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# That "little extra" makes tourists happy

ized that the tourist industry is a luc- intersections. rative one and put on the big smile and Vancouver restaurants are improvthe outstretched hand to visitors from ing in both quality of food and service, north, east, south and west.

pocketbooks all the more successful. return.

For number one, Vancouver motorto the touring motorist and pedestrian. In their mad rush around the big city, the natives seem so preoccupied with their worries that they disregard both the legal and sportsmanship rights of little things like these were remedied. other motorists. Touring pedestrians Vancouver papers please copy.

passing interest has been Van- can't take their eyes off the streets to couver's recent "Salute to Tour- admire Vancouver's fancy new buildists" Week. Big Town suddenly real- ings without risking their lives at

particularly since liquid refreshments We don't know how successful was have been legalized. But it's the small the "Week", but as an infrequent visit- things that irk the tourist-like chargor to Gastown to the south of us, we ing for that extra cup of coffee. It's can suggest a few pointers to the tour-time this wartime and post-war habit ist week promoters which would help was tossed out in favor of giving the make next year's "Salute" to our patron that little extra invitation to

Charging for penny matches conists could be taught a lesson in courtesy taining advertising is another pennywise, pound-foolish policy which annoys the tourist no end.

Hogtown's big toothpaste smile of welcome would seem more genuine if

## Not so funny money

trary, all available evidence indicates that the posed road, although the construction season B.C. government is again this year short of is well under way.

Certainly what money it has is being spread about so thinly that only a minimum of public works is being undertaken in any single area. This is to be expected, of course, in a probable election year, when token construction programs are required to convince the electorate the party in power is a progressive one. As recently as the last session of the Legislature, various Social Credit ministers, including Fort George MLA Ray Williston, who also happens to be minister of lands and forests, are on record as stating that considerable high-

way construction would be done this year. Mr. Williston said on January 17, "I have a firm understanding construction will begin from both ends of Highway 16 east (between Prince George and McBride) early in this construction year.".

During the Legislative session this year, Highways Minister Gaglardi said most of Highway 16 west (Prince George to Prince Rupert) would be completed and hardtopped this year.

Obviously, neither statement will hold water. As reported in The Citizen yesterday, contracts have been called for clearing — that means cutting down trees - 20.1 miles of right-of-way between Dome Creek and Crescent Spur on Highway 16 east. There has been no word of any construction at either the

Social Credit tub-thumping to the con- McBride or Prince George ends of the pro-

Only the highways department knows what the full length of the road will be, if indeed they know themselves. However the railway mileage is 146, and it is extremely unlikely the highway will be any shorter. Thus the government to date has authorized only a token 20.1 miles, or roughly 13 per cent of the total, for only the most token of starts - brush cutting.

On Highway 16 west, construction has been progressing in bits and pieces between Prince George and Smithers, a system tailored to keeping everybody happy if possible. No contracts have been announced for this stretch of highway, and presumably therefore the work is being done on a day-to-day basis. In addition, Mr. Gaglardi's promise of last

winter that tenders would be called for the new Fraser River Highway 97 bypass bridge during the winter, and that construction would be a "major project" this summer, apparently has gone up the flue.

It seems obvious that the answer to this lackadaisical approach to road building especially in a probable election year, is that the Socreds simply haven't got, and can't raise, the money necessary to complete either job - promises or no promises.

-The Prince George Citizen.

## Those leisure hours

Not long ago we heard a leading Scouter sters applying for membership, but since there were no leaders to take care of them, kids had to be denied the benefits of this youth

What a pity! Surely in this town of 35and 37- and 40-hour weeks, not all our adults are so busy in the remaining 128 hours per week that they deny the responsibilities of adulthood and parenthood!

Surely gardens and fishing and golf and bowling and television and beer parlors do not take up all of that time. surely there are many who could find the three or four

hours in that 128 which would equip them for say that local troops were swamped with young- Scout or Cub, or Guide or Brownie leadership? It would be indeed a pity if there were leaders, but no enthusiastic youngsters, eager for the training, the companionship and the education that is inherent in Scouting.

But it is a tragedy that we have the youngsters...and the leaders are lacking. Perhaps some of us should re-examine the use we are making of the leisure hours which have come in ample measure these last few

Perhaps we might find that they should properly be called "the wasted hours." -Westview Powell River News.

# The Packsack of Gregory Clark

Copyright: Canada Wide At a garden party I had the fortune to sit under an apple tree with three or four notables one of whom was a doctor and another well-known physicist. These two engaged in a conversation that was high over my head, having to do with some new vista of science. "I take a lot of pleasure," said the physicist,

"out of reading some of the papers delivered at the Royal Society back in the eighteenth centry. Even some of Newton's speculations are pretty fantastic, and many of the papers delivered in the early part of the nineteenth century are hilarlous, in the light of modern science. It is difficult to believe that thinking men

would hold many of the ideas and views expressed at the Royal Society less than a

famous leg-puller, "never read papers at our medical conferences and societies. I don't want anybody laughing at me, a hundred years

"I imagine," said the doctor, "the profound opinions and truths you hold today will excite as much hilarity when read a hundred years from now as is inspired in you by these early papers of the Royal Society."

I think if the apples above us had been bigger and riper, one might have dropped on

### INTERPRETING THE NEWS

### Civil rights plan shows change in U.S. politics By DAVID ROWNTREE

statement on how it plans to protect the rights of Negroes and other minority groups in the United States underscores an important change that is taking place in Ambrican politics, Increasingly in recent years, the bobular tlon has been moving from the northeastern part of the country to the west. California is expected to pass New York as the most populbus state in the Union by the end of the decade,

This trend, apparently in nearly all this Pacific coast and western states, has particular meaning for the Deep South - Louisland Minsissippi, Alabama, Georgia, Virginia, Boul Carolina, North Carolina, Florida and Arkanaus.

Until now, those states have exercised voto over the Democratic party's candidate for president and the Harty's election thingally philtorm. Both had to be acceptable to the south; both had to skirt strong positions simed at improving education, voting rights or justice for Negroos, which we

Now, with the growing voting advantage: of the northern and western states, some leadhundred years ago." "That's why I," said the doctor, who is a

"Aw, but..." said the physicist.

the physicist's head.

Canadian Prem Statt Writer ers in the Democratic party feel that they can safely ignore southern teelings on the Thus, the party this year is saying that

Ith man is elected prosident in November, deadregate in 1954 must submit before 1963 a plan on how it is going to carry but that

lederal attornoy-goneral will be instructed to spok court action in cases where tilizelia uro deriled their rights "on grounds"

At also should be noted that the campaign statement takes into account the troubles of Negrock, Public Ricans and other minorities outside the south.

"If discrimination in voling, education, the administration of justice or sogregated lunchcounters are the issues in one area," the statement says, "discrimination in housing and employment may be pressing questions else-



BOWLFUL OF PUPPIES — Looking disdainfully across her litter, shuggled together in a fruit bowl, Rox, a Boxer owned by Robert Verhulst of Vancouver, indicates she could probably manage more than 10 in the same litter if she tried.

da program called "Do-It-Now-

Why-Wait-For Spring?" But

spring came—summer came—

It appears that the Diefen-

baker government has run into

a blank wall. It has tried

everything that it knows and

relatively little has been ac-

In reality what occurred is

that the government rested its

hopes upon the so-called

cyclical theory of unemploy-

ment. This theory says that

there will be economic reces-

sions (depressions?) from time

to time, but that these will be

overcome by the natural pro-

cesses in a private enterprise

economy. All that is necessary

is to leave the economy alone

and it will straighten itself out.

and we still have thousands of

people out of work.

complished thereby.

# E PORT By FRANK HOWARD, M.P.

Did you ever wonder what its own program, thus undoing makes a person touchy and ir- what little good the winter ritable? Did you ever wonder works program accomplished. why one can lose his temper at ..... It embarked upon a propaganthe slightest provocation on one occasion, yet be cool and urbain on others? Each of us is different and has, as it were, "different boiling points."

Our Prime Minister appears to be progressively reducing his boiling point as the session wears on. Perhaps, though, it isn't only the pressure of Parliament. There are other pressures; heavy and continuous ones. The major headache to every government is a sick economy. Every month brings a new record in numbers of unemployed. Every Dominion Bureau of Statistics release on the cost of living shows that it is creeping upward. Our trade deficits are not improving. Business failures are increasing. All parts of our economy need aid and attention.

The federal government has tried a number of remedies each of which had a slight effect. It tried deficit financing which drove our country deeper into debt than it has ever been before. It tried a so-called Winter Works Program which put a few people to work in municipalities, but while this program was going on the federal government was curtailing

### The lighter side

All day long he sat fishing from the end of the pier and all day long a stranger gat behind him, watching intently. Finally the fisherman turned and asked with sarcastic politeness, "Did it ever occur to you to do some fishing of your own?"

"Never," was the answer. "I haven't the patience for it."

"Dearest Jim," wrote a girl to her boy friend: "I have been beside myself with unhappiness ever since I broke our engagement. I know now it was a big mistake. I love you and miles you terribly. Ever yours,

"P.B. Congratulations on the \$500,000 your Aunt Mary Just

man llimbed into a dontor's office and asked the nurse for an early appoint-

"What is your trouble?" asked the nurse.

"L've got those terrible bains in my back," moaned the paand I koop gutting these stabbling headachds."

"Goodness," said the nurse admirably, "you must be awfully healthy to stand all that

# All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

much English. Her husband was in hospital. She was due to have a baby fairly soon. But the operator of a private parking lot wouldn't let her off a \$6 fine.

It happened this way: The woman's husband, a Germanborn chef, was injured in an explosion in a downtown cafe. He was taken to hospital. A helpful bystander, realizing that he would not be back for some time, ran his car off the street on to a private parking

Next day the regular occupant of that parking space came along and found strange car there. He angrily telephoned the parking lot proprietor, who sent a man to place a big concrete block behind the car's wheels.

On the windshield wiver life parking-lot man put the routine ticket, which said it would cost the car's owner \$0 to have the concrete block removed. If the car was left another day, the charge would be \$100.

By this time the injured man's wife had arrived. She pleaded to be let off the fine, but the parking lot man wouldn't hear of it.

Eventually, the boss of the cafe paid the fine for her. But

### With the classics

When God at first made man Having a glass of blessings standing by: "Let us," said he, "pour on

him all we can:" Let the world's riches, which dispersed lie, Contract into a span.

So strength first made a way; Then beauty flowed, then wisdom, honor, pleasure: When almost all was out, God made a stay, Perceiving that alone of all

his treasure Rest in the bottom lay.

The woman couldn't speak the woman still was in difficulty. She did not have a British Columbia driver's licence. Luckily for her, a group of businessmen, who had been watching a nearby stock ticker, arrived at the scene ... while the argument was on.

One man drove the car to the woman's home. The other followed behind and picked him up in a second car. The two investors deserve congratulations for helping a fellow-human in trouble. As for the parking-lot man,

he has earned a special merit

mark for sticking to his busi-

ness principles in spite of all

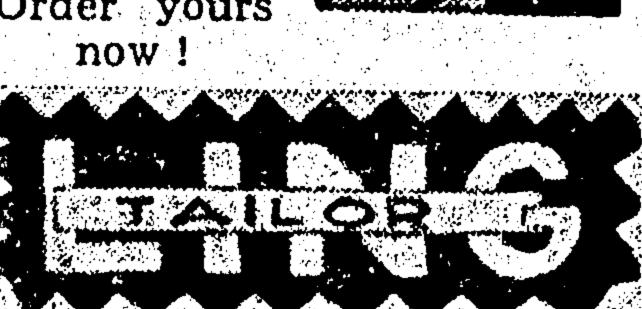
"Why don't they have more drinking fountains in town? 'asked a visitor.

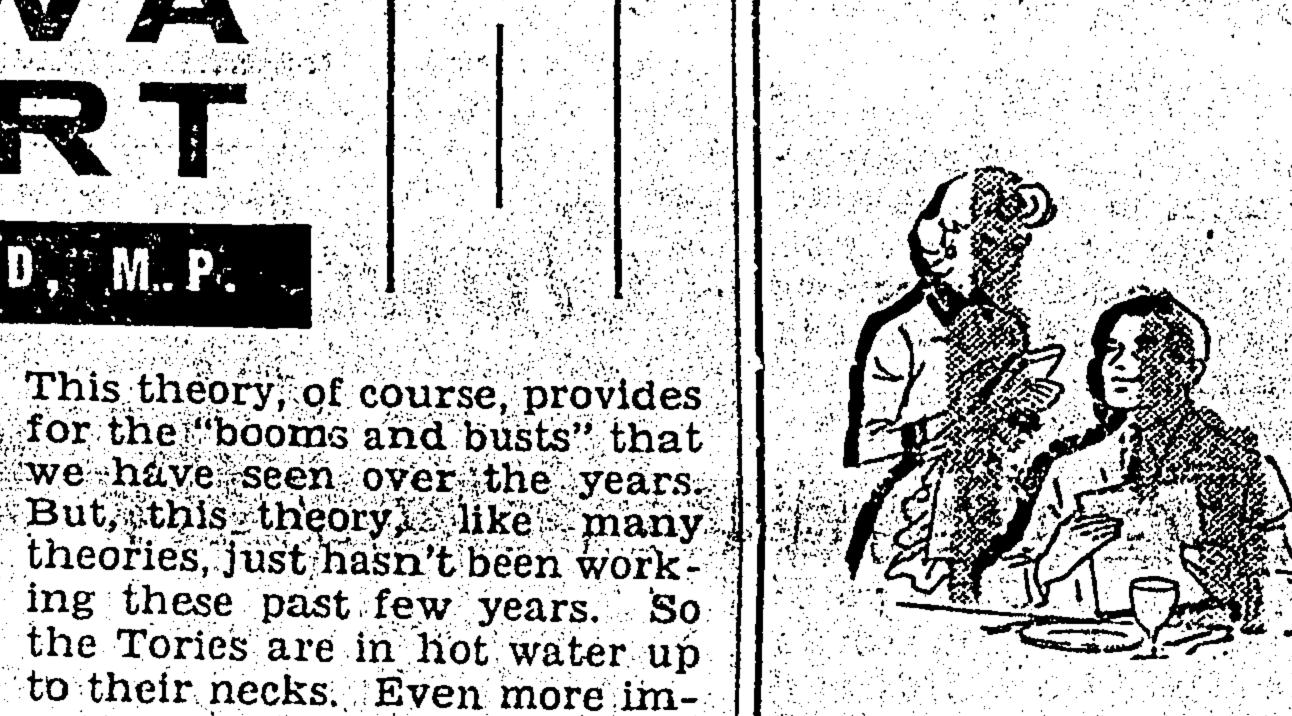
I offered a guess: If people drink water, they are less likely to go in a cafe or store and drink coffee or pop. City councils don't want to deprive any merchants of profits.

However, they may be fooling themselves. Little conveniences like fountains help put visitors in a good frame of mind, so that they come back another year, and spend

or Full Drape Custom-Made Skilfully tailored for peryour choice of fine all-wool

imported materials.





portant, though, is the fact

that we have thousands out of

work, unable to find work, and

Perhaps this is why our

Prime Minister is angry: Per-

haps this is why he is losing his

temper almost every day in

the House of Commons. Per-

haps this is why he resorts to

personal attacks upon individ-

ual MP's. He is relieving his

What he needs to do is to

recall his election promises,

put them into effect, and per-

haps then he wouldn't have so

much reason to be touchy And

our people wouldn't have so

much reason to feel insecure.

feelings in the wrong way.

facing another hard winter.

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