

**PROVINCIAL COMPETITION**

**District won't assist seniors**

Senior citizens in the Prince George area will not be receiving any financial help for the B.C. Senior Games from the regional district.

Fraser-Fort George Regional District directors voted against a request for a donation of money to help local participants travel to the June games in Vernon.

Directors felt senior citizens have the means to help themselves through several local senior organizations.

The sole supporter of the request was director Henry Christensen (Salmon River electoral district) who jokingly said he has been asked to participate in one of the events.

The regional district plans to develop a park on top of the Prince George cutbanks overlooking McMillan Creek.

Directors, who visited the proposed site this week, said the view is "breathtaking" from the site.

A low type of wooden fencing will be installed for the safety of viewers.

In Mackenzie a regional park sloping north from the townsite to

Morfee Lake is also in the planning stage.

The only development within the 60 ha (150 acre) site is the Little Mac Ski Hill, but a playground, trail system, shelters and picnic areas are planned.

Directors approved the concept plan and will receive reports from the District of Mackenzie as a basis for financial contributions from the regional parks reserve fund.

Wilkins Regional Park, located near Miworth, will have a \$4,900 concrete boat ramp constructed west of the parking lot this summer.

A zoning amendment to allow development of a neighbourhood pub on the Chief Lake Road was defeated by directors at second reading.

During a May 4 public hearing at Nukko Lake hall, residents living near the proposed site opposed the project on grounds of added noise and increased traffic.

RCMP also opposed the project because patrons would have to drive from the site, which is not in a populated area.

RCMP also "forsee nothing but

policing problems with regard to noisy parties."

The new Mackenzie and District Hospital officially open June 12 with Health Minister Peter Dueck expected to be present.

The new facility will open with 12 acute care beds and a provision to expand to 20 beds in the future.

Director Ed Greenop, representing Mackenzie, appeared less than satisfied with the color scheme chosen for the facility — bright yellow, light red and deep purple.

"If you're not sick when you go in, you will be when you come out," he quipped.

A 10-foot-deep well in the Nukko Lake area, considered dangerous by regional district directors, will be filled in shortly.

The well, which contains water and floating debris, is on private property owned by Mark Taylor, but the inspection services department has been unable to contact him.

The well will be filled in at the owner's expense and if payment is not made by year end, the cost will be added to his property taxes.

**Names given, NDP charges**

VICTORIA (CP) — The Social Credit government is supplying names of government workers to firms bidding for highway maintenance contracts, the New Democratic Party has charged.

NDP privatization critic Dale Lovick said he has obtained a government memo indicating employee names have been released, an action he said is an invasion of privacy.

"That's unethical, an invasion of privacy and yet one more example of the Socreds' unfair treatment of the working people of this province," Lovick said.

Lovick said firms bidding for the maintenance contracts are using the information to try and get 51 per cent of employees in their areas working for them. That may help them win the contract, he said, since the province has promised employee-operated firms will win a contract if their offer is within five per cent of the highest bid.

The British Columbia government embarked on a \$3-billion privatization plan in the fall.

Sheila Fruman, a spokesman for the B.C. Government Employees Union, said the union registered a complaint with the government and has lawyers looking into whether the memo violates their contracts.

"One certainly has to wonder why this information was provided if there wasn't something in it for the firms," she said.

Highways Minister Stephen Rogers would not assure Lovick that other information about the employees, such as work records, would be kept confidential.

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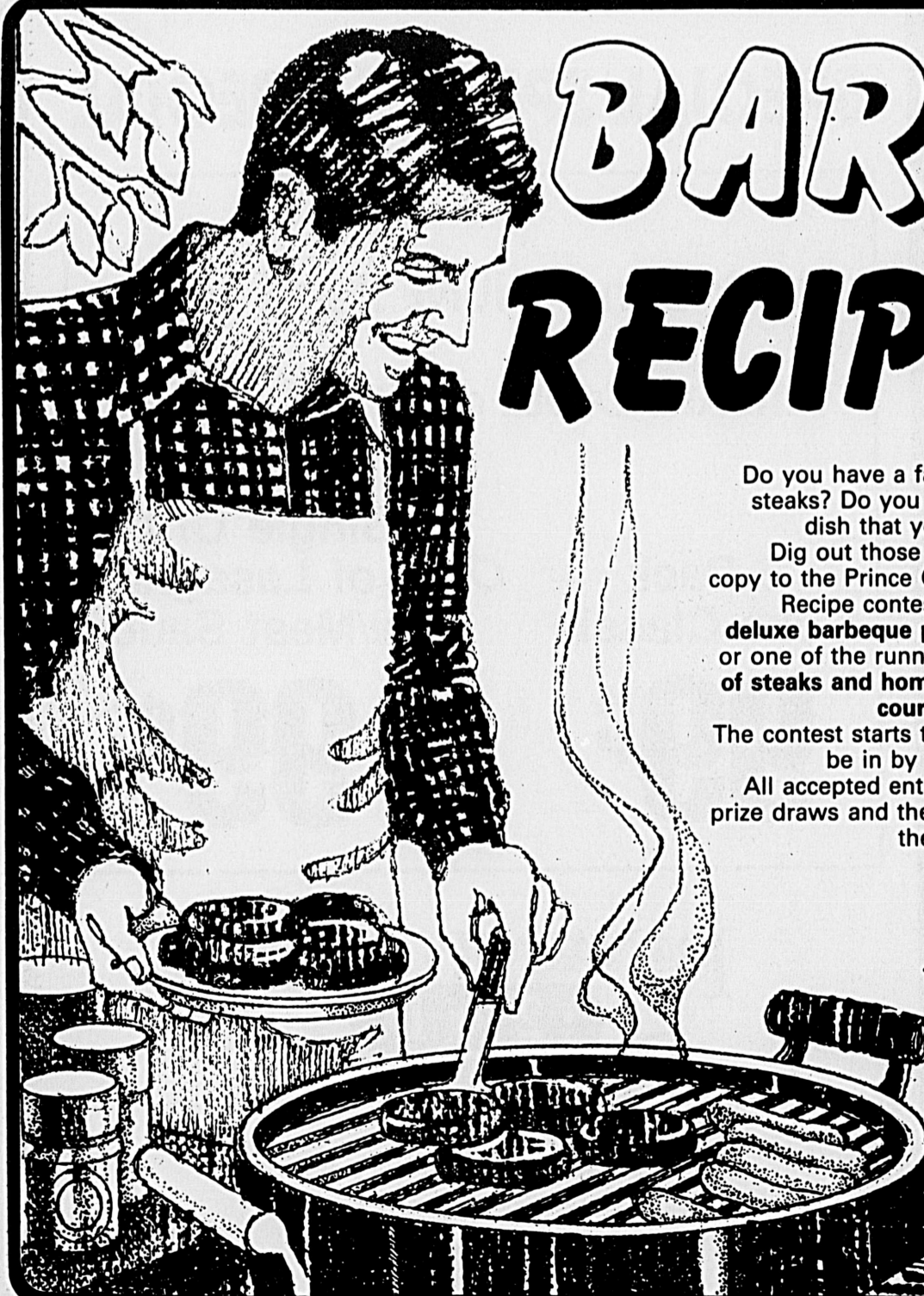
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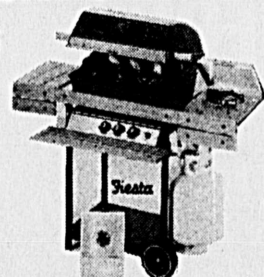
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