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## KIWANIS CHIEF



**DR. C. W. HOWARD**

Head of the department of education and psychology at Whitman College who was elected Pacific Northwest Governor of Kiwanis International at the annual meeting of the organization which was recently held in Chehalis. Will Reeder, radio manager of The Vancouver Sun, and organizer and first president of the Point Grey Club, was elected Lieutenant-Governor. Attending from Vancouver were C. D. Bruce, Charles E. Thompson, C. T. Hamilton and George McCuish while Leonard Osborne, president, and S. J. Carey, secretary, represented the Point Grey Kiwanis group. Hon. Arthur B. Langley, governor of Washington and Donald B. Rice, president of Kiwanis International were chief speakers at the conference.

## 18,000 Drowned

LONDON, Aug. 25 — (CP)—Reuters News Agency said in a dispatch from Zurich that 18,000 persons drowned when the Elbe tunnel was hit during one of the recent Allied heavy raids on Hamburg.

## Indian Woman Honored for Saving Fliers

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He told how the woman and young boy struggled long and stubbornly to keep the airmen afloat, their canoe right side up, and eventually, to get both fliers into the canoe and bring them to safety.

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## Biter Bit in Holdup Attempt

A man who tried to hold up Donald MacKay, 4817 Knight Road, when he was putting his auto in a garage at 328 Henry Street Monday night, got a kick in the shins and a blow on the jaw for his trouble.

MacKay told police that the man held his hand in his pocket as though he had a gun.

MacKay's reception was so unexpected the holdup man ran away through adjacent school grounds.

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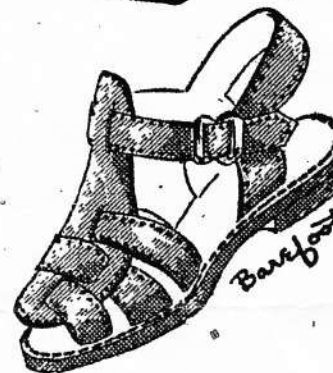
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He had high praise for the leadership of Brig. H. W. Foster, who commands the Canadians, estimated to one-sixth of the total Allied task force. He also paid tribute to the organization ability of the staffs at the 1st Canadian Command, who mobilized Canadian force from units in the 1st Canadian Command.

The Canadian troops embarked on two West Coast ports, and, in words of Gen. Pearkes, "stole away in the night," having left the duress of a secrecy that made even a farewell to their families.

Before attacking Kiska, Gen. Pearkes revealed, the Canadian force completed its training for the task at an unnamed Aleutian island.

In connection with training, Gen. Pearkes said the value of the battle school at Vernon, through which passed the units that made up the Canadian force, had been strikingly demonstrated, and provoked the highest commendation from the United States military authorities.

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He heard on all sides, from high Canadian officers down to enlisted men, comments most favorable to the Canadian soldiers. Their physical, willingness to tackle any job, fearlessness and their highly organized training were highly praised, he stated.

General Pearkes cited the Kiska campaign as refutation of any doubt of the quality of the Canadian defence army. The majority of those at Kiska are men called to service on this continent by military order, and General Pearkes was loud in praise of their courage and ability.

"The home defence army has done good," he said emphatically, "and I am proud of them. The Kiska campaign has removed any doubt of their fighting ability. They showed themselves keen and eager for action when the moment came."

He specially mentioned the French-Canadian troops in the force, whose illness had made a great hit with the Americans. So much so, that the popular French "Alouette" had become the song of the whole Kiska force, he said.

General Pearkes summed up the campaign at Kiska by saying that the Japanese stronghold in the Solomons had been eliminated, with the added additional security to the Pacific Coast, and it opens a direct northern route to Japan, for use by Allied sea and air transport when the time comes.

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# High Tribute to Indian Mother And Young Son

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Introduced by Ald. F. A. Willis, chairman, Air Commodore McLeod paid high tribute to the splendid courage, skill and patience of Mrs. Rice who, seeing the airmen in distress, set out in rough water, undaunted by the task which lay before her and young Bobbie. He told how they struggled long and stubbornly to keep the airmen afloat, their canoe right side up, and eventually to get both flyers into the canoe and bring them to safety.

In the absence of Premier Hart, the Provincial Government was represented by Hon. E. C. Carson, Minister of Mines. Ald. F. A. Willis appeared officially for the City of Victoria, and with him were Ald. W. H. Davies, who had charge of the concert given by Fullerton's "Cheer-Up" Orchestra, and Ald. Duncan McTavish, in behalf of the Victoria Centennial Committee, while the Society for the Furtherance of British Columbia Indian Arts and Crafts joined through its president, Major L. Bullock-Webster, in honoring the Indian woman and her heroic son.

Obviously pleased, but accepting modestly the honors showered upon them, Mrs. Rice and Bobbie smiled broadly and slipped quietly into the crowd, where they remained for a time to hear the concert and enjoy the sing-song.

Preceding the function, the principals journeyed from Belmont House to the park, where they were escorted by motorcycle police. The usual programme of singing, dance contests, introduction of visitors and singing competitions for servicemen was advanced from Wednesday to Tuesday night in order that the presentation to Mrs. Rice and Bobbie might be made before a gathering worthy of the occasion.

## European Unrest

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Copenhagen declared

disrobed and red swastikas were painted on their cheeks.

Shops of German sympathizers in Odense were plundered and their owners were taken to the country in protective custody by the Danes as a general strike continued to tie up the city, the reports said.

At least fifty persons, including twenty Germans, were reported killed in clashes, while an electric power plant and a machine-tool plant were blasted, and thousands of weapons were said to have been stolen by Danes who looted a German arsenal at Copenhagen.

### WANT FINLAND TO TAKE STEPS

The principal stumbling block for establishing a basis for Russo-Finnish peace negotiations appeared to be the reluctance of the Finns to meet the Soviets directly with an offer. The Finns have tried unsuccessfully to get the United States to obtain terms from Russia, which maintains that Finland should make the first step.

In London, reports of informal peace talks between a British and a Finnish labor leader were authoritatively disclaimed by a commentator who said the Government disapproves emphatically of any unauthorized British subject carrying on any such discussions.

Finns leading the armistice agitation said they were eager to obtain peace but want their pre-1939 boundaries back as a part of it, for, as one said, "There is no feeling of desperation and we don't want a peace that would give the country the feeling that the fighting was senseless."

## Reciprocal Trade Outlook Pleasing

Here to confer with Premier John Hart and other members of the Government upon reciprocal development of trade between Britain and British Columbia, and to study phases of the Rehabilitation Council's report on postwar possibilities, Gerald H. Selous, trade commissioner for the United Kingdom in British Columbia, expressed himself Tuesday as being well pleased with mutual prospects for market extension after the war.

"Even now," however, he said, "the United Kingdom, always a large purchaser of British Columbia fruit, fish and lumber, finds it possible to ship overland to the Atlantic large quantities of goods which are absolutely essential. Meantime, we are checking closely the statistics of prewar trade with a view to an adequate development of trade and

## Bacon Contract Likely Will Be Filled on Time

### Canadian Farmers Doing a "Good Job"

OTTAWA, Aug. 24 (CP). — Department of Agriculture is known today that Canadian farmers are "making a good job of the bacon contract."

If—as now seems probable—Canadian producers achieve an objective of supplying 675,000,000 pounds of bacon to the United Kingdom in year ending in November they have succeeded in something a great many people thought couldn't be done.

Canada has tried to give the United Kingdom all the bacon needed ever since the war began. In the contract year 1939-40, a total of 330,000,000 pounds were needed, in 1940-41 a total of 422,000,000 and in 1941-42 a total of 600,000,000.

The struggle to meet shipping schedules became harder every year, and when the last load of the 600,000,000-pound contract left, seemed no more could be done.

"Some people thought we were too ambitious when we increased our agreement with Britain for the supply of bacon in 1942-43," said I. G. S. H. Barton, deputy minister of agriculture.

"We're making a good job of the bacon contract. We'll probably reach our objective of 675,000,000 pounds by next November."

In the week ending August 1, hog gradings were 103,394 head against 82,782 in the same week last year.

### HOG MARKETINGS UP 53 PER CENT

"In the month of July of this year, hog marketings in Saskatchewan were 53 per cent higher than in July, 1942," said an official. "Manitoba was up by 23 per cent, Alberta by 22, Quebec by 10, the Maritime Provinces by 7 and Ontario by 3. British Columbia was down."

Manitoba, it was estimated, could show a 25 per cent increase in hog production in 1943. Actually, at the end of seven months of 1943, this province was 27 per cent ahead of last year.

Saskatchewan had achieved a 24 per cent improvement, while Alberta, the major hog-producing province, is marketing more animals than ever before.



tween five and six millions of her people have already paid the exacting price of freedom. How many more may have perished, because of the fighting, through starvation, disease and the kindred camp followers of battling armies will probably never be computed.

Terrible as the statistics of the dead are, those relating to the living are also in a class by themselves. Take the wounded, the sick, the homeless and the children who suffer because of the unbridled atrocities committed under the cloak of war. Means are totally inadequate in China to relieve any but a very small percentage of the nation-wide suffering. Every donation to help relieve it is welcomed.

### DANGER IS NOT OVER ALTOGETHER

Canadians owe the Chinese a debt which will take a long time to repay. It was certainly well within the realm of possibility, and the danger is not altogether over, that if nearly three million Japanese fighting men, about a million of whom have been killed, had not been needed to fight the Chinese patriots some of them would have found ways and means to have reached this coast. The attempt at least might have been made.

Canada is a long way from the fighting fronts. Closest we come individually to conflict is bidding our soldiers good-bye, a little rationing, buying tags and subscribing for the odd bond. All these are part of the war, too, and mean immunity maybe from the horrors of bombed cities and a battle-scarred land. Demands for money are many. Yet if anyone is entitled to that spare dollar idling in a Canadian pocket it is the wounded Chinese soldier, or the refugee child bereft of parents in the world-wide fight for democracy. That one Canadian dollar would go a long way in China now. It is worth eighteen Chinese dollars at the present moment.

### Coupons Valid Today

Tea or Coffee—Nos. 1 to 13.  
Sugar—Nos. 1 to 13.  
Butter—Nos. 20 to 23 (expiry date, August 31) and Nos. 24 and 25 (expiry date, September 30).  
Meat—Nos. 8 to 12 (expiry date, August 31) and No. 13 (expiry date, September 30).

## Letters to the Editor

No letter to the Editor will be inserted except over the proper signature and address of the writer. This rule admits of no exception. No letter should exceed 100 words in length.

### A COURAGEOUS ACT

Sir,—We have today been celebrating an act of bravery on the part of two native Indians of British Columbia, Mrs. Rice and her son, who in July, 1942, rescued two members of the Royal Canadian Air Force after a plane had crashed in the sea near Norway Island. As a fitting conclusion to this celebration Royal Canadian Humane Societies parchments were presented in Beacon Hill Park.

Since the Society for the Furtherance of Indian Arts and Crafts was the first mover in obtaining this recognition, the time is opportune to place before your readers a word on behalf of the cause for Indian advancement to which the society is pledged.

From our earliest childhood the Indian has been identified in our minds with bravery and wisdom in council. And we have since learned that he is capable of showing great devotion to the highest ideals within the grasp of his imagination, as witness his enlistments in this present war. Let us see in these characteristics, and in the evidence of his arts and crafts, an absolutely solid bedrock upon which the Indian may build an edifice in the pattern of our own civilization which shall do him eternal credit. There is evidence of this growth already, for, even under the present system of education, records of Indian schools recently compiled show that the average Indian child is rapidly advancing in his ability to absorb the learning essential to his progress.

We hope that the action of Mrs. Rice and her son in rescuing the gallant men of the Royal Canadian Air Force, will bring home to many people an increasing conviction that the Indians of Canada are worthy of the best that we have to give them both spiritually and educationally. If we do this even half as honestly as we profess our faith in Christianity I am sure it will not be long before the Indians of this country will become independent of our material help and will have proved themselves worthy of un-

stinted citizenship in this country of which we are so proud.

A. E. PICKFORD.

Victoria, B.C., August 24, 1943.

### SAANICH WARDS

Sir,—The Ward Six Saanich Ratepayers' Association will hold a public meeting on Thursday next in the Temperance Hall, East Saanich Road, at 8 p.m. All ratepayers in the outer wards are urged to attend.

The question of secession of the outer wards is to be discussed owing to an attempt by certain interests in the inner wards to abolish the ward system of municipal representation. Such abolishment would enable these interests to get complete control of the municipality and deprive the outer wards of any representation, in my opinion.

As has been stated the root of the trouble is the system of municipal taxation which exists today. The heavy taxes on land discriminate most unfairly against the farmer who, in order to obtain his living, must have a greater area of land than the ordinary resident who lives in the inner wards and earns his living elsewhere. These inner ward residents naturally want all kinds of costly services similar to those prevailing in the city of Victoria but they also want to pay only low rural taxes. It is impossible to have both. Therefore they favor heavy taxes on land and light taxes on improvements. By this means they could get the services they want by placing ruinous taxes on the land of the already hard-pressed farmers. If all taxes were on improvements only and not on the land the situation would be far more equitable. Better still there should be only one tax, income tax, as in the final analysis all taxes must be paid out of income.

Secession has been made possible by the Relief of Saanich Act, which provides the Lieutenant-Governor with the power to reduce the area of the Saanich municipality on receipt of a petition signed by the owners of at least one-half of the assessed land value in the area wishing to secede. All rural Saanich residents should refuse to tolerate any longer the present unfair situation, which threatens to become considerably worse in the near future.

SYDNEY PICKLES.

"Sunstead Farm," Saanichton, B.C., August 23, 1943.