

Court Action Deferred In Coogan Case

LOS ANGELES, April 22—(AP)—The task of checking up on the money Jackie Coogan earned as a movie star today caused a court to postpone until May 2 further action in the actor's suit for an accounting against his mother and stepfather.

Counsel for Jackie and for the Arthur L. Bernstein agreed that further time would be necessary to complete a check of the books of Jackie Coogan Productions, the Jackie Coogan Finance Company and those of the Bernstein Superior Judge Emmet Wilson also ordered Mrs. Bernstein's deposition completed by May 2 and granted her permission to amend certain answers. Jackie's attorneys have charged her deposition, given last Monday, conflicted with statements given at the time of a guardianship proceeding.

Her memory refreshed by the re-reading of these documents, Mrs. Bernstein asked to be allowed to re-answer some questions. These relate particularly to whether she and her late husband, John R. Coogan, ever planned to establish a trust.

Meanwhile, the rally to Jackie's fund was held by two Los Angeles judges, a movie friend—Walter Bery—and Jackie's movie wife—Betty Grable—who recalled that Jackie's father had told him "many times" he never used or intended to use a cent of the youngster's vast earnings.

Miss Grable broke the silence today by declaring that even in the face of Mrs. Bernstein's statement that Jackie was a "pauper," she married him because Jackie and I were in love and money didn't—and doesn't—mean a thing."

MT. STEWART

- Honor Roll for March:
 Grade X-1. Freddie Coym; 2. Margaret Douglas; 3. Claude Affleck.
 Grade IX-1. Victor MacDonald; 2. Marion MacDonald; 3. Brighton MacDonald.
 Grade VIII-1. Ora Rose; 2. Wynne McIntyre.
 Grade VII-1. Phyllis Affleck; 2. June Jay; 3. Eileen MacDonald.
 Grade VI-1. Jean Affleck; 2. Leona Jay; 3. John Boyce.
 Grade V-1. Gerald Fisher; 2. Preston McSkell; 3. Alphonus MacDonald.
 Grade IV-1. David Jay; 2. Hammond MacKenzie; 3. Carl MacDonald.
 Grade III Senior-1. James Feehan and Leonard Doyle; 2. Annie Jay; 3. Douglas Smith.
 Grade III-Junior 1. Rachel Leard; 2. Preston Affleck; 3. Nell Jay.
 Grade II-Senior-1. Peter MacLeod 2. Wanda Jay; 3. Charles MacDonald.
 Grade II-Junior-1. Amy MacKenzie; 2. Leona Fisher.
 Grade I-1. Reta Griffin; 2. Albert MacIntyre and Jackie MacCormac; 3. Ora Leard and Eiton Glover.
 Eileen Nelson, Principal.
 John Horgan, Margaret Reville.

Water Conservation Projects Total 4,000

REGINA, April 22—(CP)—More than 4,000 water conservation projects were completed and total assistance paid to farmers was \$298,000. W. L. Jacobson said today in releasing figures for the Prairie farm Rehabilitation Act operations in the three Prairie Provinces. Mr. Jacobson, secretary, gave figures for the three years the act has operated.

Of the \$298,000, Mr. Jacobson said, \$250,000 was paid out during the last fiscal year completed March 31. Less than \$50,000 was paid out in 1936-37, and \$95,000 the following year.

This year a federal appropriation of \$3,000,000 was asked, \$1,000,000 increase over last year's figures. Decision on the request will come when the Dominion House convenes after Easter recess.

Use Minard's for bites.

In Memoriam

LARGE CROWD PAYS LAST TRIBUTE TO MR. S. N. McLEOD

PROMINENT CONTRACTOR DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

It was a large and representative gathering that filled a private undertaking chapel Tuesday afternoon, when friends, relatives, and business associates gathered to pay their last respects to Kildare's well-known contractor, Samuel N. McLeod, 2857 West Fifth Avenue, who had passed away on Sunday. Rev. J. P. Gordon of Fairview Baptist church was the officiating minister. The funeral was in Ocean View Burial Park. Pallbearers were Walter Chambers, George Harris, S. W. Mathews, R. Robertson, D. Fletcher, and C. B. Crowe.

Death came to the 70-year old contractor on Thursday last after a short illness. He had not been in extra good health for some time although he still was busy with his work and had several large jobs under construction. On Sunday, March 20, he was taken so ill that he was removed to the Pauls Hospital where he passed away four days later.

Besides being the oldest active contractor in Kildare and a resident there for well over a quarter of a century, Mr. McLeod was the sole surviving deacon of the original church board that founded Fairview Baptist church some 30 years ago.

Mr. McLeod is survived by his wife and two children, Norval at home, and Mrs. Eugene Doll, Port Alice, B. C.

Mr. McLeod was formerly of Bridgetown, P. E. Island, where he farmed. He was a son of the late William McLeod, of that place who died recently. He leaves a brother, Norman and sister, Edith at home, as well as several other sisters and a host of relatives in the Province who will mourn his passing.

In Memoriam

MRS. GRACE WEBB

(Hasbrouck Heights Observer April 15.)
 Hasbrouck Heights, N. J. lost this week a long time resident with the passing of Mrs. Grace Webb, widow of the late George Webb, Saturday night.

Mrs. Webb came to this community more than 40 years ago, and was well known and beloved.

Mrs. Webb, who was affectionately called "Grandma Webb" by many of her close friends, had been an invalid for 15 years, and was confined to her home for the past three years. She died on the 24th of March, at her home, 162 Division Avenue.

Mrs. Webb was born in Scotland, and lived for many years with her family on Prince Edward Island, Canada, before moving to Hasbrouck Heights. She was an active member of the Episcopal Church of St. John the Divine for many years. Mrs. Webb was in her 92nd year, having celebrated her 91st birthday on March 25, surrounded by flowers and many felicitations from friends.

Her husband died on October 20, 1927, four months after Mr. and Mrs. Webb had celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at her home, with Rev. Roland Nye, of North Arlington, officiating. Interment followed in Hackensack Cemetery.

Mrs. Webb is survived by two daughters, Miss Helen and Miss Constance Webb, who lived with her, and one son, George H. Webb, of Terrace Avenue. Also surviving is a foster child, Mrs. Rae Caddeo, of Rockville Center, L. I.

Reaffirm Claim To Antarctic Land

PARIS, April 23—(CP)—A decree reaffirming French claims to Adelle land in the Antarctic was issued today.

France claims sovereignty over all land south of 60 degrees latitude between 136 degrees and 142 degrees east longitude. The claim is based on the discoveries made by the French Navigator, Jules Sebastien Dumont D'Urville, who in 1840 surveyed a new coastal strip in the Antarctic and named it Adelle Land.

Virtue is the habit of doing what is binding.

Love is the sweetest of earthly things.

Letter Of Appreciation

The following letter has been received by the Dominion Silver Fox Fur Farm Ltd., from Mr. Lowell W. Hancock and indicates that there is still money in the fox business, providing the saleable types of skins are being produced:

"That the fox business has not gone completely to pieces is conclusively proven to me by the returns just received from your company covering the first part of the March sale in London. Out of a consignment of 17 skins which you offered on this part of the sale, 10 were sold at an average price of \$45.14. These prices with two exceptions, were from one dollar to ten dollars per belt above my own valuations, the average advance being \$4.14 per belt.

I feel that my valuations could be counted upon as being reasonably exact, as we have exceptionally good facilities for grading skins at our ranch, and these prices were put on most carefully. Moreover, they were based on last year's market values for similar skins."

Lowell W. Hancock.

We wish to thank Mr. Hancock for his letter of appreciation of our efforts in his behalf, and may say that we thoroughly agree with him in that the better class skins have not suffered this year. This is further evidence to substantiate our contention that ranchers producing quality skins need have no fear whatever as to the future of the fox business.

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SPRINGFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The regular meeting of Springfield W. I. met at the home of Mrs. Everett Haslam on March 25 with seventeen members and eight visitors present. The president presided and opened the meeting with singing of hymns. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Correspondence was read from the National Magazine as an institute paper, from Sen. J. E. Sinclair and J. Norris Sinclair acknowledged their sympathy and from Clarence Haslam thanking the members for fruit. The Institute Government Grant of \$2.10 was received by Secretary. Two new members were welcomed. A bill of 75 cents for fruit was presented and paid. Mrs. Hughes reported visiting the school and that the wash basin was unfit for use. Moved and seconded that the Secretary procure a new one. Motion carried. Moved and seconded that Mrs. George Dunning, Mrs. Everett Haslam and Miss Muriel Haslam be a committee to provide specialties between acts when play is staged. Motion carried. Mrs. Hyatt Haslam consented to write up to date the Teacher's Honor Roll in the school. A lengthy discussion followed the entertainment. Motion carried. Mrs. A. Hughes and Mrs. Hyatt Haslam were appointed to visit school in April.

COMMISSION HEARS ENGLISH FISCAL EXPERT

OTTAWA, April 23—(CP)—The English system of taxing the annual occupancy value of real estate, instead of taxing its capital value as in Canada, does away with municipalities taking over land for taxes and unpaid taxes become only a small problem, according to Dr. W. Ivor Jennings of the University of London.

Dr. Jennings, an expert on financial relations between the central and local governments in England, conferred privately here today with some members of the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations and a number of their research staff.

In informal discussion he outlined for them the evolution of the financing of local governments in England dealing particularly with the shift from land taxes to grants by the central government.

While the present system of real estate taxation was criticized on several points, it was the occupier and not the owner who paid, so it was impossible for the property to fall into the hands of the municipalities, Dr. Jennings said. If owner and occupier were the same person, his personal property, such as his bank account, was attached instead of the real estate.

UNOCCUPIED PROPERTY

Unoccupied property was not taxed, which raised the complaint that it encouraged holding for speculative purposes, he said. It was also objected that the system encouraged overcrowding, had little relation to service received and was too inflexible to provide for steadily expanding services which were mainly financed by grants from the treasury.

Dr. Jennings said property actually occupied by the Crown was exempt, but the Crown made a contribution in lieu of taxes municipally-owned utilities paid taxes to the municipality since they were not held by the Crown. Church and school properties were exempt but not extensive grounds around them.

Revenues of the local authorities were made up of the local "rates" 32 per cent, grants from the central authority 31 per cent and the remainder from local utilities.

EDUCATION COST

About half the cost of education was contributed by the central government, the percentage varying slightly according to the need of the area. The central Board of Education at the same time exercised considerable control over standards of teaching and building equipment and indirectly obtained adherence to standard salary scales for teachers.

Local administration of education had long since ceased to be handled by a separately elected Board of Education, because of the difficulty of getting suitable candidates and maintaining the interest of citizens when elections became so numerous. Separate boards also were little concerned with the general financial position of a city.

Now, the municipality set up a separate education committee of the local council, composed two-thirds of council members and up to one-third outsiders, such as school and university heads, Dr. Jennings said.

Commission Sits In Toronto Monday

OTTAWA, April 22—(CP)—Official provincial opinion in central Canada will be tapped by the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations for the first time Monday when the Commission opens its Ontario sittings in Toronto.

Particular interest has been attached to both the Ontario and subsequent Quebec hearings because of complaints heard from other provinces against the large share of national income flowing into the two central provinces.

In both the western and Maritime hearings the Commission was told the national tariff policy built up industrial activity in central Canada at the expense of the rest of the country. The present freight rate structure was criticised on similar grounds.

Destroyers Sail For Halifax Monday

VICTORIA, April 23—(CP)—The Canadian destroyers Skeena and Saguenay will sail from Esquimalt Harbor Monday for the Halifax naval base, it was announced today.

The Fraser and the St. Laurent, sister-ships purchased from the British Navy, will remain at the Esquimalt base. Switching of the Skeena to Halifax and the St. Laurent will keep the sister-ships together. The Skeena and the Saguenay were built specially for the Canadian Government.

Men for the destroyers Ottawa and Restigouche, purchased from the British Navy for the Pacific base, will be chosen from the barracks at Esquimalt and Halifax shortly and will be sent to England to bring back the new vessels.

DENOUNCE POOLS

BURNEMOUTH, England—(CP)—The National Free Church Council meeting here urged the government to take action in view of the "menacing growth" of football pools. It was stated gambling now involved an annual turnover in the country of £350,000,000 (\$1,750,000,000).

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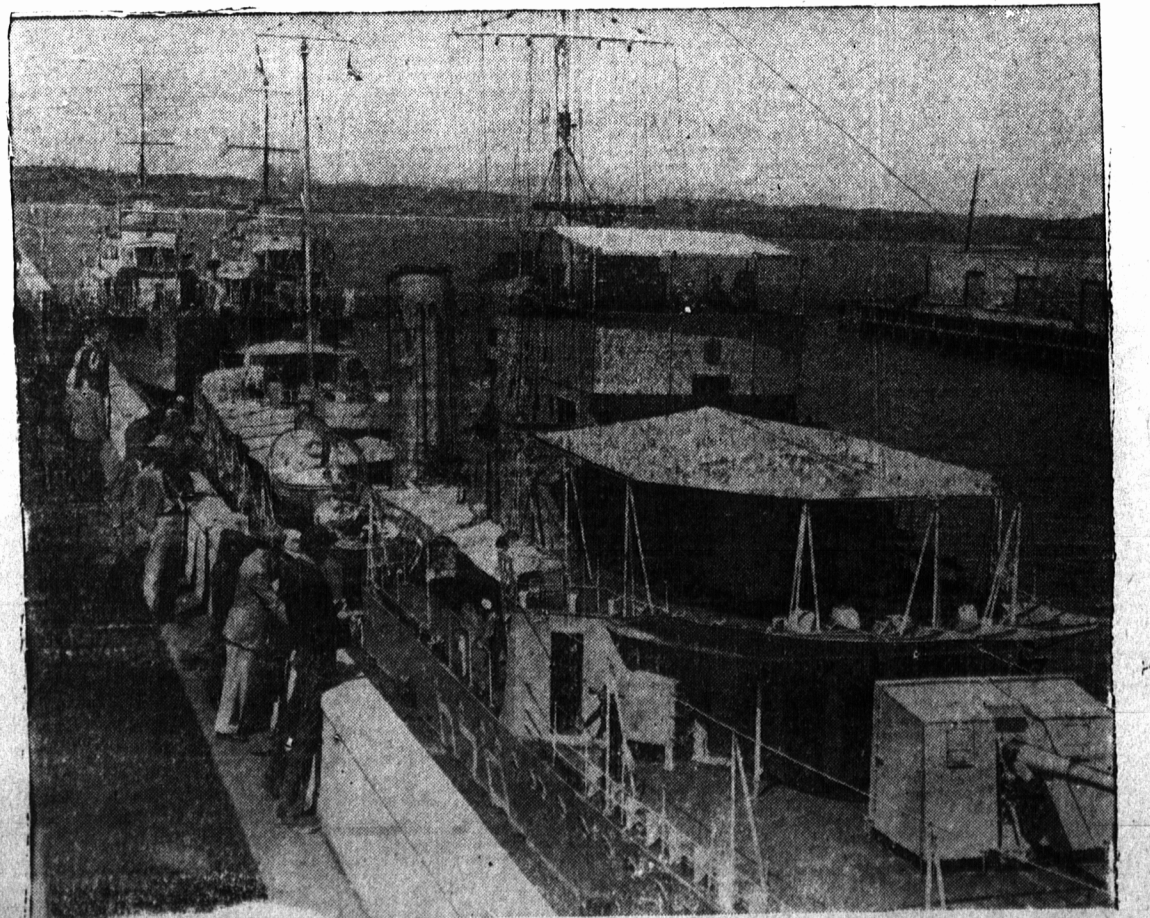
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Canadian War Vessels On Pacific Coast



Four destroyers of the Royal Canadian Navy fresh from an overhaul in Vancouver's broad harbor. It was the first time four Canadian war vessels were in Vancouver Harbor at one time. They were led in by the Skeena, commanded by Captain Victor G. Br. dur. The four ships—the Skeena, Fraser, Saguenay and St. Laurent later sailed for Esquimalt, B. C.

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