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Wonderful world awaits children in books

EVERY YEAR at this time "Young Canada's Book Week" reminds us of a part of life that we should never relinquish, the love and appreciation of book. To young or old, books and the written word still offer the greatest opportunity to acquire knowledge, gain enjoyment and broaden the mind. Whether it be the solace offered by the world's best seller, the Bible, definitions from a good dictionary, the knowledge from an encyclopedia, the thrill of armchair roving provided by a travel book or the thrill of adventure from a novel or detective mystery, all books have something of value to offer.

Good books have a warmth and friendliness with which a boy or girl, man or woman, can fill the lonely hours. Once in awhile, it is good to be alone, to be away from the herd, shaping one's own life and ideas instead of having it shaped by "the gang", whether adult or juvenile. One doesn't have to be moulded by the books one reads. The discriminate reader wanders through written works like a traveller pursuing his course across a foreign land, liking what appeals to him, fascinated by the new, revolted by the evil. But without the knowledge of both good and evil, good judgment and a balanced philosophy cannot be attained, only bias or fanaticism.

That is why we urge families with small children, to start a home library for their youngsters. Give them the thrill of starting with A.A. Milne's poems and books, help them bring the young characters alive. Provide them with all the boys' and girls' adventure series, the Nancy Drew, the Dana Girls, Cherry Ames and Sue Barton series for the girls; the Hardy Boys, the Rick Brandt science fiction books, Zane Grey's and Jack London's works for the boys, not forgetting "Treasure Island", "Kidnapped" and "Westward Ho!" Help them get a start into Thackeray, Dickens, Dumas, Priestley, Douglas, Hemingway and Sinclair Lewis, Slaughter and John O'Hara.

If you can't afford to start a library of your own, a tremendous variety of good reading is available from the Prince Rupert Public Library the membership of which is growing monthly. For a dime the whole world of books is opened to you, fiction, non-fiction, pyschology, philosophy, travel, and reference books. It's a wonderful world, peopled by wonderful people.

The house without a book is an empty house, devoid of the means to acquire knowledge and wisdom. Don't let your children face that type of future.

'TWAS EVER THUS

Defeated candidate unhappy target

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Remarks a losing candidate hates to hear the day after an election:

"Well, at least your mother stayed in your corner all the way."

"We just found 50,000 of your campaign leaflets that somebody forgot to distribute. Would you like them for souvenirs?"

"Of course, you could always try again. But if you ask my opinion, I'd suggest you find yourself a less expensive hobby."

"The telephone company just called up and asked when you are going to take your picture off its poles."

"Let's put it this way: The voters knew what you were talking about—but you didn't."

"What are your plans for the future—if any?"

"The smartest thing you did was to send the winner a congratulatory telegram collect."

"The caterer called to say that if you still want that caviar for the victory dinner you can now have it at half price."

"Say, now that it's all over, what did you stand for anyway?"

"Is it true that you plan to open a law office—that is, if you can find a partner?"

"Well, you can't win 'em all, I always say."

"Is it okay if I borrow a couple of boxes of this unused confetti? I can take them home for my kid's next birthday party?"

"Anyway, you have the consolation of knowing you put up a good fight—as long as you were conscious."

"As I see it, the election boiled down simply to this: You wound up with the principles—and your opponent wound up with the votes."

"Is it all right, sir, if we start sweeping out the place now? The hotel needs the room tonight for an embalmers' convention."

"Better luck next time."

THANK YOU

"Your ghost writers have all gone back to their regular jobs. So I guess you'll have to sit down and draft the letter of appreciation to the faithful party workers."

"Gee, dad, you still have my vote. I thought you did real swell."

"You haven't lost everything, honey. After all, you still have me—your wife."

"Anyway, they'll remember for a long time some of the unforgettable things you said about motherhood, son—and the need for putting our best foot forward at all times."

"Now about those unpaid campaign bills?"

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Economy paradox of high wages, unemployment

By FORBES RHUDE
Canadian Press Business Editor

The North American economic and social fabric is under examination these days—an examination which will grow more intensive during the coming months.

As it exists, it is a high-standard-of-living complex, prosperous for those who are working, but darkened by huge splotches of unemployment.

It is also one in which there is an abundance of goods of a consumer nature—the things people use in their daily lives at home and at work; but with deficiencies in what are generally called the social areas, such as schools, hospitals, municipal services, and road.

We have on one hand manpower and manufacturing plants which at present are more than is needed for the purposes for which they were intended; and, on the other hand, needs for which the excess productive power might conceivably be put to work.

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Many questions arise, including the following:

Is this a passing phase? Or does it indicate a basic distortion which needs correction? If so, what role should government play in the correction and what changes should be made in the rules under which we live?

These are some of the questions which face the dynamic Senator John F. Kennedy when he becomes president of the United States, and he seems committed to doing something about them.

The question of government's role arouses the greatest controversy. Many believe that government must take decisive action. Others, though not necessarily opposed to government action in what they consider its proper sphere, fear that government will seek quick cures which will "kill" rather than "cure." They fear the government will act from the "top", through massive expenditures, rather than seeking ways which will stimulate business at its source.

Taxation is one field in which far-reaching decisions may be made.

One school of thought would raise taxes if that seems necessary to raise money for increased social services. They would, in brief, use taxation to switch people's spending from certain consumer goods to social services.

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The opposing school says taxation drys up the economy through reducing spending power and especially through removal of the money which would otherwise be available for investment in new and expanding industry.

W. O. Twaits, president of Imperial Oil, Ltd., commented in a Toronto address:

"We must remember that Canada never had the period of rapid capital accumulation free from high income taxes that built the large reservoirs of investment capital still available in the United States and European countries."

He said one of today's dangers is that elections are not won by economic summaries, but by what people think and feel, and people may feel that conditions are much worse than they really are and think that drastic remedies are the only solution.

All depends

In parts of Africa there are natives who practice the strange custom of beating the ground and uttering blood-curdling yells. Anthropologists call this a form of self-expression. In this country we call it golf.

A Bible Thought for Today

Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble and he delivered them out of their distress. Psalm 107:6.

SAMUEL SHORT, 94, of Ottawa, plants Dutch bulbs for spring bloom, as he has done every fall since 1892. Mr. Short, born three months before Confederation, believes himself the oldest active gardener in Canada. He has worked in his garden an average of five hours every day since his retirement and he credits the relaxation of gardening for his good health. One of his prize possessions is the Lady Minto Gardening Certificate, which was presented to him in 1903 by the wife of the then governor-general, for the best spring garden in Ottawa. For many years Mr. Short was one of Lady Minto's judges for her contest to make the Capital City, even then, a beautiful city of trees and flowers.—(Photo by Malak of Ottawa)

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

Who says Canadians are not interested in the United States elections?

Some of us have been going around proclaiming our indifference. "Whoever wins, we lose," some Canadians have been saying.

"I don't like any of them, Kennedy, Nixon, Johnson or Lodge," cynical people have been heard to remark. "In fact, I wouldn't hire any one of those guys to mow my lawn."

Yet millions of these self-proclaimed cynics spent the evening of election day with eyes fixed on television sets or ears turned toward radios, anxiously gleaning scraps of election news.

They plagued the life out of telephone switchboard girls at newspaper offices, to find out who was winning. They peppered librarians with questions about the electoral college. Some librarians learned a lot about the U.S. system in a hurry.

In newspaper offices, some of the hottest anti-Americans hung over teletype machines reading the results from far-away states.

In fact, millions of Canadians caught the United States election itch, the way they pick up World Series fever.

Some of them wanted to know whether they stood to win bets or office pools. A great number, however, were fascinated by the noise and glare of a great human spectacle.

The yelling, foot-stamping excitement of the electoral home stretch is bound to jangle all nerves within psychic range, whether Canadian or any other nationality.

Above all, the American election reminds us Americans and Canadians share the same continent, and the same world—just in case we had forgotten.

The lighter side

"Young man in the back of the room," said the prof, "what was the date of Confederation?"

"Dunno."

"Who was Sir Charles Tupper," asked the prof.

"Dunno."

"Well, well," said the prof, "I assigned these questions last Thursday. What were you doing last night?"

"Drinking beer with some of the boys."

"You mean," demanded the teacher, "to stand there and tell me that? How do you expect to pass this term?"

"I dunno. I just come to fix the steam pipes."

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An American strolling down Whitehall, halted an Englishman and inquired, "Would you mind telling me which side the War Office is on?"

"Heavens!" replied the Englishman, looking startled, "Ours, I hope!"

Short sermons

A fool and his money are some party.

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Woman may be physically weaker than man, but she can put a cap on a fruit jar so tight he can't get it off.

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Don't race trains to a crossing: If it's a tie, you lose.

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Optimists and pessimists are mostly wrong, but optimists have the most fun.

gems of thought

In some small field, each child should attain, within the limited range of its experience and observation, the power to draw a justly limited inference from observed facts.

—Charles W. Eliot.

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The Packsack of Gregory Clark

A fiction writer of my acquaintance has spent all the past spring, summer and autumn in a hideaway writing a series of scripts for either television or radio based on what he believes to be a new theme.

"In these dramas," he tells me, "there are no good guys. They are all bad guys. Bad guys fighting bad guys."

"Who wins?" I asked, alarmed.

"One of the bad guys," said he. "I'm sick and tired, and I think the public is sick and tired of the good guys always winning. It isn't true to life, and everybody knows it."

"Oh, come now!" I protested.

"It's a fact," said he. "History consists of bad guys battling with other bad guys. It looks at first as if a good guy won. But soon after, he turns out to be a bad guy; and some other bad guy, for the moment looking like a good guy, comes along and beats him. And so on. In business, as any employee knows, all the bad guys get to the top. And up there, they're all fighting one another. In real life, all the main excitement is bad guys fighting bad guys."

"Have you sold the series?" I asked.

"No," said he.

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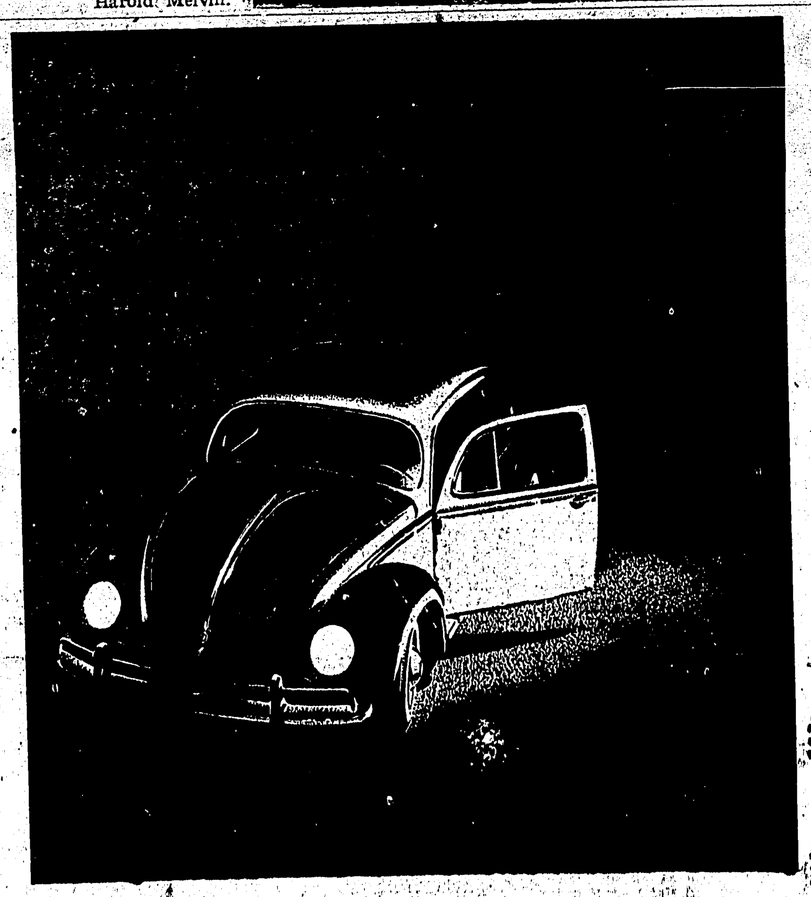

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