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Mamette Lake road paving "just delayed"

The paving program for local highways engineer, as-
surance was given that the program has simply been de-
layed and is scheduled to be
done by the end of this
month.

In contacting Bill Helmsing, Mr. Helmsing said the de-

Site work begins for instant town

The Lornex Mining Com-
pany announced last week
that preparation of the site of
the new "instant town" near
Logan Lake in the Highland
Valley has begun.

By early next summer, 100
homes are scheduled for com-
pletion on the site of the
north end of the Logan Lake
and another group will be
ready by 1972.

The town is being built by
Lornex to house employees
close to its open pit copper-
molybdenum scheduled for
completion in 1972 but em-

ployees will not be compelled
to live in the town. They will
be given freedom of choice
and the town gives them the
opportunity to live close to
their work if they wish. The
Company felt that existing
major communities were too
far away for workers to travel
every day.

The mine now under con-
struction will employ some 500
people and during construction,
there will be some 900
employees. When completed,
Lornex will be the largest
single base metal mine in
Canada.

Dynamite found by boys

It was a miraculous escape
for some local young boys,
police report, when a box of
dynamite found by the boys
was safely destroyed.

Arthur Schender of Merritt
reported to police last Sun-
day that his son had found
a box of dynamite abandon-
ed or forgotten by logging or
road building crews in the
Godie Creek area. The box
contained about 50 pounds of
dynamite which a local RC
MP member stated "had be-
gun to sweat."

RCMP warned of the ex-
treme danger in moving dyna-
mite and noted that when it
began to "sweat" it was
especially dangerous. The
slightest jar could make it
explode.

"If anyone should happen
to find some, leave it right
where it is and contact the
RCMP office who will take
the necessary action."

Net earnings per share down in third quarter for Cragmont

Net earnings are up but
concentrate production is
down in the nine month fis-
cal period ending July 31,
1970 as compared to the same
period last year for Cra-
gmont Mines, according to a
report given at the recent
shareholders meeting in Van-
couver.

Mine president, Ross Duthie,
reported that estimated
net earnings for the nine
month period amounted to
\$4,746,000 or \$0.93 per share
as compared to \$4,636,000 or
\$0.91 per share for the same
period last year.

Net earnings for the third
quarter were \$0.15 per share
lower than the second quar-
ter, Mr. Duthie reported

which he explained was due
mainly to the decrease in the
price of copper and the loss
on foreign exchange as a re-
sult of the conversion of the
U.S. dollar holdings and the
revaluation of accounts re-
ceivable following the adop-
tion of a floating exchange
rate for the Canadian dollar.

Operating statistics show
that 830,758 tons of ore bear-
ing 1.27 per cent grade cop-
per was extracted in the nine
month period ending July 31,
1970 as compared to 851,721
tons of ore bearing 1.31 per
cent copper in the same pe-
riod last year.

Stockpile production has
grown but the copper per-
cent is down, with 527,996

stockpile production at 0.62
per cent copper as compared to
509,496 stockpile produc-
tion at 0.69 per cent copper.

Some 48,000 tons of con-
centrate has been produced
as compared to 52,500 tons in
the same period last year with
copper recovery at 91.15 per
cent as compared to 94.06 per
cent.



The Steelworkers two year contract is now officially signed with Cragmont Mines with still two weeks to go before completion date of the old agreement. Shown following the signing are Steelworkers' negotiating committee members, left to right, Bob Baird; Al King, USWA staff representative and negotiator; Jack Diamond who has now taken over as president of the Steelworkers with the resignation of Allan Craven and Gordon Cox, the newly elected vice president. Mr. Diamond was the chairman of the negotiating committee.

John makes Canadian team for tri-country track meet

John Beers was successful
in his bid to make the Cana-
dian track team which will
take part in the Tri-Country
meet later this month.

In the Senior Track and
Field Championships held
last weekend in Winnipeg,
John placed second behind a
newcomer to Canada, Michael
Portman of Switzerland, with
his jump of six feet, six
inches, only two inches less
than Portman.

In an interview with John
in his return, John said the
weather on the day of the
meet was very poor. "It rained,
just poured. We were wet
and cold and the field was
slippery which is why our
jumps weren't as good as
they should have been."

John had felt he had a
good chance of taking this
meet and didn't learn of
Portman's entry into the com-
petition until he arrived in

Winnipeg. Portman holds the
Swiss high jump record of 7
feet one inch.

Unlike the Commonwealth
games when over 80 athletes
had the chance to make the
Canadian team, only 40 were
chosen for the Tri-Country
competitions with John Haw-
kins and John Beers selected
as the top Canadian high
jumpers.

Smiling, John told of how
Merritt's Gary Magel had
beaten John Hawkins in the
Okanagan Championships in
15 and under high jump com-
petition "and John Hawkins
still remembers that. Gary
was first and John was second
that year."

Two weeks from this com-
ing Saturday, John will be
competing in the first of year.

Three competitions in the Tri-
Country meet in which ath-
letes from Norway and Swed-
en will compete against the
Canadian team. The first
meet is in Winnipeg, the
second in Edmonton and the
third in Victoria.

John is also getting ready
to attend UBC for his first
year.

1971 works budget will be heavy Council warns \$50,000 needed to re-construct Nicola Ave.

In correspondence received
from the Superintendent of
Highways, council was in-
formed that the provincial
government will not be shar-
ing on a reconstruction pro-
gram for Nicola Avenue, a
secondary highway, for this
year.

However, council was invit-
ed to re-apply for consider-
ation in the 1971 provincial
highways program with the
information that it might
possibly be undertaken in
August of next year.

Works chairman, Alderman
Jim Rabbitt, told council that
a revised estimate has been
worked out and is ready for

submission. "It is going to
cost over \$100,000 for the
program of which the provin-
cial government shares 50-
50 with the municipality."

He advised council to try
for a more than 50 per cent
share on this costly program
and also warned that consid-
eration be given to budgeting
heavily in next year's works
program to take this costly
program into consideration.

He noted that council had
budgeted \$30,000 of the 1970
works program "which we
felt was a generous works
budget but this has proven
to be \$20,000 less for the one
project on Nicola Avenue."

Former 66 Snackette heavily damaged in fire

Nearly \$5,000 damage re-
sulted from a fire which
erupted in a building former-
ly used as the 66 Snackette.
The fire call came on Mon-
day evening shortly after the
volunteer fire department gar-
thered for their regular week-
ly practise session.

Though it was mostly
smoke, firemen were put to
the test to save the building
which, though still standing,
suffered smoke and water da-
mage.

What's Doing in Mining

Polaris Mines Limited (N.P.
L.) announces that they have
recently completed ground
magnetometer and geochemi-
cal surveys on their Ron
Group of 8 claims located in
the Nicola Mining Division, 8
miles by road northwest of
Merritt, B.C. and directly
north of the Cragmont Mine.

The results of the Geochemi-
cal Survey show that the
major copper anomalies con-
tain values of 5 to 10 times
background. These anomal-
ous areas are of considerable
size and the intensity of cop-
per within the soils of these
areas is indicative of miner-
alization in the underlying
bedrock.

The results of the magne-
tometer survey show that the
magnetic patterns are biased
strongly in a northeast-
southwest direction and
weakly in a northwest-south-
east direction. The inferred
faults interpreted from the
magnetic linears indicate
that the structure of the
ground in the areas of the
geochemical copper anomal-
ies is very favourable for sig-
nificant mineralization.

Percussion drilling on the
property will commence early
next week to check the bed-
rock underlying the more
promising areas.

Robt. C. Spall
Director

Horses restricted to rural and recreation zones

Amendments to the Cattle
Control By-law (which in-
cludes horses) received and
passed the first three read-
ings by the town council at
their last regular meeting.

The amendments will re-
strict cattle (and horses) to
A-1 and C-7 zones (rural and
recreation commercial dis-
tricts). Cattle, horses, chick-
ens, swine etc. can only be
kept in other zones through
special permission and ap-
plications will be made at
the town hall for this per-
mission.

Alderman Rabbitt had ap-
parently been considering
much stricter control of
where horses would be kept

because he made the com-
ment, "I had felt I might
have trouble passing this by-
law so I watered it down to
restriction to two zones."

Ald. Rabbitt has been ex-
pressing concern for some
weeks now because of the
growing number of horses
that are being kept within
the town limits and because
of the increasing number of
complaints.

He finally became deter-
mined to do something about
the situation when horses
caused extensive damage to
new street pavement and on
the newly laid asphalt run-
way at the airstrip.

BIRTHS

COOK — Born to Mr. and
Mrs. Allen E. Cook a son,
Andy Allen, weighing 6 lbs.
1 oz., on August 20th, 1970,
at the Nicola Valley General
Hospital.

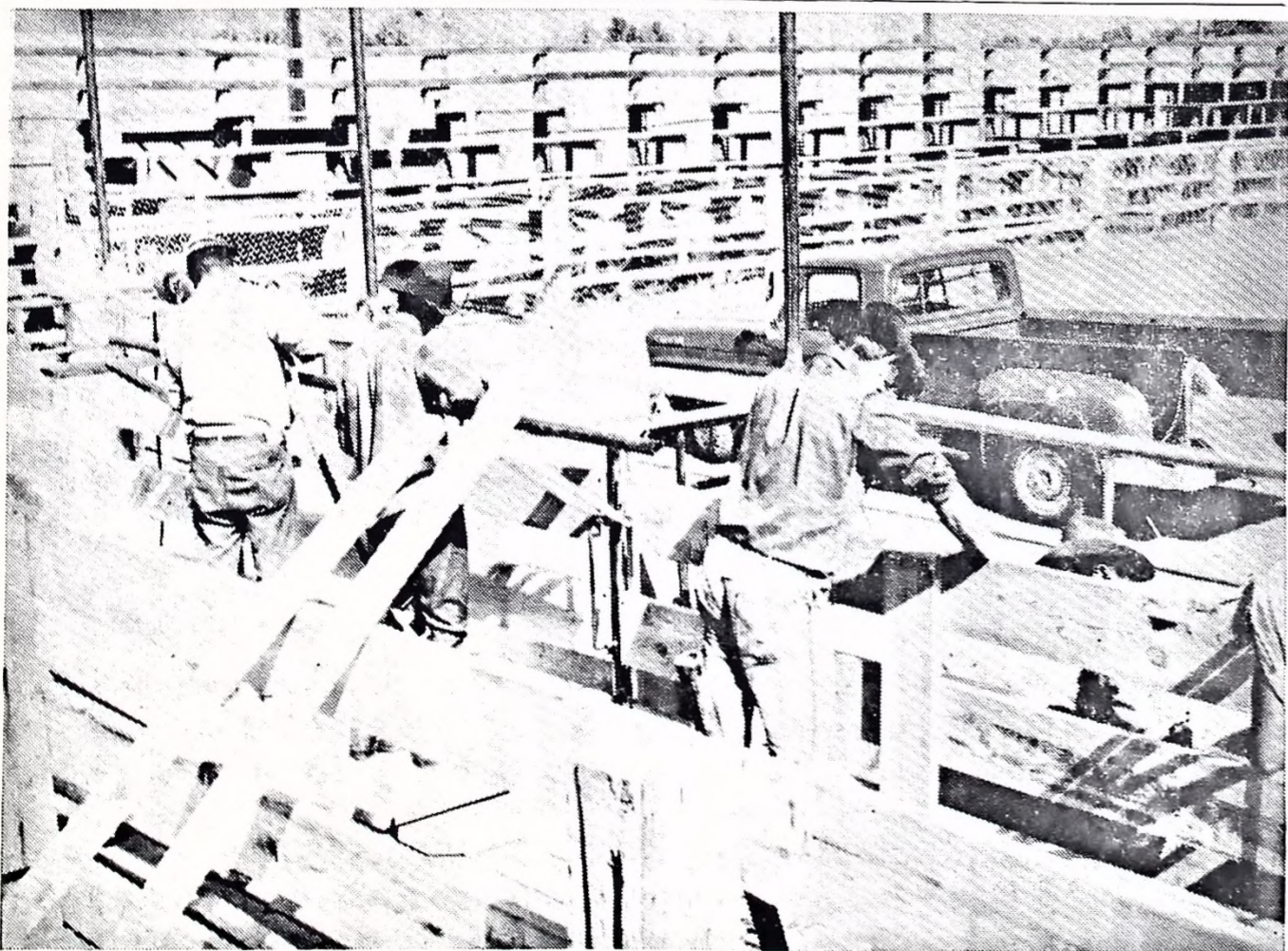
GIBEAULT — Born to Mr. and
Mrs. L. Gibeault a
daughter, Patricia Lynn,
weighing 8 lbs. 6 ozs., on
August 19th, 1970, at the
Nicola Valley General Hos-
pital.

HOUTSTRA — Born to Mr. and
Mrs. E. Houtstra, a son, Evart
Paul, weighing 4 lbs. 15 ozs.,
on August 23rd, 1970, at the
Nicola Valley General Hos-
pital.

LIMB — Born to Mr. and Mrs.
John Limb, a daughter, Ger-
aldine Anne, weighing 8 lbs.
11 ozs., on August 25th, 1970,
at the Nicola Valley General
Hospital.

WRIGHT — Born to Mr. and
Mrs. Douglas B. Wright, a
son, Bradley Stephen, weigh-
ing 7 lbs., 4 ozs., on August
25th, 1970, at the Nicola Val-
ley General Hospital.

Fire chief Don Moyes said
cause of the fire is not known
but it apparently started in-
side the unused building, in
the kitchen area of the for-
mer cafe.



Rows and rows of new seats have been added again this year to the rodeo grounds, the concession booths have been enlarged, the bucking chutes have been rebuilt and painted, the grounds have been put into shape and all is in readiness for the big Labour Day rodeo here this weekend. Shown are some of the members of a volunteer work party hard at work putting the finishing touches on the bucking chutes. Reserve tickets are going fast and anyone interested in getting some will have to hurry and do so as there is only a limited number. Rush tickets will be sold at the gate on each of the three days of events.

LABOUR DAY WEEKEND
Attend the 12th annual

NICOLA VALLEY MEMORIAL RODEO Sept. 5, 6, 7

ADMISSION: Reserve Seats 2.50, Adults 2.00, Students 1.50, Children 1.00 Pk-schoolers free (with parents)
Package Deal (3 days) Adults 5.00, Students 3.00, Children 2.00

MERRITT RODEO GROUNDS