

SIMON FRASER DAYS

Summer festival loaded with fun

Prince George residents will have a new summer festival in August featuring a wide variety of events that should appeal to everyone.

A series of races, cookouts and concerts between Aug. 7 and 19 will make Simon Fraser Days a summer counterpart to Mardi Gras, says Tom Griffiths, the chairman of the festival.

Simon Fraser Days begin at the airport on Tuesday, Aug. 7 with a display by the Snowbirds, a Canadian Armed Forces aerial acrobatic group.

Fort George Park will provide the focus for many of the events later in the week, Griffiths says. There will be German and Italian food festivals and music concerts during the evening and organizers also hope to have lunch-hour events for the children.

Meanwhile, the Prince George Exhibition will be held from Aug. 9 to Aug. 12, and there will be preliminary runs on Aug. 15 for the Sandblast, the annual ski competition on the cutbanks.

On Friday the 17th, a registration and orientation session will be held at the Holiday Inn for the river raft race and the Triathlon, a competition that consists of canoeing, cycling and running races.

Participants in the raft race will assemble at 8 a.m. Saturday — possibly in the downtown area — and their craft will be inspected by judges. Then they'll head out to Wilkins Regional Park in Miworth about 10 a.m. and launch their rafts into the Nechako River.

The city's first raft race last summer was an instant success, attracting 38 teams, but sponsors realized later that people took part in the event for a wide variety of reasons.

Some teams just wanted to drift down the river and enjoy the scenery while others were out to win. This year's raft race will consist of three distinct groups, Griffiths says.

The first group, a "fun" class with up to seven crew members, will set out for Fort George Park at noon and two separate groups of serious competitors will leave one hour later. (One of the racing groups will consist of rafts with up to five people; the other consists of rafts with more than five people.)

The Fraser and Nechako Rivers will be very busy on that day.

The starting gun will be fired at 1 p.m. for the canoe portion of the Triathlon race and competitors will paddle their way from the new Nechako River bridge to Hudson's Bay Slough.

There will also be an endurance race for jet boats between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. between the old and new Fraser River bridges.

Simon Fraser Days ends Sunday, Aug. 19 with the Sandblast, which will probably start a noon.

The Prince George Wheelchair Sports Association will hold an Over The Line game, which is somewhat similar to baseball.

An automobile slalom sanctioned by the Canadian Auto Sports Club will be held on that day. (Drivers in this event will be going for points for points towards a national championship.)

As well, a sports car rally open to the public will be held Friday night.

Most of the events have been set but organizers have a few more details to work out. A meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Civic Properties and Recreation Building, 1175 Village St. in South Fort George.

Simon Fraser Days is being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Three injured in car crash

Three persons are in satisfactory condition in hospital following a two-car accident on Highway 97, south of North Kelly Road at about 10 a.m. Thursday.

RCMP say a car driven by Margaret Heppner, 34, stopped for a highway flagman. Another car, driven by Freda George, 23, collided with Heppner's car.

Police say Heppner and her two passengers escaped with minor injuries.

Freda George is in satisfactory condition in hospital, as are two of her passengers, Margaret George, 24, and Penny Korolyk, 23. There were three other passengers in George's car who were not admitted to hospital.

Police are investigating.

'Cadre' expanding

King George V Elementary School will take on a cosmopolitan flair in the next school year, as voices mingle in equal proportions of English and French.

It is here that Prince George School District's main thrust for program Cadre will be housed.

The program, which stands for "core" in English, has been growing steadily since it began back in 1979, says Harry Hufty, district curricular services director.

"We only had 14 kids, the first year we opened," he recalled.

In the past school year the program had 185 students involved, for a full-time equivalent of 167 students. District officials expect 240 students in the coming school year as it moves into secondary grades.

In 20 B.C. school districts, 1,078 students are involved in Cadre, compared with 9,982 students enrolled in French immersion programs offered by 28 school districts.

This district has the second-highest number enrolled in Cadre but does not offer French immersion.

The two are entirely different programs.

Cadre is intended to be for people speaking French as a native tongue and is total French instruction for all subjects.

French immersion is for those who use it as a second language.

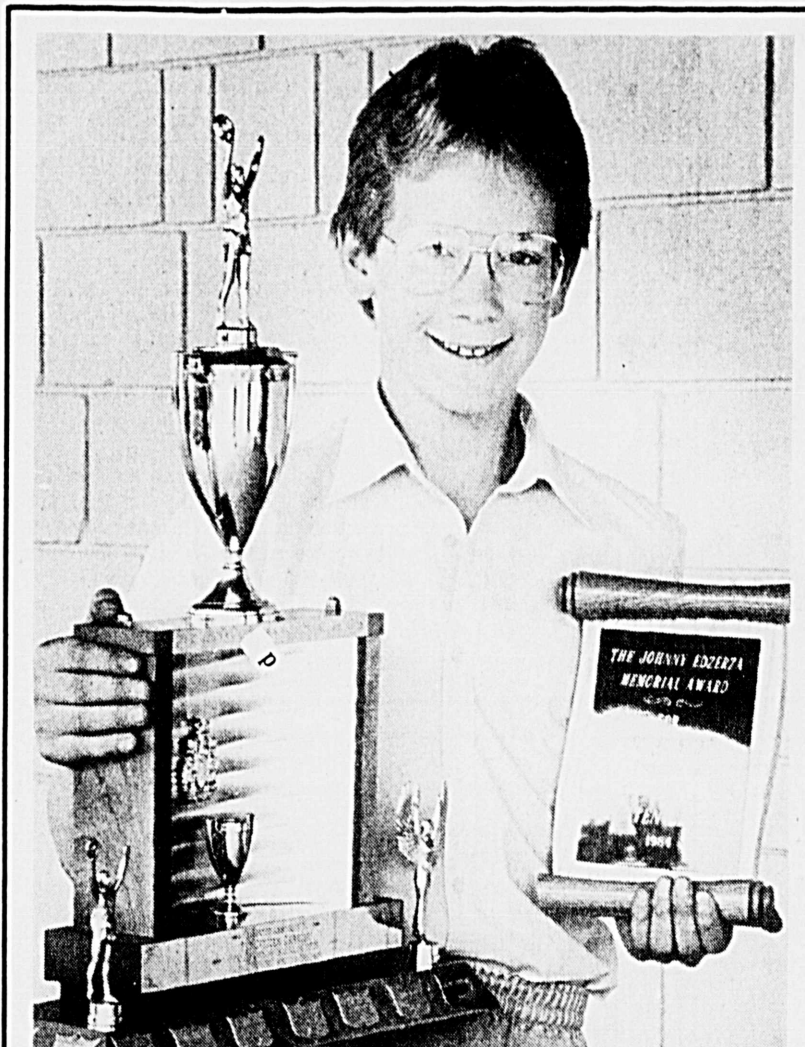
The immersion program starts students off with 80 to 100-per-cent French instruction, then drops to 50 per cent by the fourth year.

"They really aren't comparable programs — or shouldn't be," Hufty said.

Although Cadre is meant for students or whose parents are Francophones, in this district 75 per cent of students enrolled don't meet that standard. Cadre admission included non-Francophones because budget restrictions precluded both Cadre and French immersion being offered.

"It's probably one of the most successful programs we offer in this district," Hufty said.

Because Cadre is for those who speak the language as native Frenchmen, only teachers whose first language is French are involved.



Carsten Crolow with academic trophy and Johnny Edzerza Memorial Award.

EDZERZA MEMORIAL

'Thoughtful' carrier wins special award

Carsten Crolow, 13, is this year's winner of the Johnny Edzerza Memorial award given to a Citizen carrier who performs acts of community citizenship.

Hank Swankhuizen, Citizen home delivery manager, presented Carsten with the perpetual trophy Thursday at the North Nechako Elementary School awards day. Carsten also took home the Grade 7 academic award.

Carsten was chosen from about 40 recommendations submitted by subscribers. About 500 carriers deliver papers to 20,000 homes. Recommendations came from outside of Prince George as well, from Vanderhoof Fort Fraser and Ma-Kenzie.

Carsten's recommendation came from a Prince George woman who injured her ankle in September. She asked Carsten if he would deliver the paper to her porch until she got off crutches.

"Carsten brought my paper to my door with a cheerful smile and enquired about my ankle for several weeks. He continued to leave my paper at my doorstep for about three months.

"Besides my paper, Carsten also offered to take out my garbage can and brought it in when he saw it by the roadside."

Marg Wilson, Carsten's classroom teacher, says "He's a really quiet, thoughtful individual. He is easy-going, well-liked by his fellow classmates and he gets along with everybody.

Wilson said Carsten is a good

student academically and is active in sports.

"He's a really nice boy and I'm really happy to hear he's winning this award.

The award was established by Lillian Edzerza whose son Johnny died in a fire in 1974. He was a Citizen carrier for three years previous to his death. Edzerza requested the award honor carriers who make "an unusual sacrifice for family, church, school or community."

Swankhuizen said "We had some excellent nominations and it was a hard decision to choose a winner."

One recommendation came from a woman who accidentally gave the carrier a \$50 bill instead of a \$2 bill. The carrier went home, noticed the mistake and told his father. Then, in minus 30-degree weather, the two returned the money.

Another subscriber appreciates his carrier's manners. He said the carrier "is always polite and courteous. He always has a friendly greeting. He is interested in his customers."

A carrier in the Pineview area received a recommendation from a subscriber who relies on him to take care of his home when he's out of town.

The subscriber said, "He does a splendid job, turning lights on in the evening, checking all around the house twice a day and caring for and entertaining our pet."

Low dollar level helps mills here

by BOB ROWLANDS
Staff reporter

Although the sliding Canadian dollar is hitting consumers in the pocketbook, it's helping the forest industry in this area.

Mills are getting a better return for their products and they have a sharper competitive edge in foreign markets because our currency has dropped more than five per cent against the U.S. dollar since the beginning of the year.

For the pulp mills, most recent events have been in their favor. Since the beginning of the year, the price of bleached kraft pulp has increased from \$490 to \$540 a tonne — a rise of \$50.

But pulp mills in Prince George are enjoying a much bigger increase than that because the vast majority of pulp is sold in U.S. dollars to American and overseas customers.

The exchange rate between Canadian and U.S. dollars has gone from about \$1.25 in January to about \$1.32 this week. That means the actual increase has been \$100 in the past six months and the price is now \$712 in Canadian funds.

Northwood Pulp and Timber also sells a small amount of pulp to Canadian customers in our currency. That's a benefit for customers here, but it causes problems for suppliers.

There's a Canadian list price for pulp which is announced by the Eastern mills. Producers try to relate it to converted U.S. funds, but it's not possible to get the full amount, says Alex Murray, Northwood's corporate distribution manager.

The price of pulp is \$650 a tonne in this country — about \$62 less than it is elsewhere.

"We're finding it difficult to consider Canadian sales because we're making far more from customers in other countries," he said.

The picture is somewhat different for the sawmills, which ship about 70 per cent of their products to American markets.

Prices have declined since the beginning of the year, but the slumping dollar has cushioned the fall slightly.

In January, spruce, pine and fir two-by-fours were selling for about \$170 per thousand board feet in U.S. funds. With a \$1.25 exchange rate, the price was effectively

\$212.50 Canadian.

Since then, lumber has slumped to about \$138 and some traders quote even lower prices. In Canadian funds, the mills are receiving about \$182, but they'd be getting nearly \$10 less per thousand board feet if the exchange rate had remained the same.

But the declining dollar has some disadvantages for the forest industry.

Lumber producers have to pay more to send their products by rail to the U.S., but they don't always pay the full exchange rate.

As long as companies prepay the shipments, they pay a nominal exchange rate that is set by the railways, says Paul Levelton, a transportation analyst for the Council of Forest Industries in Vancouver.

That rate is about 19

per cent, which is considerably lower than the 32 to 33 per cent exchange being charged at present. The reason is that lumber is transported by both Canadian and U.S. carriers, he said.

However, companies that ship lumber collect have to pay the full exchange.

Pulp producers usually have to pay transportation costs to overseas markets in U.S. dollars and at the regular exchange rate, says Northwood spokesman John Larsen. In North America, deregulation of U.S. railways allows companies to negotiate shipping rates.

Larsen adds nearly 90 per cent of spare parts used by the pulp mills are made in Canada so the lower dollar has little effect on maintenance costs.

Gov't move urged by Expo 86 board

VANCOUVER (CP) — Expo 86 directors, grappling with soaring costs and a labor crisis, asked the British Columbia government Thursday to invoke tough legislation to prevent labor disruptions on the fair site.

The legislation, part of Victoria's recent amendments to the provincial labor code, would prohibit construction unions from exercising their contractual right not to work alongside non-union tradesmen by declaring the site an "economic development project."

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Work starts

Watched by members of the Kinsmen Club of Prince George, Mayor Mercier used a bulldozer Thursday to break ground at the first phase of the \$360,000 Kinsmen's Community Complex on Fifth Avenue near Ospika Boulevard. Phase 2, a 6,000-square-foot auditorium costing more than \$500,000, is planned for mid-1987. The new 4,000-square-foot building, which will serve as the home for the Prince George Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, Canadian Paraplegic Association and Big Brothers and Big Sisters as well as a meeting place for the Kinsmen, is being built under a management agreement with Central Contractors Northern Ltd.

'Bail ignored'

VANCOUVER (CP) — A former bail supervisor says the British Columbia government doesn't bother to collect more than \$170,000 a year from accused who fail to show up for their trials.

Don Goodman, a former employee of the Attorney General's Ministry, says judges' orders are being ignored, and these failures "could bring the administration of justice into greater disrepute."

Court officials, however, say efforts are made to collect the money but the people are often on welfare or have little money to seize.

The criticisms involve a type of bail called a recognizance order, which is a legal understanding that the accused will lose the sum set if he doesn't show up for his trial.

But unlike a cash bail, where the accused turns over some cash before being released, or a surety bail, where some form or property is pledged, an accused being released on his own recognizance merely signs an agreement to pay the money.

Boy hurt

Shane Lambert, 9, was treated and released from hospital after a bicycle accident Thursday at 6:43 p.m. at the corner of 11th Avenue and Winnipeg Street.

Police say Lambert rode his bicycle through a stop sign and hit a car.

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