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Completion of paving link notable occasion

An event of significance to a large segment of Prince Rupert's population occurred in the last few weeks. Highway 16 between this city and Terrace is now completely black-topped.

It seems only yesterday, actually it was nearly six years ago, that there wasn't a scrap of hard-top from Galloway Rapids bridge to the outskirts of Terrace. Then just before a provincial election, 20 miles were paved at the Terrace end. That was the start. Slowly, mile by mile, the distance between the Rupert paving and the Terrace paving was shortened. Then the cold mix on the Tyee stretch went to pieces. Finally, last year, Highways Minister Gaglardi agreed to finish the remaining 14 miles and re-pave the broken up section. Now it's finished and city motorists can traverse in peace and quiet, albeit with caution, what was once a hellish 95 miles, fraught with car damage and danger.

Completion of the project is proof of the adage "All things come to he who waits." We should, we suppose, be thankful that this highway program has been completed as soon as it has. It was only during the Second World War, that Prince Rupert obtained its first complete road link with Terrace. That was 20 years ago.

Now in 1961, one year away from the scheduled start of the Alaska marine highway system, we look beyond Terrace to the completion of the Prince George to Terrace portion of Highway 16. Hundreds on hundreds of tourists are expected to drive this way in the next few years. Already they are coming with their big trailers and their caravans. Ask them about the highway between here and Prince George and they all answer the same thing; the only bad spots are those around Vanderhoof and between Smithers and Terrace.

Last week the British Columbia government placed a huge development bond issue on the market for the B.C. Toll Highways and Bridges Authority. The issue, which we suspect will be oversubscribed, should provide the government with a great deal of working capital. The advertisements featured a picture of a huge road-building machine of the type we would like to see working between Terrace and Smithers and around Vanderhoof. Not just a few, a great many, as many if not more than were pushed into the Lillooet district in a bygone byelection. Surely Highways Minister Gaglardi, who is meeting with Alaskan officials on phases of the marine highway planning, can see the wisdom of having Highway 16 entirely paved by the time the ferries begin operating. We suggest that Mr. Gaglardi take the millions of dollars necessary to finance the work and provide the tools to finish the job. It will pay off, Mr. Gaglardi. It will pay off.

In the meantime, thanks for the Prince Rupert to Terrace stretch. In the words of George M. Cohan, "my father thanks you, my mother thanks you, my sister thanks you and my car thanks you."

Chivalry dead

As knight-errant of free enterprise tilting a lance against the forces of socialism, Premier W. A. C. Bennett of British Columbia has not allowed himself to be hampered by any ritual of chivalry.

So in deciding to call a special session of the B.C. legislature — which he had once said would be in the fall — he has had no compunction about a last-minute switch to opening it August 1. The opening week of the special session just happens to coincide with the week of the founding convention of the New Party in Ottawa.

Calling a special session on this unexpected date leaves the official opposition, the 16 CCF members, in a dilemma: To attend or not attend the New Party convention, on which they had already planned, and where they hoped to play a considerable role.

Premier Bennett would delight to speak for his 32 Social Credit members across the legislature to four Liberal members and empty CCF seats. He would have much to say about the opposition deserting the people's business to attend to the politicians' business.

The serried ranks o fmodern politics are seldom adorned with the nodding white plumes of chevaliers sans peur et sans reproche. But in B.C. politics more than anywhere else, if one would enter the lists, one had better realize that chivalry is dead.

A B.C. political warrior might well inscribe on his shield Quidcunque Licet. That is, "anything goes."

— The Toronto Daily Star

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Tunisian action may bring unforeseen results

By CARMAN CUMMING
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Habib Bourguiba appears to have precipitated the new North African crisis in an attempt to slice the Sahara pie before Algeria gets to the party.

The Tunisian president, a veteran at the art of living dangerously in the volatile Arab world, has moved with recklessness to oust France from its Tunisian base of Bizerte and at the same time to extend Tunisia's southern frontier.

World attention has been centred on the bloody blockage of Bizerte. But the real crisis point may be far to the south where a group of "volunteers" is moving to plant a Tunisian flag 25 miles beyond the present frontier and near France's rich Edjele oil field.

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No one doubts that Bourguiba is anxious to get the French out of Bizerte. But he is well aware of its importance to France, in terms of strategy and prestige, and can hardly expect the French to slink away quietly with their tails between their legs.

On the other hand, he may feel he has good reasons to make a move in the Sahara now.

The timing of his action, coinciding with resumption of talks near Evian, France, between France and the Algerian rebels, can hardly be accidental.

During the almost seven years of the Algerian insurrection, both France and the Algerians have built up highly skilled forces of desert fighters. When and if peace comes to an independent Algeria, Tunisia will not be able to negotiate from strength with either country over the Sahara.

In the Evian negotiations, the Algerians have claimed full sovereignty over the desert. France has insisted that it be developed jointly by all the countries bordering it.

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The border issue and the Bizerte dispute go back many years.

Tunisia claims that its southern frontier was delineated by an agreement between France and the old Ottoman Empire in 1910 when Tunisia was a French protectorate.

But when Tunisia became independent in 1956, Bourguiba says, the frontier shrank back to a "dotted line" traced arbitrarily by French officers.

Bizerte was occupied by the French navy in 1894 and has been a French naval base ever since with the exception of a period of German occupation during the Second World War.

France continued to hold the base under treaty after 1956 and has maintained that it will not evacuate it under duress, particularly while Tunisia is backing the Algerian rebels.

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But whatever the virtues of Tunisia's case against France, there can be little doubt over the responsibility for the new clashes. France simply has nothing to gain by more North African troubles now.

A tip-off to Bourguiba's thinking is his statement conceding that Tunisia cannot hope to score a full victory over the French forces.

"Everyone including French president de Gaulle knows that France will leave Bizerte sooner or later", he said. "This showdown may have results which de Gaulle has not foreseen. . . ."

It could also have results that Bourguiba has not foreseen.

A Bible Thought for Today

A false weight is an abomination unto the Lord, but a just weight is his delight. Proverbs 11:1.

We have seen buyers of vegetables in Unity watching the slightest flicker of scales with head almost touching them. God watches all transactions with microscopic sight. We can cheat ourselves by taking advantage of the simplest mortal.

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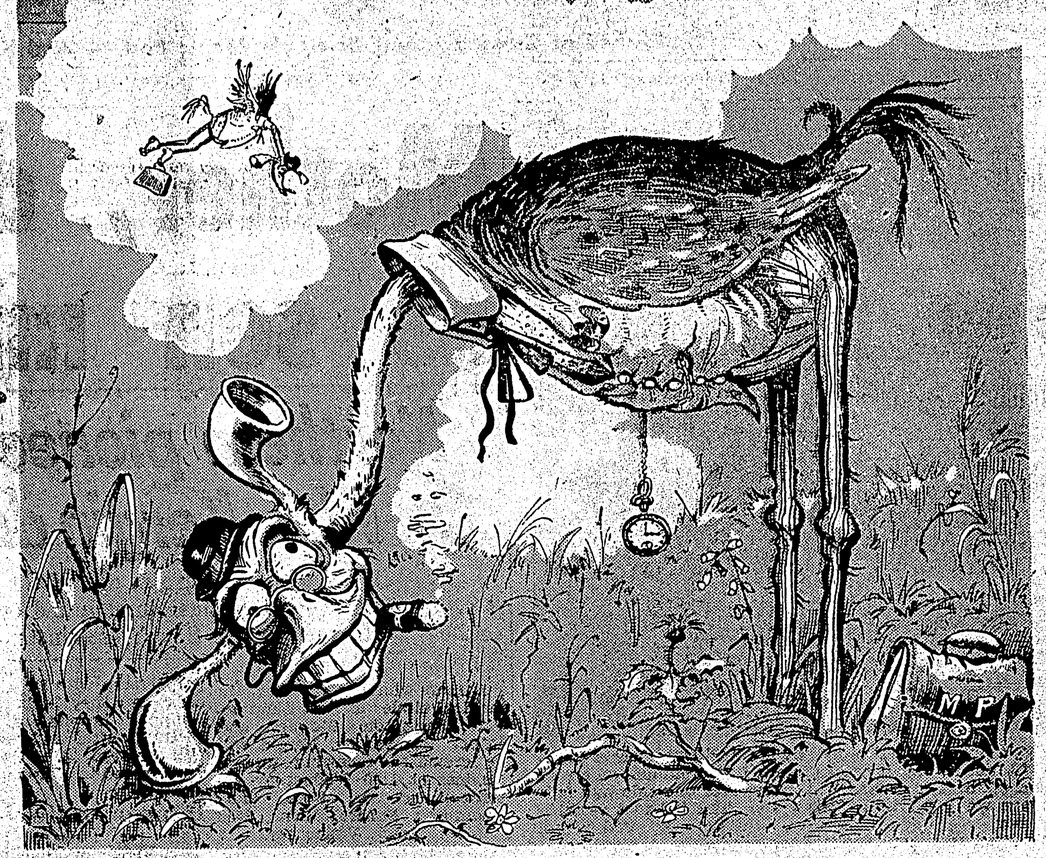

THE GOLDEN-TONGUED GRASS-ROOTER

HABITAT: DEEP IN THE HEART OF FEDERAL RIDINGS... APPEARS IN FLOCKS WHEN ELECTION BREEZES BLOW... FRIENDLY TO VOTER BIRDS... FEEDS ON SEEDS OF PLANTED RUMOR. HAS LOUD SONG - "WE CAN'T LOSE WE CAN'T LOSE..."

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

Copywright: Canada Wide

Four of us were detained overnight at a friend's summer cottage by unexpected developments in the business matter concerning which we visited him. None of the four of us had brought any overnight kit.

"That will be all right," said our host who is a notably hospitable man.

When we retired for the night, one of us found on his bed a neatly folded white cotton night-shirt.

I suppose none of us had seen a man's night-shirt for years. When we were garbed in them, we couldn't help holding a meeting to celebrate the spectacle of four mid-20th century elders cavorting in such old-fashioned garments. Our host joined us.

"I sleep in nothing else," he said. "The pyjama is a grossly over rated institution. It is perhaps a little more dignified apparel for walking around the house. But that is all that can be said for it. It certainly is the most uncomfortable and confining of bed-wear. Sleep well!"

We slept like tops.

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. I am a young woman who has been working and paying insurance contributions for a little over two years without a break. I plan to get married next month, and I do not expect to want to go back to work again! Can I draw insurance benefit, or can I get my contributions back if I do not get benefit. If I cannot get either, what happens to all that money?

A. If you no longer wish further employment, you are not entitled to unemployment insurance benefit. Benefit is paid only in cases where the claimant is capable of and available for work. You are not entitled to any refund of contributions. These have been paid by you, and your employer on your behalf, for protection against unemployment while you were a member of the labor force. This is the same as fire insurance, in which there is no refund of premium if no losses have been suffered. Your contributions become part of the unemployment insurance fund, and help to pay the claims of people who wish to continue working, but are unluckier than you and cannot find jobs.

Short sermons

Get the disagreeable task done first.

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Buying an abstract painting calls for a blend of money and raw courage.

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The man who will do anything to keep from getting into trouble already is.

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By the time it dawns on you that the last generation wasn't so dumb after all, the young folks conclude you're an Old Fogey.

Quote and unquote

Dr. Haring, professor of marriage, school of business, University of Indiana, testifying in an Edmonton trading stamp case:

"A study in the U.S. shows that over a four-year period prices in stores giving stamps increase 7/10 of 1 per cent, compared to an increase of 1/10 of 1 per cent in stores without stamps. But the redemption value of the stamps — about 2 per cent — more than makes up for the variance."

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Vancouver magistrate Oscar Orr:

"About half the people who come before me have been tight or half way to being tight when they committed the crime."

Space burial

From the Wall Street Journal:

Space "burial" problems are probed by scientists. They conclude the best solution on a multi-crewed deep space mission would be a "space version of burial at sea." A dead astronaut "should be simply pushed into space where his body would vanish into the vastness."

TRY DAILY NEWS CLASSIFIED FOR INSTANT RESULTS

All Aboard

with G. E. MORTIMORE

There are three important reasons why people make a mess of their work: The common cold, the hangover, and love.

These factors have caused the loss of millions of man-hours. What can science do about them?

Ascorbic acid, otherwise known as vitamin C, is good medicine for a cold. Buy it from any drug store, take a massive dose at the first sniffle, and you may have your cold beaten. I won't guarantee this (I'm no doctor) but some pharmacists swear by the stuff, and I think it has worked for me.

I'll admit that people should not get hangovers. But some hangovers are built at cocktail parties that a man is forced to attend for business reasons. Couldn't his throbbing head and all-over weary feeling be regarded as a wound suffered in the course of duty?

No, I suppose not. Anyway, a hangover, once acquired, is a fact that must be faced. Reliable observers tell me that the pain can be soothed by vitamin B.

Vitamin B for a hangover, vitamin C for a cold. But there is no cure for love except time (Vitamin T?) and sometimes even that reliable remedy has been known to fail.

I remember a pressman on a weekly newspaper who — wool gathering on the eve of his marriage — ruined about 2,000 copies by feeding the sheets in the wrong way around.

He wasn't fired, of course. The boss sympathized with the ailment. He had suffered from it himself, some years before.

The lighter side

"How did you lose your job at the dress shop, my dear?" asked Jane of her friend.

"I'd tried 20 dresses on a woman, and she said, 'I think I'd look nicer in something flowing,' so I asked her why she didn't jump in the river."

At a wedding reception a friend of the groom decided to find out whether anyone in the receiving line knew what the hundreds of people filing past were saying. As he moved along he purred, "My grandmother just died today."

"How nice!" "Thank you so much," "How sweet of you to say so," were the responses to his announcement. No one had the slightest idea what he said, least of all the groom, who exclaimed jovially, "It's about time you took the same step, old man!"

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