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Sharp Decline In Building Permits

Value of Lethbridge building permits during the first half of 1957 fell far below that registered during the corresponding six-month period in 1956, according to figures released by Building Inspector William Langmead.

The total was \$2,833,531, a drop of \$786,488 from the 1956 half-year total of \$3,620,019.

ALSO LOWER

Total for June was also lower than for the corresponding month last year. It amounted to \$641,176 compared with \$1,014,675.

Among the June permits issued

were 18 for construction of residences valued at \$214,911.

Largest permit, valued at \$270,000, was taken out by the city of Lethbridge for reconstruction of the 9th St. bridge.

\$41,000 MOTEL

The next largest was that by Monte Peterson for construction of a \$41,000 motel at 1142 Mayor Magrath Drive.

A \$29,000 permit was also issued for construction of a 77 Oil Company service station at 3rd Ave. and 18th St. S.

Two permits were issued to the Lethbridge and District Exhibition board, one at \$11,000 and another at \$4,500, for grandstand renovations at the exhibition grounds.

Even Bookworms Aren't Immune as Summer Beckons

July and August traditionally are vacation months and not even the silent bookworms are immune to the call of the summer to travel to new places and see new things.

At least at the Lethbridge Public Library, headquarters of Lethbridge bookworms, a summer slowdown ranging from 10 to 20 per cent in book consumption is anticipated.

The library goes on summer hours Tuesday, cutting one-half hour off the service in both children and adult departments.

Hours will be: children from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily except Sunday and Wednesday; adults 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily except Sunday and Wednesday; north branch, Tuesday and Saturday from 2 to 5:30 p.m. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 12 noon each Wednesday and closed all day Sunday.

Readers have peculiar reading habits, Mr. Dutton remarked. "For instance, if we've had a long cold winter there is likely to be a sharp drop in reading during early spring, but if the weather continues warm all summer, come August and many start to visit the library again," he noted.

SUNDAY PROGRAMS

Sunday afternoon music programs at Galt Gardens start July 7 and this year, Mr. Dutton said, the library has obtained a new high fidelity record player.

The idea of music in the park originated last summer and the program is being expanded this summer to provide music during week-day noon hours for those who eat lunch in the park.

City Paving Program Is Delayed

Frequent rain showers have delayed work on Lethbridge's 1957 paving program and caused unavoidable inconvenience to residents in areas where preliminary work temporarily has been halted.

Acting City Engineer E. A. Lawrence said Friday work will be resumed Tuesday or Wednesday, weather permitting.

Crews already have laid base course on several blocks in the southern section and as a result of the rain they have been blocked off.

The areas include 14th Ave. between 13th and 17th Sts., 15th St. between 12th and 15th Aves., 19th St. between 10th and 12th Aves., 11th Ave between 18th and 21st Sts., and 9th Ave. A and B east of 21st St.

Ald. Sherring Again Heads CNIB Branch

Ald. Frank Sherring was re-elected chairman of the Lethbridge branch of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind at the annual meeting.

Elected vice-president was Mrs. Agnes Bains while Mrs. Helen Vath is the secretary-treasurer.

Elected to the board of directors were A. W. Shackelford, Henry J. Plock, Mrs. J. Jardine, Norman Vath and A. Baines.

Ron Hewlett of Calgary, Southern Alberta director of the CNIB, told the meeting that the Lethbridge organization is the No. 1 branch in Alberta where voluntary work is concerned.

In making his annual report, Ald. Sherring said that the number of registered blind in the branch rose from 25 to 1956 to 34 this year.

As a result of increased activities and increased membership, he said the branch will ask for an increase from \$1,750 to \$2,000 in its allotment from the Lethbridge Community Chest.

Awards \$437 In Damage Suit

District Court Judge E. B. Feir of Lethbridge handed down a judgment awarding \$437.97 to Horace A. Jones of Picture Butte in a damage suit against H. T. White of Lethbridge.

A counter-claim for \$638.20 laid by White was dismissed.

The action arose out of a traffic collision in Lethbridge last May in which Jones' car, driven by his son Gary, collided with the White vehicle. The accident occurred at the intersection of 14th St. and 8th Ave. South.

R. McLean acted for the plaintiff and F. Morgan for the defendant.

Competitions At Flying Club

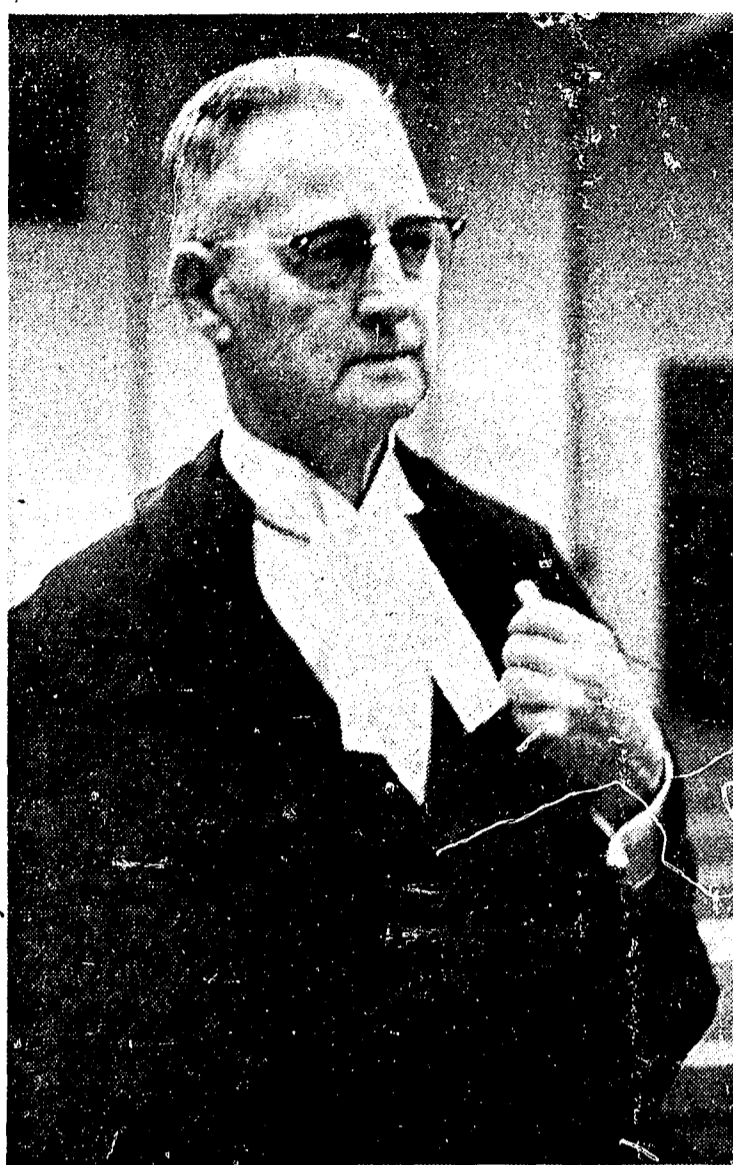
Members of the Lethbridge Flying Club will engage in bombing and spot-landing contests Sunday.

In the bomb-dropping event pilots will drop bags of flour from an altitude of 250 feet while in the other competition pilots will attempt to spot-land their aircraft without throttle.

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As Crown Prosecutor Leaves



J. Harper Prowse, QC, of Lethbridge, agent for the attorney-general in the Judicial District of Lethbridge for the past 13 years, is shown as he stood many times in the Alberta Supreme Court here in his official capacity before retiring from the position at the end of June. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Prowse practiced law at Taber for 35 years. The Maritime-born barrister will continue in private practice in Lethbridge. He is a member of the Lethbridge Bar Association and served one term as president of that group.

29 Per Cent Taxes Collected

Taxes amounting to \$70,618 were paid at Lethbridge city hall this week to swell the total this year to \$646,169 or 29.25 per cent of the overall levy of \$2,208,363.

Last year in the same week only \$4,364 was collected mainly, it is pointed out, because of a later deadline date.

Deadline this year is July 31, while last year it was August 31.

In addition to current taxes paid to date \$127,250 in arrears have been collected to bring the total to \$773,420 or 29.25 per cent.

Funeral Tuesday

Funeral services will be held in Martin Bros. chapel Tuesday at 4 p.m. for Samuel Mackwood, husband of the late Mrs. Charlotte Mackwood, formerly of this city. Mr. Mackwood died Friday in an Edmonton hospital. Rev. A. T. King will officiate. Interment will be in the family plot in Mountain View cemetery.

Samuel Mackwood was a brother of James Mackwood of Lethbridge.

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Five Treated in Hospital After Two Accidents

Five persons were treated for minor injuries in the Lethbridge Municipal Hospital as a result of two separate automobile accidents in the city Friday.

City police said Philip Drato of 2505 13th Ave. S., and O. W. Stovel, his wife and son Murray, of Foremost, were treated for minor injuries as a result of an intersection collision at 17th St. and 7th Ave. S. Drato was the driver of a car travelling north on 17th St. when it collided with a car driven by Stovel at the intersection. Stovel's wife and son were passengers in the car. They were described in good condition today.

In another accident Miss W. Osbourne of 637 16th St. S., was treated in hospital for lacerations and possible concussion when she was struck at the intersection of 5th Ave. and 6th St. S. when crossing the street. Driver of the car was Joseph Harty of Faith. Her condition was described as satisfactory today.

Last Rites to Be Held Wednesday For A. H. Thomas

Funeral services for Alfred Hayden (Taffy) Thomas, 69, of 505-11th St. S., will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in St. Augustine's Anglican Church. Mr. Thomas died Friday in a local hospital. Canon Leslie L. Grant will officiate. Interment will be in the Field of Honor in Mountain View cemetery. Martin Bros. are funeral directors.

2 Fined For Row With City Police

For creating a disturbance with a city police officer who was out of uniform and obstructing a police officer in uniform in a local dance hall Friday night, two Lethbridge men paid a total of \$45 in fines when they pleaded guilty in city police court before Magistrate T. O'B. Gore-Hickman Saturday.

Court was told that John Witwicki of Lethbridge was intoxicated in a public place and created a disturbance by attempting to engage Constable William West who was out of uniform, into a fight. Witwicki, court was told, used obscene language and grabbed the constable by the mustache. Constable West immediately phoned police, who arrested Witwicki. He was fined \$20 and costs.

John Stanley Chom of Lethbridge was fined \$25 and costs for obstructing a police officer. It was revealed that Chom insisted his friend Witwicki was not guilty of anything and was not to be arrested. When the police started to pull away with Witwicki, Chom smashed his fist on the car trunk door. He was immediately arrested.

HAT COMPANY
Rundle Investments Ltd., of Medicine Hat has incorporated under the companies act, it is announced in the Alberta Gazette.

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Queen Contest Winner Will Be Named Soon

WINNER WILL BE announced Wednesday in the Lethbridge Rodeo Queen contest, officials said Saturday morning following judging of three contestants in horsemanship abilities.

The three contestants — Audrey Hall, 17, of Taber; Diane Johnson, 17, of Vauxhall, and Barbara Smyth, 17, of Lethbridge — were judged earlier on appearance and personality.

Winner of the Lethbridge contest will compete in the Miss Rodeo Canada contest to be held at the Medicine Hat Stampede July 18, 19 and 20. She will be sponsored there by the Lethbridge and District Exhibition Board.

Miss Rodeo Lethbridge will be officially crowned at the opening of the evening performance of the Lethbridge and District Exhibition July 25. The exhibition runs July 25, 26 and 27.

Grasshopper Control Expert Heads Up New Program at Lethbridge

A special full-time program aimed at the biological control of grasshoppers and other insect pests is being initiated at the federal government's Science Service Laboratories at Lethbridge.

Ronald R. Baird, B.Sc. MA, son of A. B. Baird, one of the founders of the biological control unit at Belleville, Ont.—one of the foremost laboratories of its kind in the world—is heading up the program.

Not a newcomer to Southern Alberta, Mr. Baird was here during the summer of 1952 to 1955 conducting part-time studies with the aid of a big white mobile laboratory.

Born at Chatham, Ont., he took his public and high schooling at Belleville. He obtained a bachelor of science degree in general biology from the University of New Brunswick at Fredericton and a master's degree in bacteriology from Queens University at Kingston, Ont.

From 1950 to 1954 he was at the entomological laboratory at Kingston, and moved to Belleville in 1954 when headquarters were established there.

At Lethbridge he will be specializing with fungus diseases of insects—particularly with grasshopper fungus. He also plans to develop a program for the biological control of other insect pests.

He has written several scientific papers. One on fungus diseases of the corn borer is already out. Others to be published are on fungus diseases of houseflies and one on mobile laboratory work.

Mr. Baird is married and he and his wife have an infant daughter, Lisa. He is a member of the Kinsmen Club.



RONALD R. BAIRD

Brown Is Re-elected

Ed Brown was re-elected president of the Rehabilitation Society of Alberta for the Handicapped at the annual meeting.

Also re-elected were Margaret O'Neil, secretary, and Zelma Sterling, treasurer. New first vice-president is Jack Schille. Myrtle Jones is second vice-president.

Committee chairmen include Betty Gal, publicity; Beth Brookbank, membership; Bob Walker, entertainment; Lillian Scott, refreshments; and Mrs. L. Bouck, sick and visitations.

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