

CHRISTMAS SCENE

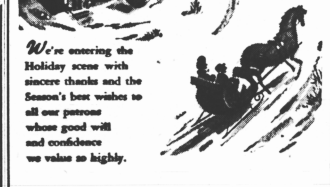
Theme of Christmas observance stationed at the base take left to right, Wrens Eleanor Lee Holmisdale, Halifax and Marlene Cox at HMCS Stadacona, the time out from their duties to see per, Woodstock, Ontario; Ewayno Davis, Tanagami, Ontario. RCN's huge barracks at Halifax mirror nativity scene in chapel.

B. C. Centennial Plans Are Definitely On Lavish Side

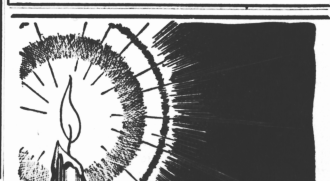
By ERWIN FRICKE
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BARKERVILLE, B.C. (CP) — Cariboo Cameron and Billy Barker, British Columbia's first big-time spenders, would delight in the lavish preparations for the B.C. centennial next year.
Fort Langley is being reconstructed at a cost of nearly \$300,000. Vancouver is building a \$470,000 maritime museum and spending another \$150,000 for street decorations.
Throughout the province at least 40 community halls are being built, along with an assortment of libraries, museums, art galleries, bathing pavilions, senior citizens' homes, exhibition grandstands, swimming pools and ice arenas.
GRANT OF \$550
Cameron and Barker probably could complain only about the spending being done around their old hometown, Barkerville. The historic centre of the Cariboo gold rush.
His centennial grant from the B.C. government is \$550, about as much as Cariboo Cameron used to pan from his gold claim here in a good afternoon's work and later spent just as fast.
That was back in the 1860s when B.C. was just a pup of a province and Barkerville called itself "the gold capital of the world." Its fortune-hungry population of between 10,000 and 15,000 made it the biggest city west of Chicago and north of San Francisco. Only Indian trappers marked the site of Vancouver 400 miles south.
Today there are only leaning grey plank buildings, crumbling log cabins and splintered board walks to recall the roaring camp of three tinklers and dance-hall girls, of raucous laughter from tough miners and hard-faced gamblers.

1869. It is still used and so is the organ packed in 400 miles on the backs of mules. Rev. Fred Yoll and Sir Winston Churchill's tour at one time, once served the congregation.
The cemetery also needs care, said Mr. Ludditt. Graves were overgrown with weeds and trees.
THE CAMERON SAGA
Here Cariboo Cameron was buried after he died penniless in Williams Creek, he dug down brought him \$150,000.
The Cameron saga is the one most retold in this area. His wife and daughter died here in the winter of 1865 and Cameron made coffin out of tin for the bodies which were then preserved in whisky. The long trip back to Cornwall, Ont., included 400 miles by dog team to Bella Coola B.C. and a sailing voyage round Cape Horn.
Billy Barker, who gave his name to Barkerville, made his fortune here in 1863. Despite jeers from miners panning gravel in Williams Creek, he dug down 32 feet to locate the first of Cariboo's rich deep diggings. He

panies worked lone mines another 40 years. During the depression of the 1930s there was a revival of interest in placer mining but this rapidly dwindled with the start of the Second World War.
220,000 Left UK For Overseas During Year
LONDON (Reuters) — About 220,000 Britons emigrated in 1957 to seek a new life overseas, half of them in Canada.
This was an increase of almost 50 per cent over the 1956 total, according to statistics released Wednesday by the overseas migration board.
The board's report states that the net population loss to Britain of 1956's emigration was small because a balancing number of immigrants flowed into Britain from Ireland and various Commonwealth areas such as the West Indies.
But the average training and skills of those arriving is far lower than those leaving, the report says.
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Efforts by newspapers and historical societies to have Barkerville made a permanent historical site have thus far proved unavailing.
Fred Ludditt, chairman of the area's centennial committee, said the \$500 grant is provided by the government on a per capita basis and must be shared with the neighboring and more populous mining village of Wells. That's not much for a community whose pioneers shipped out \$400,000 in gold," he said.
"If they don't do something soon to preserve Barkerville, there won't be anything left."
PIONEER BRIGHT SPOTS
The Theatre Royal, built in 1869, where entertainers from Paris and London performed, was torn down in 1937. The House Hotel with its mirrors, bars, brass rail and spittoon was ruled a fire hazard and demolished.
The courthouse built in 1865 where Judge Matthew Beattie B.C.'s first judge and first chief justice officiated is covered with moss and is in disrepair.
Mr. Ludditt said here Judge Beattie made the fearless rulings credited with preserving the Cariboo from the lawlessness which accompanied the California gold rush.
Still well preserved is St. Saviour's Anglican church, built in

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The great bulk of this aid, however, materials and engineering supplies, would come from Canadian sources.
Canada's contribution to the Colombo Plan for economic development in South and Southeast Asia is about \$3,000,000 in the six to eight months under the current fiscal year which ends March 31.
Colombo Plan, acting External Affairs Minister Fulton announced in the Commons Thursday.
OLD CUSTOM
The custom of presenting gifts at Christmas dates back to the flow of available aid to India, times of the ancient Romans.

GERMAN SETTLERS
Lunenburg, historic Nova Scotia fishing port, was named from Lunenburg in Germany, old home of its pioneers.
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