

Stedmans Manager Held Up In Bold Saturday Night Robbery

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SANTA CLAUS came to 184 children of the Royal Canadian Legion members on Sunday afternoon and brought happiness to all the tiny tots. At the left is 13 month old Colin Fraser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Fraser, and two-year-old T.P. Rowland, son of Rev. and Mrs. C.L.G. Rowland.

OH WHAT FUN THE youngsters of the Jack and Jill Kindergarten had when Santa Claus came to town last week at the Anglican Church. Santa brought gifts for each one plus bags of fruit and candies. You can see from their expressions how delighted these tots were by the visit of old St. Nicholas.

Gilbert Olsen Renamed As Chamber President

Gilbert Olsen was re-elected as president of the Quesnel and District Chamber of Commerce for 1965 at the annual meeting held last Thursday at the Billy Barker Inn. Also returned as vice-president was Bert Cook.

Mrs. Marion Booth will continue as secretary and Lance Lea as treasurer.

It's Official Winter Here

It's now official. Today is the first day of winter but most of us will disagree after the past cold of weeks of sub-zero temperatures, icy roads, snow flurries and balky motor vehicles.

From the evidence winter actually arrived a bit early and it is hoped that it will leave the same way.

For the sake of the record today is also the shortest day of the year, though it will be a few weeks yet before extra daylight becomes very noticeable.

Pee Wees Edge Prince In Sunday Exhibition

Quesnel Pee Wees came through with a cliff-hanger 7-6 overtime win over Prince George in a minor hockey exhibition here Sunday that was a breathless affair all the way.

James Capan put the seal on things for Quesnel when he scored unassisted on a shot from just inside the blue line with the overtime less than three minutes old.

After that the local lads weathered two minor penalties as they battled to hold the slim lead.

Wayne Inglis was the main cog in the Quesnel attack. He scored five and assisted on a goal by Brad Stevenson who picked up three assists during the afternoon.

Gordon Hak and Randy Gelasco each got two for Prince George while Harry Turk and Blair Moffat got singles.

Quesnel held a 3-2 lead at the end of the first period but were trailing 6-5 at the end of the second when Prince George came back to outscore them 4-2 in the period.

Wayne Inglis scored the only goal of the third period at the 12:51 mark when he gathered in a pass from Doug Gibson to put the puck away and pave the way for the winning overtime session.

Two bold bandits who held up Bruce Gilbert, manager of the Stedmans store here, made good their escape Saturday with a "considerable" amount of cash after forcing the store manager to open the company safe containing the Saturday store receipts.

Gilbert, who occupies a bachelor suite at the Birch Motel, was held up by the two bandits as he entered his apartment about 8 p.m. One was holding a rifle belonging to Gilbert and the other had a knife.

Both were hooded and it was impossible for him to recognize them.

He was threatened until he divulged the combination of the store safe and was then held captive by one man while the other made a futile attempt to open the safe.

When the attempt failed Gilbert himself was hooded by the men and taken to the store where he was forced to open the safe. The two then taped his hands together, took him to the basement, and taped his feet before leaving the premises.

Gilbert worked free of his bonds and phoned the RCMP office at 10:55 p.m. A wide spread search was immediately initiated and Gilbert's car, used in the trips back and forth between the apartment and store, was found abandoned on McLean St. near the Billy Barker Inn.

Though only a few hours before Reid St., in the vicinity of the Stedmans store, had been bustling with Christmas shoppers it was virtually deserted at the time of the robbery.

While the safe is located at the front of the building, and easily seen from the street, the robbery was apparently carried out unobserved.

RCMP expressed the opinion that the whole undertaking had been carefully planned. The two hold-up men were waiting inside Gilbert's apartment to trap him when he arrived and they appeared to be aware there would be little traffic while working on the store safe.

Saturday's holdup was the third armed robbery to take place here in recent months. Last September 11 a hooded bandit carrying a knife held up the attendant at the Pine Tree Service Station in an early morning robbery. Again on October 14 Jens Ingstrup, proprietor of Jens Food Market on Two Mile Flat, was jumped by a hooded bandit as he was leaving his store for the night.

After tussling with the man Mr. Ingstrup was forced at knife point to re-enter the store and open the safe. The bandit escaped with approximately \$650.

Last Saturday's robbery followed much the same pattern as the earlier two with the exception that two men were involved.

Public Support Urged On Weldwood Pulp Bid

Support of the Weldwood pulp harvesting application from all levels of the public was urged at a meeting in Legton Hall last Friday evening, sponsored jointly by the Town of Quesnel and the Quesnel Chamber of Commerce.

Close to 150 persons were present to hear the Weldwood of Canada proposals outlined again.

In opening the meeting Mayor Fraser gave a resume of events leading up to the present situation which sees United Pulp and Price Bros. competing for essentially the same area as Weldwood of Canada.

He pointed out that the United proposal calls for the shipment of raw material from the Cariboo to a mill located at Squamish and that it will be argued this is the most economic move.

In comparison Weldwood proposes to build a mill in the Quesnel area and do the processing right here, adding materially to the industrial development of the interior.

Mayor Fraser added that people should be rightfully concerned as to what will happen to the sawmill industry if a pulp harvesting licence is granted, but he maintained it was government policy to superimpose a pulp economy on forest lands as well, and he is sure the mills will be protected.

The problem of the sawmills is one of government policy, but he assured the meeting that the town brief supporting the Weldwood application would stress that in no way should the sawmill economy be impaired.

Speaking for the Chamber of Commerce, Dennis Reid stated that the Chamber is making a brief supporting the Weldwood application but it will also support the rights of the sawmill industry.

He added that it is the desire of the Chamber to see industry developed where the raw material is located and added that the establishing of a pulp mill might well bring additional industry here.

W.J. Sterling, area manager here for Weldwood of Canada, gave an outline of his company's proposal to build a 750-ton per day mill at Quesnel which would employ some 325 persons, with an additional 200 employed in woods operations. He added

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Quesnel Boys Tour Europe

Word has been received from England of the safe arrival of three local boys, Gian Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thomas; Gary Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Koshman and his cousin, Leslie Gardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Vogt.

The boys sailed from Montreal on November 26. They arrived one day late, due to Atlantic storms.

They plan on seeing as much of Europe as possible, Spain being their next stop.

Stores Open Two Nights

Stores will remain open tomorrow, Tuesday, and all day Wednesday until 8 p.m. as a convenience to last minute Christmas shoppers. Regular hours will be observed on Thursday, December 24, with stores closing at either 5:30 or 6 p.m., depending on their regular practice.

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ances all season, finished off the first half of the league schedule in style last week when he rolled an 820 triple with the Quesnel Plumbing five of the Monday loop.

He opened with a 288 string, shot 286 for his second game and then slipped to 246 when he had a chance to establish a new season record, had he bettered his pace for the first two games.

Ralph Anderson, bowling with the Mule Train five on Monday, rattled out the week's high single. He had a fine 324 string. Ladies' high three went to

Alma Butters of Marsh's on Tuesday night with a 629 and Viv Spears rolled a 285 high single with Hoy's the same evening.

Marsh's, a consistently high scoring team all through the opening half of the schedule, had a 3139 total on Tuesday night. While it was no record it was accounted for by some mighty consistent bowling. Myrt Marsh had 619, Alma Butters 629, Iris Madsen 615, Jean Johnson 626 and Ernie Butters 650.

While Akerman's score was the best on Monday, Murray Picket had 699, Sandra Cheavins 622, Jim Flux 652, Bob Anderson 611, Red Froese 667 and Ralph Anderson 641.

In addition to the red hot Marsh's five, Gene Plamondon had 678 on Tuesday, Dick Roddis had 650, Charlie English 658 and Nick Diakw 637. Norm Sanders paced the Wednesday loop with 657, Doreen

Bunz had 609, Rob Low 656 and Ken Parish 607.

Ken Ellerbeck was well out in front on Thursday with 764, Barry Collins had 617, Roy Hayhurst 697 with a 302 single, and Art Walker 644. Ed Helmink topped the Friday play with 682, Renton Stephens had 629 and Leo DelBucchia 628.

Following are the team scores: Monday - Shell Oil 3 Pickups 1; Quesnel Plumbing 3 Sharpshooters 1; Cheavins' Jewellers 3 Cariboo Shoes 1; Live Wires 3 Pine Tree 1; Home Oil 3 Jets 1; Billy Barker 4 Mule Train 0.

Tuesday - Quesnel Clean-up 4 Stedmans 0; Marsh's 3 Hoy's 1; Quesnel Jewellers 2 P.O. Keglers 2; Alley Cats 4 Aces 0; Cunningham's 4 Sputniks 0; Starlites and Short Circuits did not play.

Ken Parish Counts 415

It had to happen, and it was Ken Parish who ran up the biggest bowling score of the season so far when he rolled 10 consecutive strikes for a 415 count in a friendly game on Saturday evening.

While players have been knocking on the door off and on, that game on Saturday was the first time a perfect score seemed in making.

But Ken faltered in the clutch, with two more strike balls needed for that perfect 450 he left the head pin standing to fall short by 35 pins.

Support

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that long range plans included the manufacture of paper products that would lead to employment of still another 180 persons.

He said that Weldwood was applying for pulp harvesting rights over the area extending from Clinton to Hixon and west of Narcosil. However the company is chiefly interested in chips and wants the sawmill industry to establish its own limits of utilization.

In answer to a question Mr. Sterling stated that it is planned to use the latest type of mill equipment to eliminate odor and that mill effluent will be treated to avoid pollution of river waters.

Chris Busch, secretary-manager of the Cariboo-PGE Lumber Manufacturers stated his group is not against the pulp industry but instead must work with it if the sawmill industry is protected.

He pointed out there was a considerable over - cut last year and if a 7.1 inch breast high diameter was established for sawlogs the industry would be safe from over-cutting.

To this Mr. Sterling added that his company is committed to the standards proposed by the sawmill industry.

In closing Mayor Fraser urged that all organizations and individuals write to the Minister of Lands and Forests, with a copy to the Premier, supporting the Weldwood application. He pointed out that time is short and there should be no delay in getting letters away.

To point up his arguments he disclosed that already the town has had numerous requests regarding property suitable for apartment buildings and other service construction.

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| Vanderhoof | 10 | 7 | 2 | 22 |
| Wms. Lake | 10 | 9 | 0 | 20 |
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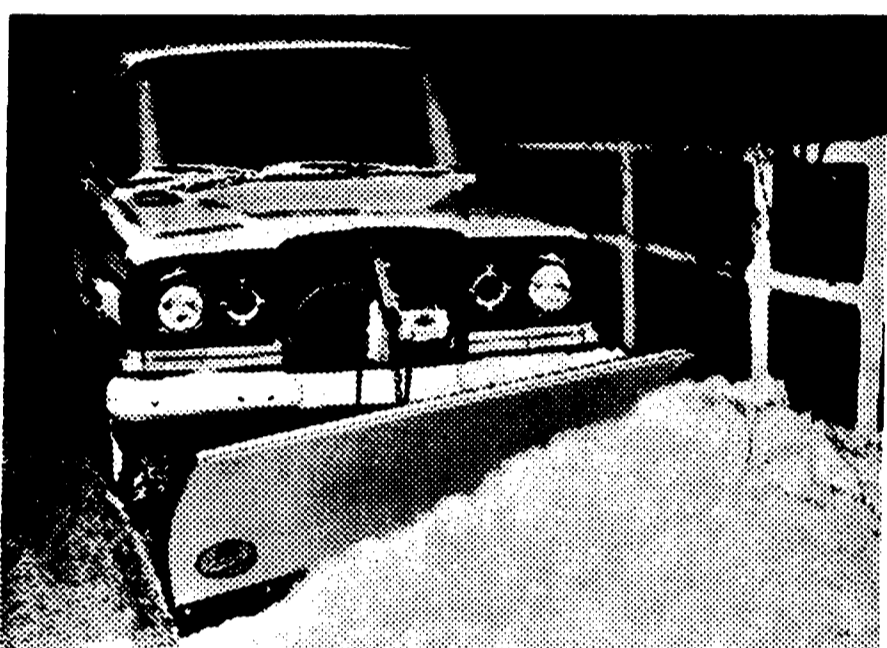
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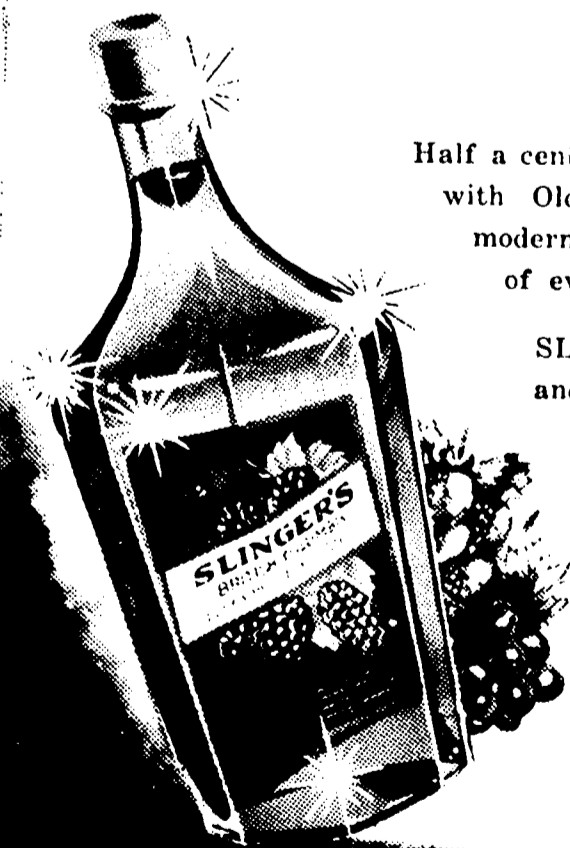
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Scoring statistics for the Cariboo Hockey league up to and including games of Dec. 5 give ample evidence as to why Quesnel Kangaroos are out in front.

Norm Kjemhus is the league's top scorer with 21 goals and 19 assists for 40 points. And three of his teammates are also in the top ten.

Rod Berg is in third place with 19 goals and 10 assists for 29 points; Max Helzel has eight goals and 19 assists for 27 points and Irv Follack has 14 goals and 12 assists for 26 points.

Paul Levens of Stampede is in second place in the standings with 14 goals and 21 assists for a 35 point total. He piled up his count in 13 games while the four Quesnel players all played in 17 games.

Wednesday - Safeway One 3 Billy Barker 1; Firebugs 3 Harold's Delivery 1; Hwy Slaves 4 Safeway Two 0 (default); Legion 3 Tired Tutors 1; Dealers 4 L & M Repairs 0; Pinpointers 3 Blowbusters 1.

Thursday - Super-Valu 2 B. of M. 2; Blue Jays 3 Amateurs 1; Toronto-Dominion 3 Nabobs 1; Overwatt-ear 4 Roystars 0; Spurs 3 Fairlanes 0 (default); Kelly-Douglas 4 Astronauts 0.

Friday - Slowpokes 4 Loggers 0; Lucky Strikes 3 Dragons 1; Quesnel Supply 2 Pinchasers 2; Quesnel Painting 3 Rolling Stones 1; Keen's 3 Bank Service 0 (default); Hilltoppers 3 Knoke Poultry 1.

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- 11:45 a.m. Harry Simeon Choral
- 1:15 p.m. Tennessee Ernie Ford
- 1:30 p.m. Connie Francis
- 2:00 p.m. Christmas Carillon
- 2:15 p.m. Svend Saaby Choir
- 3:05 p.m. The Day Before Christmas
- 5:05 p.m. The Littlest Angel
- 5:30 p.m. Christmas - Barbershop Style
- 5:45 p.m. Boston Pops Christmas Party
- 6:15 p.m. Gerard Carson At The Organ
- 6:30 p.m. Christmas On The Ponderosa
- 7:10 p.m. Carols By Mario Lanza
- 7:30 p.m. Carols With Theresa Brewer
- 8:00 p.m. Christmas With Dennis Day
- 8:30 p.m. Roger Wagner Chorale
- 9:00 p.m. Dickens' Christmas Carol
- 9:30 p.m. The Christmas Tradition
- 10:30 p.m. Evening Carols
- 11:00 p.m. Westminster Abbey Choir
- 11:30 p.m. Carols Before Midnight
- 12:00 p.m. MIDNIGHT MASS - Sacred Heart Church

DECEMBER 25

- 7:00 a.m. News & Weather
- 7:05 a.m. Chapel In The Sky
- 7:20 a.m. Christmas Breakfast Club
- 7:30 a.m. News & Weather
- 7:35 a.m. Christmas Breakfast Club
- 8:00 a.m. News & Sports
- 8:15 a.m. Christmas Breakfast Club
- 8:45 a.m. Christmas Day Weather
- 9:00 a.m. News
- 9:05 a.m. The Sound Of Christmas
- 9:30 a.m. Commonwealth Broadcast
- 10:00 a.m. Her Majesty, The Queen
- 10:15 a.m. Hamburg Choir
- 10:30 a.m. The Small One
- 11:00 a.m. News
- 11:05 a.m. Lullaby Of Christmas
- 11:30 a.m. Bundle Of Joy
- 11:45 a.m. Christmas Song Time
- 12:00 a.m. Singalong Carols
- 12:15 p.m. News, Sports, Messages
- 12:35 p.m. Special Christmas Messages
- 1:00 p.m. News
- 1:05 p.m. Christmas Day With Sammy Kaye
- 1:30 p.m. Christmas With Tennessee Ernie
- 2:15 p.m. Jingle Bells Merriest Christmas
- 2:45 p.m. Don Janse Chorale
- 3:15 p.m. Burl Ives Sings
- 3:30 p.m. Back To The Bible
- 4:00 p.m. There'll Always Be A Christmas
- 4:15 p.m. Christmas Musicales
- 4:30 p.m. Father Sidney McEwen
- 4:45 p.m. Nat King Cole
- 5:00 p.m. Augustana Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Columbus Boychoir
- 6:00 p.m. News and Messages
- 6:30 p.m. Christmas With Roger Williams
- 6:45 p.m. Perry Como's Christmas Party
- 7:00 p.m. News and Sports
- 7:15 p.m. Giselle Mackenzie Sings Carols
- 7:30 p.m. Bing Crosby's Carol Group
- 8:00 p.m. Little Star Of Bethlehem
- 8:30 p.m. Christmas Scene
- 8:45 p.m. On This Holy Night - Anita Kerr
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IWA Loses Right To Bargain

The union applied to the board July 31 for certification as bargaining agent for the employees of the company, which is engaged in logging and producing rough lumber at Quesnel.

Mr. Justice Branca pointed out that it was impossible to say how the nine voted, but results of their votes not only affected the actual employees but also the employer.

It was also equally true, he found, that the vote of the 12 who did not cast ballots could have affected the outcome either way.

Certification of International Woodworkers of America Local 1-424 as bargaining agent for employees at Elgert Spruce Mills Ltd. has been quashed by Mr. Justice A.E. Branca.

He agreed with the company's claim that a representation vote conducted by the Labor Relations Board was not held in accordance with the Labor Relations Act.

The company, represented by C. Paul Daniels, argued that nine of 21 former employees were allowed to vote but the other 12 were not given proper opportunity.

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B.C. Hydro Calls Bids for Portage Mountain Station

B.C. Hydro has invited bids for a contract to build the huge Portage Mountain powerplant and associated facilities at the Peace River project.

Bids will be opened at the B.C. Hydro head office building at 2 p.m., April 6.

When fully developed, the 2,300,000-kilowatt powerplant will have a greater generating capacity than any existing power plant in the western world.

In addition to the power plant complex, major work covered by the contract will include power intake structures and penstocks to deliver reservoir water to generating units, two 48-foot-diameter tailrace tunnels and associated works to discharge spent water back into the river, installation of 9 million pounds of mechanical equipment, and major earth excavation associated with the project's switchyards and various other surface works.

An underground powerhouse cavern will be 890 feet long, 67 feet wide and 100 feet high. It will be excavated deep in bedrock under the left flank of 600-foot-high Portage Mountain Dam.

The contract calls for underground rock excavation totalling 1,000,000 cubic yards. Another 1,700,000 cubic yards of surface excavation also will be required.

Construction materials required for completion of the work covered by the contract include 350,000 cubic yards of concrete, 15,000 tons of reinforcing steel, 6,000 tons of steel penstock liner and 750,000 pounds of piping.

A \$1.8 million separate contract for excavation of powerhouse access tunnels has already been awarded to Northern Construction Co. and J. W. Stewart Ltd., of Van.

One 1,400-foot long tunnel will provide permanent access to the powerhouse. A second tunnel, 1,600 feet long, will lead from the main access tunnel around two-thirds of the

powerhouse perimeter. From the second tunnel, miners working under the powerhouse contract will begin excavating penstock tunnels next spring.

Tender documents related to the powerhouse contract will be available for inspection at the office of B.C. Hydro's Purchasing & Stores Division Manager from January 14. Copies will be available for purchase.

A B.C. Hydro spokesman said bids would be considered only from firms whose financial resources, technical ability and experience were commensurate with the work to be done and who have successfully completed comparable work on other projects.

Bids must be accompanied by a \$2 million (Canadian) tender deposit in the form of a bid bond or a certified cheque drawn on a Canadian bank.

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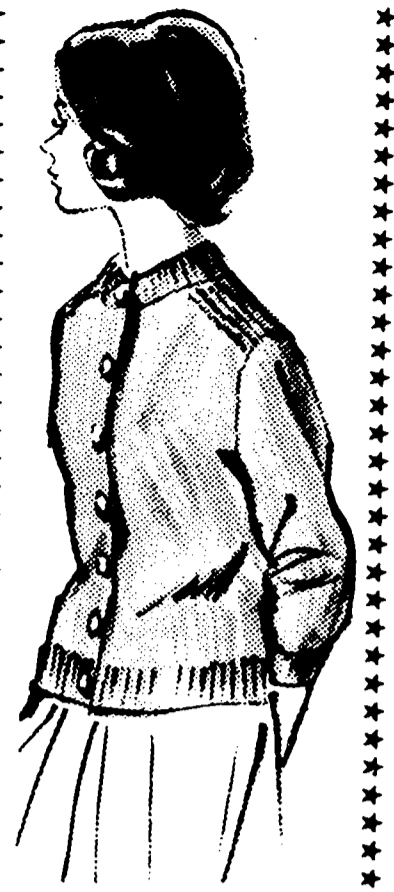
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