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## COUNCIL WILL OPEN STREET

**L. McLean Asks for Clearing Up Of Power House Road Blockade**

### CITY TO NEGOTIATE

Other than routine business discussion of opening of the road to the power house, which has been closed since W. J. Murphy put up a fence and stopped traffic over his property, was the main item of business transacted at the meeting of the city council on Monday night. Mayor W. Vidler Papworth presided and Ald. Paterson, Exter, Riddell and Archer were present.

The matter of the road was brought to the fore by Lachlan McLean, who was present and addressed the council, asking for a roadway to his property. He thought it was not fair to demand taxes from a man if no road was provided to his property. There was a public road there 41 years ago, he said, before W. J. Murphy bought the property, and he had no right to close up the road. At the present time those living in that district had to pack their wood to their homes by a wheelbarrow. Mayor Papworth pointed out to Mr. McLean that the council were cognizant of the facts of the case and that the road would be opened. There had been some delay as Mr. Murphy had agreed to get a surveyor to survey the property on which his house is situated. The council was prepared to give Mr. Murphy land belonging to the city in exchange for the small strip of land required to make connection to the road. The matter should be adjusted amicably, without expense to anyone, but if there was no other way the city would have to expropriate the property, as provided by law.

J. W. Muir asked permission to erect a small movable booth at the bathing beach during the summer and also at the park. The council agreed to the proposition, provided he took out a business license for the stand.

## HAD A NARROW ESCAPE

Little Caroline Merrill had a narrow escape from a serious accident at noon on Sunday. She was riding her bicycle and evidently did not notice a race between Jackie Hartin on his pony and Kenneth Hislop on foot, taking place on the side street along in front of Hendricks' garage. At any rate the racers came thundering down to the square where Caroline was just starting up on her bicycle. The horse tried to stop himself from running into the girl and bicycle and fell, knocking Caroline to the ground. She was picked up and rushed home, bleeding rather badly at the nose. Dr. Barclay looked her over and found her injuries to be not serious, a few nasty cuts around her nose and some bruises around her neck and shoulders. Jack Hartin, when the horse he was riding put on the brakes and fell, was thrown off and landed on his wrists, which were sore for a day or so but nothing serious.

## ARGENTA ITEMS

In honor of her daughter's third birthday, Mrs. J. Galas entertained at her home on Wednesday afternoon, and was assisted by her sister-in-law, Mrs. G. Barnett. The little guests were Melvin Tarr, Lorraine Tarr, Irene Beguin and Milton Barnett. The grown-up guests included Mrs. C. Tarr, Mrs. M. Grant, Mrs. Barnett, Sr., Mrs. Barnett Jr., Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Sawczuk and Mrs. Beguin. Delicious refreshments were served.

While we still hope we shall have spring some day. It freezes very hard

## IMPORTANT KASLO ORGANIZATIONS:

### THE KASLO AND DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In 1909 Miss Laura Rose was sent by the provincial government to organize a branch of the Women's Institute at Kaslo. One meeting was held and officers were appointed, but for some reason this first effort proved abortive.

In November of the following year, 1910, Miss Rose again visited Kaslo and deplored the fact that no action had been taken by the officers duly installed the previous year. A fresh start was made and ultimately the following officers were elected:

President, Miss Mildred Twiss.  
Sec.-treas., Mrs. J. F. Latham.  
Directors: Mrs. J. W. Cockle, Mrs. Chisholm and Miss Alexander.

The first important work to be carried out was the staging of a fruit fair in 1911. A date had been set by the B. C. Fairs association, but the Fruit Growers association had decided not to hold the fair as usual. On the suggestion of Miss Twiss, the president, the Women's Institute decided to hold the fair themselves and to apply to the government for the usual grant. This was done and committees were appointed. These were Mrs. Beer, Mrs. Cockle, Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Green, Mrs. White, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Timms, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Keen and these ladies had charge of the different phases of the work. This was the first fair to be put on in B.C. by women, and was a huge success, netting the sum of \$400. A part of this money was spent in fencing the old cemetery and in clearing three acres of new cemetery ground. In the following August the city council by resolution expressed the thanks of the city to the Women's Institute for the work they had done in placing the cemetery in a more presentable condition.

A jam factory was started by the Institute but did not prove popular so was discontinued.

The Institute also started the idea of sending for chicken feed in carload lots.

In 1913 the membership had grown to 113.

Since its organization the Women's Institute has ministered generously to many needs, both private and public, and has always been to the fore in advancing the good name of Kaslo. The crippled children's hospital, Vancouver has been assisted. During the Great War splendid contributions were made to the Prisoners of War fund, and two cots were donated to the Clevedon Hospital in England.

As late as 1932 it was due to the efforts of the Women's Institute that the first carload of apples and vegetables was sent to the needy people of the prairies.

The Kaslo and District Women's Institute is doing good work for Kaslo and is deserving of the support of the community.

Word was received in town yesterday that W. S. Heffernan, a mining broker in Kaslo several years ago, had passed away at Cranbrook Tuesday. He had been ailing for some time, from the effects of war disabilities.

### REBUILDING SANDON FLUME

Complete renewal of the great flume through which Carpenter creek pours its waters through the heart of Sandon is one of the big jobs of the provincial public works department in West Kootenay at present, the work being carried out by relief crews under Walter Johnstone, general road foreman for the Kaslo-Slocan.

A carload of lumber, 10,000 board feet, was used in making a temporary flume to divert the water during the building of the permanent structure. Material for the permanent flume

### SKI TOURNEY HELD AT RETALLACK

A ski tournament was held at Retallack on March 17th and practically every citizen of the village was on hand to witness the thrills and spills offered by the contestants. The longest jump was made by Joe Trinca—35 feet; Frank Kohar came second with 24½ feet; and Douglas Garrett third with 23½ feet. Liberal prizes of money were awarded the boys.

Other jumpers who gave exhibition jumps on the hill were Basil Erickson, Martin Elsang and Curly Garland. The latter claims the championship of Zincton.

Evan Brown also thrilled the crowd by some daring acts performed on one ski. All gentlemen participating in the tournament were treated to cigars. All smaller children were given money prizes.

The boys are very grateful to Bill Jarvis and the citizens of Retallack who made this tournament possible.

### SLOCAN ORES MAY GO TO EUROPE

Possibilities of the Kootenays, and particularly of the Slocan with its silver-lead-zinc ores, as an ore contributor to European smelters, are under investigation by the prominent ore buying house of Ayrton, Cohen & Co., of London, England, says the Nelson Daily News.

As a result of a visit to Nelson recently by Leonard Cohen, a director of the company, which buys metals, and ores, and, in the case of ores, acts as distributor to smelters in Great Britain and Belgium, it is believed in mining circles that some contracts may be arranged for shipment of silver-lead-zinc ore to Europe.

Mr. Cohen, who was in Nelson for some days was in touch with some of the Slocan mining interests.

### BASEBALL CLUB REORGANIZED

A reorganization meeting of the Kaslo baseball club was held Thursday night of last week when the following officers were elected:

Hon. pres., Wm. Myers.  
President, A. L. MacPhee.  
Vice-pres., Otto Augustine.  
Sec.-treas., J. W. Muir.

The membership fee for the season was placed at 50c, and to raise funds a dance is to be held shortly, Ted Allen, Geo. Lind and J. W. Muir being the committee in charge.

The appointment of a manager and coach was left over until the next meeting to be held on April 8th.

## LONG YEARS AGO

The following items are taken from The Kootenaiian files of 25 years ago:

A. R. Heyland and staff have returned from their survey trip in the Flathead valley.

Jack Riddell left last Saturday for Seattle on business connected with oil lands in the Flathead valley.

Pete Kelly informs us that it was Mrs. Johnson who found the gold nugget in the chicken crop at Poplar, and that a larger nugget was found in the gizzard of another chick since then.

The Kootenaiian has received positive information that the True Blue Copper Mines, close to Kaslo, have been bonded by the Pacific Metals Co., of Victoria.

"The Lucky Jim is breaking all records for production in the Kaslo-Slocan district of British Columbia," said G. Weaver Loper, general manager of that company to a reporter of the Spokesman Review.

### Thirty-seven Years Ago

S. T. Lindsay came down yesterday from the Alice and Zuni at the head of Spring Creek.

Sandon has at last reached the zenith of her glory. The prime motive of incorporation has been achieved and the town is wild with joy.

### LITTLE ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

S. N. Ross and Herman Lindow of Retallack were in town on Sunday.

Noel Bacchus of Birchdale was a business visitor in town on Tuesday.

Frank Helme spent the week end at the Silver Bear mine on the South Fork of Kaslo creek. He reports good progress being made at the mine.

Alexander Robb has been appointed postmaster at Poplar, succeeding the late A. G. Johnston. He has also been named as mining recorder for that district.

The city truck, driven by S. J. Mayzes, crashed into the rear end of J. R. Tinkess' truck which was stationary in front of the latter's garage, on Tuesday morning. The city truck was damaged considerably, the radiator being caved in, the lights broken off, and the axle bent. The Tinkess machine was undamaged.

Mrs. James Speirs received word on Tuesday of the death of her sister, Mrs. F. N. McEwan of Nelson. Deceased leaves a sorrowing husband and four children. Ailing for some time Mrs. McEwan was taken to Muscaline, Iowa, for special medical treatment, but to no avail, passing away there on Saturday. Funeral services will be held in Nelson tomorrow.

President Walter Hendricks and Vice-President C. W. Webster of the Kaslo Board of Trade, and Mayor W. Vidler Papworth, were scheduled to board the C.P.R. boat at Kaslo this morning at 1:45 o'clock for a trip to Lardeau, in the course of which they would interview A. LeSage, inspector of the board of railway commissioners who is going over the line today in connection with the railway company's application to discontinue the line.

With the exception of the real cold snap in January which lasted for two or three days, the thermometer has been the lowest the past few nights of any time in the winter. H. Giegerich, who has kept daily thermometer readings for the past 35 years, says that in all that time never has the thermometer registered so low in the month of April as it has this week during the nights. The days have been clear and sunny. There is considerable of the big snowdrift that accumulated in January still lying in the middle of Front street.

One source of noise on radios in town has been tracked down—that caused by electric light globes that are just about burned out. Several cases have been definitely traced to this, and when the bad light was removed the noise ceased. Generally the light will make a sort of "singing" noise. If you spot an electric light that does this, or flickers, take it out of the socket and replace it with a new one—it will burn out shortly anyway—and if left will cause lots of "misery" to radio set owners who are in your vicinity.

We wouldn't say exactly that Sandon is in the banana belt, but it would certainly seem as if the Slocan mining metropolis is at least in the lemon and orange district judging by specimens of these citrus fruits sent to Nelson last week by J. M. Harris. The lemon particularly was a noble specimen, being over six inches in length. It weighed 21 ounces and its circumference was 13½ inches by 15¼ inches.

Monday, May 6th has been proclaimed a public holiday in Victoria under the Interpretations act. An announcement from the office of the provincial secretary last week also proclaimed a holiday in British Columbia on May 25th, anniversary of King George's accession to the throne.

## WOULD GIVE \$1 BONUS TO GOLD

**Sidney Norman Says Would Bring In \$100 For Every Dollar Expended**

### ALL NEW CAPITAL

Sidney Norman, prominent writer on mining matters in British Columbia, would bonus the gold mining industry, and in a recent article in The Vancouver Sun, has the following to say:

"Here's the present picture of conditions upon the North American continent:

#### UNITED STATES

22,000,000 people on relief and as many more in distress.  
11,000,000 men out of work.  
\$4,880,000,000 just appropriated for relief in the sixth year of the depression.  
6,000,000 young men in relief camps.  
2,500,000 who have left school or college since 1929 who have never had a job.

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### Y.P.S. STAGES MOCK COURT

Five alleged culprits were arraigned at the mock trials session of the Y.P.S. last week, at which session there also was a hearing of one civil case. All available seats for the session were occupied, and the progress of each case was followed attentively.

Droll repartee and adroit responses by defendants and witnesses sustained a lively interest. Successive ripples of mirth indicated the spectators enjoyed the affair. Four defendants were found guilty. One case presented such complexity and ambiguity that a nimble quick-step demonstration by the chief witness was required to convict. The court took the civil case from counsel and found for the defendant. The first defendant offered an oral musical defense but without avail; another resorted to instrumental music and escaped from custody during the resultant emotional sway of court and attendants.

The active participants were: Miss McQueen, Mesdames Papworth, Paterson and Robson; Messrs. Billings, Garrett, Green, Leet, Merrill, McGregor, MacPhee, Robinson, Robson, and Webster.

A short business preceded the trials which were followed by the serving of refreshments by the committee in charge.

At the next meeting several snappy playlets will be offered for the amusement of members and friends, and there will be an old-time taffy pull.

### MRS. KEEN PRESIDES AT W. I. MONTHLY MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Kaslo and District Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Sandilands on Friday afternoon with twenty members and four visitors present. Mrs. John Keen, who was re-elected president at a special meeting held on March 22nd, presided.

Routine business was gone through and then the correspondence was attended to. A request from Harrop W.I. that the Kaslo Women's Institute send in an exhibit to the West Arm fair at Harrop found favor with the meeting. South Slocan W.I. wrote concerning a union library service and the secretary was asked to confer with the local librarian.

A resolution from Robson W.I. asking for the standardization of education throughout Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and B.C. was endorsed on motion of Mrs. Allen and Mrs. T. Smith.

A second resolution, received from Creston and district W.I. concerning the administration and distribution of relief by the Dominion authorities, was laid on the table for a month to give members time to think the mat-