

# I See by THE PAPERS

DAWSON CITY, Yukon — What would be unusual elsewhere becomes almost commonplace for a public health nurse in the Yukon.

Kathleen Dufton, a native of Radville, Sask., who recently completed a tour of duty in this area, had to travel as much as 600 miles to care for some 3,000 people in her charge.

When she visited Pelly River, the only town in the district without a doctor, the hotel owner cleared out the beer parlor and turned it over to her for a clinic.

During the spring breakup, when roads were impassable, she had to travel by helicopter to Klondike City to visit native families stricken with influenza.

Most of the time Miss Dufton travelled alone, advising the RCMP when she expected to arrive at her destination. If she was late, someone was ready to set out to meet her.

Northern Health Services supplied her with a car equipped with a sleeping bag, axe, tow chains, matches and emergency rations.

"The coldest I have ever driven in was 52 below," she said. "I wouldn't start out in such a temperature. It so happens the cold spell set in while I was out so I kept moving."

Communities she covered included the mining towns and camps at Elsa Keno, Mayo Granville and riverside settlements such as Stewart Crossing and Pelly River.

PORTLAND, Ore. — Tom Crane, who was 102 recently, says he owes his long life to "whisky, smoking and fast women."

"I still take a drink and I will as long as I live," said the ex-logger, a native of Virginia who came west in 1880.

"I had to give up chewing tobacco when I lost my teeth, and I quit smoking about six or seven years ago," he said.

As for women: "Well, I still look at them."

CALGARY — A world mousing record was shattered here recently as a four-month-old kitten be-

came the fourth world's champion mouse-catcher.

Skip, a black and white kitten with no claim to pedigree topped 34 other competitors in the Calgary Cat Club's world champion mouser competition—believed the only test of its kind in existence.

Skip took 37.5 seconds to work his way through a five-stage glass-covered maze to a cage containing live mice. It was two seconds better than the previous record, set last year by Super Connie Kitty.

Last week's winner in the cat's playdowns at the Calgary Event Show was Pretzel, a six-toed cat who ran the course in 38 seconds.

WELLINGTON — New Zealand parliamentarians are complaining about the price of butter — they say it is too cheap.

Butter is one of New Zealand's main products and sells at probably the world's lowest price, currently 27 cents a pound. But it is maintained with the help of a state subsidy which last year cost about \$13,000,000.

Members of Parliament say it is costing too much to keep butter cheap and are urging a reduction in the subsidy.

VANCOUVER — Arthur Zimmerman is seeking a patent for a life-saving device he thought up while dug into snow in the Arctic waiting to be rescued after a plane crash.

It is a balloon to be carried in a survival kit and inflated by a helium gas cylinder. The balloon, with S O S painted on each side, rises to 2,000 feet on the end of a nylon fishing line.

Painted bright orange, the eight-foot-long sausage could be spotted from both the air and ground searchers.

When packed, the equipment fills a package one foot square. It includes a long-life battery and light to illuminate the balloon at night. The balloon coating contains aluminum dust so it can be picked up on a radar screen.

Mr. Zimmerman, who says the kit could be sold for about \$18, is thinking of further refinements including a water-soluble container in which the balloon would be stored. In the event of a sinking or crash over water, the balloon would be freed and inflated automatically to rise into the air and mark the spot.

The device, which Mr. Zimmerman calls "skymarker", has been sent to the patent office in Ottawa for registration.

AUCKLAND, N.Z. — Plans to build a television mast on Mount Eden, a 600-foot hill in the centre of Auckland, met a novel obstacle when anthropologists declared the hill was "tapu" — sacred, forbidden ground.

They said that following a massacre there in 1690 a witch doctor placed a curse on the hill and it had never been lifted. To prove their point they said three attempts to plant trees on the hill had failed.

The local council was not impressed. It said the tapu must be losing its power because trees planted four and five years ago were doing nicely.

POINT PELEE — Thousands of migratory monarch butterflies are clustering at the tip of this point for their perilous flight across Lake Erie and on to Florida.

If a favorable wind springs up the butterflies leave to hedgehop across the lake via islands spaced some five miles apart.

The monarchs have been an at-

## Mission Society New Study Book

Mrs. J. H. Litster presented the devotional program when the WMS met at Mrs. S. Elliott's home recently. The roll call was a verse describing the beauty of nature. Glad tidings and the Presbyterian record followed. It was decided to have Rev. Cousens introduce the new study, "Into All the World Together" at the October meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. L. Soper.

A short period of silence was followed by a prayer by Mrs. J. Paterson in the memory of the life and work of Dr. Ida Scudder.

Mrs. Elliott served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

traction for visitors to the national park each year.

They cling to the lee side of plants and shrubs and sit in the sunny side during the day time while awaiting the proper winds.

Point Pelee is the southernmost tip of the Canadian mainland and this has been cited as the reason for the "jumping off point" of the butterflies.

MESTRE, Italy — Pietro Vizzotto, 67, is waiting patiently to start living again.

He read of his death in a newspaper several days ago after a body, found in a ditch near Mestre, was identified as that of Vizzotto.

Vizzotto, who had not lived in Mestre for many years, returned after reading the report. He learned that his death had been registered.

Until a magistrate ordered a correction, Vizzotto legally is not alive.

HONG KONG — If you curl up to sleep on a sidewalk or a park bench in North America or Europe, a policeman probably will shake you awake.

But in this refugee-packed, semi-tropical British colony, thousands of people sleep in the open each night, in alleyways, on sidewalks and on rooftops.

They sleep in peace, with no fear of policeman.

An organization headed by several prominent citizens of Hong Kong provides protection for the street sleepers. The organization is called the "Street Sleepers Shelter Society."

When the weather turns cool, the street sleepers turn to the society. It tries to give them a roof over their heads, a warm shower, and a glass of hot tea and a blanket.

The society provides shelter for an average of 50,000 destitute persons each year, a spokesman said.

The organization does not appeal for public funds and most of its support comes from the Jockey Club and the Church World Service. The group now has three apartment buildings for sleepers. Another will be ready next month.

The society is primarily concerned with destitutes born and raised in the Hong Kong area, though it does aid some refugees coming into the colony from Communist China.

LONDON — Anthony Duckworth, 17, has been left £8,000 (\$21,000)—on the condition he becomes a Chad.

The will of his godmother, Mrs. Cecil Duckworth, said the boy may choose between becoming Anthony Duckworth-Chad or Anthony Chad-Duckworth.

Chad was Mrs. Duckworth's maiden name and she was anxious to perpetuate it.

"I don't think he will object to becoming a Chad," said Tony's mother.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The newly-weds William J. Sheehy's spent the week-end moving furniture and wedding gifts into their new house, planning to move in several days later.

Thieves arrived ahead of them and carted off \$1,100 worth of furnishings and gifts including a \$600 bedroom suite and livingroom rug.

They also took dishes, utensils and a coffee-maker, but left an electric clock.

"I hope they make good use of everything," said the bride, Nancy Sue, 21.

# Lloyd Humphrey Leads Cobalt Lions Club

COBALT—Induction of Officers took place on Monday, September 12th when the Cobalt Lions Club held their first dinner meeting of the 1960-61 term at the Legion lounge.

Clifford H. Cox, International Counsellor of District A-6 conducted the installation of the following: President, Lloyd Humphrey; 1st vice-president, Bob Sopha; 2nd vice-president, Murray McKinnon; 3rd vice-president, Kurt Leopold; secretary, Denis Larabie; treasurer, Claude Lacroix; lion tamer, Hubert Audette; tail twister, Pat O'Shaughnessy; one-year directors, Jerry Presse and Ted Bilodeau; and two-year directors, Albert Riley and Ernie Bilodeau.

Les Jones, Field Representative of the Canadian Institute for the Blind attended the meeting and gave a short outline of the present campaign for funds in aid of a new Residence and Service Centre for the Blind to be built in Sudbury.

This new centre Mr. Jones said will cost approximately \$495,000 and the Government has allocated a grant of \$100,000 with the balance to be raised through donations to the building fund. Municipal councils and service clubs throughout Northern Ontario will be approached for funds to aid this needy cause. Mr. Jones asked the support of the Cobalt Lions club in canvassing this area.

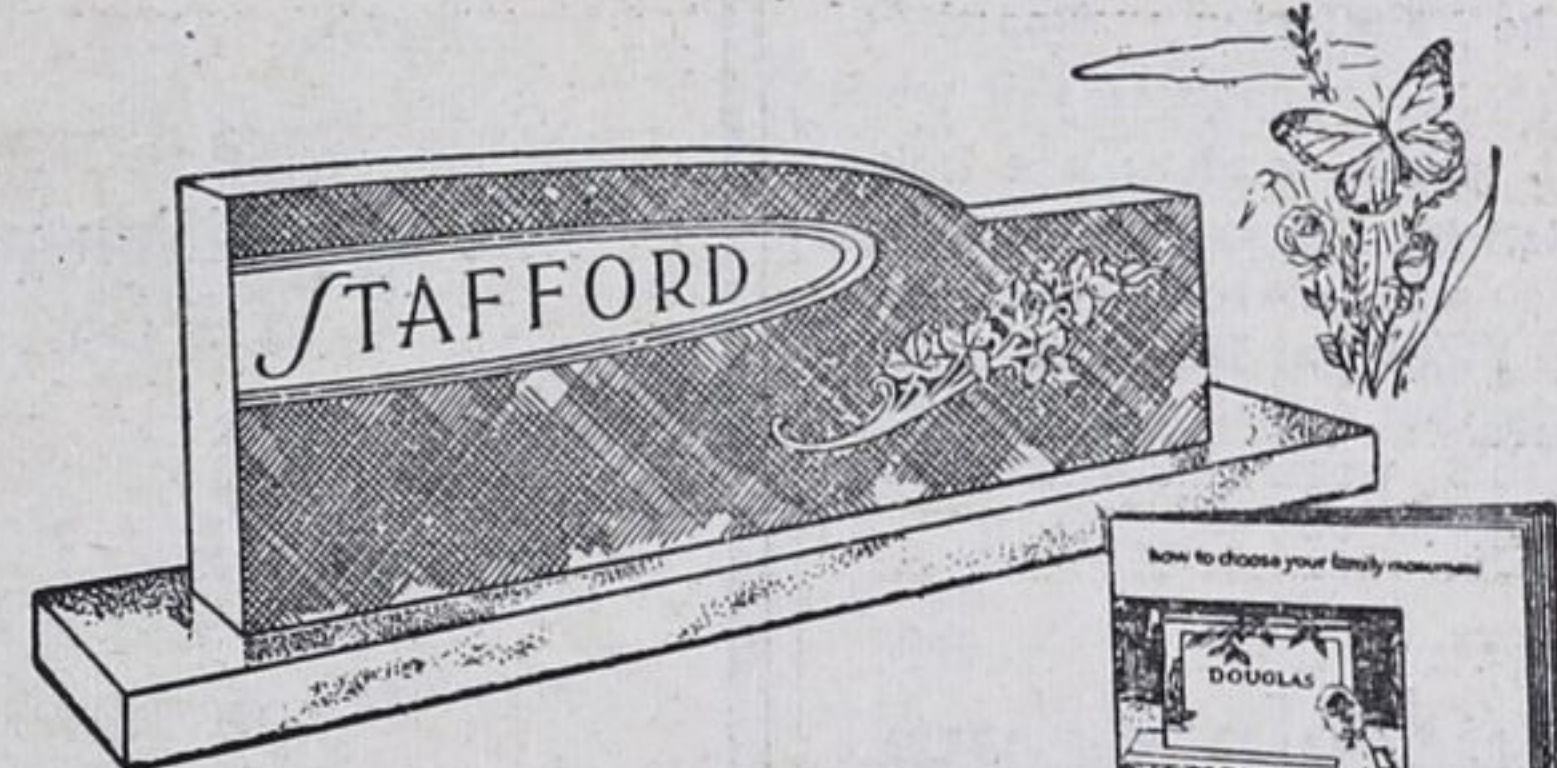
Reports were given on various activities carried on throughout the summer months with Jerry Presse reporting on the club bingos, and Hubert Audette with regards to the scrap drive.

Financial assistance was given a local student who is attending Teacher's College, and the club assisted the Girl Guides who have purchased a summer camp. President Lloyd Humphrey reported on the club picnic held at Elkhorn Lodge.

At the conclusion of the regular meeting a short Director's meeting was held at which several accounts were approved for payment. An invitation was received from the Angeliers Lions Club to attend their 5th Annual Charter Night on Wednesday, September 21st. All future dinner meetings of the Cobalt club will be held at the Legion lounge.



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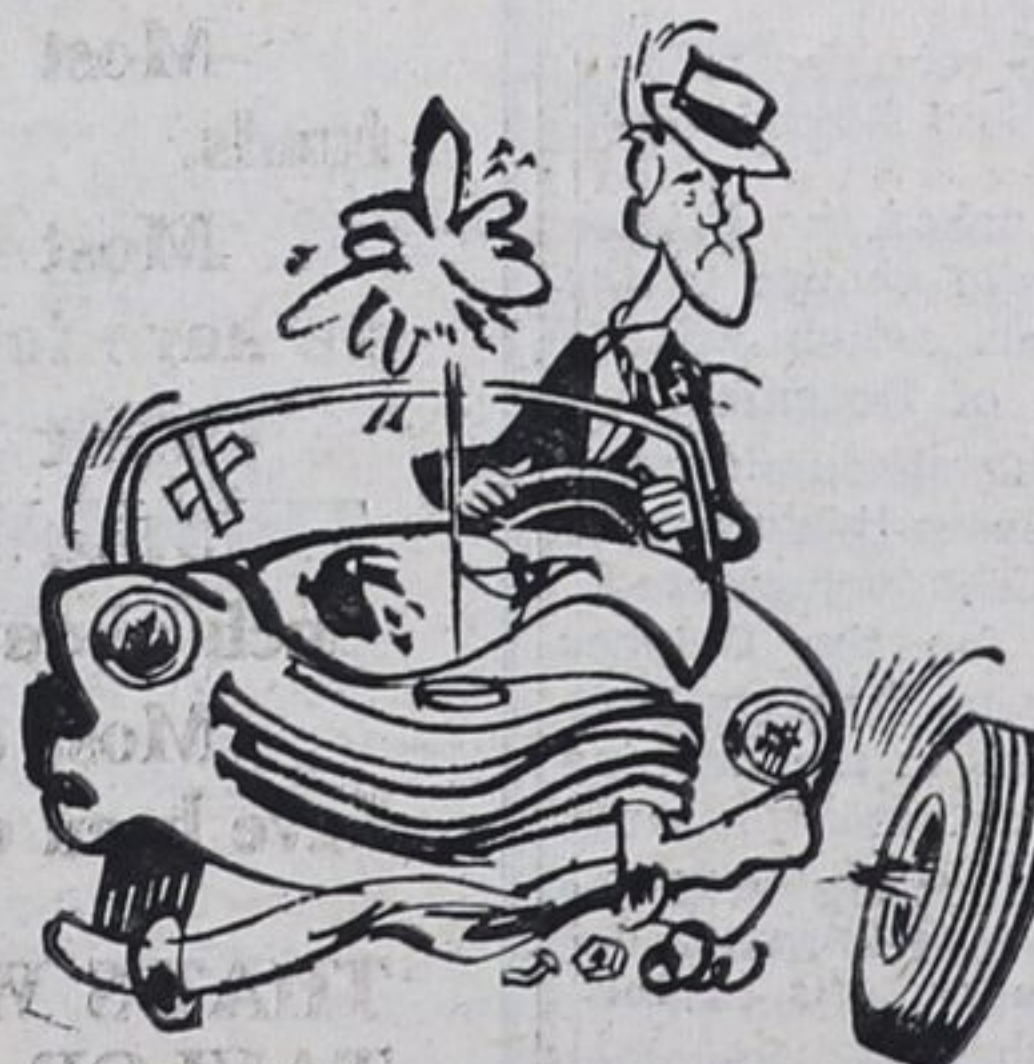
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