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30 new homes promised in mine expansion



BLACKENED REMAINS show the savage destruction which can result from a house fire. This used to be the Topley

Landing home of Paul Joyce. Only a few blackened fixtures and a nearby greenhouse remain. The building was insured. (PHOTO BY SHEILA FAHL)

Senseless vandalism hits new village church

By SHEILA FAHL
GRANISLE - Vandalism has hit Church of the Way causing \$300 damage by the varnish alone. The volunteers went to work on the church Thursday evening and found five gallons of varnish spread all over the basement.

A roll of plastic vapour barrier was dragged through and thoroughly ruined. Also 50 pound boxes of nails were thrown all over the inside of the church. The RCMP have been contacted and are investigating. Dick Hildebrandt said he

was shocked as they have not experienced daytime vandalism since the start of the building of the church. They are now able to work inside as the roof is covered. Some youngsters and teens have helped with the building of the church and little ones have played around, but not hurting anything. Whoever is responsible should be thoroughly ashamed of himself and get busy and do something constructive, as there are driveways to be cleared and wood to be chopped for your energy.

Gran Islanders top the Lakers

By SHEILA FAHL
GRANISLE - Granisle's two commercial hockey teams had their third exhibition game Saturday, Nov. 25 at 8 p.m. The Gran Islanders and Lakes District Lakers played a close game, with the final total score Islanders 7, Lakers 5.

This was the Islanders first win over the Lakers this season.

Gran Islanders scorers were: Brian Guenther one goal; Keith Kirby four goals; Roger Johnson one goal; Brett Hall, one.

Lakers scorers were: Amato Piccioni with one; Bob Diner one; Walter Coombes one; Pat Barry one; John Linton, one.

It was great hockey with only twelve minutes of penalties between both teams.



AN INTERESTED CROWD was on hand for the meeting with officials of Granisle Copper where

Fire destroys home

GRANISLE - A fire at 3 a.m. Monday, Nov. 27 completely destroyed the home of Paul and Lynn Joyce at Topley Landing.

Fortunately the Joyces were not at home at the time of the fire.

Lynn and daughter Nicki were visiting family in Ontario, and Paul was working.

It could have been saved if the regional district would get busy with supplying Topley

Landing with a small pump fire truck; Granisle fire department would then combine the fire coverage and train the volunteers from Topley Landing to fight their fires.

Several residents have written council for fire protection, but they're not allowed to attend out of town fires.

As it stands if Granisle had a fire and the truck was at Topley Landing there would be problems.



Human teeth are much less specialized and far more primitive than those in most other mammals.

By SHEILA FAHL

GRANISLE - A public meeting was held Nov. 29 in which an interested group of people met with Granby Zapata officials and both union reps concerning the integration of the two mines.

Granby's officials were Milo McGarry, Industrial relations, and Vice-president Mike Berthelson; also present were the regional vice-president for Canadian Association of Industrial, mechanical and Allied Workers, (CAIMAW) Peter Cameron, Bill Gilliman, and Local 10 president Bill McCallum; United Steel Workers assistant Director of District 3 Monty Alton, U.S.W. rep. Ed Steel, U.S.W. rep. Ted Strange and U.S.W. Local 898 president Ted Clemit.

McGarry's opening remarks were that the meeting was called to discuss the company's position if the proposed merger is approved, and is not to favor either unions. It was to inform the people only in regards to Granisle Copper and proposed plans.

No question would be answered that would embarrass either unions or the company.

Milo gave a short discussion on the investment review agency in Ottawa and the L.R.B. in B.C.

Then Mike Berthelson gave a brief outline of Granby's operations, and Zapata's and their holdings.

Granby came about 1899 with a Grand Forks B.C. smelter and the Phoenix (gold drop) mine.

Granisle copper came into existence in 1966, and Zapata bought into Granby in 1971. Zapata's holdings around the world are contract drilling, supply vessel services for offshore operators, petroleum exploration, bulk shipping, coal and copper mining, menhaden, anchovy and tuna fishing, fisheries development and construction and dredging.

Mike also outlined proposed plans for mine sites if approval of the sale of Bell Copper is approved.

The expansion of Bell Copper will go to 17,000 tons of ore from their present 14,000 tons of ore, which means the town will expand with 30 new homes or more, and employment for 50 more workers making it 650 employed.

CAUSEWAY PROPOSED

The proposed plan is to join both mine sites by a causeway between MacDonald Island and Newman Peninsula which is 300 feet wide. It will be in form of a bridge for the fish to go through the channels.

The barge landing in Granby will have barges running continuously from Granby to the mine site, to have faster moving equipment and people which will be more convenient and cheaper.

With the combined operations, the two mines will gross 100,000 tons of ore a day. They'll exchange equipment, and share maintenance. They also plan to integrate administration, engineering, assaying, accounting, the safety system and warehouse facilities into single departments, but in separate divisions.

Within two years, Zapata Corporation will be the parent company of Granby with complete control of the mines and the name will be Zapata Granby, Bell Copper and Granisle Copper Divisions.

Granby has sold all its holdings except Granisle Copper.

With the proposed merger many things are going to happen - more jobs, stability,

and community growth.

The expansion will take place at Noranda over the next three years. They have a tentative agreement with Granby and Zapata to have the concentrate ore shipped from both mines to Topley, B.C. in con trucks, then shipped by rail to Noranda's smelter in Quebec.

From there the blister copper is shipped to England for processing.

They also have a tentative agreement with a British Company which will assist in financing for the proposed expansion.

For this they will receive a price release from the price of the copper. The agreement is for life of the miners, which will be expanded to 1990, then they will start mining on the Morrison Lake ore body.

USA Regional Representative Monty Aiton closed in saying this meeting was handled very well. "With the company and their proposal of expansion, long term employment and more stability we won't get in to union business til the new year."

He also wished the people of Granisle a very merry Christmas and a prosperous and safe New Year.

The company felt that the acquisition will not be approved now til February or the early part of March, as in Ottawa not much is done in the month of December for various reasons.

CAIMAW Rep. Peter Cameron felt the meeting was very informative but felt that it's too soon to talk politics of union til January 1979.

There was a question period after the company's discussion. I've just written down a couple of them as there were quite a few asked. Also, Mr. Gurney the English teacher attended with three students, and the students have written their expressions about the meeting for publication as they are.

One questioner asked: What will happen to the fire hall, and arena if this proposal is approved?

The company's answer was that the village is solvent and the tax dollars and affairs are in control of the council.

Asked if workers can post for jobs at both sites, the officials answered: "Yes, we'll have mill maintenance, tradesmen mechanics, machinists, and surface crew integrated and rotated at both mine sites. We want flexibility and safety. All personnel will be familiarized with the operation at both sites.

Officials say they will operate as one mine but will integrate all aspects of jobs into separated divisions. A questioner asked: "With Granby holdings all sold except Granisle Copper, if this proposed sale doesn't go through, are you just buying time to dump the mine?"

Answer: No, we have our money tied up in Granisle Copper and with the help of Zapata Corp. the money to purchase Bell Copper division, means expansion is nearer.

A questioner asked if they are planning on moly at either site and is it feasible to recycle moly from tailings. Answer: "We have moly ore but it's not feasible at this time; no Noranda has no moly ore." "Copper ore is our bread and butter."

Students' written expressions of the meeting were made by Gurney's Grade 10 Social Studies students. Willie Hamilton wrote: "I gathered a lot of information

from the meeting, and the meeting cleared up most of the questions in my mind.

"At the meeting reps of Granby Zapata talked about many things, but other than saying they were going to build 30 houses, they seemed to toss the town of Granisle aside.

"The reps don't seem overly concerned with the town of Granisle, so they must really be after things, like long term contract, and the money involved."

Suzanne Melatini: "I thought the meeting answered some of the questions the workers asked, but overall the most important questions seemed to be unanswered and filled with excuses like: "Well, gee, I didn't really think about that yet, I guess I'll look in to it in the future and well I don't really know."

"I know it's still too early to answer some questions, but instead of working their way around the questions, why didn't they just say it's too early to know yet?"

"I think the three most important reasons why Granby bought the Noranda Bell Copper mine were: Granisle wanted the Noranda mill because it's more modern than theirs and they want to boost it so it will put out 17,000 tons per day.

The Morrison property has got some copper in it and Granby wants to mine that.

Bell Copper's concentrate is sent to Quebec to be smelted and to English refineries and then to sell on the market. Bell Copper has a life time contract that says they can send the smelted ore to the English refinery as long as the mine holds out, whereas Granisle only has a two year contract with Germany, Japan and Spain.

"This way they can send their smelted ore from Granisle mine, Bell Copper and the Morrison project as well as any well pits that could open up.

"Things are going too slow around here and if they think they are going to build 30 new houses and have 50 new jobs here how will that accommodate every one? People that have been working here are still in line for houses.

I don't think the town of Granisle is going to expand much just because Zapata says so.

Why is Zapata all of a sudden worried about us now, when they didn't even blink twice at us before?

"They never promised all this stuff to us before, all they thought Granisle was, was a little chip out of the way, not even worth trying to find.

"Now what's happening is Granby bought Noranda Bell Copper with Zapata backing them up and are joining the two mines together, but it's not a large operation on scale compared to Lornex.

"Overall, I think the meeting was helpful to the workers of both mines and I appreciate those coming from Kamloops and Vancouver to help us know approximately what is going to happen to the mines.

Linda Page: "I really thought this meeting was presented in such a way that it made Zapata look good, as it never told about why Zapata, all of a sudden got interested in Granisle.

For that matter, this meeting just opened more questions in my mind.

"Is it just a contract, (life of the mines with England) that

The science of pediatrics was founded by 18th-century Swedish physician Nils von Rosenstein.

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ALMOST FINISHED, the new fisheries department bunkhouse will provide accommodation for the many workers who keep our Fulton River and Pinkut Creek spawning channels operating.

Mites show how hockey should be played

By SHEILA FAHL

Granisle Mighty Mites played Houston Mighty Mites in Houston on Nov. 26, and both teams gave a thrilling performance in all three periods.

In the first period, the only goal was by Granisle player Ryan Osachoff, assisted by Gary Worthing.

At the end of the second period Houston player Noah Anderson scored unassisted, tying them 1-1 with 13:19 left to play.

Well, by the time the third period rolled along, the mites had all spectators sitting on the edges of the benches holding their breath with the excitement of it all.

Granisle player Sheila McCracken scored two goals, one assisted by Gary Worthing, and the second by Daniel Hendriks.

Houston came back with a goal by Noah Anderson assisted by Greg Horswell, and their third goal by Michael Keel was unassisted tying

them up 3-3, with the final 2:13 minutes left to play, when Granisle's Gary Worthing made a winning goal unassisted.

The final score was Granisle 4, Houston 3.

All of minor hockey could have learned from some good calibre hockey by both teams of mites that morning.

PUPS PLAY

Saturday, Nov. 25 found Granisle pups and Houston pups playing a schedule game in Granisle.

The final total score was Granisle 7, Houston 3.

The first period scoring was by Granisle's Lance Collison, with two goals one of which was assisted by David Barker, and Kenny Worthing with two goals one of which was assisted by Paul Hoven.

Houston's lone goal was made by Don Makowichuk assisted by Mark Studer.

Second period saw Granisle's Kenny Worthing score

two goals unassisted and Houston scored one goal by Trent MacNabb.

In the third period the lone goal was by Granisle's Glenn McCracken assisted by David Barker. Houston player Trent MacNabb was assisted by Donnie Emes. Good hockey was played by both teams.

On Nov. 25 and 26 there was an exhibition game of Granisle Pups and Terrace Pups in Granisle.

Both games were quite lopsided on total scores, but Terrace gave all they could na and played good hockey throughout the weekend.

On Saturday the final score was Granisle 17 and Terrace 3.

Scorers for Granisle were Lance Collison with ten goals and four assists; Steven Stanyer with three goals and three assists; Kenny Worthing two goals, two assists; Johnny Koza one goal and one assist; David Barker one goal, five assists; and Paul Hoven one assist.

Terrace scorers were Jory Peialloni one goal, Ian Bagg one goal, Kory Albright one goal.

On Sunday, Nov. 26, the final score was Granisle 21 and

Terrace 0.

The scoring was by the following players: Steven Stanyer, 3 goals; Robert Habermehl, 4 goals; Glenn McCracken, 2 goals; Kenny Worthing, 3 goals; Jimmy Matatall, one goal; Kenny Latrielle, 2 goals; Darryl Osachoff, one; Johnny Koza, 2; Paul Hoven, one; Lawrence Reeves, one.

Even though the scores were lopsided they were two hockey games well played with no penalties by both teams.

A scheduled game between Granisle Bantams and Vanderhoof Bantams was played on Nov. 25 in Granisle.

It was not good hockey but a free-for-all fight, with Vanderhoof getting 75 minutes of penalties and Granisle 52 minutes of penalties. The referees get a bouquet for their ability of refereeing that disgusting game.

Bantams should take note of the Pups and Mites to see how good hockey is played.

The final total score was Granisle 4, Vanderhoof 1. Scorers for Granisle were Willie Hamilton, two; Kevin Towell, one; Grant Wicks, one.

Dr. Chen donates to library

By SHEILA FAHL
GRANISLE - This past summer Doctor Bob Chen made a generous donation to our library.

Part of the money has been spent on medical-type books for the layman, which have arrived and are on display now.

Also we have new, two Christmas displays, Christmas craft books, and magazines for adults which are a great interest to our patrons and are circulating well.

Also just last week the Christmas books for children arrived.

Traditional Christmas stories, a book of Christmas plays and programs, plus

several unusual Christmas books help make up a display of books with something for everyone, see you at the library.

On Tuesday evening Ald. Ham Brown and Granisle's two librarians Helen Shuttleworth, Barb Brokx, and the teacher from Babine elementary school Elaine Thompson attended a regional library meeting in Houston, representing Granisle. They heard Deputy Provincial Recreation Minister George Giles.

Giles represented Minister Sam Bawlf from Victoria. He said they want the libraries, to each support themselves from each of eleven municipal districts.

One of two spokesmen said: "I believe that we can't afford what Prince George wants as small town people read a lot, and are vast miles apart."

Odds n Ends

Happy birthdays to Erin Johnstone Dec. 5, Jean Hutchison Dec. 10, and to whoever I missed, please phone.

Happy 25th Anniversary to Harry and Faye Proppe on Dec. 3.

More Happy Birthdays to Mike Collison Dec. 2, Candice Krause Dec. 7 and Debbie Lewis Nov. 22. Also to Faye Comeau Dec. 10.

Happy anniversary to Ken and Liz Coniff on Dec. 4 and Frank and Marg Lewis Nov. 22.



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Province of British Columbia
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Mine meeting

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Zapata wants?

Would new jobs really be created, and if they were, how many of them would actually be from other people who lost their seniority or had jobs switched or got fed up and quit?

"Why did Milo McGarry say that Zapata would lose all interest in Canadian mining if Bell won't sell and in the same breath tell us that Zapata was tied in financially too far to back out on us now?"

"Is he really trying to help us or is he in there with his hand out like the rest of them? If Bell doesn't sell, will a plan for new houses, which this town presently needs, still go through? Why is it so hard right now to get a house?"

"Other than these questions, and a couple of others, I enjoyed the meeting. The men from U.S.W. and CAIMAW seemed to be concerned about what is happening to their jobs and to our community.

The extemporaneous manner in which the chairman and spokesman answered our questions, however was somewhat digressed.

"I truly hope that an agreement between the two unions will not cause hard feelings on either side.

"I think the meeting was to reassure those of us who are still in doubt."

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Again this year Granisle Copper Limited and Noranda Mines Limited will hold a joint Christmas party for employees' children up to 12 years old inclusive.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING!

Santa will be at the Granisle Village Inn cabaret room on Tuesday, Dec. 12

Infant - 3 yrs	10 am - 12 noon
4 - 8 yr olds	6 - 8 pm

Santa is hoping to meet all of you!

SKATING PARTY FOR 9 - 12 YR OLDS

For the 9 - 12 yr old group there will be a skating party on Fri., Dec. 15, from 6 - 8 pm, followed by a movie in the cabaret room of Granisle Villa e Inn.

If other people in the community wish to participate, please call 697-2266 (ext. 35)