Uranium City's Debt Runs Over $2 Million

By ALLEN SACKMANN

URANIUM CITY, Sask. (CP) Uranium gave this rugged northern community its name, its reason for being and its biggest headache.

The headache is a capital debt of $2,200,000. Mayor Jack Woodward says the town probably couldn't pay it if Eldorado Mining and Refining Ltd. was forced to close its uranium mine.

Eldorado, which pays 75 per cent of the taxes here and employs 500 of the 1,800 residents, has uranium contracts that expire in 1966. Prospects for new contracts are grim.

Uranium City was forced into its dilemma by the rapid growth that accompanies the birth of a boom town. Roads, utilities, schools and hospitals were suddenly needed as the tiny bush settlement overnight became a town of more than 8,000.

Backed by the Saskatchewan government and Eldorado, was bought the debentures, Uranium City borrowed $3,000,000 to provide the necessary services.

In 1961 the international uranium market collapsed and the town's population fell to the present 1,500. The community then had a property assessment of more than $12,000,000. Today it's $8,000,000. More than 30 cents of every tax dollar goes toward debt retirement.

SOME DON'T PAY

Tax collection is also a problem. Residents are sometimes reluctant to pay taxes because of the town's uncertain future.

"They're in a habit of pulling out, leaving their buildings empty and their taxes unpaid," says the mayor. "Some of the back taxes are pretty old and we've started stepping on them pretty hard. If someone leaves and the taxes are more than a year old, we give them a chance to pay and then take possession."

Seizing the buildings doesn't put dollars into municipal coffers, however. Real estate is almost worthless.

"The only investment being made in Uranium City is by Eldorado, spending $1,200,000 this year on new equipment to improve the quality of uranium ore extracted.

A. R. Allen, mine manager, says the investment is being made because indications are that uranium will again be in demand in the mid-1970s and then "we can offer a better product when people want it."

Mr. Allen, who fears the town will die if the mine is abandoned, says the Crown corporation is continually hunting for new markets. Consideration is being given to a slowdown in operations to stretch present contracts beyond 1966. Eldorado is also investigating the cost of retaining employees during the lull that will follow

STILL HOPEFUL

"Miners are great for hoping," says Mayor Woodward, and an example of their

ON THE AIR

WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS

CFCY-TV

3:30 p.m.—Musicale
3:58 p.m.—Sign On
4:00 p.m.—Mlle de Paris
4:31 p.m.—Vacation Time
5:30 p.m.—Forest Rangers
6:00 p.m.—Nations Business
6:15—Live Longer
6:31 p.m.—Gazette
7:01 p.m.—CFCY TV News
7:15 p.m.—Going My Way
8:15 p.m.—Pride of the Family
8:45 p.m.—TBA
9:00 p.m.—Camera West.
9:30 p.m.—Perry Mason
10:30 p.m.—Suspense Theatre
11:30 p.m.—Newsmagazine
12:00 p.m.—CBC TV News
12:13 a.m.—Local Weather
12:14 a.m.—Sign Off

CKCW-TV

3:45 p.m.—Station Sign On
News, Weather, Sports
Cartoons
4:00 p.m.—Safety on the Water
4:30 p.m.—Fur Collar
5:00 p.m.—Forest Rangers
6:00 p.m.—Nations Business
6:15 p.m.—Emmett Kelly Cartoons
6:30 p.m.—Television News
6:45 p.m.—Weather
6:50 p.m.—Sports
7:00 p.m.—Lionel Playhouse
The Lineup
8:30 p.m.—Three's Music
9:00 p.m.—Camera West
9:30 p.m.—Perry Mason
10:30 p.m.—Suspense Theatre
11:30 p.m.—News Magazine
12:00 p.m.—CBC-TV News
12:15 a.m.—Viewpoint
12:30 a.m.—Lionel Network News
12:25 a.m.—Sign Off

CFCY RADIO

WEDNESDAY

6:28—Sign On
6:30—News and Weather
6:35—Country & Western Roundup
6:55—News and Weather
7:00—Hebrew Christian Hour
7:15—Country & Western Roundup
7:30—News and Weather
7:35—Farm Report
7:41—Country & Western Roundup
8:00—News
8:11—Weather
8:16—Country & Western Roundup
8:45—Weather
8:50—Atlantic News Roundup
8:57—Thought For Today
9:00—News & Voice Reports CBC
9:10—Preview Commentary CBC
9:15—Notes and Music
9:27—Matinee Musical Charades
9:30—Notes and Music
9:35—Notes and Music
9:50—What's The Song
10:00—News and Weather
10:05—Notes and Music
11:00—News and Weather
11:05—Notes and Music
11:27—Matinee Musical Charades
11:30—Notes and Music
11:45—Bulletin Board
11:50—Notes and Music
11:55—Atlantic News Roundup
12:00—Weather
12:05—Towns and Country Time
12:30—News and Weather
12:45—Don Messer CBC
12:30—News and Weather
12.43—P.E.I. Road Report
12.45—Town and Country
1:00—News Headlines & Weather
1:02—Town and Country Time
1:15—Tommy Hunter-CBC
1:45—Town and Country Time
2:00—News and Weather
205—Tops In Country and Pops
2:27—Matinee Musical Charades
2:30—Tops In Country and Pops
3:00—News Headlines & Weather
3:03—Trans-Canada Matinee CBC
3:30—Tops In Country and Pops
4:00—News Headlines and Weather
4:03—Canada Roundup CBC
4:10—Tops In Country and Pops
4:30—The Outports
5:00—News and Weather
5:05—Matinee Musical Charades
5.28—The Outports
5.25 20—Marine Weather
5.28—The Outports
6:00—News and Weather
6.15—On Parliament Hill CBC
6.20—Sports Parade
6.30—Tonight's Music
7.00—Back to the Bible
7.30—News and Weather
7.45—Program Schedule
8.45—Tonight's Music
8.58—Headlines and Weather
9.00—University of The Air-CBC
9.30—Winnipeg Pops Orchestra
10.00—CBC—National News, CBC
0.30—Music Canada CBC
1.00—News and Reg. Weather
1.05—Starlight Serenade
2.00—New and Maritime Weather
1.35—Starlight Serenade
2.00—News, Regional Weather and Sports Scores
2.05—Sign off

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WEDNESDAY

6.00—The Garry Fogarty Show, Part 1
8.00—News and Inland Weather
8.15—Maritime Sportscast
8.21—The Garry Fogarty Show Part 2
8.25—The Bob Goulet Show
8.35—Max Ferguson
9.00—CBC News & Direct Reports
9.10—Preview Commentary
9.16—A.M. Chronicle
9.30—Hawaiian Holidays
10.30—Music Diary
11.00—CBC News
11.05—Joan Marshall
11.10—Epsom Derby
11.40—Musical Pgm.
11.45—Music on the Heather
12.00—Jamboree Junction
12.15—The Music of Don Messer
12.30—Maritime Farm B'Cast
1.00—CBC News and Weather
1.15—Tommy Hunter Show
1.45—The Open Road Show

faith was seen last year when the $60,000 arena and curling rink burned down. It was replaced with a $100,000 structure paid for by grants from the municipality, a donation from Eldorado and public subscription. Only $2,000 is outstanding.

Eldorado has always helped with civil projects and aided its own employees. It provided $5,000 mortgages at low interest rates so they could build homes. Payments were $40 a month, a blessing during the inflationary 1950s when a one-room apartment cost $125 a month. The firm still has $3,500,000 outstanding in residential mortgages to employees.

Eldorado is the last of eight producing uranium mines in the area and has invested $42,000,000. Since starting in 1953 it has produced 18,455,992 pounds of uranium worth $235,000,000.

Last year it turned out 1,885,212 pounds, a drop of 104,000 from the previous year. Market price is about $5.03 a pound compared with more than $11 in the days when ore was being shipped to the United States for the Atomic Energy Commission.

Since the industry stabilized after the 1960 slump, there has been little staff turnover at Eldorado, says Mr. Allen. "All those with itchy feet have left long ago."

Those still at the mine will probably stay until it closes, he says, because Eldorado pays high wages and has an incentive program for miners. A top-notch miner can earn up to $12,000 a year.

2,500 Forest Fire Fighters Move Into Action In Ontario

TORONTO (CP)—An army of firefighters—more than 2,500—have moved into action this month to protect Ontario's forests from fiery destruction.

Supported by aircraft and lower smoke spotters, the men are recruited by the Department of Lands and Forests' protection branch, and begin their campaign as tourists flock to the wooded resort areas.

Some 80 per cent of all forest fires in the province have been attributed to careless, human acts.

The season began with a shortage of rain, and the dry woods have shown an above-normal number of forest fires. In the months of April and May this year, 526 fires burned over 13,000 acres—more than four times the number for the same period in 1960.

The department's air service, regarded as a model in Canada, has 44 planes ready to combat the flames—33 of them Beavers, 10 larger Otters and a Widgeon. During the fire season, helicopters also are used, operating out of 29 air bases.

More than 300 fire observation lookouts are on constant alert, each connected by radio to a network that was first organized in 1927.

The equipping of the fire-fighting force is similar to the problems faced in outfitting a small army. Tents, blankets, kitchen equipment, hand tools, trucks, canoes and barges are all utilized.

The department boasts 670 miles of hose and 1,200 pumps scattered around Ontario, ready to be called upon almost instantly a fire is reported.

SAUCE CONTENT

A typical bottle of savory sauce contains such ingredients as mustard, paprika, allspice, ginger, dill, nutmeg, clove garlic, cardamon, fenugreek and coriander.

RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Fish Landing Figures Given

OTTAWA (CP)—Landings of sea fish and shellfish in May rose 15.9 per cent in value from a year earlier, but declined 3.3 per cent in volume, the bureau of statistics has reported.

The landings in May of this year totalled 180,223,000 pounds worth $15,482,000 compared with 186,842,000 pounds worth $13,359,000 a year earlier.

The Atlantic coast catch fell 2.7 per cent to 157,501,000 pounds from 161,846,000, but the landed value jumped 21.3 per cent to $12,012,000 from $9,901,000.

National landings in the January-May period dropped 4.9 per cent to 603,873,000 pounds from 626,513,000, while the value rose 12.7 per cent to $31,639,000 from $28,082,000.

British Camp Pipeline Bombed For Third Time

NICOSIA (AP) — A bomb explosion damaged the water pipeline to the British military base at Dhekelia for the third time in two days, the United Nations reported Sunday.

The pipeline carries water to some 10,000 British military men and their dependents.

The blast, which caused only minor damage, occurred Saturday night near Athna Forest, a UN spokesman said. In the same area two explosions broke the pipeline Friday. The main pumping station was destroyed by a bomb earlier in the week.

Similar explosions occur regularly every summer when Greek farmers complain the British base reduces the water available in Greek wells for irrigation. The base, however, has a desalination plant that converts 500,000 gallons of seawater into drinking water daily and the explosions cause no hardship to the British families.

The UN also reported gunfire broke out in the tense northwest seacoast area between Greek-Cypriot and Turkish villages and the body of a dead Turkish shepherd was found in a well on the south side of the island.

WILDLIFE ATTACKS

The only forms of wildlife that will make unprovoked attacks on humans in the natural preserve of Algonquin Park, Ont., are mosquitoes and black flies.

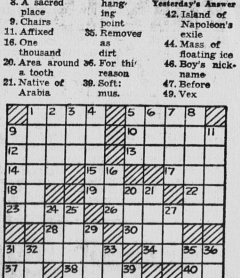
DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Repast
5. Earthenware vessels
9. Forest trees of a region
10. Hawaiian greeting
12. Literary composition
13. Chin whiskers
14. Devoured
15. Girl's nickname
17. Performed
18. Brazilian palm
19. Capital of Latvia
21. Native of Arabia
22. Compass point
23. Mark of a wound
26. Lay in wait
28. Moisture
30. Damage
31. "—— of Oz"
34. German composer
37. Indefinite article
38. A pair of units
40. The: Fr.
41. Pronoun
43. Travel
44. Bog
45. A thin, net-like material
48. Spring flower
50. Live coal
51. An old woman
52. Comfort
53. Pieces out

DOWN

1. Secret
2. Otherwise
3. Girl's name
4. One of many sisters
5. An abrupt thrust
6. Malt beverage
7. Highway
8. A sacred place
9. Chairs
11. Affixed
16. One thousand
20. Area around a tooth
24. Cutting tool
25. Peruse
27. Liberian tribes
29. Crooked
31. Squander
32. Inter
33. Loose hanging part
35. Removes as dirt
36. For this reason
39. Soft: mus.
42. Island of Napoleon's exile
44. Mass of floating ice
46. Boy's nickname
47. Before
49. Yes



Yesterday's Answer

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

A X Y D I B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophies, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

QWI GUYAQ RG KVV JIFRBYKQUB JRBQYUOIA UA QWKQ KVV FIO KYI UOQIYIAQUON.—BWIAQIYQRO

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IF A PERSON HAS NO DELICACY, HE HAS YOU IN HIS POWER.—HAZLITT

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAY BECKER

West dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q2 8 3
♥ K 10 7
♦ K 6 2
♣ J 8

WEST
♠ A K 4
♥ A Q J 8
♦ 4
♣ 10 9 6 5 3

EAST
♠ 7 6 2
♥ 4 3 2
♦ Q 9 7 3
♣ K 7 3

SOUTH
♠ 10 9
♥ 9 8 5
♦ A J 10 8 5
♣ A Q 4

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♠	Pass	2♦
2♥	Pass	3♣	3♦

Opening lead—ten of clubs.

Italy played France, the defending champions, in the third round of the World Bridge Olympiad which was staged in New York early in May. The Italians won by a score of 41 to 10.

Contributing in part to the Italian victory was this hand played by Benito Garozzo, Neapolitan star.

Garozzo was South. He covered the ten of clubs with the jack and won the king with the ace. When he returned a spade, the French West took the king and played the A-Q of hearts in order to cut off impending discards on dummy's spades.

Declarer won with the king ten losing to the ace. West then and played another spade. He cashed the jack of hearts, giving the defense its fourth trick, and continued with the thirteenth heart.

Garozzo trumped in dummy with the six and East, after great thought, discarded a club. On this trick declarer undertrumped with the five!

Had he failed to underruff, Garozzo would have gone down. East eventually would have scored a trump trick but for this play.

Garozzo was aware by this time that he was contending against four trumps to the queen and that a trump coup would be necessary to avoid losing a trump trick. The situation after he had underruffed was this:

	North	
	♠ Q 8	
	♥ K 2	
	♦ 8	
West		East
Immaterial		♠ 7
		♥ Q 9 7 8
		♦ 7
	South	
	♠ A J 10 8	
	♦ Q 4	

Garozzo led the two of diamonds and finessed the ten. He then played the eight to the king and cashed the queen of spades, discarding a club. When he now led the jack of spades, East was finished. He could ruff this trick or the next one, but in either case, his Q-9 of trumps were trapped.

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