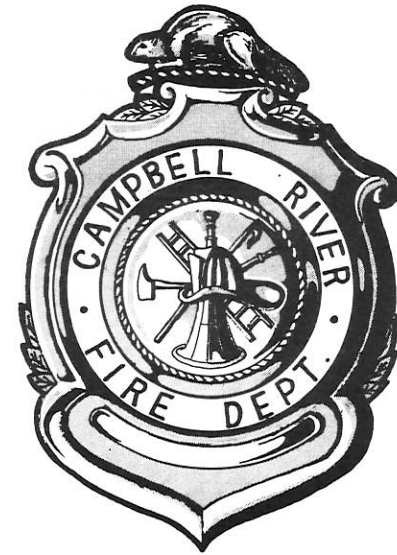


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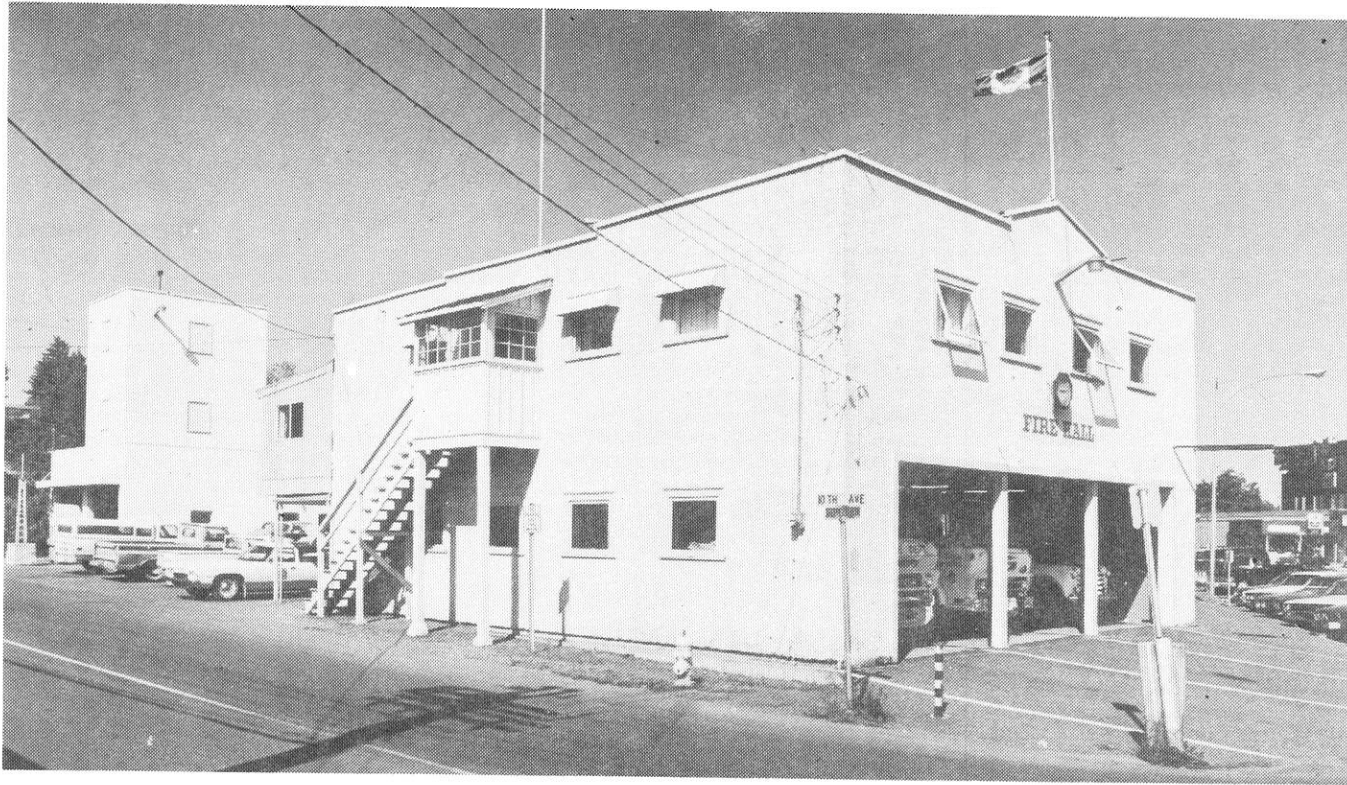
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On April 1, 1942 Oscar Thulin was assigned Fire Chief by the A.R.P. in Campbell River. He decided to build a Fire Truck himself and take a chance of ever being paid for it. He used a 1935 Maple Leaf two-ton truck and with a crew of men, Campbell River's Fire Truck was built. All the equipment but the hose and auxiliary pump was donated by Mr. Thulin.

In 1944 Oscar donated land to the Department and with another crew, mainly Fire Department members, work started on the building of a Fire Hall. He, himself put in 480 volunteer hours building the Hall.

Oscar Thulin remained Fire Chief in Campbell River for 23 years before retiring in 1965 to live in Victoria.

He passed away November 2, 1977 at age 76.

A Brief History of the Campbell River Fire Department

Prior to 1942, residents of Campbell River had no fire protection whatsoever. If a dwelling or business establishment caught fire, the only means of combating the blaze was the good old bucket brigade, handled by willing and sympathetic neighbours.

In 1941, during World War 2, Corporal Milton "Mac" MacAlpine of the then B.C. Provincial Police, and Allan Bunting, who headed the A.R.P. in this district, approached Oscar Thulin with the idea of forming some sort of organized fire protection in Campbell River.

In December 1941 work commenced on the building of Campbell River's first fire truck. A 1935 Maple Leaf truck was obtained from the Campbell River Garage, and with the help of the men who worked at the garage, the truck took shape. As no metal could be purchased for a tank, old oil drums were cut in half and welded together to form an 850 gal. water tank. The tank was mounted on the truck body and two pumps scrounged and mounted on the chassis. Twelve hundred feet of 1½" A.R.P. hose and a minimum amount of equipment resulted in the truck coming into service in April 1942. After many hours of labour, donations of material, plain ingenuity and dedication, the Campbell River Volunteer Fire Department was formed.

On April 1, 1942 Mr. Thulin was assigned as Fire Chief by the A.R.P. Oscar Thulin, Chief; Carl O. Thulin, Ass't Chief; Clarence Thulin, Chief Engineer; Carl (Tubby) Thulin Jr., 1st Lieut; Clyde Malbon, Capt.; Jock McKay, 2nd Engineer; Jim Haigh, 3rd Driver; with Jack Case, Fred King and Ted Idiens all Hosemen. All but three of these men had worked on the truck.

The only woman member was Agnus Thulin, wife of the Chief, better known to the crew as "The Whistlepunk". She was a member since the department's inception and handled the communications end of the service.

Prior to the forming of the Fire Protection District in 1945, the sum of \$1,273 was raised by 40 donors towards building of a sorely needed hall. The first annual Fireman's Ball on November 18, 1944 raised \$268.00 towards the building of the hall. The necessary and valuable piece of property, a corner lot was originally donated by Oscar Thulin, though after the Fire District was incorporated he received a small remuneration for the lot. December 17, 1944 the firemen went to work again, this time on the building. The last record of volunteer labour, which totalled 960 hours, was October 14, 1945. Other than the Volunteer Firemen, only two local residents donated their time to the building of the fire hall. The three main doors were donated by Mrs. Mary Thulin and family in memory of Charles Thulin and Fred Thulin. Their memory was commemorated by brass plaques fixed to the doors.

It should be mentioned at this time, that between April 1942 and October 1945 the fire truck and equipment were housed at the Campbell River Garage which was owned by Chief Thulin and Einar Andersen. Although he was never a member of the Volunteer Fire Department, Mr. Andersen contributed financially during the first years of the Fire Department.

With this brief introduction, which does not do justice to these men, we will review the following years.

It was during this period that the Campbell River Board of Trade initiated a drive for the purchase of an ambulance. When the hall was put into operation the firemen took over the ambulance and operated it until such time as circumstances forced them to relinquish this added service to the community.

In 1946 a near drowning spotlighted the need for an Inhalator, and Const. MacAlpine started a drive to raise funds from the citizens for the purchase of one.

The old method of ringing the telephone operator, who in turn roused the volunteers, aroused the need for a better alarm system, so in keeping in mind the eventual need for fire alarm boxes, the Gamewell System was installed in 1950.

Once on the road all communications were by two-way radio. The main set in the hall was handled by the dispatcher.

In 1950 an E & J Resuscitator was purchased to bring the life saving equipment up to modern standards, and the monies for this was raised by the Volunteer's holding a Tag Day.

The tenth anniversary of the department saw the completion of the hall by lining the upstairs and decorating the inside. This work was also done by volunteers.

February 1954 was a very special month for the department in as much as a new fire truck was purchased from Bickle Seagrave Co., Woodstock, Ont.

The year 1955 saw the chief and volunteers once again going to work to build another piece of equipment, this time a 3 ton truck with a water tank carrying capacity of 1050 gallons. Also in 1955 the boys built from plans in a Popular Mechanics magazine an Iron Lung, and it was a real feather in their caps when station CBUT Television sent a photographer to Campbell River to film the lung in action.

Year 1957 saw the installation of an electric hose dryer, which did away with the old method of laying hose out on a long platform to dry for long periods of time.

The year 1957 also saw the purchase of a new King Seagrave 625 G.P.M. pumper, equipped with 1200 feet of 2½" hose and 600 feet of 1½" hose, auxiliary lighting plant with flood lights, and an auxiliary portable pump.

Campbell River is growing and in March 1960 the department took over another obligation, and that was a new ambulance which was purchased by the Campbell River and District Ambulance Association. The association chose a 1960 International Travelall and equipped it with a stretcher, oxygen and first aid equipment.

September 1962 saw the opening ceremonies of the Training Tower built behind the Fire Hall.

1963 was one of the most disasterous years fire wise for Campbell River. In January, firefighters and equipment were all taxed to the limit when the Willows Hotel burned to the ground. Then in October there was a boiler room explosion at Elk Falls Mill.

The Fire Department celebrated 22 years of service in May 1964 with the delivery of a new Pierre Thibault pumper.

In July 1965, Chief Thulin stated that the Fire Department needed more paid men to carry the load of ambulance calls. Three more paid men were hired in Feb. 1966.

October 1, 1965 saw the end of an era when Chief Oscar Thulin retired after 23 years service to the Fire Department. It was his ingenuity and dedication that started the Campbell River Fire Department. He was replaced by W.J.D. McIntosh from Kitimat.

Muscular Dystrophy became a concern of the Campbell River Fire Department and in 1968 the annual Firefighter's M.D. Bingo started and since then thousands of dollars have been raised in Campbell River to help fight this disease.

In December 1968 the Campbell River Fire Protection District acquired another Fire Hall when the Willow Point Water Works voted to turn the Willow Point Fire Department over to Campbell River.

In August 1971, after the rescue of a swimmer who had fallen to the bottom of Elk Falls Canyon, the Department realized that a rescue type vehicle was needed in Campbell River.

Again, true to tradition, the Volunteer Firefighters went to work. They purchased a 1964 Ford ¾ ton walk-in van for \$650.00. The van, although basically sound, required extensive repair work. On April 22, 1972 after 893 man hours, the project was completed and the vehicle was turned over to the Trustees of the Fire Department for the use as a fire service Rescue Van.

In October 1976 the new King 85' aerial platform fire truck arrived in Campbell River. The class A 1050 gallon pumper carries a limited capacity of 250 gallons of water.

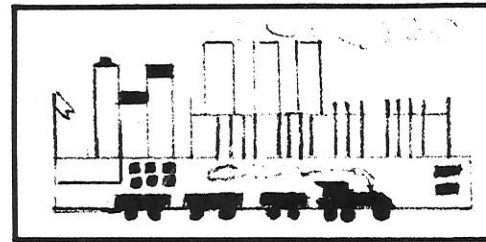
Summer 1978 saw the completion of Campbell River's new Fire Hall. The old Hall housed the Fire Department for 33 years.

Now, in July 1978 the Campbell River Fire Department consists of a Fire Chief, Ass't. Chief, a paid staff of 4 Lieuts. and 13 Firefighters; a Volunteer Staff of 18 Firefighters in No. 1 Hall and 26 Firefighters in No. 2 Hall including a District Chief; a total of 12 pieces of equipment and 2 ambulances.

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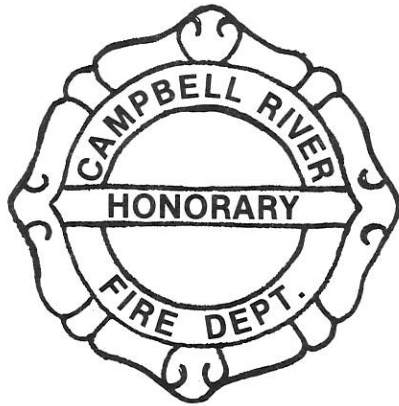
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**Mayor
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In the same way that residents over the years have had cause to be thankful to those who pioneered with the original Number One Hall, so will future generations appreciate the work now brought to fruition.

Yours truly,

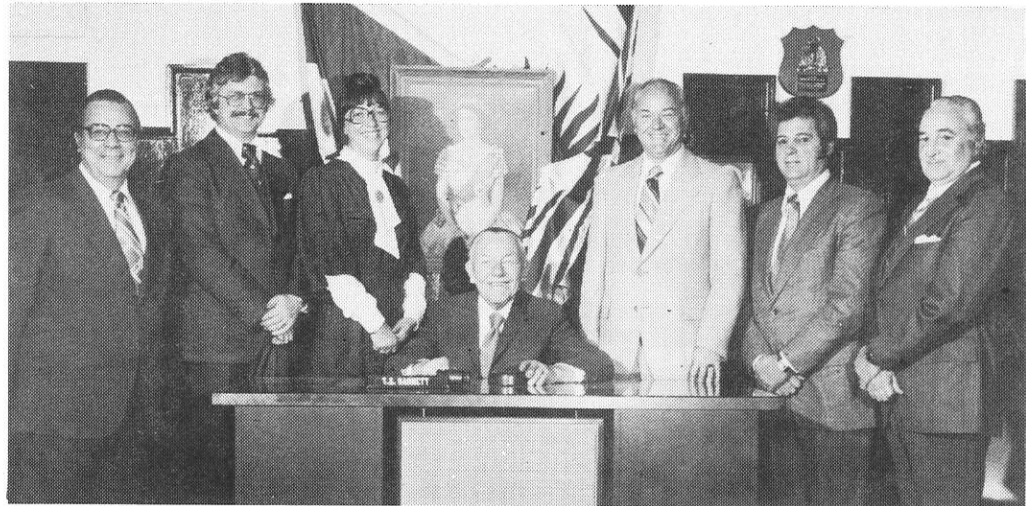
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Barnett".

**T.S. Barnett,
Mayor
District of Campbell River**

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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ESTABLISHED

Campbell River has set up British Columbia's first "fire protection district", under which property owners in an otherwise unorganized area will set up and maintain fire protection service, using A.R.P. equipment purchased from the Dominion by the province and presented to the districts where it was stationed during the war.

It is officially listed as "Campbell River Fire Protection District."

First trustees are A.G. Bunting, J.H. Burgess and Henry Dubeau. They will have power to set rates and collect taxes for maintenance of the district fire protection service.

The fire protection district is established under the Water Act as amended at the last session of the Legislature to permit the organization on a permanent basis of fire services inaugurated under civil defense.

That was the newspaper article June 28, 1945.

From the years April 1942 through to June 1945 the income of the Fire Department consisted mainly of donations and the finances were handled by Fire Chief Oscar Thulin.

In June 1945 the Fire Hall was nearly completed and at a public meeting, 45 ratepayers voted to raise their taxes by one mill to pay for maintenance of the Fire Department.

In view of the fact that the Campbell River Volunteer Fire Department could not legally hold property in the organized area, it was agreed that the same be formed into an Association and be called "The Campbell River Fire Protection District". Trustees for the Association were elected by the taxpayers at annual meetings.

In 1976 the Fire Department was the first Paid Department in British Columbia to be governed under a Regional District. The then Trustees became known as Commissioners and were joined by two representatives from City Council and the Regional Board.

In January 1978 the Commission was disbanded and the Fire Department as turned over to the District of Campbell River.

Months of bargaining and planning by the Fire Department Commission resulted in the building of the new Fire Hall. Many thanks to all these men for their dedicated and unrelented efforts.

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MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I have been asked to contribute a short note in this magazine, which has been expressly prepared for the official opening of our new Number 1 Fire Station.

My congratulations firstly to all who have worked so hard in getting ready for this day, also to each and every one of you, who have taken time from your busy schedule to come and see for yourself the calibre of our new quarters, along with all the excellent equipment that will be responding for your required needs.

I have been your Fire Chief since September 1965. Early in my career here it became apparent that new quarters would become a No. 1 priority. It has taken approximately 10 years for fulfillment.

We can see by this beautiful building that the long hard struggle with planning and replanning has finally paid handsome dividends.

Again may I say thank you to all concerned.

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W.J.D. McIntosh (Chief)
Campbell River Fire Department

Campbell River Fire Department - Paid Staff

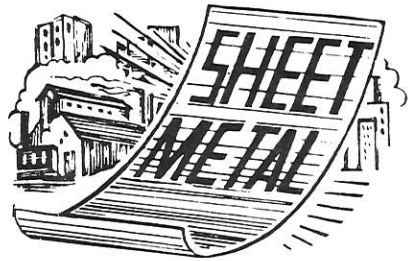


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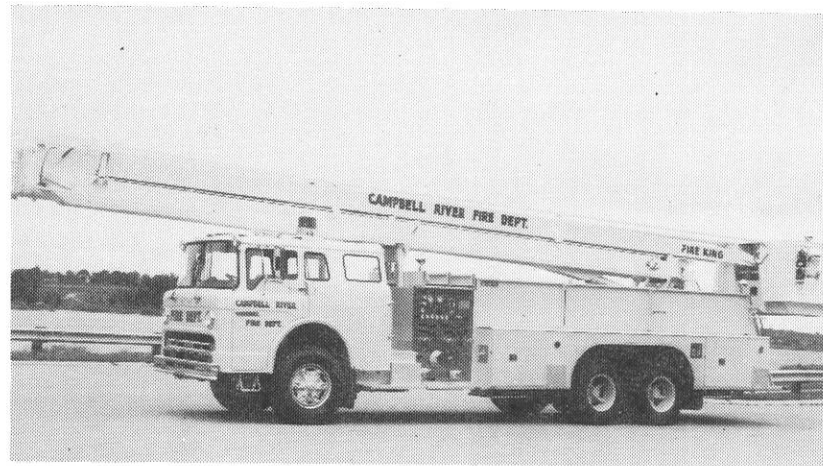
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Never fall in love with a fireman.

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Firemen (and occasionally they'll insist you call them firefighters) will arrive home burned in strange places. Like hair and eyebrows. They think nothing of entering a burning building to rescue someone, even though the floor or roof could collapse at any time. A Fireman drives a huge fire truck or a rescue truck, or a tanker at a dangerous pace because he knows every second counts. And his life... well sure, it counts... somewhere down the list.

If you fall in love with a fireman, be prepared for bouts of depression that a manic depressive can't beat. Be prepared to pour the Scotch at 9 a.m. after a night shift when the crew hasn't been able to save a child. When he's been the one to find the tiny body only a few feet from safety - but overcome by smoke.

Be willing to understand when he confiscates your cigarettes and lighter at night, or when you've been drinking. He sees his own children, his own family as victims of careless smoking.

He'll arrive home exhausted in body and spirit. And when he listens to people talk about how "easy his job is", just sitting around the fire hall, drinking coffee and playing ping pong, it's up to you to restrain him.

There just isn't any percentage in falling in love with a man who goes around unplugging your toaster, checking the wiring and removing two or three plugs



#1 Hall Ladies Auxiliary

from the extension cord. He'll never allow you to empty the ashtrays at night and you'll have to check every time you leave the house for forgotten cigarettes.

If you love a fireman, you will have to somehow understand when he questions an age 65 retirement, and asks what 65 year old man should be anywhere near a fire truck, let alone clambering up and down ladders and carrying heavy equipment.

Falling in love with a fireman is falling in love with a square.

He won't have long hair and sideburns because it would look ridiculous with a uniform. (If you ask, he'll also tell you that hair burns, and any fireman with hair down to his collar is liable to lose it in a close call).

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REPORT FROM #2 HALL

DISTRICT CHIEF LEN MCKENZIE



In December of 1968 a plebiscite was held in the Willow Point area to determine if the then "Willow Point Fire District" wished to merge with the Campbell River Fire Protection District. The vote was to the affirmative so, as of December 1968 the Fire Station at Willow Point officially became Number 2 Fire Hall, a subsidiary of the Campbell River Fire Department. It remains such to date.

The present staff at #2 Hall, which are all Volunteer, consist of a District Chief, Deputy District Chief, two Captains, two Lieutenants and 19 Firefighters.

The equipment at #2 Hall consists of two Class "A" pumps, one 2300 gal. tanker and one Chief's Car.

In 1976, an addition to the #2 Hall was undertaken at the south end of the Willow Point Waterworks Building to provide the necessary parking and storage space required for the vehicles and other equipment. Up to that date the Volunteers at Willow Point supplied virtually all the time and materials required for the upkeep of the grounds and building. These included installation of concrete ramps and side-walks to the building, paint and other materials required for inside maintenance.

Firefighter training is carried out on Wednesday evenings under the direction of Lieut. Larry Lundrigan and his capable assistants, Firefighters Stu Haigh and Brian McConnan, all of whom are full time staff at #1 Hall. They have worked long and hard hours striving to ensure a good standard of fire training and fellowship within the Fire Department. Keep up the good work guys, your efforts do not go un-noticed!

Len McKenzie,
District Chief

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Fire Department Training

Daily training exercises are held by the Paid Staff at the Fire Hall. Volunteers meet every Wednesday evening for Fire Practice. Many old buildings have been donated to the Fire Department for burning practices as well as old cars for the 'Jaws of Life' practice. Rescues are a very important part of training, and most of the local schools and apartment blocks have had mock rescues performed in them. The use of foam in putting out gas fires has come into effect in recent years and is practiced with several times a year.



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AMBULANCE SERVICE

The first ambulance service in Campbell River was formed in 1942 by an Ambulance Society. Monies were raised through a Federal grant to purchase the first Ambulance. It was housed in the Campbell River Garage, and all calls were answered at the Police Station. The first Ambulance crew was Jimmy Haigh, Doug Robinson and Lloyd Higgins.

In later years the Ambulance was run by the 54 Taxi Co. under Mr. Motion. This worked quite well for a short time, but the drivers had no first aid training. In 1960 the Ambulance Association was formed and money for running it was obtained through taxation. The Association voted to re-station the Ambulance at the Fire Hall where it is today.

In 1974 the Ambulance service was taken over by the Provincial Government, and still manned by Fire Department personnel. A total of 850 calls were handled in 1977 by Fire-fighters trained in Industrial First Aid and the Provincial Government's Emergency Medical course.

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In the past five years over \$13,000 has been raised locally to help fight this dreaded disease.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



During Fire Prevention week in October, Fire Department vehicles and personnel visit the schools in the district. A lecture on Fire Safety is given to the students.

Many teachers in the School District take an opportunity to tour the Fire Hall with their classes throughout the year.

TOY DRIVE



For many years the Fire Department collected and repaired old toys for the needy at Christmas. Due to the shortage of space in the Fire Hall as the Department grew, this service to the community had to be discontinued.

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Welcome to our new Fire Hall. With the new facilities and more room, consisting of a Library and Lecture Study room, Fire Prevention will be much more efficient as we will be able to lecture to groups without interference of others and all materials will be at our finger tips.

The Training Tower will make training easier and closer to the real thing. Training can be done on the grounds of the Hall while the men are on duty and still be available for immediate response to fire and ambulance calls. The training tower has all the facilities to simulate fires and rescues.

The new Control Room will make answering and recording emergency calls much more efficient and also easier to detect False Alarms and Prank Calls. All calls can now be taped and recorded.

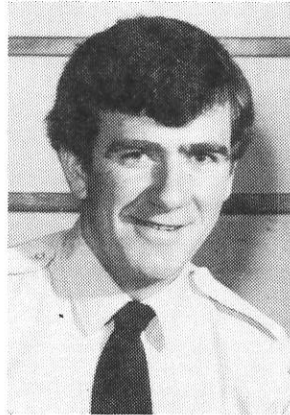
With the new hall all supplies and materials can be stored in order, making them easier to find and use.

With a larger hall and more truck bays, all the equipment can be housed under one roof. Our Aerial Platform Truck can now be in the No. 1 Fire Area where it is needed, and with the Training tower, practices can be performed on a more regular basis.

The maintenance area is a two bay shop. It's size makes maintenance easier, with a larger area to store spare parts and extra equipment. Emergency lighting and a room for the self contained breathing equipment make for safer working conditions.

**Ass't. Chief
Dave Proctor**

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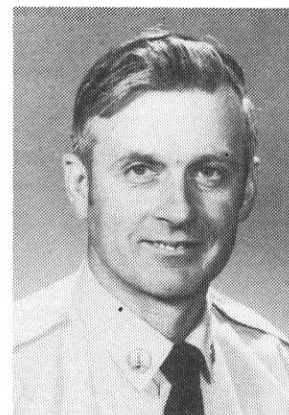
Spend their spare time in the winter months coaching the Chalet Tiger Hockey team of the Pee Wee Pups League.



Milt Swain

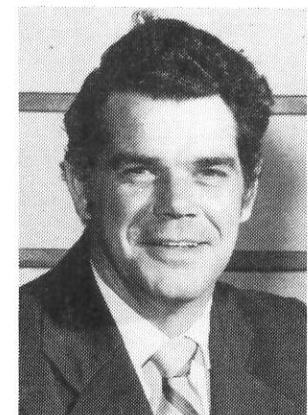


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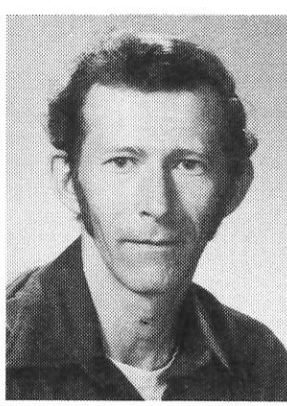


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Have been active in the local Scouting organization for many years.



Vic Anderson

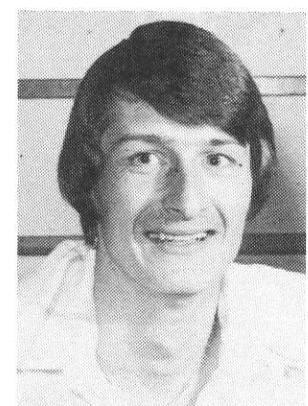


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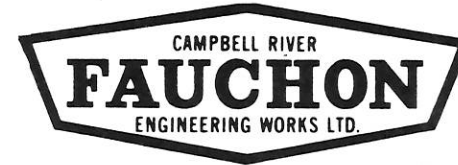


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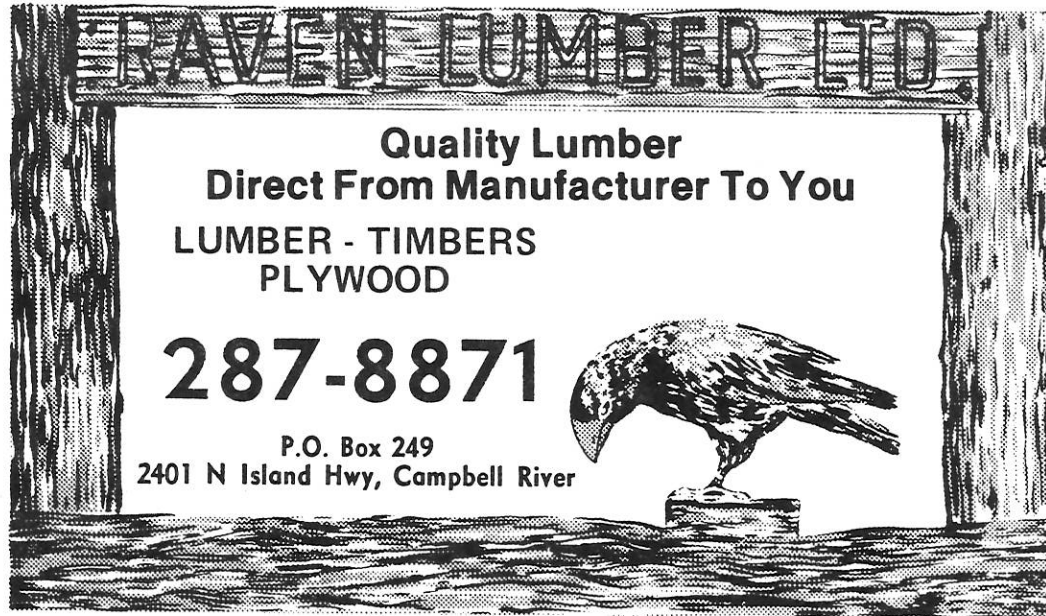
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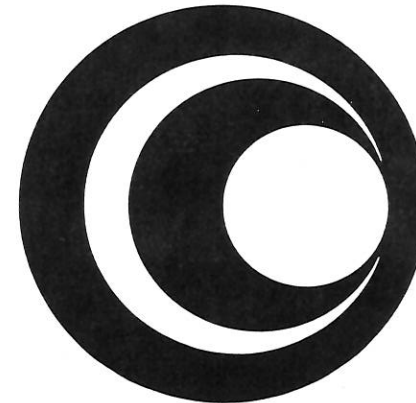
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March 21, 1978

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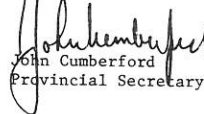
Dear Chief McIntosh:

Members of St. John Ambulance throughout B.C. send best wishes to you and members of your department on the occasion of the move to the new Fire Hall.

We, in St. John, owe your members a very special debt for without your help and support we would not exist in Campbell River. The use of the building combined with the teaching talents of your firefighters has always been appreciated.

Congratulations on achieving the goal, a new Fire Hall. May the years ahead be healthy ones for the department and may all the fires be small.

Sincerely,


John Cumberford
Provincial Secretary

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WHEN YOU HEAR A SIREN

Keep to the right of the road and give the right of way to the flashing light.

Remember there are at least three cars going to a fire so let them pass. Do not follow the Fire Trucks. Keep your vehicle away from the scene of the fire. Give the men room to work.

WHEN YOU CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT A FIRE

Dial 287-3311. Remember to give the exact address of the fire or some familiar landmark.

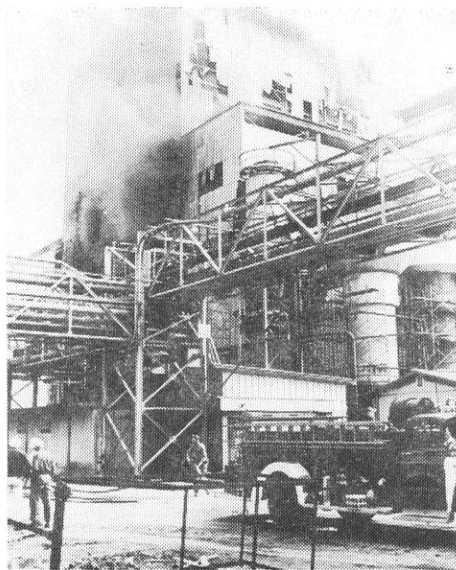
Do not be in a hurry. It will save time if you speak slowly and clearly. Remember the trucks are on their way. They receive instructions by radio, so do not be in a hurry.

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This was Campbell River's first major fire. A spark from a cutting torch set the blaze. It didn't take long, a couple of hours later - all that was left was hot ashes and memories.



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CEDAR SCHOOL - Nov. 25, 1966
Damage estimated between \$250,000 and \$300,000 was caused by a fire of unknown origin which swept through the original building of the Cedar Elementary School complex. Three hundred pupils were displaced by the loss of the school. Eight rooms were destroyed in the 10 hour blaze.



HAIDA INN - July 18, 1974
A smouldering cigarette butt combined with combustible material in a metal garbage container is believed to have started this \$400,000 blaze. The 40 Firefighters present extinguished the flames within 6 hours.



JR. SEC. SCHOOL - Aug. 20, 1976
Arson is the suspected cause of this fire started in the gymnasium. The 8 hour inferno which levelled the 43 classroom, woodframe structure left in it's wake an estimated \$4,000,000 damage. Some 65 Firefighters from Campbell River, Willow Point, Courtenay and the B.C. Forest Service fought the blaze. Eighteen hours later the school lay in ashes.

ALAN MURNAGHAN ARCHITECT

Campbell River Fire Department
1000 Island Highway
Campbell River, B.C.

New #1 Fire Hall

Gentlemen

As your new fire hall nears completion I would like to express my appreciation for your continued help and co-operation in the design of the project. It is to be hoped that your new facilities will help to fill your functional needs and also be a significant asset to the building environment in Campbell River.

Congratulations to the department and the former trustees of the Campbell River Fire Protection District in bringing many years of planning to a satisfactory conclusion.

Yours very truly



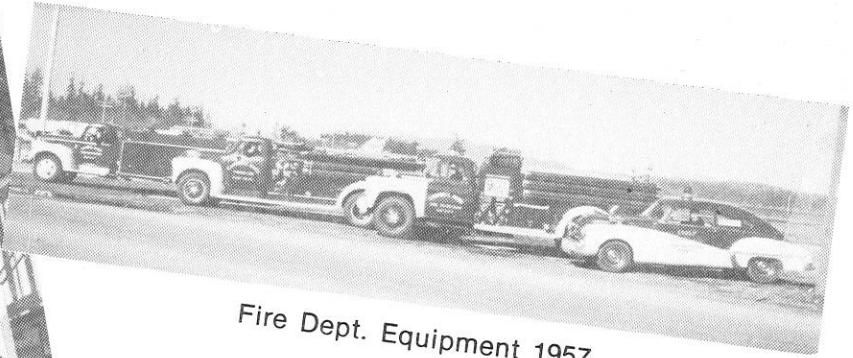
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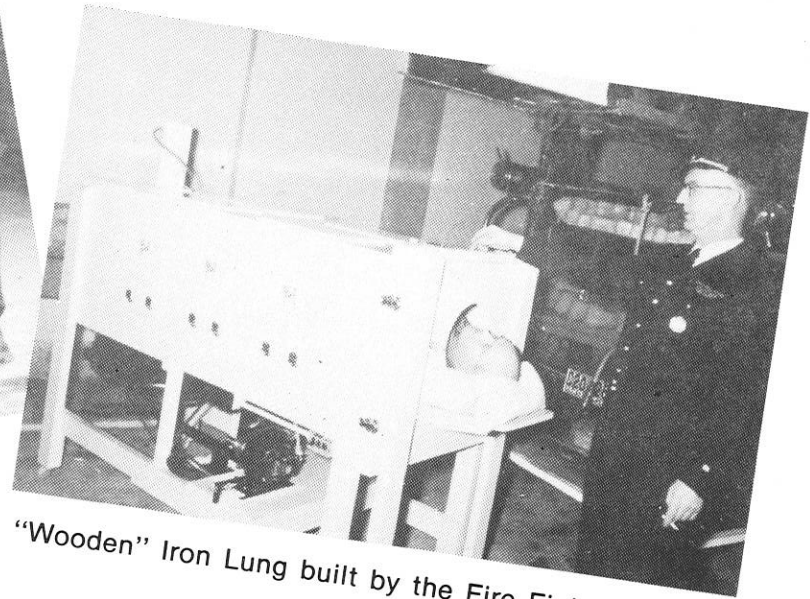
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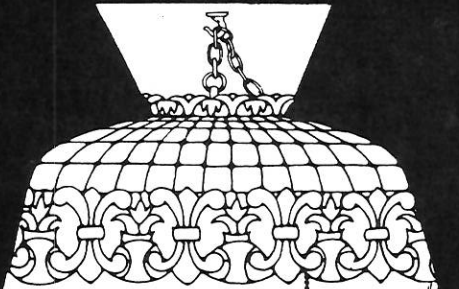
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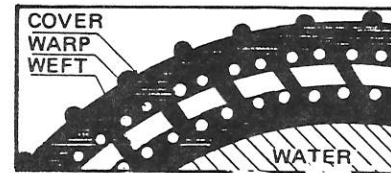


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