



THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD DAVID JOHNSON ... carries three-year-old boy out of burning house

Boy Is Hero Of House Blaze

David Johnson, 13-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Johnson of 944 38th Ave. S.W., Thursday afternoon emerged the hero of a fire which threatened the lives of an 89-year-old woman and a three-year-old boy, and caused damage unofficially estimated at \$5,000. (Picture on page 21).

The boy, David, was walking home from school, past the home of Robert Ansell, 3213 Elbow Drive and saw smoke pouring from the door. He dashed into the smoke-filled house, found young Jimmie Newman, grandson of the Ansell, grabbed him and carried him outside to safety.

Annexation Plan Is Endorsed Conditionally

City Indicates Financing Makes Move Difficult Annexation by Calgary of Bowness, Forest Lawn and Montgomery was the best solution to the metropolitan problem in Calgary, but it was impossible under present conditions from a financial point of view. This opinion was placed before the royal commission on metropolitan development by the city of Calgary this morning in a brief outlining the financial position of the greater Calgary area.

THE CITY'S financial analysis of the metropolitan area, including estimates of the costs of annexing Bowness, Montgomery and Forest Lawn was read to the record of the royal commission on metropolitan development by city council last Friday. The estimate is based on 1954 costs, and the financial report points out that the cost would increase as the area of the three communities increased.

THE CITY'S main submission, presented to the commission earlier this week, recommends the principle of annexation of these areas, providing the cost—estimated at about \$1,225,000—is not borne by the taxpayers of Calgary. It suggests that revenue from some other outside source should be guaranteed before the city would agree to annexation of the three suburban communities.

Calgary's residential property was carrying "as great a proportion of the taxation load as it possibly can". It was apparent that the city required proportionately more industrial tax base than residential. Since Bowness, Forest Lawn and Montgomery could provide only residential tax base, it was not sound to annex them unless revenue from other sources was forthcoming.

Four Are Held In Vancouver Bandit Hunt

Arrests Hailed As First Big Break In City's Current Crime Wave

VANCOUVER (CP)—Four men are under arrest today in what police say is the first major break in the crime wave plaguing Canada's third largest city.

One of the men was arrested in Los Angeles where detectives said, he admitted robbing a Bank of Nova Scotia branch here of \$3,400 Nov. 8.

The other three were picked up Thursday on city streets and in a downtown hotel room. With them police seized \$2,000 in cash.

ARRESTED in the U.S. for carrying a gun was Bruce Teetzel, a Canadian. He has lived in the U.S. for some years.

Police there said he admitted the Bank of Nova Scotia robbery in Vancouver, one of eight bank robberies to take place here in a month.

"I don't think there is much doubt this is our man," said Chief Walter Mulligan. "He has quoted almost verbatim the wording of the note handed to the teller in the holdup."

The note said: "All your bills. Act normal, sound no alarm. Fast now."

Teetzel said he added to his loot by moving to Detroit where he changed the Canadian money into U.S. funds and profited by four cents on the dollar.

A warrant is being prepared for him here and, police chief Walter Mulligan said, a detective will go to Los Angeles to bring him back.

TWO OF THE others arrested, both 29, were suspected in the Dec. 3 holdup of a Royal Bank of Canada branch in outlying Park Royal. Two gunmen in that holdup swept up \$7,500, called "Merry Christmas," and made their getaway.

Police said one of the two picked up was a truck driver, the other a tractor operator.

The fourth man was picked up by uniformed constables who recognized him from a pickup order. He was identified in a lineup in connection with the Dec. 1 holdup of the downtown branch of the Bank of Montreal in which a lone bandit netted \$1,500.

CHIEF MULLIGAN, under heavy criticism during the robbery wave, said no charges would be laid for 24 hours.

"This didn't all happen overnight," he said of the arrests. "It See Page 2—CRIME

Released Flier, Wife Re-United

VANCOUVER (CP)—A Canadian fighter ace, the horrors of two years in a communist prison camp behind him, was ready to set off on the second happiest flight of his life today accompanied by his lovely blonde wife who never stopped hoping for his safe return.

S.L.A. R. (Andy) MacKenzie's happiest flight ended here Thursday as he stepped from a Canadian Pacific Airlines plane into the waiting arms of his sobbing, but overjoyed wife, Joyce.

Late today the couple, together for the first time since the veteran R.C.A.F. pilot was shot down over North Korea, will board an R.C.A.F. plane for Edmonton and Montreal.

R.C.A.F. OFFICIALS said the plane's departure time would not be known until later today. The couple will stay overnight in Edmonton, then proceed to Montreal early Saturday.

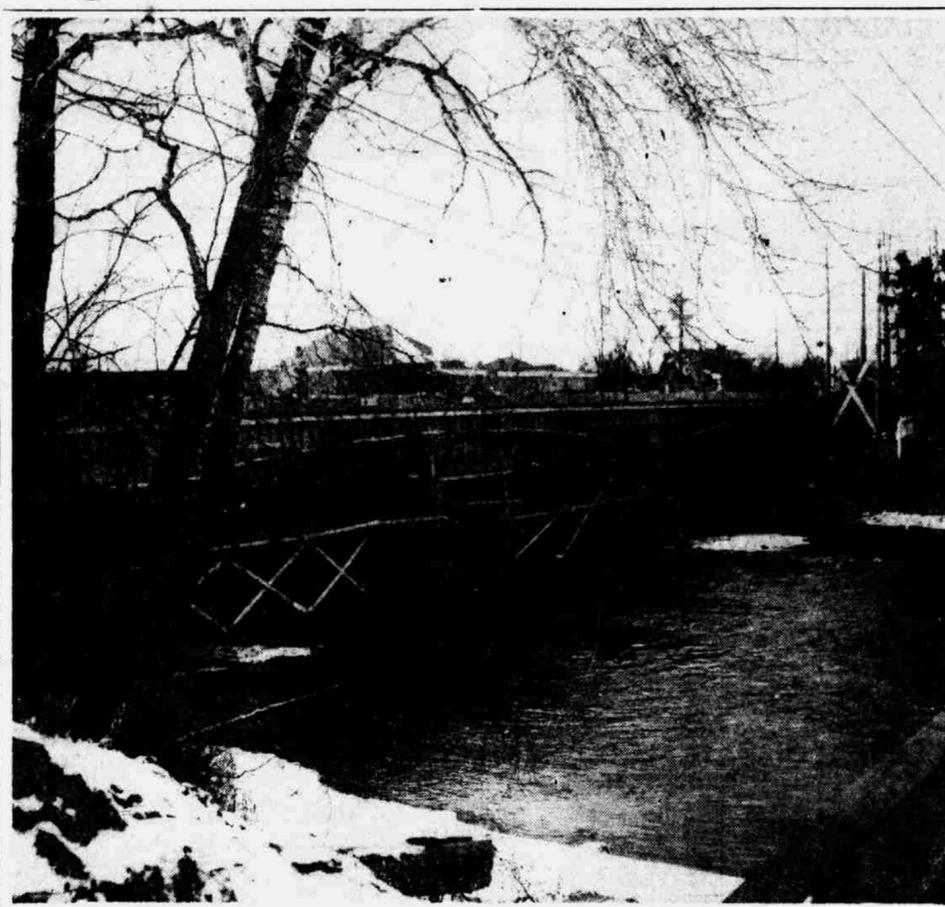
At Montreal, the tall, slim flier, who was serving as an exchange flier with the U.S. Air Force when he was shot down near Yalu River, will again meet his two young sons and two daughters that he last saw in November, 1952.

Looking fit and in high spirits despite his long prison camp ordeal, S/L MacKenzie gave his wife a lingering embrace as he arrived from Hong Kong, where he was released from behind the bamboo curtain Sunday.

MRS. MACKENZIE, just out of hospital following a bout of pleurisy and flown here by the R.C.A.F. Wednesday, waited tensely at Vancouver's International airport as the plane taxied in. She was accompanied by Group Capt. A. E. McNab, chief staff officer, 12 Defence Group, Vancouver.

More than 30 veterans of the 25th Infantry Brigade in Korea See Page 2—S/L MacKENZIE

Province Re-Assures Farmers Against Tax Eviction Fears



CALGARY'S NEW ELBOYA BRIDGE (shown above) is nearing completion and may be opened by Christmas. Final concrete has been poured and only major work left is preparation of the approaches. The bridge, which serves the Riverdale, Elboya, and Windsor Park areas, will be welcomed by residents who have been forced to detour via the Macleod Trail since the start of construction.

Machinery, Equipment Protected

EDMONTON (CP)—Debt-conscious Alberta farmers were assured today by Attorney-General Lucien Maynard there will be no "wholesale" evictions because of tax arrears. He added that provincial laws afford full protection against seizures of farm machinery, autos and trucks.

Mr. Maynard explained to the Farmers' Union of Alberta convention the provincial laws covering evictions and seizures.

Previously, a delegation had appeared before the cabinet requesting protection from such action in cases where farmers—hard hit by a poor crop year—were finding it difficult to keep up tax and machinery payments.

MR. MAYNARD noted there had been only three instances of farmers being evicted from their property for non-payment of taxes since 1936.

"We protect every taxpayer in the province when, due to circumstances beyond his control, he falls behind in payments," said Mr. Maynard. "You need have no worry on this score. There will be no wholesale number of cases started this year."

The attorney-general mentioned the Debtors' Assistance Commission, a body specifically designed to aid those lagging in tax payments. In cases where an eviction action is pending against a farmer, he is notified by the commission that they are ready to assist.

There had been some criticism for keeping on the three-man board, but it was "maintained because we could see the day when farmers would require this assistance. The time is on us now."

DELEGATES to the farmers' convention Thursday heard the provincial highways department criticized for settlement methods used in acquiring farm land for road construction.

Delegates to the Farmers' Union of Alberta convention passed a resolution asking the department to consider higher payments for farmers whose property is needed for highways.

THE RESOLUTION said methods used by agents, employees and contractors in taking over farm property have caused "considerable feelings."

One instance quoted concerned the highway from Bowden to Crossfield, between Calgary and Red Deer. Delegates supporting the resolution said farmers had no say in the price offered for the land. They valued it at \$100 an acre but only received \$75.

Some land has been flooded through construction operations, it was said, and in other cases refuse and clay has been deposited on available fields.

The resolution asked the F.U.A. to strive for better relations with the highways department.

THE UNION DECIDED earlier Thursday to redraft its resolution covering producer-marketing boards.

Delegates asked an amendment to a section of the resolution saying that if the Alberta government passed legislation permitting marketing boards, the F.U.A. takes See Page 2—FARMERS

The Weather MOSTLY SUNNY Continuing Mild

The latest Pacific disturbance proved beneficial to the West-ern Prairies. Only isolated snow flurries occurred and mild winds are sweeping out the cool, moist air lodged over Saskatchewan for several days. Mild weather will continue Saturday.

FORECASTS: Calgary: Sunny today; a few clouds Saturday and continuing mild. Winds west 15 today, light tonight and Saturday; low tonight 10 and high Saturday 35.

Banff: Sunny today and Saturday becoming cloudy Saturday evening. Little change in temperature; light winds; low-high 5 and 25.

Table with columns for Temperature, Wind, and other weather metrics for various locations like Edmonton, Calgary, and Banff.

Victims Of Flood Return To Homes

Worst Over In Dublin, But Britain Hit By Widespread Storms And Landslides

Thousands of homeless moved back into their damaged and mud-covered houses today after Dublin's worst floods in living memory receded during the night.

The falling waters uncovered the first known fatality of the flood. Rescue workers found the body of a 70-year-old woman drowned in her bed in a lower-floor room.

AT FIRST LIGHT today the stricken northern Irish city area was a weird sight. Boats and small yachts used in rescue work lay stranded alongside abandoned cars.

Streets that were rivers at midnight dried out at dawn. Lord Mayor Alfred Byrne announced: "The peak point of fear is over."

ACROSS THE British Isles light winds and a wintry sun took the place of the raging gales that battered Western Europe for two weeks almost without stop.

But floods still poured through river banks in almost every British county. Guildford, in Southern England, had its first floods in 50 years after the West River broke bounds. Water, snow and landslides blocked minor roads in 48 counties.

Britain's two biggest rivers, the Severn and Thames, were about flood level and still rising as waters poured down from drenched hillsides.

THE LINER Queen Mary reached Cherbourg today, battered by a tempest which swept the Atlantic Ocean and the English Channel during its crossing from New York.

A five-year-old child, Karl Gartner, was injured during the trip and was taken to a clinic in that French city. Other passengers were shaken up.

Water flooded the first-class dining room, causing heavy damage. WORKERS LABORED Thursday to repair 300 broken telegraph lines, mowed down Wednesday in Central Newfoundland when a 60-mile-an-hour sleet-and-wind storm snapped across the island.

TWENTY IRANIANS died when a coastal steamer capsized in a storm in the Persian Gulf near the southern port of Bushire.

The storm also swept southern parts of Iran Wednesday, ruining hundreds of buildings near Shiraz.

Hounsfield Layout Discussed

The city commissioners met Thursday with officials of Simpson-Sears Ltd. to study the city's proposed layout for the Hounsfield Heights area commercial centre which will be occupied by a Simpson-Sears department store.

Mayor D. H. Mackay said that the city expected to see an architect's concept of the store in a week from now.

OFFICIALS of the company discussed terms of the agreement under which about 19 acres of land will be sold to them by the city.

They agreed also, the mayor said, to make special provision for staff parking in the commercial area surrounding the store. It is estimated that about 1,800 vehicles will be able to park on the site and staff will be allotted a sufficient amount of this total to keep staff cars off the residential streets of Hounsfield Heights.

Buckingham Palace Denies New Visit

LONDON (CP)—A court official said today nothing is known at Buckingham Palace about reports that the Queen will visit Canada in 1955.

"Neither the Queen nor the Duke of Edinburgh is planning a trip to Canada as far as we know," the official said.

Hotel Suite 'Storm' Answered By Ex-Mayor

TORONTO (CP)—The Royal York Hotel suite in which former Mayor Allan Lamport entertained visitors to Toronto, was supplied for his use by the hotel management, Mr. Lamport said today.

George Weale, city clerk, confirmed the statement.

The allegation that "some private party paid for a suite in the Royal York just for my use, is absolutely without foundation," Mr. Lamport said.

HE SAID Suite 1735 wasn't the only suite he and other members of council used on occasion.

"We have all kinds of other suites, although Suite 1735 was used more often than the others. The answer is that it was maintained by me at no cost to the city whatever... and it's nobody's business, anyway."

MAYOR-ELECT Nathan Phillips said today Mr. Lamport should consider resigning as Toronto Transit commissioner if suggestions of over-spending in connection with the suite are borne out.

At the hotel came in prominence during the civic election when it was claimed by opponents of Mayor Leslie Saunders the suite was maintained for the benefit of civic officials at civic expense.

An examination of the civic accounts by three Toronto reporters Thursday night showed the city paid \$47,613 for parties, services and official receptions during the last 2½ years.

Shown in the accounts were such items as: Tips from 50 cents to \$10, \$10 items under the heading of

Gas Trunk Line Firm Gets Permit

By LARRY F. FRANTZ (101 Editor, Calgary Herald)

The Alberta Gas Trunk Line Company Limited has been granted a permit by Alberta's minister of highways to construct a gas trunk line in Alberta.

In making this announcement, Ralph Will, chairman of the company, said the permit will enable the company to proceed with building its line in sufficient time to meet Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Ltd.'s export requirements.

THE HEARING of the trunk line company's application was made before the Alberta petroleum and natural gas conservation board on Nov. 23 and 24. The engineering survey submitted on the application before the board is now being supplemented by a further study of the feeder lines, Mr. Will said.

The study is being made for the purpose of arriving at estimated tariffs.

The announcement also said: "To ensure a continuing and active liaison among Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Limited, the Alberta Gas Trunk Line Company Limited and industry, a committee with representatives from each of the above groups has been set up, and is already functioning."

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