



WHOOOPER ABOUT TO TAKE OFF

A giant whooping crane, rarest and largest bird in North America, is about to take off from its marshy feeding ground in southern Saskatchewan. A family of whooping cranes stopped off in the Weyburn district in late October to feed during their annual southward migration. Regina naturalists Fred W. Lahraman and Richard Fife observed and photographed their movements during hours of patient waiting in high weeds. Rarely have the big birds been sighted on the prairies so late in the year. CP Photo.

Photos Of Baby Whooping Crane Presented To Museum

REGINA (CP) Rare photographs of a baby whooping crane and its parents have been contributed to the Saskatchewan museum of natural history by two Regina naturalists who spent 10 days in a southern Saskatchewan marsh observing the activities of North America's largest and rarest of birds.

The birds spend the summer in the Northwest Territories and winter at the Aransas game refuge in Texas. Fewer than 30 are known to exist.

When it was reported that the birds had alighted in late October in the Weyburn district, 55 miles southeast of Regina, Fred W. Lahraman and Richard Fife of the museum went to the spot with cameras equipped with telephoto lenses.

After hours of patients waiting tweed at the edge of a field, Lahraman snapped the parent whoopers and their chick as they were feeding about 100 yards from him.

"It was really amazing to see the huge parents and the smaller, dark baby stepping through the quite deep snow to feed," Fife said afterwards. "Only once before, in 1953, have whoopers been known to stop off in the prairies so late in the year and then they didn't have a baby with them."

The naturalists said the chick's black plumage may have resulted from the late hatching due to a delayed spring. The big birds normally are white with black wing tips.

Lahraman and Fife said they believe the birds they photographed may have spent the summer in the Lafleche district, 110 miles southeast of Regina instead of the usual nesting grounds farther north. Lahraman won a special national newspaper award citation in 1953 for his unusual picture of three whooping cranes in flight.

Train Wolves As Sled Dogs

WOLLASTON LAKE, Sask. (CP) Two full-blooded timber wolves are being broken in as sled dogs this winter by Wayne Bradford, manager of the Saskatchewan Government trading post at this northern Saskatchewan town.

Mr. Bradford captured the two wolves, a male and a female, nine months ago when they were just a week old. The mother, and seven other wolves were shot after they had become a menace to district fishermen.

Taking two of the wolf pups home, Mr. Bradford placed them with a litter of Husky pups still being weaned by their mother. The Husky apparently didn't notice the difference and accepted the two new arrivals.

Mr. Bradford said the pups are playful. His four-year-old son Billy played with them all summer.

"From the way the two of them wagged their tails sometimes, I found it hard to believe they were actually wolves," Mr. Bradford said.

When he first tried the wolves on a sled, Mr. Bradford found that instead of trotting as normal sled dogs do, the wolves preferred to gallop. He hopes he can eliminate this peculiarity during the winter training.

In any case, the wolves, much larger than normal Huskies, are worth five huskies on a sled team anytime, says Mr. Bradford.

Uranium City Converts Shacks Into Neat Shops And Homes

URANIUM CITY, Sask. (CP)—This lusty offspring of the Athabaska uranium hunt is rapidly settling down into a regular community, but is losing none of its optimism in the process.

The "boomers" have come and gone," says Paul Vincent, first mayor of the newly-formed municipality. "We've settled down to serious business."

When Mr. Vincent arrived here in 1952 tents were used for a grocery store and a claim-recording office. A crude sign said: "This is Uranium City site."

Now there is network of streets cutting through the evergreens to bring together a townsite population of 2,500 and 42 places of business. The population within the municipal boundaries, which include surrounding mines and their residential sites, is 5,500.

BRIGHT FUTURE

"I might be optimistic but I'm sure this area hasn't started to grow," says Mr. Vincent, a former salesman for oil products. He forecasts a population of 10,000 by 1960.

Indications of metals other than uranium in the area may result in more mines being developed. Today, nearly every square foot in a 25-mile radius from the townsite is reported staked out, but still the prospectors come and go.

Houses are replacing shacks left vacant when the first prospectors wandered off to find new frontiers. New structures—finished shops now are almost equal in number to the rougher box-like structures erected hurriedly by the first merchants.

Edmonton, 450 miles to the southwest, still is almost the sole

Add Two Liners To Vancouver—Far East Service

VANCOUVER (CP)—Two Mariner-class freighters which cost the United States taxpayers \$9,000,000 each to build will soon be running regularly out of Vancouver to the Far East.

States Steamship Company, which operates a regular service from here to the Orient, has purchased the Wolverine Mariner and Buckeye Mariner from the federal maritime board in Washington, D.C.

They will be placed in service immediately between here and other Pacific Coast ports to the Philippine Islands, Saigon and Bangkok.

Twenty-five of the Mariner-class ships were built during the Korean war. At the time they were the most expensive freighters ever built. Their cruising speed is 20 knots, and their top speed is a naval secret.

Two of the Mariner class were recently purchased by the Matson Line and converted into the liners Mariposa and Monterey for the passenger run to Australia from San Francisco.

the country after driving a truck day and night for a month in Budapest during the revolt.

Soviet Prison Only Incentive Priest Needed To Flee West

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QUEBEC (CP)—A Roman Catholic priest who spent three years in a Russian prison camp following the Second World War said Thursday that experience was all the incentive he needed to flee Hungary when the bitter revolt was being crushed last month.

The stocky, good-looking 40-year-old priest asked that he not be identified by name.

"My parents remained in Hungary," he said through an interpreter, "and I'm frightened of what the secret police might do to them if they find I am in Canada."

The priest was among the 458 refugees who arrived here today in a pre-dawn snow storm aboard the 10,000-ton liner Arosa Star. Sunday, the first large group—257—arrived here aboard the Arosa Sun.

"I was a chaplain with the Hungarian army when I was captured in 1944," the priest said. "Fifteen hundred Hungarians were sent to a prison camp 500 miles east of Moscow.

700 DIED OF COLD

"The first winter, 700 died of cold and exposure. The rest of us managed to survive and we were released in 1947. We worked in the forests, sometimes seven days a week.

"There was no freedom. If we said mass on a Communist holiday, like May 1, we could be imprisoned for conspiring to obstruct the Communists' celebrations."

"Now that I am in Canada, I will go anywhere the church wants me. Probably I will learn English first, then work among Hungarian immigrants here."

LEAVE FOR ONTARIO

Most of the refugees who arrived today will go to Toronto and other central Ontario communities.

They remained on the Arosa Star until about 9.30 a.m. (7.30 a.m. MST) when they were taken by bus to an immigration building for further processing before leaving for Ontario.

There were many split families and unattached youngsters in this group. One young woman, who is expecting another child in April, was alone except for her two-year-old daughter. She said her husband is somewhere in Hungary but she is not certain whether he is dead or alive.

Another woman, who also asked to remain anonymous, escaped

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