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# New motel bodes well for city's future

When hotelman William H. Murray tossed away the key of his new $250,000 Crest Motel Saturday afternoon, he was carrying out more than the traditional act of the innkeeper signifying that his doors are forever open to the weary wayfarer. He was marking the first concrete act of preparation for the Prince Rupert's role as the terminal of the Alaska marine highway system, expected to go into operation in August, 1962.

Mr. Murray and his two partners, A. J. Bussanich and P. J. Knutson, deserve every tribute paid by acting mayor Alderman A. Donald Ritchie who lauded their determination and foresight. The spacious, tastefully decorated and functional building serves as a happy harbinger of this city's bright future as a stopping-off point for tourists seeking to know the great northland of British Columbia and Alaska.

# Cheers for International Cat Week

It may come as a shock to most Prince Rupert residents but the latest figures show that there are 21,000,000 cats in North America, 50 per cent of which are owner-fed, housed and cared for. Before anyone says that the other 50 per cent must be in this city, we must point out that this is International Cat Week. We have Forest Products Week, Brotherhood Week, Business Women's Week and Co-op Week. There are also many other weeks, such as Be Kind to Mother-in-Law Week, but the latter hasn't evoked too much response. Therefore we feel we should give full support to International Cat Week.

International Cat Week is sponsored by the American Feline Society, Inc. We are somewhat confused as to whether this society is a group of humans dedicated to looking after cats or an organization of cats intent on looking after themselves, a task at which they spend 24 hours a day being 100 per cent successful. Nevertheless, unless you are allergic to cat hair or frightened of small tigers, cats are fun to have around. We know. We have two cats, Tuffy and Snoopy.

It is estimated that 20 per cent of all North American families own 1.2 cats each. We have 2.5, because Tuffy is nothing but a bag of bones under his Persian-type camouflage, and Snoopy, who eats Tuffy's lunch, is 1.5 cats. He needs to be as he's the fighter of the family. Tuffy is the cheerleader, unless two marauding neighbor cats set foot on our property and without a word of a lie, Tuff and Snoop team up to repel the enemy. This of course, usually takes place about 4 a.m. and makes us something less than popular with the neighbors. But that is the price they have to pay for our cats keeping their place free of rats, mice, moles and undersized Great Danes.

According to the fact sheet beside us, cats serve a definite purpose in life although they have a motto the opposite to that of Rotary International. The Felines of America slogan is "Self Before Service." Once that is accomplished they will be a pet to children, men, women and senior citizens. Cats are also sportsmen. They hunt for one meal but don't trample crops, break down or cut fences, leave gates open, pitch away burning cigarettes or carry matches. Cats are alert, intelligent, responsive, playful and affectionate and make good companions. Of course the human also has a responsibility to the cat. This is a weird experience and only reaches fruition when one gets up at 3 a.m. to (a) let a cat in or (b) let a cat out. Fondness for your cat also causes you to go out in the snow to break up a fight your cat is losing. When he's winning, you stand proudly by, polishing your nails. You also buy the best in dog-food for your cats so that the dogs are startled when the cats bark.

In any case, according to the American Feline Society, Inc., "scientists in the field of geriatrics advise elder citizens to 'keep busy, remain interested, observe the rules of moderation, get plenty of rest, relaxation and light exercise.' How agreeably a cat fits into this scheme of tranquil living. Why not adopt a cat and grow old together."

Good idea. That's what we're doing. The only trouble is that Snoopy has a better left-hook than we have, now.

# Harassment tactics prelude to Berlin parley

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BONN — Moscow may be expecting high level talks on Berlin before long.

This could be an explanation of the current harassment of U.S. civilian officials at the East Berlin sector border. This must be on Moscow's orders, since the East German Communist regime does not have sufficient independence to undertake such a perilous course on its own.

The idea of the harassment seems not so much to reheat the crisis, as to permit grabbing all the advantage possible in advance of four-power talks.

Actually, there is almost nothing to negotiate about. But from the Soviet viewpoint the talks would be a means of opening a safety valve, of letting steam out of a crisis which could explode, of providing time to digest gains already racked up since the Communists built the wall between Berlin sectors in August.

The Western allies, aware that Moscow is pushing for talks, appear to be trying to hammer together a unified approach. But the going is slow, particularly in view of the aggressive Soviet pushing.

Soviet Premier Khrushchev appears to be winning his internal political battle in Moscow. If this is so, his policies regarding Berlin will prevail.

What is his over-all policy? In brief, it is: Make haste slowly.

The Soviet premier clearly enunciated his policy in his Leipzig speech to East German Communists in March, 1959. It was this:

Germans can live with the idea that German reunification is impossible now. Thus reunification is not an important question. The United States is committed to reunification.

The only way Germany can be reunified, says Khrushchev, is by establishing "the power of the working class" (meaning the Communists) over all Germany. That is not feasible now. So, he says, "do not be in a hurry." In short, push, push, and push some more, to bite off West Berlin bit by bit without causing war.

## A season of mists

Time now for a season of mists,
All gray, all dim.
After the summer's glare and
before autumn's flames begin,
Let the day and the night go
veiled, the soft fog come in;
No moon, no sun, stars all
obscured,
The horizon hidden in oblivion.

Let me rest in this small, seaward house,
With crystal curtains on every screen
Where the wind blows in. Let
the mist find
Cobwebs to spangle over the
door, and put a gloss
On ivy and lilac leaves soon to
fall.
All will be silence except for
the small
Belling of crickets in beaded
grass;
Far off, a foghorn, a buoy's
knell.

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HALLOWEEN MASKS

# LETTERBOX

**TEST PATTERN**

The Editor,
The Daily News:

Hello Television fans, special regards to person or persons responsible for two very much-to-the-point letters appearing in Letter Box in recent issues. Keep up the good work, opinions like these shared by enough of us will produce results.

What is the reason this fair city has not been included on the television circuit? I can not find a better place for it in the whole Dominion of Canada. We the public want television but some one seems to think we should not have it. Who is this person or persons who feel that we should not have television. I believe that it is the man who delegated himself to bring television to Prince Rupert, we have been sidetracked, this issue has been shelved.

Are the city fathers afraid that having television here will stop the Civic Centre from making its usual debit fiscal, or perhaps the theatre patrons will drop off attendance, or perhaps we might see how other parts of Canada are doing and we might get discontent with the legislation, if you can call it that, which is presently running Prince Rupert.

I don't think the average person in Prince Rupert will get much enjoyment out of the golf course, but then I could be wrong, but when you see the job that is going to be done in that muskeg bushland on Wantage Road it is really amazing that an issue like TV should present such a problem.

In the meantime my sympathies are with the average people like myself, who by coming to Prince Rupert have had to leave behind a very sorely missed daily habit, that of viewing our TV programs. It was comfy wasn't it, especially Friday nights wrestling and late show, and remember when at this particular time of year Christmas programs would be starting and they really did put the message of Christmas across, many programs are devoted to Children, teen agers, older folks, not one in the family is left out of this medium of entertainment. I really believe it is only when you have had to leave this all behind that you really know what you miss most of all.

Yes Mr. Mayor and councillmen these things were on our mind when we asked you to get us television in Prince Rupert, let's get on the ball.

Just a Joe with a television set, to remind me what yesteryear was like.

Ron Hartshorne,
Prince Rupert.

**KEEP BALL ROLLING**

The Editor,
The Daily News:

I wholeheartedly agree with the two previous "TV Fans."

Prince Rupert should have had television a long time ago and since our City Council is doing nothing about it, I think it would be a splendid idea for the citizens and merchants to get together on this. You may have to holler long and loud on this but let's not stop now.

I say, keep the ball rolling. It may be hard to get it started but I feel certain that it will gain momentum once it starts. I am sure that the largest majority of Prince Rupert citizens want TV, but rest assured you will never get it by sitting back and wishing for it.

So, citizens of Prince Rupert, take pen in hand and write your views on this subject. You don't have to use your name unless you want to, but you must sign your name and give your correct address to have it printed.

So come on, citizens of Prince Rupert, show some spunk.

Don't let a good thing die for lack of support.

"Third TV Fan,"
Prince Rupert.

## Short sermons

When two women become friendly it's a sign that some third woman has lost two friends.

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The trouble with many marriages is that the husband wishes his wife could make bread like his mother, while the wife wishes her husband could make dough like her father.

## gems of thought

Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune, but great minds rise above it.
—Washington Irving.

✦ ✦ ✦

The longer we dwell on our misfortunes the greater is their power to harm us.
—Voltaire.

## The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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One of my friends who never rose above the rank of corporal in the last war, but has risen very high indeed in recent years, was recollecting rather bitterly his experience of senior officers.

"They were all popinjays," he declared.

"What is a popinjay?" I inquired.

"I don't quite know," he said. "But the word perfectly describes those staff officers and senior officers who, with a look of lofty detachment, hovered in the background of our lives as soldiers. They walked differently from mortal men. Their noses were in the air. They spoke in a different tone from common men. The way they dressed, the way they behaved, their whole attitude was that of men determined not to be confused with ordinary men."

"You're an executive now," I suggested. "Don't you find that executives are a little inclined to be popinjays and stand aloof from the rank and file?"

"Aw," he said, "but you have to set up a little defence, if only to secure a little privacy."

Same old thing.

## Definition

Credit card: The greatest development since the invention of the big wheel.

Build your bank balance . . . Build your peace of mind

Unexpected expenses do happen. Things like dentist bills, doctor bills, car repairs and dozens of others. Often these expenses must be met immediately. Without an adequate bank balance . . . well, many a good man feels a small flush of panic. You can avoid this. Make sure you always have at least two months' salary in the bank. Deposit regularly. Watch the balance build. Enjoy that new feeling of security . . . the peace of mind that comes with money in the bank. Money in the bank has other advantages too. You pay bills easily, and on time. You capitalize on special discounts. You avoid charge account service fees. You take advantage of special sales. You establish credit for intelligent borrowing. But these are the extra benefits. More than anything else, money in the bank protects you from the unexpected. Build your bank balance and build your peace of mind. Start building next payday.

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