from scaffolding at the Quintette mine site when he fell

He was pronounced dead by investigating RCMP, said Fort St. John coroner Bob Trobak. July 19 was Fraser's first day on the job and he fell less than three hours from the time he start-

Terry Vaughan-Thomas, investigating officer of the Department of Mines in Prince George, said

investigation is continuing and it remains unclear

if Fraser had declined to wear a safety harness. Fraser had worked from high job sites before,

'Hospital routine

won't be altered

George painter at Tumbler Ridge.

ed, said Trobak

17 metres to hard-packed ground below.



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

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.

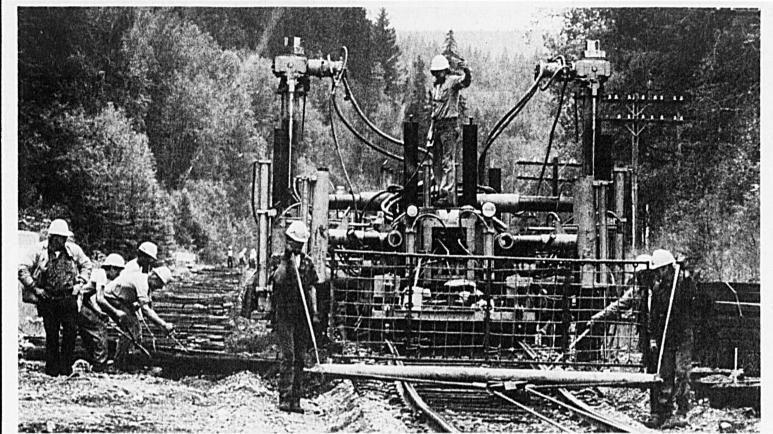
The debt, with \$30,000 annual interest, arose when Bishop Fergus O'Grady could no longer continue his practice of fund campaign man- over .08 blood alcohol

The coming year's enrolment is expected to ney did not dismiss eviexceed 350, the break- dence by an alcohol sents a 24-per-cent in- Sweet Shot would affect crease 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 educa-tion, is higher than the 13 per cent average for public schools.

In the school's 25 years of operation more than the ordinary sod than 500 students have who may not know what graduated.



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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

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

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 pro-

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 labor-ers 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

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 the un-

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.



ONLEY

THIS

MONTH

After a morning of hard, steady work, one of the After the new ties are installed, a spiker slowly goes along the track, knocking new laborers wipes perspiration away before taking a

Judge unmoved by breath tale

based mouthwash into underwriting the his mouth before providschool's costs because of ing breathalizer readrecent economic condi- ings and found him tions, said Bob Parker, guilty of driving with content.

lunch break beside the tracks.

But Judge J. H. Keneven level. This repre- expert that Amway

A Prince George trap-

per spun a long yarn

about hunting bear when

carrying a dead muskrat

and the tale earned him

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

he's getting into.

a stiffer penalty than the

original one.

two neighbors saw him all in attendance - that

A provincial court breathalizer readings by ing something into his he provided two breath judge dismissed a as much as .05 if mouth. Prince George man's sprayed within minutes

> that," said the judge of testimony that he asked the man's evidence that to have a cigarette and he "surreptitiously" sprayed the freshener The arresting officer into his mouth while admitted to defence RCMP officer within

samples.

Two brothers told the

courtroom - admist

bursts of chuckles from

they heard a single rifle-

shot last April on their

property near a swamp

Upon investigation the

two men met Loring,

who both testified to

knowing, carrying a rifle

When he saw them he

dropped a carcass which

looked like a samll bea-

ver or muskrat into the

on a beaver dam.

just outside of the city.

Trapper's yarn doesn't help

"All the officers know evidence Tuesday that of a reading on the you can't put anything he sprayed an alocholic-RCMP machines. "I cannot believe the judge of the man's was refused.

waiting to give breath council Dave Jenkins he minutes of leaving. didn't search Melvin Following this logic Cassidy before he hol absorbtion expert the judge ruled that an entered the booking called by Jenkins to RCMP member would room and did not conhave noticed him spray- stantly watch him before defence, testified that

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

possession of a bear li-

a neighbor had spotted.

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 ings of .14 and .13. were stopped by the Zela Samila, an alco-

form argument for the

He denied shooting or

Both brothers testified

Loring asked them to

tell the "warden" he

was hunting rabbits and

"I am assuming you

"I guess I should have

paid the \$500 for a law-

carrying a muskrat.

not to "turn him in."

Both told the judge heard about a dozen

Loring has a trap line disagree with my deci-

but far away from the sion," dryly remarked

He said he fired three yer," Loring muttered

shots at a target and at the judge's decision.

swamp - and was in Judge Kenney.

Loring said he was other shots.

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 read-

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 breathalizer 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.

costs may reduce emergency visits. "At \$4 per visit there were a lot of people dropping in, but at \$10

Strike vote

for groups

Two groups within the

British Columbia Gov-

ernment Employees

Union are taking a prov-

ince-wide strike vote

during the next nine

days, a union represent-

ministrative services and hospital and allied

services groups have been without a com-

ponent agreement since

July 31, 1982, Dave Lee

said. These local agree-

ments, which are a re-

finement of the master

contract, pertain to

occupational groups and

cover hours of work, layoffs, recall rights, in-

service training and the

About 402 people be-

long to these groups in

the Prince George area, Lee said, adding voting will end Aug. 5, results will be tallied by Aug. 8, and union members will

be in a legal position to

strike by Aug. 10.

Lee said nine observ-

ers appointed by the La-

Union members in ad-

ative says.

Al Husband, administrator of Prince George Regional Hospital, says he has been assured by the Health Ministry the they may decide to wait 1983 - 1984 hospital budget will allow present le-vels of service to continuntil tomorrow and go to the doctor's office in-

He said the budget doesn't allow for any extras like reopening of beds closed last year or increases in service.

"In one way it's a relief knowing further reductions or cutbacks are highly unlikely, but it's also a bit disappointing we won't be able to do a bit more," said Husband.

The local hospital budget last year was \$32.2 million.

A letter from Peter Bazowski, deputy minis-ter of health, to Husband states "We believe that with skillful management and continuation of your restraint controls, these funding allocations will permit your hospital to maintain present levels of service. In accordance with existing funding policy the minis-try will not fund hospital

Asked about additional funds through increased hospital user fees, Husband said it's difficult to estimate amounts, but he believes additional

Police hunting drug suspects

Dawson Creek RCMP are continuing to search for four residents wanted in connection with a \$19,000 drug roundup last

RCMP say 13 people have been charged with trafficking in LSD, maria six-week undercover operation.

Police say a joint raid by undercover police and uniform officers resulted in several arrests at the time and more were picked up Tuesday.

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bor Relations Board will be involved in the vote, adding there are more observers than for the vote on the master agreement, which covers about 2,200 people in this area. Lee claimed the gov-

anything that could be construed as an irregularity so the vote can be declared null and void." The union's master

agreement expires Oct.

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Attention Members Of The B.C. Government **Employees' Union Who Were Terminated During** The Recent Weeks:

A strike vote will be taken for members of the Administrative Service Component in Prince George at the following times:

PRINCE GEORGE AREA OFFICE, 1046 - 4th Avenue.

July 27 9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. July 28 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. 9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. August 3 August 4 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. August 5 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

If you require further information, please contact the Prince

George Area Office, 563-1116.