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Former mayor, MLA going to be missed

FORMER mayor George E. Hills is going to be missed from the political scene of this city when he and his wife leave for the Lower Mainland or Vancouver Island this Saturday. Whether it was in the provincial field or in municipal affairs George Hills has made his mark with nearly 20 years of public life.

As an alderman, mayor, CCF candidate or member of the Legislature, George Hills took his share of responsibilities and proved a worthy opponent in many a contentious debate.

He started on City Council as an alderman in 1942 and in 10 years had gained sufficient experience to be elected to the provincial House, in the year of the first major Social Credit victory. As mayor for four years he made a dapper figure and a good chairman of City Council.

In his early years as mayor he was in the unique position of having his father-in-law, George B. Casey as a critical alderman. While there was family affinity outside the council chambers, the then mayor Hills never allowed the argumentative Ald. Casey to overstep the bounds of reason when Council was in session.

During his tenure as chief magistrate, George Hills brought Prince Rupert into the news when he was elected president of the Union of B.C. Municipalities, a position he filled with dignity and efficiency. It was in 1956, when he was head of UBCM that the new Municipal Act was drafted.

While serving as mayor or as a candidate, Mr. Hills was an able public speaker. In public debate, whether in council or on the hustings gave a good account of himself. Friend and opponent alike, always knew where George Hills stood. Unlike many public figures he was never afraid to be quoted by the press and whether his press was good or bad, he let the chips fall where they might.

Here since the year after the First World War, Mr. Hills will be tearing up a lot of roots when he leaves. He grew up in the district, worked at Stewart and Premier and has a vast knowledge of the workings of this city. We hope that when he settles in his new home, that his interest and ability in politics will again be put to good use. An ardent yet not fanatical socialist for more than a quarter of a century, he has worked hard for the CCF party as well as for the city. Wherever he goes that city or town will gain what Prince Rupert has lost. We wish him and his good wife well.

Education's deficiency

Those who are appalled by the grave injury inflicted upon our children by the "progressivists" in education and are anxious that solid steps be taken to reverse this evil trend will applaud remarks made by Premier Manning.

Mr. Manning wisely warned school children that education is more than merely training to earn a living. He referred to "changing conditions which require a new approach to the curriculum and a shift in emphasis." He said the objective should be "to get the best curriculum for our day and generation."

It is fair to say that "conditions"—which are certainly always changing—never "required" the debasement of education by the progressivists. In fact, the "changing conditions" of the past 25 years have required a strengthening of education, not its weakening by ignoring the fundamentals. This weakening process has been going on for all that time, but there are now encouraging indications here and all over the continent that the solid and basic subjects are to be restored at elementary and high-school curricula.

—The Edmonton Journal.

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

On the stage, in the movies and on TV, a comedian, in order to portray a real stupid, dim-witted bumpkin, has only to put his hat fair in the middle of the top of his head, and we get the impression instantly. Telling a joke, our top ranking comics have merely to shift their hats to this central situation, a little forward and exactly upright on the head, and instantly the effect is achieved: the nitwit—to the life.

Now, this is a very curious thing. Because in real life, the most characteristic feature of all our greatest bankers, financiers, statesmen, industrial magnates and fathers of our country is the fact that they all wear their hats perfectly upright fair in the middle of the front of their heads.

To wear the hat so is the mark of respectability, probity, rectitude, worth and virtue. Not so much as one degree to the right side of the head or the left does the hat tilt. Not so much as an eighth of an inch does it lean back. No sir. Our great ones can put their hats on without even looking in a mirror to see how perfectly centred they sit.

And nobody dare laugh.

Wives are friends

A man who appeared as a witness in a Los Angeles court the other day was discovered to be married to his twelfth wife. He testified in a case involving wife No. 9. Several of his other former spouses were in court with him. The man's name? Wolfe—what else?

Mr. Wolfe seems to have discovered one of the secrets of old King Solomon who is reputed to have had somewhat less than a thousand wives. The marital terms of Solomon's wives ran concurrently; those of Wolfe's wives ran consecutively. But the Los Angeles spouse collector takes no back seat to the ancient potentate in marital diplomacy. All his former wives, he says, are still his friends.

If it is true that most men's lives are fit subjects for a book Mr. Wolfe has all the ingredients for a best-seller. He could title it How To Win Wives And Keep Them Friends. The ordinary Joe who has his hands full with one wife could profit from an expert on household management. —The Toronto Telegram.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Battle looms in U.S. over defence spending

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

The Democratic party, which dominates Congress in this presidential election year, apparently plans to pay closer heed to the generals than to President Eisenhower in its efforts to arrange the deployment of United States defences.

Sources on both sides of the political fence anticipate that more funds will be voted to keep part of the Strategic Air Command's bombers in the air on a round-the-clock basis.

Those favoring such a plan argue that, under such a system, it would be impossible for an enemy to knock out the United States' retaliatory power with one massive missile attack.

The Democrats are also sympathetic to pushing development of the projected 2,000-mile-an-hour B-70 bomber, which the president has almost dropped.

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All this comes at a time when Eisenhower has cried out against listening to generals with "parochial" views and has stated that he knows more about defence than probably anyone else in the country.

The government wants to provide the Strategic Air Command with roughly $00,000,000 a year for two years for the purchase of spare parts to prepare for an air alert if one is ever ordered.

General Thomas Powers, the SAC's commander, says this isn't enough. He told a congressional committee that the Russian missile threat is too great.

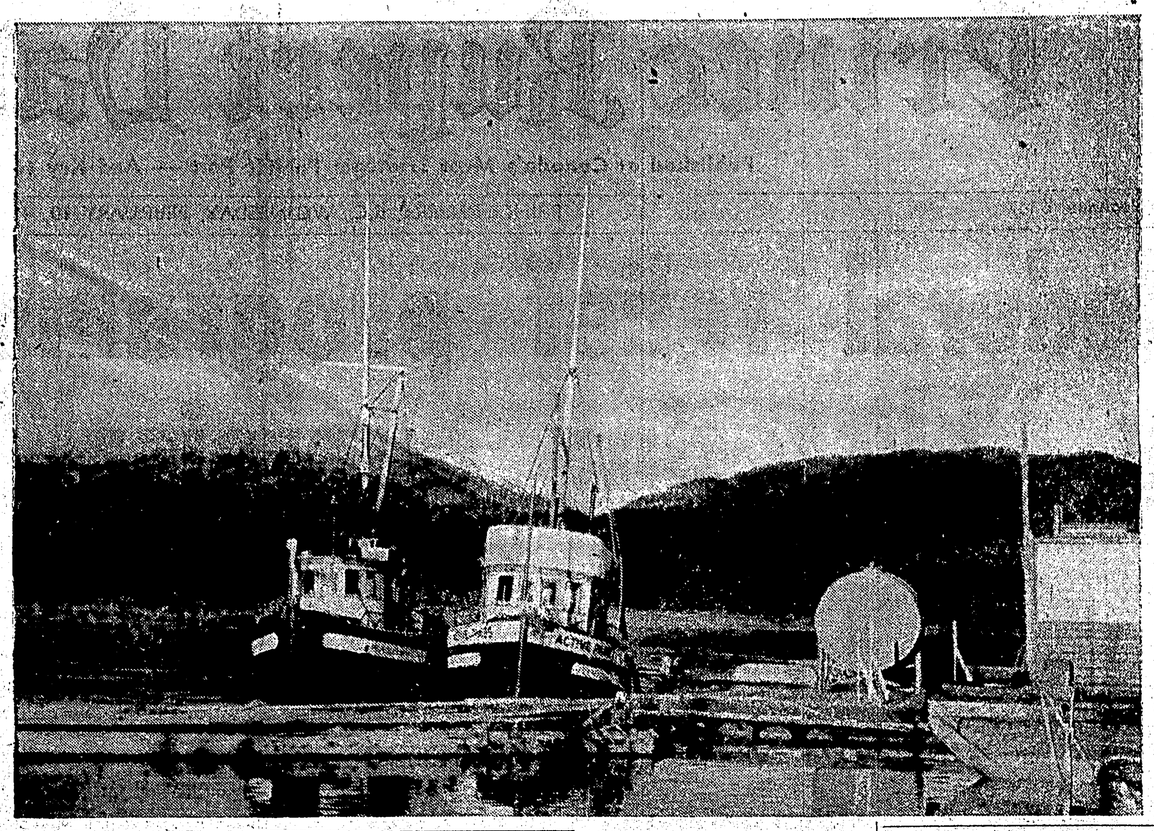
Congressional sources indicate that instead of $00,000,000 a year for spare parts, power may get $300,000,000 or even $400,000,000.

But even if Congress does try ot upset Eisenhower's views—and cut into his projected budget surplus of $4,200,000,000—the president could have the last word.

Congress may vote funds but the government doesn't necessarily have to spend them. The bureau of the budget can freeze certain expenditures—as it has done in the past.

No such thing as par

There is no such thing as par between two freely traded currencies. The present price of the U.S. dollar in Canadian funds (or vice versa) is controlled by no government or bank or board. It is the price determined in the open market, by supply and demand. Such a free price is the best possible facility for trade. Any deviation, any artificiality or control in the pricing of money is an impediment to trade." —The Calgary Albertan.



WATER INSIDE B.C. Packers Ltd., breakwater adjacent to Seal Cove plant is so still that images of two fishing vessels, Steveston and Active Pass are reflected. Late afternoon sun whitens boats' superstructures against dark background of Tsimpsean Peninsula.

—Staff photo by Kenneth Specht.

Golden hours

From The Daily
(San Bernardino, Calif.,) Sun

Most persons visualize a kindergarten as a child's garden, a place to delight a five-year-old. Whether or not a school measures up to this concept depends, of course, on the manner in which kindergarten routines and instructional methods are conducted.

The observations of a University of Maryland educator. Dr. James L. Hymes, Jr., in an article in Parents' Magazine, are interesting since they set forth what he believes to be a sure way of categorizing a kindergarten as superior or mediocre.

Dr. Hymes believes that not more than 20 youngsters should make up the ideal kindergarten class. . . .

The teacher for tiny tots should wear an easy smile, instruct in a gentle way and be gifted with a friendly touch. . . .

Liberty, equality and fraternity belong in the ideal kindergarten. In this environment youngsters can make their own choice and can speak out. . . .

Not all parents will concur with Dr. Hymes' conclusions. But he points out some desirable features for kindergarten's golden hours.

Canadian farmers purchased 12,539 automatic hay balers in 1959, compared with 11,444 in 1958.

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

A meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Everything broke up in a near-riot last night.

Mrs. Emma Woolly, delegate from the Idle Matrons' League, attacked Fungus McFlodden, representative of the Chanters' and Mourners' Guild, and tried to push him out of the hall.

The scuffle took place during an argument over washing machines and bubble-gum pictures. Supporters of Mr. McFlodden and Mrs. Woolly began to pelt one another with seat cushions and anti-fluoridation pamphlets.

Police arrived and took several of the rioters into custody. They were later released without charge.

Earlier, Mrs. Woolly had introduced a motion that deplored "suggestive" picture cards in packages of bubble gum, and urged that a bubble-gum censor be appointed with power to stop any child on the street, search his pockets for bubble-gum and confiscate offending packages.

"I think it's disgusting, the way these fiends try to smirch the minds of our youth," Mrs. Woolly said.

"What is on the pictures?" asked an unidentified questioner.

"I haven't seen any of them myself, but I have been told about them by a famous editor. I forget his name, but you all must know him. He is information editor for the Eddy Match Company. It is his job to prepare material for publication on the backs of matchboxes."

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"Aye," said Fungus McFlodden, "yon's a responseeble poseection. I agree wi' ye. Ban the pictures. Jail the vendors. Flog the bairns. But let us get this finished, Mrs. Woolly, and move on to more important matters."

"Just a minute," said a voice from the floor. "I repeat, what is on the pictures?"

"Girls," said Mrs. Woolly. "Hussies . . . ah, someone has just passed me some of the pictures . . . Ugh!"

"What's bad about pictures of girls?" asked the unknown heckler. "You see them every day on movies with no more clothes. You see them on the beach. Boys will have to get used to seeing girls."

"Och, enough of this trifling," said Fungus McFlodden. "Total censorship is the only answer. Aye, a censor who will look over bubble-gum cards, and matchboxes, and newspapers, and see that naething is published but what the government thinks is decent. And now, to an urgent matter. Ye ken that laundries are operating on the Sabbath day, in Vancouver and Victoria?

"All through Sundays, aye, the washing machines are working."

"Why shouldn't machines work on Sundays?" the voice from the back of the hall demanded. "They run without people. Just a coin in the slot. Machines don't go to church. The commandments weren't made for machines."

"Yon's the devil's reasoning," Mr. McFlodden said. "Machines must observe the law."

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"I think it's disgraceful for you to sit there mumbling about washing machines when the future of our youth is at stake," Mrs. Woolly broke in.

"What about 'Lady Loverly's Chatter?' Any day now they will be bringing out a new, new, new edition with some new nasty words in it. And I haven't finished looking through the last edition to pick out the bad bits," Mrs. Woolly said.

"And those cards in the bubble-gum, corrupting young people's minds while they chew . . . the situation is desperate."

"Fough!" said McFlodden. "Women shouldna have been admitted to the Society for the Prevention of Everything. All yammering. No action. With all respect, madam, we'd progress if ye went home."

At this point, Mrs. Woolly grasped Mr. McFlodden by the ears and pushed him toward the door. Missiles began flying. When the police arrived, the meeting had broken up without passing any resolutions.

Sensible plan

From The Ottawa Citizen

The Canadian plan for a six-mile limit at sea and a further six-mile exclusive fishing limit is a sensible compromise of existing disputes over the law of the sea and should offer a satisfactory compromise at the Geneva meeting in March.

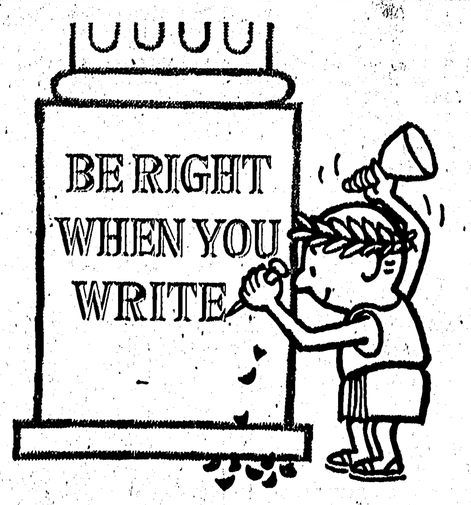
With the classics

AXIOMATIC

A straight line is the shortest distance
Between two points;
A tree is always a tree,
And don't believe anything else.
Yet there have been times
that my hills
Have been purple, that are
really green,
And that the sun
Has not been a sun at all,
But whirling flowers of fire.

You point, and the little
child
Quickly answers, "Chair,"
But another child says,
"Stuhl,"
And another, "Chaise,"
So a chair is not always a
chair,
Although we like to think so,
And the proven thought
May not be the thought at
all.

Norma McLain Stoop.



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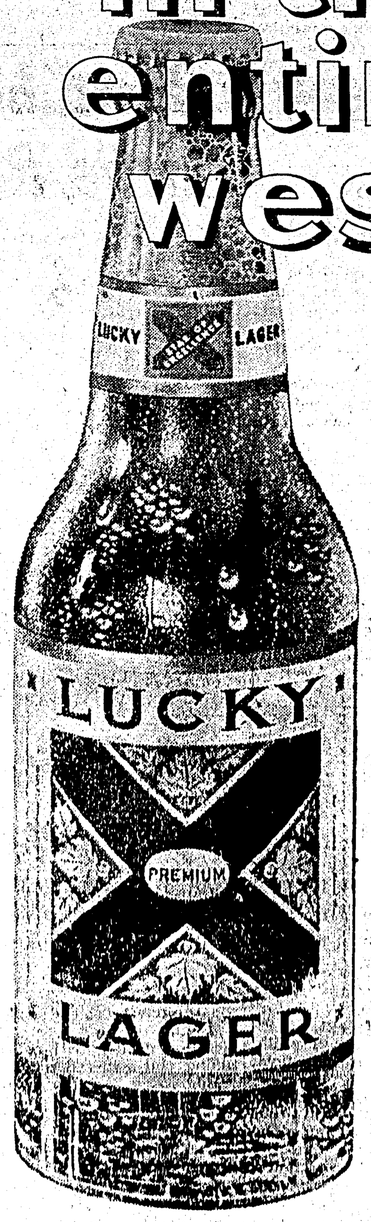

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