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Book with a history

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The College of New Caledonia Press has published a new history book that shows the history of Prince George architecture during the past 50 years.

Reflections on Architects and Architecture in Prince George, 1950 to 2000, is the work of local retired architect, Trelle Morrow, compiled with photographs by historical geographer Kent Seagwick.

Kathy Pett, College of New Caledonia librarian, prepared the index of the document, which was produced in September and is available for \$14 at CNC Books and Community Books and Comm.

Morrow, a graduate of UBC School of Architecture, established his own firm in 1956 and worked on many local and northern projects.

The book includes photographs of buildings designed by Morrow, his observations about lo-

"It is fascinating reading," says Trelle Morrow. "It will tell you the history of buildings like the old pink Professional Third Avenue that in 1954, 'was the singular of the building in Prince George'."

You can learn about the city's first Civic Centre that was really an old army build-

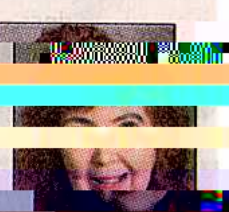
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signing of a unique design for a number of elementary schools.

"Quinson school has five-sided classrooms" with a hexagonal activity room, Morrow says.

The Prince George Citizen building at its present location in the mid-1960s using laminated spruce (instead of fir) cut at Eagle Lake Sawmill in Giscome.

"It was a successful experiment, but the idea of spruce laminating new buildings," Morrow said.

He notes a number of good heritage buildings like the former provincial building on Third Av-

"People have been too ready just to demolish... everything and build something new, and that's gone. He's frank about what he does. It is good architecture like the entrance to the Prince George Public Library. The design of the new medical building at UNBC, and the design of stairs all over the city."

"I'm going to be very blunt about this. Most of the city is going to be replaced."

The stairs are too... school, city... most houses, too, he said.