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Committee Of Three To Study Reduction Of City Hydro Rates

A recommendation that city hydro rates be reduced will be probed by a special civic sub-committee. Ald. D. A. Mulligan's motion urging Winnipeg's city council to approve a lowering of hydro rates was referred Monday to a sub-committee of the city's public utilities committee, consisting of Ald. Mulligan, Ald. Jack St. John and Ald. H. V. McKelvey. City council, before which the motion was first brought at least two months ago, has repeatedly postponed discussion on it. At the last council meeting, however, it was agreed that the utilities committee should study the matter and bring in a report within two months.

HAM RADIO TALK BRINGS IN \$7,500

Thanks to "ham" radio talks, \$7,500 has been raised for the Manitoba Flood Relief fund in Calgary and plans are now underway for a campaign in Nanaimo, B.C. Mrs. S. R. Talbot, 865 Dudley avenue, wife of the licensee, answered a call from George Sargenta of Calgary, who wanted news of the Winnipeg flood situation. Mr. Sargenta, known as VEGAC on the airwaves, recorded the conversation which was later broadcast. Calgary's first response was \$7,500 for flood relief in Manitoba. Now Jim Reid, another "ham" friend of the Red Cross in Nanaimo, has asked for news to be used in a three-day campaign which gets under way there May 24. Mr. Reid, a former Winnipegger, resided on Kingswood crescent, one of Winnipeg's hardest-hit areas.

200 GREET 'RED DEAN' DURING BRIEF STOPOVER

Dr. Hewlett Johnson, Red dean of Canterbury, passed through Winnipeg Saturday on his way to the west coast. Some 200 members of the Manitoba Peace council, bearing placards with slogans of welcome, were on hand to meet the dean, when he stepped off the train, accompanied by Dr. James G. Endicott, chairman of the Canadian Peace congress.

INOCULATION CLINIC IN CRESCENTWOOD AREA

For residents of Crescentwood district there will be a typhoid inoculation clinic set up in the Crescentwood Community club, Rockwood street and Corydon avenue, every Thursday and Friday evening from 8 to 9 p.m.

2 Hurt In Student-Driver Mishap

A freak accident Sunday night slightly injured two boys when a car, in which a young woman was learning to drive, hounded over a curb and struck the boys who were standing on the sidewalk with their bicycles. Police said Monday that Miss Ellie Hunter, 512 Ross avenue, was being taught to drive by a friend, William Maxwell, of 937 Marion boulevard, Fort Garry. Said Mr. Maxwell in a report to police: "We were going down Isabel street near Elgin avenue when the knob on the steering wheel, caught in Ellie's jacket pocket, I tried to control the car as it lurched to the left by pushing on the brake, but instead I pressed the accelerator. The car bounced across the curb, ran over the two boys' bicycles, badly damaging them, and knocked down the lads. We ended up against a signboard." The two boys, Winston Warren, 15, of 563 Pacific avenue, and Harry Chester, 11, of 553 Pacific avenue, were treated for bruises at the Winnipeg General hospital.

NAVY MEDICAL DIRECTOR CHECKS ON FLOOD WORK

Surgeon Capt. Archie McCallum, medical director-general of the Royal Canadian Navy, is visiting Winnipeg on his first hand what the medical branch of naval headquarters can do to assist in the flood-battered city. Capt. McCallum said he was extremely pleased with the organization and work of the medical department at H.M.C.S. Chippawa, under the direction of Surg. Lt. Commander R. G. McNeil, principal medical officer. He would not praise too highly the good work of Lt. Commander McNeil and his staff and volunteer helpers, Capt. McCallum declared. Capt. McCallum was to return to Ottawa later Tuesday.

MOVIE PROGRAMME AT GOOD NEIGHBORS

Films were shown 175 members of the Good Neighbors club Sunday evening by W. J. Robinson, sponsored by the junior chamber of commerce film service and the Winnipeg public library. T. H. Upjohn sang several selections, accompanied by Mrs. Ethel Davis. Refreshments were supplied by the executive of the Good Neighbors club.

POINT DOUGLAS EVACUEES NOW BEING REGISTERED

Registration of evacuees from the Point Douglas area is going on daily at the Point Douglas headquarters of the central volunteer bureau, 205 Euclid avenue, officials said Tuesday. Mrs. M. Himmler is in charge of the registration.

Little Danger Seen From Stagnant Pools

Likelihood of contamination from stagnant pools of water left by the flood was minimized by the chief health inspector, Dr. E. J. Bigby, Tuesday. "Most of the pools will have to be pumped out," he said. Definite plans for this work would be ready by the end of the week. Those wishing to do their own de-contamination work were advised to use chlorine of lime as a disinfectant. The lime should be mixed to a paste — one pound to one pint of water — and the paste allowed to dissolve in a pail of water, he explained. When ready, the disinfectant should be poured into the offending area. "One pail of this mixture will cover a large area," he said.

SOCIETY TO SEND FUNDS FOR BROWNING WINDOW

Contributions for the Browning memorial window, to be placed in the Browning chapel, St. Marylebone church, London, England, have come not only from the Browning society of Winnipeg, but from students of Browning through the years from 1904 to 1950. Mrs. R. L. Thomson, 369 Queenston street, the secretary, has announced. The donations to the fund will shortly be sent to London.

ARMY PATROL GETS FISH BEHIND DIKE

Men of the 52nd H.A.A. battery, who are patrolling the dikes along South drive in Fort Garry, found Monday's warm weather to their liking. To pass the time between patrols, a couple of the soldiers acquired some fishing tackle and cast a line into the murky waters pouring across South drive, behind the dike. Their reward? A five pound carp.

Nursing Brigade Chief Visits Flood Areas

Extended tour of first aid posts manned by members of the St. John Ambulance brigade, was made Friday by Miss J. M. MacLaren, superintendent-in-chief of the brigade nursing division, Ottawa. While in Winnipeg, Miss MacLaren conferred with Fred Watkins, provincial president of St. John Ambulance, and Mrs. B. Levitt, provincial superintendent. She visited Greater Winnipeg's dike system, Red Cross-managed hospitals, catering services and the evacuation hospital at Winnipeg Beach. Miss MacLaren returned to Ottawa Monday.

PARKED CAR THEFTS GET MAN 3 MONTHS

A dating back 14 years was sentenced Tuesday to another three months in jail when he appeared in city police court on two charges of thefts from parked cars. He is 56-year-old Ing Jorundson of no fixed abode. Jorundson was arrested overnight on Main street and charged with theft of a \$15 book from one parked auto, and of a \$3 blanket from a second. He was sentenced to three months on each count, the terms to be concurrent. Jorundson's criminal record went back to 1936 and included numerous theft cases.

TOMATO PLANT CENTRE NAMED FOR FORT GARRY

In a story in Monday's edition of the Free Press, concerning the planting of extra tomato plants by home gardeners in dry areas for those flooded out, it was incorrectly stated that the plants would be received at the Fort Garry community clubhouse on the General Sir Sam Steele school grounds. The plants will be received at the clubhouse on the General Steele school grounds, Riverwood avenue, Fort Garry, June 22 to 25.

Ex-Winnipegger Finds City 'Astounding' On Visit

Time has brought more changes to Winnipeg than has flood damage. J. Ross Cameron said Monday. A former Winnipegger now living in Portland, Maine, Mr. Cameron, formerly worked at the Monarch Life Assurance company. He left Winnipeg in 1923. "The changes along Portage avenue are astounding," Mr. Cameron said. "I had read in Portland about the flood damage," he said, "but the city certainly has become bigger. I scarcely know how to get around any more." He is staying at the Fort Garry hotel until Thursday night, he said.

Beacon Theatre Acts Entertain At Chippawa

While flood waters lapped around H.M.C.S. Chippawa Sunday night, off-duty naval personnel, army men, volunteer workers and their friends relaxed on the drill deck and watched a variety performance staged by the Beacon theatre troupe. Participating in the hour-long show, which was viewed by more than 600 persons, were Mary Diane, Jimmy and June, Joyce Bernard, John Knight, Dick Sutton, Billy Komax, The Haymakers, Diana and Ernie Krywonin, and Iris Spencer and her all-girl orchestra. Ralph Gerry acted as master of ceremonies.



Excitement runs high at V-W Day headquarters in the City Dairy building as results from the one-day Volunteer Wages drive pour in to the Manitoba Flood Relief fund. Volunteers from the Associated Canadian Travellers' association man the telephones as subscription totals from employees of business and industry throughout Greater Winnipeg are completed. Scanning the returns are (left to right): Maillard Steinkopf, a vice-chairman of the fund's provincial committee; A. H. Watson, committee chairman; E. C. Gilliat, J. O. Blich, members of the executive, and R. Heaton, one of the committee's 120 section heads.

9 Buildings Taken Over As Army Tests Last-Ditch 'If' Exercise

Rooms in nine buildings — including five schools — in the Greater Winnipeg area were taken over for a few hours Monday night as flood control authorities ordered a last exercise of the headquarters system that would be established under the "if" plan. That plan would go into immediate operation should it ever become necessary to order total evacuation of Greater Winnipeg because of a sudden rise of the Red river to the critical level. "Precautionary" The exercise was described Tuesday by Brig. R. E. A. Morton, flood control commander, as a "precautionary measure" designed to test the over-all communications plan to be effected in an extreme emergency. He stressed that it was merely a test and that the public should not become alarmed or take it as an indication that flood conditions in Greater Winnipeg would get worse. The schools in which temporary accommodation was taken were Daniel Melnyk, Centennial, King George, Earl Grey and Linwood school in St. James Zone headquarters were also established in the St. Boniface city hall, Fort Garry Legion hall, Fort Osborne barracks and McGregor armories. Nine Zones Under the "if" plan Greater Winnipeg would be divided into nine zones. A headquarters would be established for each zone. It was to test this set-up that the exercise was run off Monday night. During the operation the efficiency of signals, telephone and lighting networks from the dikes to flood control headquarters, were tested. Central headquarters under the "if" plan would be located at Minto armories and two sub-control centres would be established. They would be set up in Carriquet barracks and at Stevenson air field. The public works department of the provincial government worked with the flood control authorities to test emergency lighting equipment.

Hurst Says He's Happy At Pledge On Flood Control

W. D. Hurst, city engineer and chairman of Winnipeg's flood control committee, expressed confidence Tuesday in promises of the international joint commission to work out a plan of flood control in the Red River valley. Mr. Hurst conferred Monday with General A. G. L. McNaughton, Canadian member of the commission, and with federal and provincial engineers. "It was one of the happier experiences I have had during the entire flood emergency. I have every confidence in General McNaughton," Mr. Hurst declared. General McNaughton, who flew over the valley during the week-end, had declared that he felt sure a "sound engineering plan" could be worked out for the flood problem.

St. Boniface Mayor Lauds Citizen Work

Commendation of the citizens of St. Boniface for their "splendid and magnificent courage" during the flood crisis was voiced Monday night by Mayor George MacLellan at a meeting of St. Boniface city council. "I want to thank all the citizens for their splendid conduct in this emergency," Mayor MacLellan said. "They held back two rivers — the Red and the Seine. This council is very proud of our citizens. All of us feel that without them our city would not be in the fine position it is today." Confident Of Aid The mayor expressed confidence that the provincial and federal governments were fully aware of the appalling ravages caused by the flood. "They know of the tragic effects it has had on individuals," he said, adding that "council has faith that those governments will see us through to the end, so that all our people will be rehabilitated as quickly and as well as humanly possible." Letters were read from the mayors of Strathcona, Ont., and Minneapolis, Minn., conveying sympathy to St. Boniface citizens, coupled with offers of help. In a resolution moved by Ald. J. C. Van Bollegheem, council expressed its congratulations to city treasurer E. A. Poulain on his birthday. Following a brief business meeting, the council retired to an emergency flood meeting.

Police Report Looting Case; Pair Arrested

Police Tuesday said they believed they had uncovered a case of looting from a flooded West Kildonan home. Two 19-year-old youths, Wilbert Edwin Towle, 424 Notre Dame avenue, and Michael Stahl, formerly of Elie, Man., but now staying with Towle, were stopped on Edmonton street near Notre Dame avenue at 1:30 a.m. and accompanied to their Notre Dame avenue room. Under the bed, Detectives A. Thorne and Ernest Pope found a sugar sack, in which was a huge mahogany case containing an 18-piece set of silver plate, and an alarm clock. The pair appeared in city police court Tuesday, and were remanded one week without charge. However, Inspector of Detectives David Nicholson said the two would be charged with burglary, having an evacuated West Kildonan home.

Big Demand Seen For Graduates In Engineering

Graduating engineers will be in large demand in Winnipeg when flood rehabilitation gets into full swing, Dean A. E. Macdonald of the engineering faculty at the University of Manitoba said Tuesday. "We expect all our 1950 engineering graduates to have jobs by early fall," he said. "The placement picture isn't as good as it was last year," he explained. "This year's graduating class was much larger and present flood conditions are delaying progress."

Billy Beaver's Back-Bed, Food And All-But This Time He's Marked For Violence

Billy the beaver refuses to be evacuated. The food store and bed he had established in the home of Arnold P. Davey, Manitoba's chief game guardian, were removed, Bag and baggage he was ousted, for he had chewed up the game official's steps and the latter was afraid his basement upright might be next on the list. But Billy is back — and so are his nest and his feed pile of juicy poplar twigs. Bearing no grudge, he has renewed housekeeping in the game guardian's basement, just as if nothing ever happened. For a brief time following his evacuation, he tried living in a neighbor's basement, also flooded. But for some reason he just didn't feel at home as he had at 212 Clare avenue. Now, he's a marked beaver. Peaceful means having failed to resort to violence, and trapping or shooting may be employed. Meanwhile, the flooded area of Winnipeg are rapidly becoming a game sanctuary. Added to the beaver and muskrat dismissed somewhere in the suburbs or outside the city limits, and setting up new homes in the city, are mink. At least one fur farmer along

Mayor Raps Claim Flood Exaggerated

Mayor Garnet Coultter Tuesday lashed out at members of the joint federal-provincial flood commission for terming flood damage reports "exaggerated and absurd." He charged the commission with "casting doubt on the integrity of our people who have gone through so much." The mayor was referring to a report in which J. B. Carswell of Vancouver, federal nominee on the commission, said some of the figures he had received were "exaggerated and absolutely absurd." In the same report, D. Bruce Shaw of Winnipeg, provincial representative on the commission, was quoted as saying the "whole thing has been blown up a great deal."

City Speeds Delayed Start On Pavements

Stalled almost a month by floods, city engineering crews were rushed to work Tuesday on Winnipeg's 2,000,000 local improvement programme for 1950. Plans were being made Tuesday to have crews place on three eight-hour shifts daily in order to catch up with street paving and repairs delayed due to emergency flood conditions. W. D. Hurst, city engineer, revealed Tuesday that as many men as possible were being returned to regular jobs from flood emergency duties. "We are getting started on our street programme right away," he said.

C Of C Launches 'Blitz Canvass' Of St. James

A "blitz campaign" on behalf of the Manitoba Flood Relief fund was being held Tuesday in St. James. Members of the chamber of commerce were canvassing merchants and industries in the municipality, which had been divided into zones under captains as follows: 1. St. James street west and Madison street — S. McNeil. 2. Kensington street to Brooklyn street — W. G. Farrell. 3. Berry street to Parkview street — Mrs. Nina Ward. 4. Roseberry street to Ingelwood street — Maurice Appell. 5. Rutland street to Winchester street — Henry Smith. 6. Overdale street to Strathcona farm — Jack Bestable. 7. Sturgeon Creek — M. A. Lyons. 8. A special zone comprising the R.C.A.F. station, Deer Lodge hospital and the municipal offices — Mayor R. F. Wightman. 9. The airport industrial area — A. L. Bessey, airport committee chairman.

Citizenship Day Gets Little Play In City Schools

Citizenship Day came and went in city schools Tuesday — but without much fuss. Only 13 of 60-odd schools were still open. Those that were open were operating under reduced attendance and conditions that left no room for Citizenship Day spectacle. "There has been no general directive issued by the school board," said E. H. Morgan, assistant superintendent. "Any special observance will be made by the schools themselves."

Walking, Wading, Boating... Cameramen Teams Busy On Flood-Level Survey

Teams of city photographers stormed through city flood areas Monday and Tuesday to get a house-to-house pictorial survey of flood levels in Winnipeg proper. Walking, wading and boating, most of the city's commercial photographers were out on a detailed survey to gather "visual evidence" for city officials. It was expected the survey would be completed by Tuesday night. Authorized Monday by the city's flood control committee, the survey will give the city "positive evidence" to submit to the joint investigating commission now probing flood costs and damages. Mayor Garnet Coultter had pointed out that figures quoted by Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent differed greatly from those in the hands of civic officials. Most of the pictures taken during the survey will be exterior shots, according to W. D. Hurst, city engineer and chairman of the flood control committee.

Tag Day Postponed

Tag day of the Winnipeg and district joint hospital committee, Canadian Legion, scheduled for June 3, has been postponed. The new date will be announced shortly.

GRIFONS MEET THURSDAY

Incoming executive of the Griffons club will be installed at a dinner meeting at 6:15 p.m. Thursday in Moore's restaurant.

ROY'S BRIGADE CONCERT CANCELLED

A concert, planned for tonight, by the 5th Winnipeg company of the Boys' brigade, at St. Paul's United church, has been cancelled.

ROTARY LUNCHEON OFF

Owing to prevailing flood conditions, the Winnipeg Rotary club will not hold its weekly luncheon meeting Wednesday.

ROSE'S WIVES

Water four feet deep has flooded the basement of St. Matthew's Anglican church. A. E. Bradshaw, verger of the church, is shown salvaging sewing materials belonging to the Woman's auxiliary.

