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Time to drop 'graduation' farce?

MACH THE PARTY this year will be heartily endorsed my many parents.

These end-of-the-school year affairs have no connection with graduation. Students of the senior class go through the same kind of ritual that they would if they had really graduated. But in fact they have not yet writ-

not the main reason why many par- wood and Transcona. 'ents frown on "graduation" night. It

HE decision of two senior high is customary after the ceremonies for schools in Greater Winnipeg to the school to give a dance for senior have no June "graduation" ceremonies students; and as long as the school is exercising supervision over the evening's activities parents have little to worry about.

But it has become a Winnipeg tradition that after the school dance students go on to hold all night parties, in or out of the city. What goes on after midnight on "graduation" night undoubtedly has been much exaggerten their exams and they do not know ated by rumor and gossip. But parents if they will graduate or fail. What whose children have participated in they receive is an unsigned graduation "graduation" and what comes after diploma that means precisely nothing. have learned enough to wish an end to Farcial and dishonest as this prac- it. They will be hoping that other high itice is—and it is beyond understanding schools in Greater Winnipeg will have why schools should promote it—it is the courage to emulate those in Elm-

-The Winnipeg Free Press.

No joy in Mudville

If opponents of the Pacific Northern Raillway scheme, and they are legion, are prancing for joy at yesterday's announcement that the PNR plans only a pint-sized road clearing job this year, who can blame them?

Nor could anything have been more of a letadown for Northerners than the statement by Dr. Angus that when it goes before a Public Utilities Commission hearing June 21, the PNR will ask only for permission to clear 100 miles of right-of-way — at best a \$30,000 ljob for a handful of men.

This measly project appears to have punctured for this year at least the rosy dreams of Northern citizens for a major railway construction project starting between Prince George and Summit Lake and running 700 miles northwest to the Yukon.

In our dreams, we have been thinking of *Prince George as a hiring office for hundreds of construction men and as a shopping, distripution and communications centre for this

*vast project for some years to come. Could yesterday's announcement possibly *be the crashing of those dreams?

Could it be that the many critics of the railway have been correct all the time? They Thave called it a hoax, a financial impossibility, a vote-getting instrument of the Social Credit government at Victoria.

Writing in the Vancouver Province this week B.C. Conservative Leader Deane Finlay-

the government is encouraging people to believe the building of the PNR is an imminent probability when, in fact, there is not the slightest possibility of this private *company plunging hundreds of millions of "dollars into the venture. And you know it. The whole purpose behind this device is to get

"Private companies...can survive only when they make a profit. But what prospects has *a private company, having spent \$250,000,000, of receiving any return on that investment?

The PGE provides the answer. "This railway with 789.2 miles of track... thas a total income from the rail operation of *about \$12,000,000. It travels through settled communities built on established agricultural, *forest, mineral, gas and petroleum industries. "It took 42 years to complete and even now, ealthough providing a useful and necessary service, is still losing money. It must pay Loperating charges of \$91/2 million and money also must be found to pay interest on its debt

plus allowance for depreciation. "The PNR likewise will have operating expenses to pay, as well as depreciation and a return to investors. A six per cent return on a \$250,000,000 investment is \$15,000,000 a year. This is \$3,000,000 more than the gross income of the nearly half-century old PGE."

We in the North have been led by the provincial government to expect that two great construction projects would start this month. Our first big disappointment came last month with the news that little, if any, work will be attempted this year on the Peace River

power development at Hudson Hope. With this second setback to our hopes for an active summer, we can be forgiven now if we entertain some doubts as to how genuine Premier Bennett's statements really are. A railway from Prince George to the Yukon. and ultimately to Alaska, would be a wonderful

thing for British Columbia if it is practical. But if in the final analysis it turned out to be a white elephant, we and the rest of B.C. would wind up worse off than if it were never built. We'd still have to foot the bill. Therefore the entire question of financial

feasibility should be answered before the project is started. It would be ludicrous to do

In light of this, let us look back for a moment to the last war, when the U.S. government wanted to build this very railway to link Continental USA with Alaska. After exhaustive research, including a very extensive survey program in which money was no object, the U.S. decided the railway was not worth it, and instead built the Alaska Highway.

Now, 20 years later, a private company wants to build it. Or the Social Credit government wants the company to do so. Why? Well, it could be for votes. That would be foolish to deny. It has been done before, and

in B.C., too. It is up to Social Credit to provide an alternative answer.

four or five large firms already have invested

Nor, we suggest, should that answer be that

\$10,000 each in the PNR. That kind of money is peanuts when measured beside the total cost of the line. It could very easily be put up a face-saver for the Social Credit government by any person or group of persons who wish to do business. and big business, with that government in

another field, such as power. .-The Prince George Citizen.

"INTERPRETING THE NEWS Nixon groomed, by himself, in "father image"

By HAROLD MORRISON Canadian Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (P) - Vice-President Richard IM. Nixon appears to have carefully groomed himself in the Eisenhower image. Repeatedly, in countering his political adver-*saries, he applies kid gloves instead of brass

This was evident recontly in the gentle, restrained way in which Nixon dealt with a biting attack by New York Clovernor Nelson A. Rockofeller,

Rockefeller, with personal ambitions for the presidency, gave Nixon every reason to reach for brass knuckles. He suggested Nixon was fence-straddling; that he had no real policies to meet crucial issues; that he might be presparing a campaign of hollow cliches and slick

The New York governor, who says he Trendy to be drafted if Nixon doesn't get the uparty presidential nomination, even attacked the Disembower administration, thus suggesting that Nixon, in supporting Elsenhower, was endorsing a weak and ineffective record.

Contly, Nixon said of Rockofeller at Camdon, N.J., news conference: "I have always "ruspected him as a man of integrity." This is not the Nixon of old, the political warrior who could sling mud with the best of I thom. This is a now. Nixon, cast in the kind. - gentle and yet firm image of President Disen. Prower who showed that by rising above the w common dissues of the street he would win

*-two consecutive national elections. This is also what American public relations men refer to an the "father image," the image of one who admonishes but not with cruelty: the one who advises his critics about the right

ard path; whose years of experience has given him wisdom and screnity. The experts say this is the image that has proven most popular with

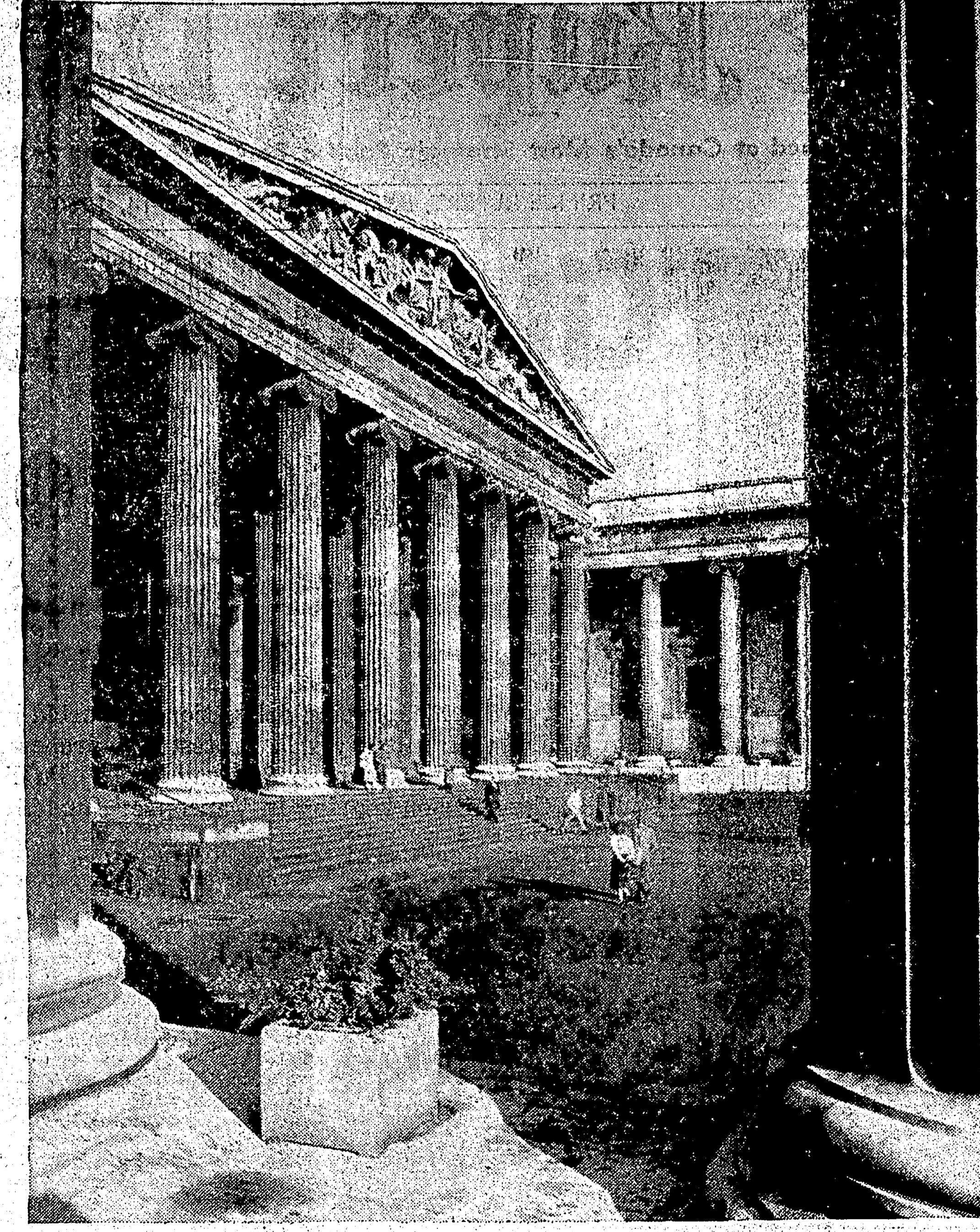
Nixon knows he also is leading Translangth. With the Republican nominating Convention opening July 25, he is reported to have enough pledged votes to assure his nomination as presidential candidate on the first ballot.

Why then should he get into a harangue with Rockefeller who has virtually no chance for the nomination and yet whose state has the greatest voting strength of any state in

"Of the 1,331 votes to be east at the Republican convention. New York will have 06. In the Mloctoral, Collogo - the U.S. system of counting votes for the president on election ... day - New York will cast 45 of 537 votes.

Clearly Nixon has a stake in New York. Rockefeller tried to smoke him out, to debate critical issues before the convention. Nixon quietly acomed to suggest the policies he would follow would be the old stand-bys adopted by Elsonhower, the man he supports and who proved so successful.

Four not. I will help thee. Isniah 41:18 Holp at all times seemed desperately slow in coming to Israel. It is at times true with ns, but God always wins at last. Moanwhile we can trust an infinitely loving and wise lather of us all.



ACKNOWLEDGED to be among the finest — if the THE finest — museum in the world is the British Museum in London. Not only are the contents superlative but the building itself is an architectural masterpiece. The main en rance is seen here.

Victoria Report by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA — The govern- well. It will be to the advanment's new ferry service between the lower mainland and Vancouver Island is now well and truly launched. Try it as soon as you can—for it's YOUR ferry system.

It's a great gamble, a great experiment. How it succeeds will depend on the public. There's now terrific competition on the various routes between Vancouver Island and the American and Canadian mainlands—all the ferries can carry each day 3,000 cars and 30,000 passengers. That's a lot of cars, and a lot of people.

Anyway, the government's to be commended for going into this business.

Downtown Victoria and downtown Vancouver are now within three and a quarter hours of each other—the fastest surface route between the two places—only a little more than an hour longer than the

The Government's Toll Bridge Authority has spent \$10,000,-000 on this service—\$6,000,000 for two fine ferries; indeed wthey're more than ferries they're miniature ocean liners, with very fine and very comfortable and attractive appointments.

moment, and hand the government a bouquet for its initiative and vision, and let's wish our new public service

Let's forget politics for a

There is a type of motorist who, on coming out of a side street onto a crowded main thoroughfare, drives to the intersection with a sudden jerk, and then begins to nudge and edge his way resolutely, intof the stream of traffic. 🗈

He is a most disconcerting and exasperating specles to the majority of us.

Are you, or am I going to surrender our place in the traffic line-up to let him in? Suppose we say yes. Suppose wo doclare that we are the kind of driver who, observing another motorist trying to enter or cross a solid traffic line, will politely and courteosuly hold back a moment, and set our follow citizen free.

In that case, there's mighty fow, of us. We are indeed a sologt company. For it scoms to " me after long observation that there is no manifestation of "human "solfishmoss more universal than the determination of all of us, in traffic, to keep closed up snug against the tall of the car ahead, and to hock with everybody else.

tage of us all if it's successful,

back into the public welfare. Here's another example of socialism in a government that calls itself free enterprise and capitalistic; it's a bit confusing, but it's a modern trend. It's pure coincidence,

for the profits will be ploughed

course, naturally, that the new houseflag of the new ferry service is a white dogwood blossom—B.C.'s floral emblem —on a green field—white and green—the Social Credit col-

Your new ferry service gives away something for free to the customer—booklet matches. This is a good idea—the advertising and souvenir value is

immense—the cost little. British Columbians are notoriously niggardly when i comes to handing out free booklet matches. We must pay a cent apiece, and often they carry advertising, so that we innocents pay to advertise a hotel or motel, a restaurant or store. The smart person refuses to pay a penny for matches with advertising.

The United States is the happy hunting ground for people who collect souvenir booklet matches. It wouldn't hurt British Columbians who do business with tourists to hand out matches for free—and let the residents in on it, too.

Oh, yes — the ferry free matches are white and green. A highlight of the ferry crossing between Vancouver Island and the mainland is the trip through beautiful Active Pass, between Mayne and Galiano Islands.

The points of land on these two islands are named for women of our colorful Helen Point, Georgina Point, Mary Anne Point, Edith Point,

In the pass is a small reef—. and it's fitting, some cyrics say, that it's called Gossip Island, what with all those wo-

Such is the fascination of

With the classics

your books;

Up! up. my Friend, and clear your looks;

The sun, above the mountain's

fields has spread, His first sweet evening yellow.

Books! 'tis a dull and endless Come, hear the woodland

There's more of wisdom in it.

men around. Helen was the wife of Joseph W. McKay, early-day Hudson's Bay Company Chief Trader;

Georgina was the wife of Rearadmiral Sir George Seymour, British Navy commander-inchief in these waters in 1845; Mary Anne was the wife of William Charles, early-day HBC power in these parts; Edith was the daughter of Chief Justice David Cameron of the Crown Colony of Vancouver Island and niece of Governor James Douglas.

But who was Laura? Historians have never been able to find out. She might well have been an ordinary sailor's sweetheart, left sorrowing in England, while her beau ex-. plored these waters, more than a century ago.

"Tell me," said the undaunt-

Up up! my Friend, and quit Or surely you'll grow double:

Why all this toil and trouble?

A freshening lustre mellow Through all the long green

How sweet his music on my

at the singers, who obviously were gibing at Prime Minister The duo went on: "Our Mac he is a spender, "He makes the money fly "He'd, have raised the old age pensions,

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SHOCK GUESTS AT TORY FETE

fete sat dumbfounded as two young men blared out their,

"When Eden Bombed that old canal,

"Said I'll stick by you Tony,

"And be your friend for life."

"Our hero Mac the Knife,

OXFORD, England (/P) — Guests at the Conservative party

Teacups stopped clattering and 600, frozen faces stared

"But the cost was far too high. "So he spent it all on Cyprus

"And upon the Preston Bypass, "And on buying Yankee rockets second hand." Stunned silence greeted the end of the song. The singers. two Oxford students named Dick Andrews and Ivan Zimmer. shouldered their guitars and marched off.

It happened on Saturday. Philip Whitemore, president of. the Oxford University Conservative Association, had invited Andrews and Zimmer to perform after hearing them sing at: a college celebration. Whitemore neglected to ask them what they planned to

sing. He didn't realize Andrews is a member of a nuclear disarmament organization with unfriendly views toward Macmillan policies. Whitemore apologized on Behalf of the association. Andrews said: "We thought it would be a lark."

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

Canada needs a squad of inland water police equipped with car-top boats. This is the only way to save lives on the country's waterways.

The vast pleasure-boat fleet is increasing by thousands each year. Water near cities and resorts are getting more and more crowded. But police supervision lags.

Unless something is done soon, people are certainly going to be killed in collisions. boats running into each other, and boats knocking the heads off swimmers.

Transport Minister George Hees was quoted recently as saying it was "fantastic", to think of policing every small lake and stream in the country.

Police could be doing the

same thing on lakes and rivers.

But there aren't enough police-

men, and the police are busy

Equally impossible

He is right. If he means that it is impossible for policemen to be everywhere at once, the idea is fantastic.

It is equally impossible for policemen to keep an eye, every minute of the year, on every foot of road.

They don't try to be everywhere at once. But they try to turn up often enough, in unexpected places, to give motorists the idea that there may be a policeman around any corner.

with a variety of other, jobs. The present budget of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, for example, probably doesn't leave room for a fresh, water boat squad. Action would have to be taken in Ottawa to set aside more money. The money might

be raised by a licence fee, on

Larger lakes would be di-

vided in zones, some for swim-

boats and boat drivers. Test their fitness

At present any child has the right to drive a big, powerful and dangerous boat. It is time to think of the possibility of testing boat drivers' fitness.

Another measure is urgently needed: A law that makes it possible for provinces, or the federal government itself, to zone waters for various uses. Some small lakes would be set aside for swimming and fishing only, and speedboats would be ruled off them. Other

lakes would be given over to

water skiing.

ming and fishing, some for power-boating. These two ideas—a mobile fresh-water police squad with car-top boats, and a system of zoning water use—are simple ideas, and workable, too.

They may make some people mad., But bloodshed on the waterways will make people m'a'd, too. Balancing on e against the other, the government might be wise to act at

THE LIGHTER SIDE

At a recent convention in the U.S., a Canadian delegate arrived at the hotel to check in Unfortunately, the clerk informed him, there was no reservation for him and no room.

ed one, "if the President should arrive today and ask for room, would you have one for "Yes, I suppose so," the clerk

"Well," said the delegate reaching for the register, "the President isn't coming, so I'll

take his room."

Susan: Whenever I'm down in the dumps, I get myself a new hat. Joan: Is that where you got

that one? Wife: So your client was acquitted for murder? What

In an asylum." A second

Lawyer: Insanity, We proved his father had spent five yours

Wife: But he didn't, did he? Lawyer: Yes. He was a doctor there but we had no time to bring that fact out.

Bitter lesson

From The Vernon News

There is a bitter lesson to be learned from the fate of Elliot Lake. There is an excellent example of the folly of Canada relying wholly upon the markets of the United States. For the present time, uranium is a surplus commodity in the U.S. and protectionist sentiments have proven so strong as to cut off one of this country's principal exports. A lot of tax money went into Elliot Lake. Now the taxpayers are again being asked to pick up the tab.

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