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Twelfth concert season starts tomorrow

Tomorrow night will see the first concert of the 12th Alaska Music Trail season when the Prince Rupert Concert Society presents piano virtuosos Milton and Peggy Salkind. The husband and wife team will provide a fitting opener for a musical series which has grown in popularity in the British Columbia interior and Alaska since the late Maxim Shapiro launched the project for isolated northern communities in 1950.

Besides the enjoyable four - hand piano program lined up for tomorrow night by the Salkinds, there are three other outstanding American soloists scheduled to appear here between now and late spring. The Prince Rupert Concert Society has worked hard to build up its membership, by which they can meet the Alaska Music Trail guarantee, but will be willing to add to its role at tomorrow's concert. We wish the Concert Society well and hope it has a successful season.

Many worked hard for successful carnival

It's a bit early yet to gauge the complete success of the Civic Centre's two-day carnival but from appearances it would seem that the decision to revive the project as both a money-maker and a community festival was a wise one. Judging by the crowds in the Civic Centre Friday and Saturday, the people of Prince Rupert who flocked to take part in the carnival enjoyed themselves and did their part to help the Centre of its financial difficulties.

A tremendous amount of time and effort went into the planning and staging of the carnival. Unsung heroes and heroines of the venture were the scores of volunteers who worked their shifts at the various games and concessions, urging the people to try their luck and keeping the carnival spirit at fever pitch. The Centre's hardworking staff is fortunate to have such a corps of volunteers willing to give up their time for a worthwhile cause.

Undoubtedly the Civic Centre management will have learned a great many lessons in the staging of the carnival for the first time in nearly 10 years. When the report of the carnival is given at next Thursday's annual meeting, it is to be hoped that a recommendation will be made to continue it next year. We think a lot of people had a lot of fun helping the Centre in a painless way.

Cowards don't last long

This is the way we of the Sun Herald look at the newspaper business, or profession, or — if you insist—game (but it's only the amateurs who call it a game):

A newspaper man has to be a fighter: cowards don't last long in this business. At the same time he has to be a dreamer, an idealist. He should never let an outsider, either friend or enemy, tell him what should go into the paper or what should be kept out.

Naturally, we have to have the support of the advertisers. But it's our duty to tell the truth, no matter what the advertisers may think or how strongly they may object.

If we ever are willing to let conditions stay as they are, instead of trying to improve them, we'll be done for — mentally and physically and spiritually. We don't intend to let that happen.

— Winter Park, Florida, Sun Herald

Bennett 'quickies' poor comfort

Premier W. A. C. Bennett is very proud of his power takeover play and he has been scoffing at comments of the investment community, here and abroad, that British Columbia may find it hard to raise the enormous sums involved — up to $180 millions compared with normal annual B.C. bond borrowings in the $50 million to $75 million range.

Pretending to prove his point that B.C.'s credit has not been damaged, Mr. Bennett refers to the $100 million he swiftly raised to meet the immediate takeover needs.

But this $100 million issue didn't consist of bonds at all, in the real sense of the word. These securities are demand notes. Holders can demand their money back anytime — tomorrow before lunch.

A real bond, like a mortgage, is a long-term contract between borrower and lender. Mr. Bennett's $100 million affair proves nothing about the credit of his province.

And even for his demand note money, Mr. Bennett had to pay a high price. The cost of 5.21% is considerably more than the going rate for short-term money. At the same time, Ottawa, for instance, was paying only 2½% for securities comparable in many respects to the Bennett "quickies".

While interest rates stay down, Mr. Bennett may successfully enjoy the illusion of comfort which his "quickies' give him. But a hard day of reckoning could await him when he needs honest-to-goodness, long-term contract money.

— The Financial Post

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

There was a fashion show in the restaurant on the roof of one of the big department stores, where I usually lunch. There were 20 or 30 beautiful models parading not only down a central catwalk but in and around the tables of the dining room. The thing that struck me was the sameness in the shape of the models. They were all frail, fragile, rather brittle looking girls. Well, to be frank, they were skinny and underfed. Not one of them bore any likeness to the hundreds, no the thousands of girls and women that crowded the big store as customers and clerks, or swarmed on the streets.

My wife and a couple of the waitresses tried to explain to me that the purpose of models was to show off the clothes and to inspire in the minds of the female audience the notion that that is what they would look like in those clothes.

As a slight bow in the direction of reality, two or three of the models were not girls, but women in their 30's or early 40's, showing off what matrons should wear. But they, too, were brittle, lean and flat.

I venture the opinion that some couturier could have a thundering success by staging a fashion show with real-life girls and women doing the parade: normal, round, short, tall, fat, lean lumpy, bunchy average. The only people you see everywhere.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Nasser's prestige in Middle East at stake

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Gamel Abdel Nasser's ambitions to become the strongman of the Arab world may be badly hit by the sudden revolt in Syria.

It may take some time for the president of the United Arab Republic to convince the rest of the Arab nations that the U.A.R. can promote strength, unity and equality in the Middle East.

The three-year Egyptian-Syrian amalgamation under the republic is seen, at least in the eyes of some disappointed Syrians, as a vehicle for the promotion of Nasser's personal ambitions to rule the Arab world.

To get Syria to join the republic, Nasser rewarded his chief Syrian supporter, Col. Abdel Hamid Serraj, with an influential political position in the new central government.

Meanwhile, Nasser's own military chief, Field Marshal Abdel Hakim Amer, was given increasing power in Syria. Amer sided with the Syrian peasants against entrenched interests and increased his own popularity in Syria through land reform and low tariff rates.

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Last month, Nasser suddenly reshuffled his cabinet, creating seven vice-presidents. Amer was at the top of the list; Serraj somewhere near the bottom. Syrian interests were submerged under Cairo domination. Serraj recently quit.

Syrian military tempers boiled under a display of new nationalism. But while some Syrians would like to see an end to the republic, this is unlikely to happen. There is evidence of division among the Syrians on this issue and Amer's own forces are so spread among the Syrians that an effective revolution may be impossible.

Nasser himself has made clear he would never tolerate dissolution of the republic. Armed with MiG jet fighters and other Soviet military equipment, Egypt is in a strong position to back Nasser's words with guns. Egypt has a population of about 25,000,000 compared with Syria's 4,000,000.

But the outburst in Syria undoubtedly adds to Nasser's worries. Other Arab states may show reluctance in the future to join the republic. This may affect Nasser's ability to convince the West and Moscow that he is really the top man in the Middle East.

SEA GUARDIANS — A Royal Canadian Navy task force steams in close formation en route to an anti-submarine exercise off Canada's east coast. Stationed around the aircraft carrier HMCS Bonaventure are the destroyer escorts Restiguoche, Huron, St. Croix, Algonquin, Nootka, Terra Nova, Chaudiere and Columbia. It is to bring the complements of ships such as these up to full operational strength that the manpower ceiling of the RCN has been increased to 21,749 from 20,000. — RCN Photo

Banana boat ferries?

From the Ketchikan Daily News

There is a distinct possibility that the much-heralded Alaska ferries may run with something less than the first-class accommodations which had been promised and expected

Gov. William A. Egan announced in Juneau yesterday that the higher-than-expected costs of the hulls—a minimum of $10,445,000—might make it necessary to pass up sleeping accommodations on the boats. Without such facilities the boats will be less luxurious than banana transports.

Who wants to ride a boat for 30 hours without a comfortable place to sleep

We would guess the tourists—whom we expect to use the boats in hordes—wouldn't appreciate that sort of an introduction to Alaska. Of course, they could sleep in the bars on plush seats, or perhaps on the decks.

One alternative would be to stop the boats overnight in the various cities along the route to Skagway and Haines, and allow our guests to stay overnight in the various hostelries.

However, we do not believe that to be the answer. For one thing, we would lose the business—revenues, to be blunt — from the over-the-road trucks which we expect to help lower prices. They wouldn't want their progress slowed by an overnight stop — or two or three—along the way.

The answer to this vexing problem lies elsewhere.

We could: (1) float a revenue bond issue for $1 million or so to make up the difference needed, or the State Legislature could (2) appropriate the funds, if that august body could find a source of same without hiking taxes further.

We're not blaming the administration for this one. Economics being what they are, costs rise when there is a demand for services, such is the case now with firms battling for space in the lmited number of shipyards.

Alaska is caught in a bind —that bind.

Now let's wiggle out and provide first class—not steerage—service on the ferries.

Unemployment questions and answers

In this column we publish questions about unemployment insurance and employment, together with answers which may be of interest to you:

Following are some questions with answers received from the Unemployment Insurance Commission. If you are uncertain about any point do not hesitate to send us your question. We will obtain an answer and publish it in this column.

Q. We are two brothers, and both of us are unemployed at present. We both contribute to the upkeep of our mother, who is a widow. Can we both draw benefit as persons with dependents?

A. You both could not draw the dependency rate of benefit in respect of the same dependent, as a claimant must establish that he is wholly or mainly maintaining the dependent claimed for. Where the dependent claimed is his mother, the claimant would also have to establish that he maintains a self - contained domestic establishment wherein his mother resides.

Short sermons

The world never knows a man is down until he lets the word out himself.

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TIME AND PLACE

by Wiggs O'Neill

EDITOR OF THE BIG CANYON WEEKLY

The thought struck me that a little write-up should be done on the Big Canyon Weekly and its owner and editor.

Owner of this weekly and publisher was Enoch R. L. Jones. The paper was printed at Kitselas Canyon on the Skeena by the local telegraph operator, Mr. Jones, as a sideline. He had followed newspaper work in his younger days and still had printer's ink in his veins.

It was the first paper to be published anywhere near Kitimat, just across the divide on the Skeena. Jones was a very interesting person, he had been taking part in a mining venture in the southern part of the province and ran into hard luck and things were down in the heel. He called at the office of the Yukon Telegraphs in Vancouver and met John T. Phelan, the superintendent. In conversation, Mr. Phelan discovered that Mr. Jones was an old telegraph operator and persuaded him to forget mining for a while and go up to the Skeena division and help him out, as he was short of operators.

Enoch Jones, being a real soldier of fortune and hard up, was always open for adventure, so he moved to Kitselas with his wife and small family as operator and boss of the Skeena division. He did a very efficient job at his work but the printer's ink began to boil up in his veins and he saw an opportunity for a weekly paper in his town as a side line. Kitselas had started to boom in 1910 with the advent of the railway construction, and with many river steamers going into service and the town bustling with activity, the Big Canyon Weekly was born.

Jones was owner, manager and reporter; Lorne Kenney, a brother of E. T. Kenney of Terrace, was his printer's devil. The paper did a big business in 1910 and Jones proved himself a top dog newsman and an able writer. So successful was he, that a delegation from Hazelton high pressured him to move his paper up there and get in on the big money from land and coal claim advertising. Owing to the fact that the railway building activities would soon be leaving Kitselas behind, he shipped his plant on to Hazelton, resigned his operator's job, and went into publishing as a full time job, in opposition to two papers already established there in 1911.

That year there was a dominion election. One of the other papers was openly supporting the Laurier Government and the other one was sitting on the fence. Jones, who was an American and did not savvy much about Canadian politics, took Hobson's choice and supported Clements, the Conservative candidate. Jones was such an able writer that his paper did a lot towards electing Mr. Clements.

The government had the handing out of land advertising and the government agent, to play safe, placed it with the paper that sat on the fence. This tough break, after doing a good job on the election, discouraged Jones, so he sold out and left the country.

In his early life he had gone through the Boxer Rebellion and the Spanish American War in the Philippines. While in the Philippines, he had seen quite a lot of fellows get rich with a cocoanut plantation, so Jones headed back to the Philippines, bought himself a little island and started to grow cocoanuts and expected to retire rich in a few years. By a strange quirk of nature, that was the first year it ever happened—no cocoanuts grew.

In a letter I received from Enoch R. L. Jones, he said: "I went broke faster than I got into business." He applied for a job from the American government as a wireless operator on an island, although he knew nothing about wireless, but he figured he could work some way out to master it. It didn't take the retiring operator long to find out that Jones was hopeless at wireless; he was so anxious to get replaced that he missed the boat and stayed on for two weeks. By constant drilling, he turned a Morse man into a pretty good wireless operator. Jones stayed on the new job for some time until he built up his depleted finances, then resigned and went back to San Francisco where he joined the Western Union and went back to his old love, the Morse code.

Enoch R. L. Jones stayed with the Western the rest of his working days, handling some big jobs for the company until his retirement. He was the type that retirement spelt boredom, so he took on the job of secretary for the Veterans of the Spanish American War and is still doing a bang up job at the age of 85.

While on holidays in 1955, my wife and I paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Jones in San

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