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Making boys boys, girls girls

teachers, girls female teachers. interest in the opposite sex; he would

heartily approve.

allow pupils to study with fewer dis- the more dominant sex. shares with many educators. - himself to serve himself and his coun-

study. But in the co-educational school eventually raise. this business is too often subordinated But in a co-educational school, to the student's social life. The boys where he is surrounded by girls who spend too much time looking at the have out-stripped him in both mental girls, and the girls even more time and physical development, those years looking at the boys. are too frequently stolen from him.

It is particularly disruptive for the

PRINCETON Junior-Senior High boys. A boy matures more slowly— School will this year try an import- an average of two years more slowly ant experiment. Boys and girls will —than a girl. Left to his own devices be separated in morning classes in in a school for boys only, he would be Grades 7 and 8. Boys will have male that two years later in developing an This is something of which we not be forced into morale-damaging competition with more mature minds; The school's principal, Mr. Craw- he would not be placed in a position of ford, believes that the separation will subjection to what is—at that age—

tractions. It is an opinion which he He needs his teen-years to educate The business of a student is to try—and the family which he will

-The Vancouver Province.

Let's keep it, eh!

This, of course, would be history's biggest giveaway.

Defense Minister Pearkes, who balances Canada's multi-billion-dollar defense budget, has decided that if anyone will take the 1,200mile Canadian section of the Alaska Highway off his hands — "they can have it for the asking, anyone who wants to pave it and main-

The exasperation behind such an offer is understandable. This is a high-priced highway. The United States government built it for \$150,-1000,000, then handed it over to Canada after World War II. Since then Canada has spent of Canada's north. Sensational finds of oil another \$132,000,000 on it.

Richard Neuberger, a Democrat from Oregon, of an expanding northern frontier. has caused a few more beads of perspiration

on the Canadian brow with the unsolicited suggestion a few months ago that Canada should pay \$66,000,000, half the cost of resurfacing the highway.

Looking at the other demands of defense, and the paucity of population in Canada's north at present, Mr. Pearkes could be excused for wondering if Canada can really afford this highway.

Well, it can. It's vital that Canada should keep control of the highway. If necessary, patch it up and charge a toll. But keep the

This highway is part of the development and gas in the Yukon, reported last week, now And if that wasn't enough . . . Senator bring nearer the realization of Canada's vision

--The Toronto Telegrain

Faint hearts and heatwaves

The latest sign of human idiocy is the hard stime being given men who wear Bermuda shorts. They are asked to leave Toronto's public dining frooms and dance floors, and subjected to the inane snickers of the general public.

How silly can we get? And how inconsistent? A favorite conversation piece in white collar *circles is the deploring of the trend to conforemity; people deplore solemnly the failure of findividuals to develop their personality, and to resist blending into the fashions and customs of the crowd. Vance Packard's "The Status "Seekers" and William H. Whyte Jr.'s "Organization Man" — which points out this mass conformity in society and business — are best-Iselling books. And the label "conformist" has

The same men who pontificate about the every way, they're cool, man, real cool. dangers of conformity are usually the faintest

hearts when it comes to showing a trace of common sense, if it is out of fashion.

For instance, on the hottest, muggiest Toronto day they will appear on the blistering downtown streets, long trousers swathing their legs and cooking them into melting masses of limp, sweaty humanity.

Why don't they wear shorts? There is one simple answer: Fear. Their friends and office mates might laugh, people might turn around and look when they enter a restaurant. Their hearts skip, jump and quaver at the thought.

Short pants can solve all but the most stunning heat wave. There's a friendly ventilation And as for fashion, the most particular dresser of the knees which makes life worth living. will find the modern Bermuda shorts tailored *become a slighting reference if not an insult. to his taste, in all materials and shades. In

—The Toronto Star

Kansas gets tough

now costs a motorist his license for a year. In *much longer period.

The 1959 Kansas Legislature amended the "charge. laws to provide the stricter penalties. Revocation for at least a year is mandatory. If the driver has a particularly bad record, the department can, at its discretion, withhold a license indefinitely.

The effectiveness of this new harshness won't be known until the number of convictions

A single drunk driving conviction in Kansas can be compared to past lists. In Missouri, where drunk driving is a felony, juries frecertain circumstances he may lose it for a quently are reluctant to convict. The practical result is that prosecutors often reduce the

> Even under the old Kansas law, lenient juries and the reduction of charges were not unknown. The success of the new law will depend on the diligence of Kansas legal machinery and the attitude of the people (who are jurors). The people still have to show whether they really consider drunk driving a serious offense.

-Kansas City Times

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Fear of Red expansion welding Arabia

By W. N. EWER

The restoration of diplomatic relations be-*tween the Kingdom of Jordan and the United Arab Republic, broken off at the time of the Iraq revolution last year, is a welcome develop-

Too my mind, restoration of broken diplomatic relations between two countries always is. But the closing of the breach between Cairo innda Amman is of wider significance than in the case of two random countries which happen: to have severed their relations. For Jordan and the United Arab Republic are neighbor Istates in a particularly sensitive region, where local tensions can have far-reaching effects. Communist penetration of Syria were one of And they are both Arab States, members of the Arab Loague which in fact seems to have played ya quite considerable part in bringing about

the irestoration. there is a distinct trend towards better relations—satellite. between all Arab countries.

Since they achieved independence, their history has been a chequered one. On the cone Inanti there has been a strong and growing feeling of "Arabism" — of an underlying Arab unity. On the other hand there have been "conflicts of local or national interests. There • have been dynastic and personal rivalvies. L'There thave been smutual suspicions and dis-*brusts. Thorothave been open quarrels; breaches and Irealing of breaches.

better and dloser relations? I think there is one main reason for this.

It concerns the problem of Soviet pressure and Communist infiltration in Arab lands.

Special to The Daily News Until recently the Governments of most of the other Arab States, like many people joutside the Arab world, had reason to believe

that Egypt, under President Nassor, was drift-

ing into the "Soviet camp". This aroused fears

which in turn aroused antagonisms. Then, following the revolution in Iraq, came a second phase. Later President Nasser made it plain that though ready to accept Soviet "leconomic aid" the was firmly resolved not to allow either Soviet political influence or Communist subversion in the newly formed United "Arab Republic, Indeed apprehensions about othe main reasons for its hasty formation at

the beginning of last year. Following the revolutionn in Iraq a new fear arose. It was that Iraq, under General It is, I think, a sign that at the moment. Kassem, was in danger of becoming a Soviet

> But at present it looks as though General "Kassem too is determined not to allow his country to come under Communist control or "Ito be forced out of "noutralism" into the Soviet

> If that proves to be so then one cause of the tensions of recent years will be removed. And the fear of Communist expansion, instead, of being a cause for suspicions and antagonisms. Pinside the Arab world, will provide a unifying

> So I think that the Cairo Amman reconidilation is an indication of something wider. The tide at the moment is turning towards greater solidarity between the Arab States. And that is of world importance,



HE PLAYED ON — Tuba player John Dixon of Hull, Que., has a ticklish problem as he and other members of the Royal Marines band play at Toronto's Union Station Aug. 25 for performances at the Canadian National Exhibition. This inquiring fly landed on Dixon's nose but the player continued puffing into his tuba without missing a note. —CP photo

What can one do about the mentally ill?

By Mathew Ross, M.D., Director British Columbia Survey on Mental Health Resources and Needs

For most people thinking about mental illness is like thinking about juvenile delinquency, international disagreements, and crime. The problems involved are so complex, it is hard to know what a person can do about it.

Yet, mentally ill people can be touched by almost every one, directly or indirectly, and it is not hard to suggest how citizens can be of help. Nearly everyone has known a person who was mentally ill—or will sometime—and has been or will be in a position to lend a helping hand,

For one thing, the least a citizen can do is to take an intelligent interest in the struggle against mental illness. In the final analysis it is the taxpayer that foots most of the bill for mental illness. He cannot afford to be indifferent about it. Perhaps the easiest way to become informed about mental illness and how to fight it most effectively, is to participate in the work of local mental health associations.

If there is not such an association in one's community, a person might take initiative in forming one. Or at least, one might read the literature on the subject published by the mental health association, or perhaps a basic book such as

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"The Human Mind," by Dr. Karl A. Menninger. Aside from mental health

associations, there are many other civic groups whose members and resources can contribute to the fight against mental illness. These include church service groups, parent teachers associations, ladies' and men's fraternal groups, and others.

I knew of one hospital in Providence. Rhode Island, which has a standing agreement with the local Boy Scouts. The Scouts are allowed to camp out on the hospital grounds in return for which they police the grounds once a week taking away all trash, underbrush, and waste.

On a more personal level, if one lives within striking distance of a mental hospital, chances are there is an opportunity to do volunteer work in that hospital. There is almost no limit to what a volunteer can do, depending on aptitude and training. They may take patients for a ride or to the theatre, read to them, teach them a skill, or just be a good friend. One never knows what seemingly inconsequential touch of human kindness may bring a withdrawn mental patient out of his shell. There are thousands of patients in our public men-'tal hospitals who haven't had a personal visit from anyone

for years. One of the great needs of

the time is to find jobs for exmental patients. Tremendous effort has been put into rehabilitating the physically handicapped; but most employers shy away from employing the physically handicapped people can be carefully screened to discover the potentials as workers, so can former mental patients. It is to be hoped that more business men and industrialists will take an interest in the great potential that exists in utilizing his untapped manpower resource.

All of the things which I have outlined as coming under the heading of "citizen participation" are almost humble in their simplicity; for some persons these suggestions are so obvious and so simple that they will be overlooked since many people have the :dea that efforts made to solve a social problem must be dramatic to be effective.

In this field, at least, I am convinced that "slow and steady" does it. What the mentally ill need, what we professionals who are working with the mentally ill need, is not the on-again-off-again efforts of a few citizens, but the steady, informed understanding of the many. And this is acquired, year by year, as more and more people do many simnle things they would not do if they did not feel concern for and interest in the mentally ill.

A number of books have been and Down the Northwest Coast by Canoe," by Rev. Thomas written by or about the early. missionaries who gave devoted Crosby; "Apostle of Alaska (William Duncan)," by John years of service to the native W. Aretander; and "One Hunpeople on the Coast, I have been very fortunate dred Pears of Canadian Methin securing the loan of a numodist Missions," by Mrs. F. C. ber of them, including: "In Stephenson.

the Wake of the War Canoe," "I have, however, still to seby Rev. W. H Collinson; cure the loan of books on "From Potlatch to Pulpit," Bishop Bompas, Bishop Ridby Rev. William Pierce; "Up ley and Rev McCullogh of the

CONSUMER CREDIT

TIME and PLACE

JUNE OWING FINANCE PERSONAL BANK COMPANIES LOANS

CANADIANS SURETCHED, their credit further than ever before ans the economic boom gathered steam at mid-summer. Jargo part of the domand for consumor credit was supplied Witho diartored banks, many of which were premoting now personal loan :plans. Latest burghingly statistics figures show that consumer debt to finance companies, small loan companios and department stores rose to \$1,406,000,000 at June 30 from \$1,411,000,000 at June 30, 1058. Another \$1,080,000,000 was owed to banks in personal loans, up sharply from \$800,000,000 a year carller, CP Newsmap

Nass River. One very interesting book which I was fortunate to secure on loan from Frank Dockrill was "The History of the Northern Interior of British Columbia," by Father A. G. Morice, O.M.I. This book does not cover the area east of Hazelton but as Father Morice was a noted anthropologist it is a must for those interested in the North B.C. Coast area.

One thing all the missionarles had in common was a tremendens zeal to bring Christianity to people living on the coast and the rivers that drain into the Pacific Occan. They were all young when they arrived at their mission field and devoted their whole lives in an area that in those days was wild, primitive and untained They were men with a purpose and were ruggod individualists.

Several contributors to "Time and Place" have written articles on pioneer missionaries. Sperry Cling recently did an excellent article on the Ray. John Field, and Rov. O. R. Howard. Captain of the mission bout Thomas Crosby IV. wrote inbout "Marine Missions on the Const."

I hope that additional arti--clos will the written by these "who know some of these devoted, colorful manager the doth, such as Rev. William Ingain, Dr. G. H. Rdley, Alfred Dudward, Binhop Du Vornot, Roy. W. III. Plorco, Roy. Dr. It. W. Large; Dr. H. C. Wrinch, Robert Tomlinson, his son Robert and others.

Victoria Report by J. K. Nesbitt

September is a great month for M.L.A. birthdays. If the House were in session they'd be singing "happy birthday to you" every few days.

On Sept. 6, Premier Bennett will be 59. He was born in New Brunswick but early in life came west, first to Alberta, then into British Columbia, and here he reached the poliland of all ambitious politicians, the Premiership, becoming one of the the most controversial heads of government in our history. Certainly few people are indifferent to Bennett; he's either worshipped, often secretly, it's true, or he's politically and personally hated. Perhaps more than any other Premier his name is household word in B.C.

Sept. 2, William Harvey Murray, Social Credit MLA for

Lighter side

The doctor on the Army base had a young corporal as his assistant to keep track of pamer work. The young man was curious about the doctor's affairs. He was always asking questions and one morning

"In divilian life were more of your cases accidents?" "I don't know," the doctor replied.

"How come you don't know?" the corporal asked. "Soldier," the doctor replied "I was an obstetrician."

A high school girl was telling her mother about her home economics class. "Do they let you eat what

you cook?" her mother asked.

"They make us!"

"Let us?" the girl said.

Prince Rupert will be 43. He was born in Edinburgh, one of three Scots in the House, the others being Alex Matthew of Vancouver Centre and Op-

position Leader Robert Stra-Harold Roche, Social Credit MLA for North Peace River will be 61 Sept. 8. He was born

in Manitoba. There are two birthdays Sept. 10 — Attorney-General Robert Bonner, MLA for Point Grey, born in Vancouver 'in' 1920, which makes him 39; and George Gregory, Liberal MLA for Victoria, born in Victoria in 1916, which makes him 43. Arthur Turner, CCF MLA for

Vancouver East will be 71 Sept. 12. He was born in England. is the veteran in the CCF group, having been first elected in 1941, and returned in 1945, 1949, 1952, 1953 and 1956. Sept: 13 Recreation Minister Earle Westwood will be 50. He's 'MLA for Nanaimo, and that's where he was born, descendant of noted pioneers of the coal

Two more birthdays Sept. 15 — Health Minister Eric Martin, MLA for Vancouver Burrard, born in Winnipeg in 1905, which makes him 54; and George Massey Social Credit MLA for Delta born in Ireland in 1903, which makes him 56. He's the only true-blue Irishman in the House. Two more birthdays Sept. 13

-Mrs. Lois Hagen, CCF MLA for Grand Forks-Greenwood. born in Alabama in 1899, which makes her 60; and Arvid W. Lundell, Social Credit MLA for Revelstoke, born in Revelstoke in 1899, so he's also 60.

Sept. 17 Randolph Hardin, CCF MLA for Kaslo-Slocan will be 45. He was born in Silverton, B.C., where he still



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