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## Names in our news

By Ida Makaro

Looks like the president of the KAMLOOPS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE really stuck his neck out as far as MERRITT people are concerned, when he said that if an instant town was established at LOGAN LAKE, the business would all go to Kamloops as only Kamloops would have what they need.

People here remember when he visited us last fall and talked about co-operation between Merritt, Ashcroft and Kamloops, but apparently it was just talk. There were a few disbelievers at that time and they are now saying "I told you so!"

Kamloops ran into trouble with ASHCROFT last fall when they started making too greedy sounds, and it is quite possible that they will have the same situation on their hands with MERRITT this fall. We know they have a few advantages over us but they don't have to rub our nose in it.

In the meantime the speculation continues as to what is happening in the HIGHLAND VALLEY and the latest I have heard is that a survey crew is now in the Logan Lake area making studies of the town site to see if it is situated on top of any valuable ore bodies. The survey, being conducted by a six man crew under contract by Lornex, is expected to take about two months, and this is the first step towards establishing an instant town.

Congratulations to the members of the MERRITT SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION who went out last week and earned \$250 for

their school. Personally I enjoyed the assignment of going out there to take their picture, and feel I must pass on some information I overheard. It might interest you to know MR. PETRINA that JOHN WOODWARD is more than willing to give up his French lesson time at school to go out and water the seed on the tallings pond for you. I thought it a very generous offer actually.

I hear there are quite a few people perturbed over the condition of the road to the dump plus the condition of the dump itself. In fact, one person even went so far as to name all the company vehicles which were responsible for the carelessness in allowing garbage to fall off the trucks or be blown off. I won't name them here but they will know without being named, as we all know they aren't aware of the fact that cardboard boxes etc. are being left in a long trail behind them.

But there is a law against littering and perhaps if it was enforced . . . it would just take catching one or two and making an example to make the rest be a little more careful.

The word is out and a decision has been made, the first so far this year! ALD. LEO HEROUX is going to call it quits at the end of his present term and says he will not run for re-election. He has served two full terms (four years) as an alderman and his reasons for calling it quits at this time are personal. So that leaves a completely vacant office to be



Pictured above are six of the eight teachers at the Collettsville Elementary School this year. They are (from left):- Back row: Mrs. B. Sederberg, Mr. F. Konkin, Mrs. P. Dolen, Mrs. P. Riley (acting principal). Front row: Mrs. M. Corry (relieving teacher), Mrs. L. James. The principal of the school, Mr. E. P. Johnston and Mrs. H. Schroeder are absent.

## Leo Heroux will not seek re-election for alderman

Alderman Leo Heroux announced this week that he will not be running for re-election in the 1969 municipal elections. He gave his reasons for his decision as personal reasons which he did not elaborate on at this time.



filled. No word as yet as to what Ald. Thane Clarke is going to do but I will predict he will run again. I feel he has enjoyed his term on council and as everyone knows, the first two years are spent in learning what it is all about.

Congratulations to O'Neil-Devine Ltd. on winning a safety award this year. I haven't heard all the details as yet so am not sure which division won it, but we will be carrying the story elsewhere in the Herald this week.

Don't forget the UNITED APPEAL CAMPAIGN is presently underway so be prepared to give your share when the canvassers call. The door to door residential campaign is now on and it would be ap-

preciated if they only had to make one call on your home. They are out to raise \$9,832 in this area and CRAIGMONT MINES brought down the total with their generous kickoff.

Must compliment JANET MCKENNA for the excellent job she does of reporting the MINOR HOCKEY news. However, she says the credit goes to her daughter. Whichever, it's well done and makes things so much easier in here. She writes her report out on one side of the paper, double spaces, write clearly and spells names carefully, numbering her pages, in case anyone is wondering what's so special about her report.

the two council vacancies, with five candidates in the running.

In 1967, he ran for re-election, and in that year Thane Clarke topped the polls, a newcomer to civic politics, and Ald. Heroux took the second vacancy, and Mr. Nordquist went out of office.

Ald. Heroux served under Mayor Allan Collett, then Mayor George Fillinger in his two years in office, then again under Mayor Allan Collett in this year, 1969.

He said this week, in an interview with the Herald, that he has given the situation a lot of thought and has now made a final decision.

Ald. Thane Clarke, whose term is also up this year, said that he has been changing his mind back and forth for some time "but I imagine I'll probably run unless something very drastic happens before nomination day to make me change my mind."

He said he has served two years on council and feels if he has ever been of any value as an alderman, it would be

now with the experience he has gained. "The next few years are going to be very important ones to Merritt, and a strong council is needed. I would like to be a part of it and do what I can."

In the school board, terms of office are completed this year for school board chairman Gordon McDonald and Trustee Tony Petrina. Both these men won their seats in 1966 when a whopping total of four men offered themselves as candidates for school board, setting a precedent in civic interest. School board members are usually put in by acclamation in most areas, including Merritt, but interest was stimulated that year and in the years since.

Gordon McDonald is away on a hunting trip in Alberta and could not be reached for comment this week, but Tony Petrina was contacted. He said he is giving it a lot of thought and will be making a definite decision soon.

## B of M manager transferred to Burnaby

Cliff Brown, who has been manager of the local branch



of the Bank of Montreal for the past four years, has been transferred to the main office at Burnaby.

R. A. Jack from Vancouver has been appointed to take

over as manager in Merritt and it is expected that he will arrive in the near future.

Mr. Brown had been appointed as manager of the Merritt branch about two months after the death of Mr. Purser, and he and his family have enjoyed their stay in Merritt. Mrs. Brown and the children are still in Merritt but it is understood that they have a new home waiting for them in Vancouver. In the meantime, Mr. Brown comes home for weekends and drops in to the local bank to find out if they are missing him, according to employees.

Mr. Brown received word of his pending transfer early this month, and one week later he was on his new job as manager at the main office.

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