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Congratulations to Ketchikan Daily News

AS a newspaper celebrating its Golden Jubilee, it gives The Prince Rupert Daily News great pleasure to extend congratulations to The Ketchikan Alaska Daily News which last week marked its 25th year of publication. Along with our good wishes we also wish many more successful editions to Paul S. Charles and his wife Patricia, who took over operation of the paper when pioneer Alaska newspaperman and the paper's first editor Sid D. Charles died in January last year.

Sid Charles was more than the paper's first editor. He was a one-man editorial staff of the weekly tabloid-sized Alaska Fishing News, which he bought from owner A. W. Sherman.

The paper has come a long way in its 25-year span. At first an official organ of the Alaska Trollers association, it was distributed free throughout southeastern Alaska. In November, 1934 it became a twice-weekly publication, later began publishing three times a week and in September, 1945, became a daily and expanded to the full eight-column sized newspaper. In August 1947, the name of the newspaper was changed to The Ketchikan Daily News and it became a member of Associated Press along with the teletype service that goes with it.

Today Ketchikan residents receive complete coverage of national and international events plus as much local news as the Charles family and its staff can gather. The Ketchikan Daily News, like any other daily newspaper, is devoted to the city it serves. Like Ketchikan, which is growing with Alaska, The Ketchikan Daily News is growing to and we tip our hat to the little paper which has made so much progress in a quarter of a century.

Salute to the forest products industries

LUMBER is Canada's oldest manufacturing industry, dating back to 1634 when the first shipment of plank, square timber and rafters was made from Lunenburg Bay by Nicholas Denys.

It is fitting that, 326 years after that historic event took place, this nation should recognize her forests for the first time with an entire week—October 16 to 22—set aside as National Forest Products Week.

This week we salute the forest industries which give us lumber and plywood for our homes, schools, churches, farms and other buildings; which give us paper for our newspapers, books and magazines; pulp for our textiles and a whole new world of chemicals and other wondrous products.

We salute the 350,000 Canadians whose livelihood depends on the forests. We salute the men who make lumber and plywood and the carpenters who use it to build our homes and schools. We recognize our forests as the home of our wild life, the shelter for our domestic water supply and as a place where we can go with our families to picnic, hike, camp, fish and hunt.

Lastly we salute the forest products industries for safe-guarding our great national heritage and ensuring that we and our descendants will continue to be shareholders in the forests of Canada.

MAKE SACRIFICE FOR CARS

Gift of surplus shows faith in democracy

This is the last of a series of articles written to acquaint the public with the work of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society, both locally and on the national scale and how it fights to help those stricken by crippling arthritis and rheumatism.

By PETER GIBB

AN attempt has been made in this series of articles to show the reader the nature of arthritis, its effect on society and the efforts made by our society to control and eventually to eliminate the disease, the methods that have been adopted for this end and the means required.

Arthritis is not a killing disease, yet it attacks all ages and classes of society and causes great suffering and hardship. It could be said that while it can not kill the body it can kill the spirit and, in the view of many, the latter consequence is worse than the former. Certainly the disease affects a greater number of the community than many of the fatal diseases.

Many calls are made upon our charity for all types of objects and causes. No purpose could be achieved by awarding degrees of priority or worthiness to any particular cause and that has not been the object of these articles. Every charity is worthy of our support and we ought to give according to the measure of our ability.

Sometimes the frequency with which demands are made upon our goodwill is exasperating. However, we should bear in mind that we live in a democracy which brings obligations. Unlike many other regimes, we claim the freedom to decide and do what is right without compulsion. Democracy is more than a political idea; it must be based upon a faith if it has any value at all. That faith is in the equality of man.

How can we believe that all men are equal if we see our fellow citizen in need of our help and we fail to contribute to that need from our own surplus?

When the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society canvasser visits you tonight, consider the possibility of sacrificing for one week some small luxury item which is not a necessity, in order to contribute to what is certainly a worthy charity.

A week in New York

Most people will say that New York is an expensive place to visit. No doubt about it, it can be. On the other hand, if you know the ropes a week's visit there can cost you very little. A young Englishwoman had a fine seven days in the city, went where she wanted to, saw the most important sights, had a nice hotel room and plenty to eat, all for a maximum cost of $70.

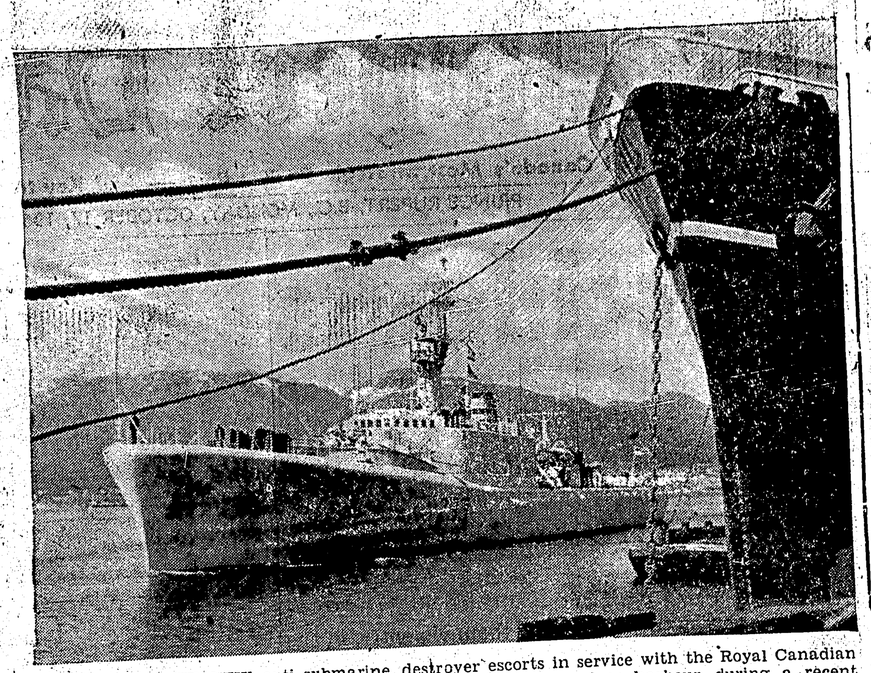
Naturally, to do this some sacrifices had to be made. There was considerable walking for one thing, but that gave her the feel of the place. If distance had to considered, she went to her destination by subway or bus. Taxis were only for emergencies. Meals were at drug-store lunch counters or at one of the small inexpensive restaurants which really have to be sought out.

If travel is expensive, often it is the traveller's fault. It can be done for little money, but few of us take the trouble to find out how to do it. Many people say if they can't go first class, they won't go at all. What a lot of fun they miss!—Houston Post.

A Bible Thought for Today

Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Isaiah 26:4.

There are two hundred billion cells in our bodies, they have the power to mend wounds and multiply and divide and perform functions we do not even understand. An intelligence directs these cells while we are asleep as well as when we are awake. We trust the Infinite with the multitudinous tasks that mean life and health. Why should we doubt Him in any circumstance?



TYPICAL OF THE NEW anti-submarine destroyer escorts in service with the Royal Canadian Navy, is the HMCS Fraser, shown above as she enters Vancouver harbour during a recent training cruise. Of Canadian design and construction, completely modern in every respect, this ship is an example of the increasing part played by science and technology in Canada's navy. Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, the RCN is steadily recruiting men from all over Canada. A Royal Canadian Navy recruiting team will be visiting Prince Rupert next week-end.—(RCN Photo).

SMALL FIST, BIG PUNCH—Few shios captured the imagination during the Second World War as did the fast, powerful motor torpedo boats. MTB flotillas of the Royal Canadian Navy operated in the English Channel while Canadian officers and a number of other personnel manned Royal Navy motor torpedo boat and gun boat flotillas in the Mediterranean and the Adriatic. Their spectacular success gained them fame wherever they operated.—(National Defence Photo).

Fifty-year old Royal Canadian Navy now geared to meet today's demand of advancing technology

Nineteen hundred and sixty marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Royal Canadian Navy.

Canadians can well look back with pride to the record of achievement over those five decades of service.

Through two world wars the navy has played a vital and decisive role — meeting the challenge and committing itself with credit to Canada and her allies.

The navy has seen many changes in the half century since it was officially established.

ORDERED PROGRESS

Most of these changes have been the ordered progress to meet the demands of advancing technology. Some, however, have been precipitated with dramatic swiftness to counter the threat of the times.

An example of this latter is the record of the Navy during the Second World War.

When the storm broke in September, 1939, the strength of the Royal Canadian Navy stood at 1,770 officers and men backed up by an additional 1,800 of the two components of the reserves.

SMALL FLEET

The fleet consisted of six destroyers, five mine-sweepers, and a few auxiliary craft.

During the war years this small force was expanded to approximately 100,000 personnel and an operational fleet of some 400 vessels.

This was the navy, which, together with allied naval forces, fought the desperate battle to retain freedom of the seas during those perilous years.

It is significant to recall that by the spring of 1944 North Atlantic convoys, with the exception of troop convoys, were escorted almost entirely by ships of the RCN.

In addition, Canadian sailors and ships served with the Murmansk convoys, in the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, the Pacific and participated in the Normandy landings. It was a taxing task—often tedious, sometimes heroic—calling for unceasing vigilance and preparedness.

It was a job well done.

ROLE TODAY

In the post-war atmosphere of unrelenting tensions which pose a continuing threat to world peace, Canada is dedicated to an unremitting search for the lessening of international stress.

Realizing that the only insurance against aggression is preparedness, Canada has assumed her responsibilities within the Western Alliance by contributing to the deterrent forces of the NATO defensive alliance, and undertaken joint measures to ensure North American defence.

Within the framework of NATO, and hemisphere defence planning, the RCN has undertaken a specialized role. This function is to provide an efficient and effective force highly skilled in all aspects of antisubmarine warfare.

Today's navy is a credit to those charged with the planning and training of such a specialized force.

In ships, aircraft, technical equipment, modern weapons and control systems, and in the trained men and women required to man and administer this organization, the Royal Canadian Navy ranks second to none.

The navy looks forward with confidence to a future in which it will continue to play an essential role in the defence of Canada and serve the cause of peace.

With the classics

Pilgrim's Song

Give me my scallop-shell of quiet,
My staff of faith to walk upon,
My scrip of joy, immortal diet,
My bottle of salvation,
My gown of glory, hope's true gage,
And thus I'll take my pilgrimage. —Sir Walter Raleigh (1552-1606).

Quote and unquote

Prof. Donald Creighton, after traveling more than 6,000 miles throughout the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland:

"The devotion of the African native to the Queen has to be seen to be believed. Any ideas to the contrary are strictly North American myths."

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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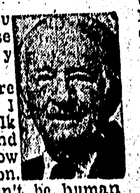
My Ojibway guide came into the lodge with me, at the end of the day's fishing, to sit in the lobby with me by the birch fire until his wife called for him in their outboard skiff. The TV was on, with the news, and some African delegates to the UN were being interviewed.



"What do you think of those fellows?" my guide asked.

"Well, they're educated men," I said, "they talk intelligently and seem to know what is going on. But they wouldn't be human unless they harbored some resentment against the Belgians, the British or the French, or whoever has been their political guardian or master during the past century. Russia is lucky in having had no colonies. She can talk awfully sweet."

"Don't fret," said my guide. "What you are forgetting is that Russians are white too. Having at long last got rid of one tribe of white men, I doubt very much if the Africans or any other colonial people are likely to risk saddling themselves with another tribe of them. I think why Khrushchev acts so frisky is he is trying to pretend he isn't white."

Then he offered me a cigarette to indicate that present company is always excepted.

Letterbox

The Editor,
The Daily News:

During a very impressive ceremony in Holland at the end of the Second World War, a general addressing us, said:

"You boys have done well, Canada is proud of you. You shall never walk the streets looking for jobs again."

When we were coming home 15 years ago, our hopes were high when we learned that laborers were getting as much as a dollar an hour. But now we are walking the streets while many of our former enemies work all the year-round.

When we bow our heads in two minutes of silence on November 11, in memory of our boys that paid the supreme price, I hope that our country will remember the ones who came back and are now looking for jobs.

We are not lazy. We served our country 24 hours a day, seven days a week, many times without food, water or shelter for only $1.50 a day.

We are not looking for fancy jobs. We will be content with pick and shovel jobs.

We also don't profess to be heroes, because most heroes are dead.

Ivan Adams,
Prince Rupert.

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