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Let's look at our taxes

AS an average taxpayer in Greater found out that if I set aside cial Government out of revenues ob- would be paid in full! tained from the sales tax, liquor pro- My children attend modern schools

of my property tax goes to support children with a keen interest in study. the schools. I become really concerned.

My home, a very average one, has a market value of \$15,000. In the year 1957, it was assessed at \$6.675 and valued for the purposes of taxation at \$5,-268. On this valuation, at 16.95 mills, I paid a school tax of \$89.29.

This seemed shocking to me! But, upon further thought, I began to realize that the sum seemed large because it became payable at one time. If I paid for cigarettes annually, or even my bus fares once a year, those bills would be staggering too.

It occurred to me to discover, for purposes of comparison, what I pay for education on a DAILY basis.

Victoria, I realize that a large part TWENTY-FIVE CENTS a day, the of school costs are paid by the Provin- cost of educating my two children

files, and other forms of indirect tax- with well-lighted, comfortable wellation. These levies are relatively pain- equipped classrooms. The teaching less because I am less conscious of staff, particularly at the high-school them than I am of the direct tax on my levels are university graduates who possess the breadth of vision and the When I discovered that almost half professional training to inspire my

> And this costs me 25 cents a day! For reasons of comparison, to dem-

onstrate the actual value of 25 cents a day, I think of the things that sum will

1 quart of milk

Less than 1 package of cigarettes Less than 1 gallon of gasoline

The service of a baby-sitter for half an hour. 25 CENTS IN LESS THAN

WHATIEARN IN TEN MINUTES! Now, honestly, where else can I buy so much for so little? — "Our Schools", published by the Greater Victoria School Board.

Frightening the enemy

Two leading scientists, one in Canada, the other in the United States, have added their voices to those who say no.

s"It's my opinion," says Dr. J. E. Keyston, vice-chairman of the Defence Research Board, "that we scientists fool ourselves, we fool the public, and we mislead military men and politicians if we inspire expectation that, before long, we will find a way to provide any country with adequate defence against such attack." The view is shared by Dr. H. F. York, chief of the U.S. defence department's reasearch and engineering: "I wish we knew how to intercept intercontinental ballistic missiles, but, in my opinion, we don't. This is a sort of fact of nature."

But if the two men are agreed on their facts, they allow these facts to lead them to conclusions. Since this country cannot defeind itself against a nuclear blow, Dr. Keyston argues, it must help the United States 'ih frightening the enemy" with the threat of nuclear retaliation. And Dr. York concedes his "facts of nature" only to argue in favor of

anti-missiles and to build more Bomarcs. There can, however, be no doubt that the era of the manned bomber is near its end,

to surrender its place to the missile era. Missiles cannot be halted by any defence now in existence, nor can they be detected by our radar networks until too late. One factor that can prevent a missile attack—on either side is the fear of a retaliatory nuclear blow But Canada, with her limited resources, can make no major contribution to massive retaliations. Even if she had the will to do so, she could not afford to become a great nuclear power.

The answer for Canada must be political. She must forbear the ownership of nuclear arms herself. She must strive to limit the number of powers that own them. Above all, she must, in concert with other like-minded nations, seek to restrain the present arms race. Our hope should rest primarily on international accord, and not on a few one-shot Bomarc batteries dug deep into an Ontario or Quebec hillside. —The Toronto Star.

Nosevbosv

When a burglar's not engaged in his emplbyment, or maturing his felonious little plans, his capacity for innocent enjoyment, as an operetta has reminded us, isn't so far different from that of the rest of us.

* To which lilting profundity our attention was recalled the other day by a report that anthief had ignored money and valuables in athouse he had entered, but had made away with perfume. A radio comment added that tire police were understood to be on his scent

But what is even more history-making about this redolent episode is that it indicates that Sir W. S. Gilbert came short of discovering the fill capacity of burglars for nonprofessional pleasures. This, it now appears, will even enernach on working hours.

And it is in a class with the unbullish (but not bearish) delight that Ferdinand took in smelling flowers, or the reluctance with which Kenneth Grahame's imaginary dragon engaged in combat with an equally imaginary and unenthusiastic St. George. Now we are not inclined to promote burglary

in any form—not of lavender nor of old lace. Once the deed is done however, it is some relief to smell out a motive "esthetic and" poetic" rather than mundanely commercial. And we count somewhat, for the thief's reform, on the fact that a little perfume goes a long way: even a man who could live with himself after many such deeds could not live long with his nose (or, shall we say, vice -The Christian Science Monitor.

Tax cut'nonsense

Mambers of Congress who talk about cutting Federal taxes. There can be nothing that should redoral taxes this year are inviting the scorn of the called a "surplus" in the United States

rinsonable citizens. The debts of the Federal Government are barrel has begun. sa large that, when last year's budget was at the stage of this year's talk, the interest cost alone was set at 8,100 million dollars a year. This is money kept out of more useful and more profitable purposes simply to pay the cost money borrowed for lack of sufficient taxes to pay the bills in previous years. In the intowening months the cost of interest has

* Until the debt and the cost of being in debt. subject now.

is reduced it is folly to speak of lowering

Vancouver the younger

Vancouver (Washington) wants Vancouver (British Columbia) to change its name to received in the B.C. city.

But surely the American city has a point when it says that the Canadian Vancouver istine younger of the two towns and so should be the one to make the change. When the Hudson's Bay Company bullt its fort on the Oblumbla River in 1825, it named it Fort Vanconever; and Vancouver has thus been an intogral part of the Washington community's name for well over a century and a quarter, Vancouver, B.C., on the other hand get its phosont name only in the 1880s when Sir os od bluow it bobloob erroff, nay manifely allod when his rallway reached the West Coast. Boforo that it was Granvillo, but was bottor khown by the colorful name of Gastown, after Thany Jack Deighton, a British sailor turned

The British Columbia city's claim to the

name acoms a bit tenuous, based as it is on

Worse than that, the presidential hope of some margin 18 months from now is based on higher prices for stamps and more gasoline taxes. Noither of these has been approved by Congress and there is little reason to predict that ofther will be accepted.

Treasury until the climb out of the red ink

, We suppose talk of tax cuts is cheap. But it ought to be expensive at the ballot box for congressmen who insist on being heard on that

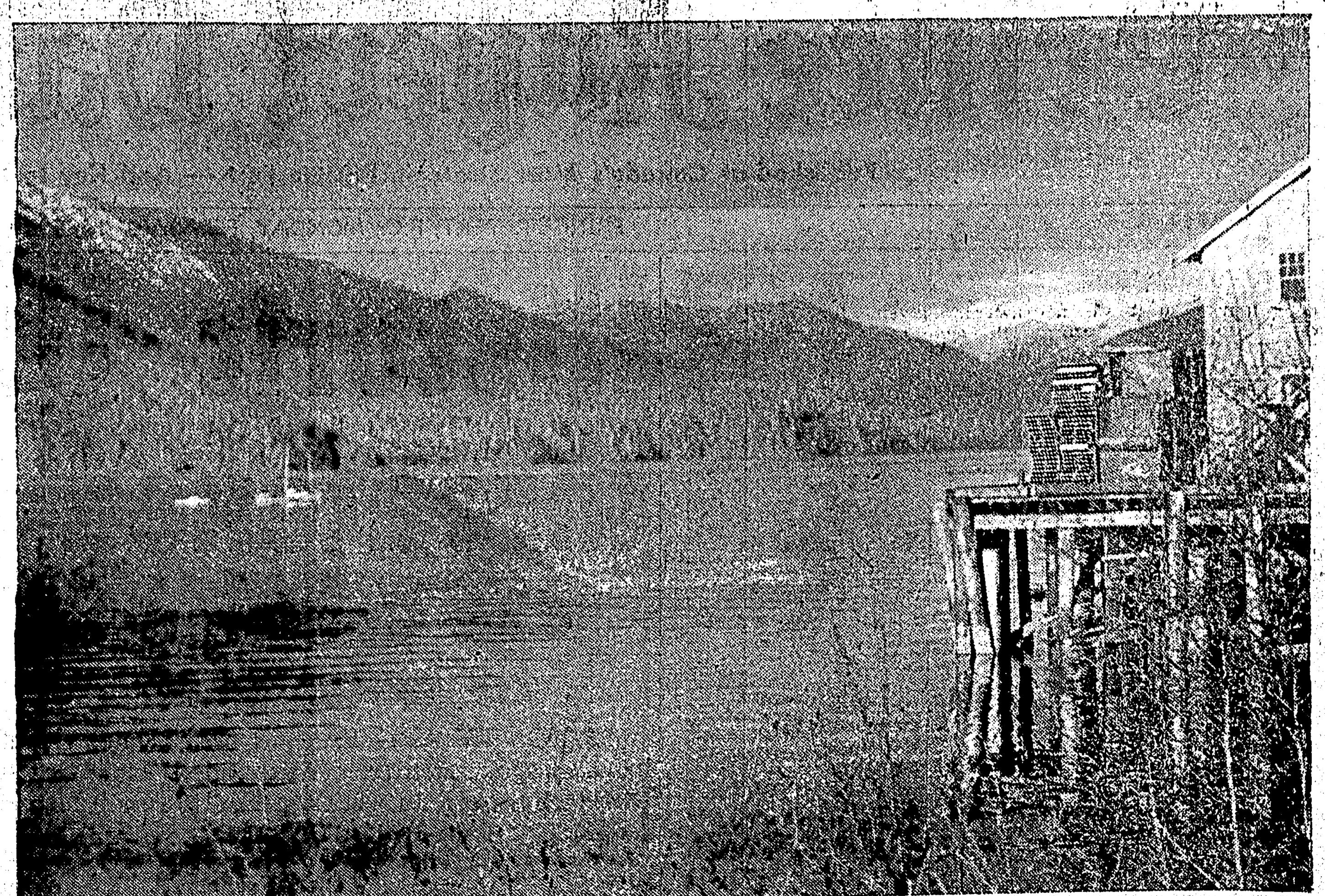
Commercial Appeal (Memphis).

Mayor Tom Alsbury's argument that "we are the city that has maintained the strong ties avoid confusion. The suggestion has been coldly with Captain George Vancouver" (by ouija

board?) "and with the British Commonwealth," Would the good people of Vancouver really object to once again becoming citizens of Gastown? And if they should object that Gastown is hardly a ouphonious name for so noble a motropolis, let them remember that its presont name, rendered linto English, probably means "Of the Cow Ford."

-The Winnipog Free Press.

Indiana should accept the vote. For years the Indians have been treated as second class. citizons. They must be given full educational opportunity and time to adjust themselves to n new status of life. The vote should increase the Indian's solf-respect. It should be no problem to give it to them without interfering with -The Calgary Horald.



Time and Place.

During the Klondike gold

rush about 1898, the coastal

steamer "Amur," with Cap-

tain McCroskie was on her way

south loaded with returning

Klondikers. On entering the

harbor at Port Simpson in the

early morning she got a little

close to the barrier reef that

extends across the harbor

mouth, struck her propellor on

a rock and knocked it off. As

she was a single screw ship,

this left her helpless. They

dropped anchor to hold her in

place, while they thought out

When daylight broke, we in

Bernie Island, about three

miles out, and wondered what

it was all about. Mr. Rudge the

hotel proprietor, had a small

steam launch and another

went out and asked permission

to borrow the "Rita" and go

ahead boys." So we kindled a

fire in the fire box, shovelled

in some coal, and in about an

hour had steam up and ran

When we got close aboard,

Capt. McCroskie, who every-

body knew well, was on the

bridge, and the decks were

lined with passengers. I got out

on the little deck at the stern

and sang out "Ship ahoy cap-

tain." He leaned over the rail-

ing and sang out "Hello Wiggs

what the Devil are you doing

the passengers who all started

can tow you in and the you up

to the Hudson's Bay wharf,

it's better than laying out here

his big laugh, and probably

realized the position he was in,

thought it was worth a try.

He told us to tie up along side

The poor victims of tobacco

A friend was telling me re-

try all kinds of tricks to cut

down the pollution of their

cently that the people in his

office have quit carrying eig-

arots. They appoint one man

to be the eignret porter. When

they feel an urgent need of a

smoke, they buy fags from him

They feels this dedge slows

"You're, kidding yourself,"

I said, looking down from the

vast height of three years!

non-smoking. "The only way

to quit smoking is to quit,"

talk in my smoking days.

Smug. Bonstful, But it is true.

who play at smoking, and fid-

got with two or three eigerets

a day. They are not real to-

bacco addicts, and it doesn't

matter whether they quit or go

But the people who are

hooked, so that they frantic-

ally east around for a tobacco

store when the package is half

empty, or roll eighrets ahead

as they smoke—these true

slaves of the weed have no

hope of becoming moderate

They needn't imagine that

they will got away with just

one eighret at coffee-time

Very soon they will be back to

I'm not referring to people

used to hate that kind of

at two for five cents.

down consumption.

lot of fun at our expense.

with that pill box."

out to the "Amur."

fellow named Walter and

what to do in the matter.

By WIGGS O'NEILL THE BIG TOW and see if we could move her. go back to Port Simpson and We did so, fired up, got up a full head of steam and started

full speed ahead. After puffing away for a few. minutes to our amazement the big ship started to move ahead. The captain hoisted anchor and we were on our way on the long tow. The Lord alone was with us. It was a dead calm, without a ripple on the water and not a breath of wind or we would never have made first base.

It was a big assignment, but after towing for five hours, we made the three miles across the harbor and much to our amazement and to the delight of the old Captain, we shoved his ship along side the wharf amid the cheers that went up from the Klondikers.

Needless to say Walter and I were very proud of our job and felt highly elated. Tugboat out and see what was wrong . Annie was never more proud with the "Amur." He said "Go tof the "Narcissis" than we were of the little "Rita." There were no telegraph

> lines or wireless at that period, and the situation looked pretty gloomy. There was the "Amur" tied up to the dock loaded with impatient Klondikers anxious to get to "the Outside." which was a common term with them, and worst thing of all, no propellor. The Captain realized that head office in Victoria would be worrying what had become of their ship and her load of passengers, and he had no way of

This is no pill box," I said. letting them know. "this is the tug boat "Rita" As the "Amur" belonged to looking for a tow job." To the the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company (afterwards old Captain, who had a voice taken over by the CPR) and like a fog horn, this was a joke was the only ship that called and he laughed so hard you at Port Simpson south bound could hear him across the harfrom Alaska, she was really bor. The spirit caught on with placed in the category of "Lost" Ships." All they could do was to laugh, and they all had a to wait patiently for the ar-I said 'No joke Captain we rival of the regular coast boat

from the South. Captain McCroskie, had a brain wave. He hired us to take the "Rita" and go down by the reefs." After he got over off the mouth of the Skeena where the channel narrows and intercept an American passenger liner, and have her

Such people are chronic

worry warts. They have the il-

Jusion that a eigaret , calms

thom. But in fact the smoke

pulls the strings a little

The more anxious a man

gots, the more he smokes. And

the more he smokes, the more

anxious he gets. There's ne way

"out, but to throw the aignret

in the ash can, with their

thousands of tiny filtors and

all the other advertising men's

gimmicks which were designed

to convince suckers that a cig-

My wife continues to smoke,

and this is a source of bleker-

ling from time to time, in my

My usual mothod of attack

is to tall my wife that smoking

is ugly, smally and massy.

Somotimos I criticize hor style

"Take a look at some of the

other women who smoke." I

suggest. "You don't see them

with a soggy butt dangling

from the lips, If you must

smoko, tako somo lossons and

learn how to smoke grace-

loavos the room in a cloud of

fumos, slamming the door.

Maybe I should use a more

aubtic technique. I would be

grateful for advice.

aret is good medicine.

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

pick up his passengers. The idea was good but the weather was terrible. By hugging the shore line we got down all right, but owing to the strong south easter blowing and the terrible seas, we couldn't venture off shore. We would see a big smoke in the distance and make an attempt to get out to hail the ship, only to be driven back by the high seas and wind.

We stuck around for three days but the weather wouldn't break, And as our coal bunkers were getting low, so had to call it off and return home along the shore line.

In about a week along came the old "Tees," our regular coastal boat and her captain was greatly relieved when he saw the "Amur" tied up at the dock in Port Simpson.

With the classics Near yonder copse, where once

the garden smil'd, And still where many a garden flower grows wild; There, where a few torn shrubs

the place disclose, The village preacher's modest mansion rose. A man he was, to all the

country dear, And passing rich with forty pounds a year.

SOUTHWEST END of Northland Navigation's dock and shed is etched in the late afternoon sunshine as fishboat makes its way homeward across harbor. photo by Kenneth Specht.

The lighter side "I'm getting a divorce-my

wife called me an idiot." "That's no grounds for di-

"Well, it was like this. I came home and found my wife in the arms of the man next door, and I said, 'What's the meaning of this?' and she said, 'Can't you see, you idiot?"

With a government biologist and a telephone company engineer, I visited one of the

ThePACKSACKI

By GREGORY CLARK

most seriously affected areas in which ice storms wrought such havoc in the eastern part of Canada. I have seen icecoated landscapes before. But so thick was the deposit on every tree, pole, bush, house and barn in this disaster that it was literally a crystal world through which we moved. Not

silvery, not filigree, not fairy-like, but rich, radiant solid crystal. Of course, the destruction was immense. Everything that could fell, every-

thing that could crack, cracked, trees, poles, wires, aerials, roofs gates fences. In bright sunlight the crystal world almost blinded the eyes.

The telephone engineer was completing a many thousand man hour reconstruction job, and the biologist and I left, him while we went on foot into a large woodland tract. The slender birches were hooped right over, their tips touching the ground. Pines and spruce had lost their tips. Elms, maples and even tough oaks had great branches ripped off them. And in the undergrowth, apart from the wreckage from above, it was next to impossible to move, since all the saplings, bushes and shrubbery were crushed almost flat in

indescribable confusion. "In the interest of a great many species of birds, mammals, insects and plants," said the biologist, "nature has created a jungle, a shelter, a refuge here that will last for several years and give them conditions for survival that were just about ended through the tidiness of man. In nature, disastrous phenomena are always beneficial to some forms

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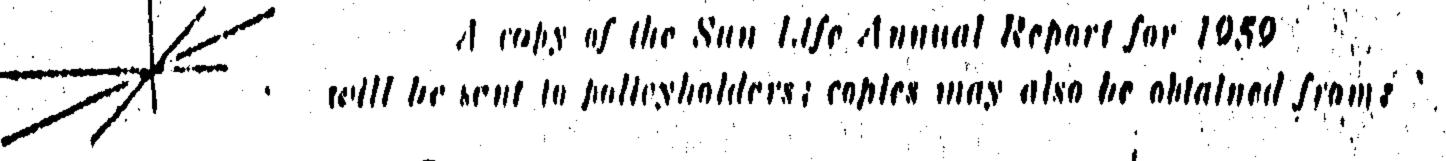
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