

## Thunderbird Seen Slipping As Mascot Of Coast Indians

By JOHN MATTERS  
**BELLA COOLA, B.C. (CP)**—The mythical thunderbird, a weird-looking eagle that is the mascot of coastal Indians, appears headed for extinction. A creature standing atop many totem poles, the thunderbird has been a symbol to the outside world of the native community living on the shores of the Pacific whose people long ago mastered the art of making dug-out canoes.

Lawrence Pootlass, hereditary chief of the Bella Coola Indians—keepers of the thunderbird legend—says his people no longer take seriously the myth handed down through the generations.

Once the main ritual of tribal initiation ceremonies, the thunderbird dance now is enacted at community concerts to raise money for the Parent-Teacher Association or hospital.

Each Christmas in this town 250 miles north of Vancouver the pagan thunderbird mingles with Santa Claus on the stage of a school auditorium.

The performers have under their arms soft drink bottles filled with water, which is sprayed on the audience if the show starts to get dull.

"I don't know how long the thunderbird dance will last," said the 31-year-old chief who works at a nearby sawmill. "My kids only see it once or twice a year."

Mrs. Pootlass and the six children live here while her 31-year-old husband works at a sawmill about 30 miles down Dean Channel. Natives once used to make their living as employees of coastal canneries, but most of those have closed in recent years.

The children, born in a United Church mission hospital here, attend the same school as white children and, like other natives, are accepted in community activities.

Until recent years Bella Coola successfully kept people out, and kept others in. A group of Norwegians who travelled by sea first settled here in the 19th century and no one could make his home at the townsite without permission of Norwegian community leaders.

There was a n't an overland route to the interior of British Columbia until 1954, when members of Bella Coola Board of Trade, who said their pleas met no response from the department of highways, built a road themselves.

The route through the Coast Range involved construction of 50 miles of road, 10 through mountains.

The most famous person to walk through what now is Bella Coola was Sir Alexander Mackenzie, who made the historic journey from Fort Chipewyan, on Lake Athabaska, to the Pacific Coast in 1793.

**FAMOUS ROCK**  
 About 15 miles from town there is a rock on which Sir Alexander wrote his famous inscription in vermilion and grease: "From Canada by land, 1793."

It was 133 years later that Cliff Kopas, then living near Calgary, decided to follow the explorer's route on horseback. He and his young bride settled here and raised a family.

Mr. Kopas, who owns a general store, has been a member of the Board of Trade since it was formed 10 years ago and has become unofficial mayor of the community.

He organized townspeople into work crews which built the road through the mountains and cleared a 3,400-foot aircraft landing strip out of timber.

## Shopping Carts Pose Problem

**TORONTO (CP)**—Suburban York Township has moved in on a problem that for years has plagued supermarkets—what to do about shopping carts taken from stores and abandoned blocks away.

A township council meeting Monday told representatives of four large food chains to find a solution or unspecified measures would be taken. Reeve Walter Saunders said that during a recent weekend he counted 150 shopping carts scattered over a 10-block area.

The stores' representatives said they are working on a plan which would prevent a customer from taking a cart past the cashier's desk. They indicated, though, that they are nervous about arousing public antagonism by forcing customers to keep the carts in the stores.

## Stolen Gems Recovered

**FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)**—Federal agents have announced the recovery of \$1,750,000 in gems stolen from a Pompano Beach jewelry store and called it one of the largest gem-theft recoveries in United States history.

Wesley G. Grapp, chief of the FBI office in Miami, said the recovery represented the bulk of the gems stolen Saturday in a daylight holdup. Total loss in the robbery was not established.

Grapp said the gems were found when agents searched a rental automobile used by one of the robbers.

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## Students To Get Questions About Smoking Habits

**KENORA, Ont. (CP)**—The Kenora health unit plans to question 3,000 pupils in grades 4 to 13 about their smoking habits.

Questionnaires will be sent during the next few weeks to pupils of 64 elementary and secondary schools in the Dryden, Fort Frances, Kenora and Red Lake areas of northwestern Ontario.

Some of the questions to be asked are: At what age did you smoke your first cigarette? Have you smoked in the last four weeks? At what age did you start smoking one or more cigarettes a week?

Parents and teachers are being asked to tell children to answer the questions accurately and honestly.

The forms will be answered anonymously and the results tabulated by electronic computers.

Purpose of the study is to assess the age at which smoking starts; to relate smoking to such factors as parents' smoking habits, academic performance and sex; and to provide information for a subsequent educational program.

Pupils in Winnipeg have completed such questionnaires.

## 8 Stained-Glass Windows Are Gift

**MONTREAL (CP)**—A gift of eight stained-glass windows from the French government to the Benedictine Abbey of St. Benoit-du-Lac, Que., was announced Tuesday by French Ambassador Francis Lacoste.

A group of friends of the abbey suggested to French President Charles de Gaulle, during a visit to Quebec in April, 1960, that his government make such a gift.

The monastery, 78 miles east of Montreal, was founded in 1912 by Benedictine monks from St. Wandrille, France.

## Union Vote Seen Better In U.S.

**PLAINFIELD, Vt. (AP)**—Dr. Eugene Forsey, director of research for the Canadian Labor Congress, said Tuesday United States union leaders are far more successful in delivering the labor vote than are their Canadian counterparts.

## Gander Given Hospital Grant

**OTTAWA (CP)**—The federal health department Tuesday announced a \$350,503 grant to assist in construction of a 153-bed hospital at Gander, Nfld.

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