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A Chance For Our Youth

ANNOUNCEMENT that a unit of the Air Cadet League may be established in Prince Rupert is welcome news.

Since the movement was started in Canada 11 years ago it has proved of tremendous benefit to air-minded boys whether or not they have continued into the RCAF...

Its purpose is not only to kindle and promote youthful interest in aeronautics, but to give its young members a useful acquaintance with service life and to assist their physical development.

There are also the RCAF scholarships which enable promising cadets to learn flying, and the service scholarships which make it possible for those best qualified to attend R.M.C. at Kingston or Royal Roads at Victoria.

In addition, there is the one greatly cherished scholarship which gives a carefully picked graduating cadet the chance to take a four-year course in aeronautical engineering at the University of Toronto.

Besides these attractive and worthwhile opportunities there are the exchange visits between selected Canadian cadets and those of other countries which now include Britain, the U.S.A., Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland.

These advantages and many others make the Aid Cadet League an outlet of extraordinary value for the ambitions and energy of any Canadian youth who is interested in aviation.

LETTERBOX

(Alderman Harry M. Dagggett, chairman of the Utilities Committee, at a council meeting last night answered criticisms of Mr. T. Wilford concerning the proposed telephone by-law.

"(1) At the present time arrangements have been made to borrow the amount needed to renew the Telephone Utility and with present day costs of labor and materials and the payments of principal and interest on the loan, no increase in rates will be required.

"However, it must be pointed out that as the number of subscribers increase, telephone rates of necessity must increase. The possibility of changing costs over a twenty-year period makes it impossible for the present Council to undertake that there will be no change in rates during that period of time.

"(2) In respect to question No. 2. The first point to be clarified is that there has not been gross mismanagement of City utility services at any time. That in respect to reserves for maintenance, it has been the policy, since 1943, to set aside 25 percent of the profit of both water and telephone utilities for purposes of maintenance reserves.

"In addition to this, each year there has been appreciable maintenance work and capital expenditures out of revenue which have been charged to utility expense before determination of the reserve for maintenance based on profits. As an example \$53,241.92 has been paid from the telephone revenues for capital expenses during the last two years.

"The matter of provision for replacement of the telephone system at the end of its useful life has obviously been considered.

"The policy as suggested by Mr. Wilford would result in the subscribers to the utility services paying for the same system twice for the period of the bond issue.

"Firstly, there must be charged in the rates an amount sufficient to repay the original bond issue together with interest. It would then be necessary, if a replacement reserve is to be created, to charge in the rates an amount sufficient to provide for replacement.

"To charge in the rate for the original investment and also for the replacement of the investment over the same period would be most inequitable and is not done by other public utilities."

Scripture Passage for Today

"The Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save."—Isa. 59:1.

UNDER OUR ROOF

I am beyond surprise these days, so let us say that I was merely curious at the sight of two of our guests, Hamish and Little Augie, leaving the house by the kitchen door and carrying brooms on their shoulders.

I went back into the shed, where my wife was making up our beds for the day, and I said: "Would you like to see a rather strange thing?" "No," she said promptly, "I would like to see something normal for a change."

John Sturdy (I'm afraid the little woman is getting very bitter about the guests overflowing our house and forcing us to live in the shed. I'm afraid, too, that she blames me for Hamish and Little Augie and Col. S. Skeffington-Smiths (Ret.) and his wife Anastasia.)

"Well," I said, "Hamish and Little Augie are out back, and they're carrying brooms. Do you think maybe they're going to house-lean?" "She joined me then, quickly, and we both stood and looked at Hamish and Little Augie. They were leaning on their brooms now, and Little Augie, the ex-blind pig king, seemed a trifle uncomfortable.

"Are you intending to clean house?" I asked Hamish. He gave me a disgusted look. "We're beaters," he announced. "What a situation!" muttered Little Augie.

"Beaters?" I asked Hamish. "What do you beat—rugs?" "The Colonel," said Hamish. "Is going grouse-hunting."

He was interrupted by a strident bugle-call from inside the house. It sounded like a mixture of "Taps" and "Reveille," and ended in a loud, wet gurgle. This was immediately followed by the appearance of Col. S. Skeffington-Smiths and Anastasia. And when I say appearance I am making an understatement. The Colonel was wearing a pork-pie hat with a large feather in it, a scarlet hunting jacket, somewhat soiled white shorts, and cavalry boots. There was a bugle hung around his neck and he was carrying a shotgun.

Anastasia was much more conservative in tweeds, a bowler hat and hip boots. Her weapon, naturally, was her elephant gun and she had our dog on a leash. "Beaters, away!" shouted the Colonel.

Hamish immediately shouldered his broom, but Little Augie demurred. "Listen, General," he muttered, "I don't get this gimick. What am I supposed to do with the broom?" "Beat the grouse towards us, you idiot!" the Colonel shouted. "Away, now! Tally-ho and yodels!"

The two "beaters" reluctantly entered the woods which adjoin our house. Our dog, which is generally a pretty nice dog, sensed something interesting and started to follow, dragging Anastasia with him.

"Heel!" the Colonel ordered. Well, nobody calls our dog a heel, and I was not surprised when he turned and took a hunk out of one of the Colonel's cavalry boots.

"Not much of a bird-dog," commented Anastasia. The Colonel, getting his leg free, suddenly yelled: "I can hear the beaters! Away to the woods!" He gave me a triumphant look. "Grouse for dinner, my boy!"

I didn't think there was any point telling him that this was not the grouse season, so my wife and I retired to the shed to wait for the return of the safari. We heard a fusillade of shots.

The first to re-appear was our dog. He flew into the shed, panting desperately, and covered in the corner. Then, as my wife and I crept to the door, we saw an amazing sight. The Colonel and Anastasia came running wildly out of the woods, their clothes in disorder, both of them hatless and with bits of straw sticking in their hair. They made a beeline for the house and I could hear the door slam behind them.



AFTER THE WAR, Larry Henderson set out to see the world. He travelled through 30 countries to observe all aspects of life and record interviews and songs. His wife, Joan, formerly with the CBC engineering division, accompanied him. The result is a series of travel diaries called "Passport to Adventure," which Henderson broadcasts on Tuesday nights at 8:30. The Hendersons are shown with a tape recording machine used during their travels.

VICTORIA REPORT

VICTORIA.—This capital city on Aug. 2 marks its 90th birthday. That day in 1863 Governor James Douglas gave royal assent to An Act To Incorporate the City of Victoria.

Victoria is the second oldest incorporated city in British Columbia. The first is New Westminster—incorporated in 1859. Nanaimo was incorporated in 1874. These dates make Vancouver look so young; the province's chief city, Canada's third, one of the world's great ports, was not incorporated until 1886.

First mayor of Victoria was Thomas Harris, an Englishman, a butcher, who delighted calling himself "an humble tradesman."

Victoria at that time was the capital of the Crown Colony of Vancouver Island; New Westminster was the capital of the Crown Colony of British Columbia. In 1866 the colonies merged as British Columbia and the capital was New Westminster.

With a Social Credit government about to take over, everyone around here is arguing as to whether there should be a special fall session of the Legislature or not. Some constitutional authorities say there should be—that before the new government dares to pass even one order-in-council it should know that it has a majority of the Legislature behind it. Others say it's not necessary at all, that the Government will have all the money it wants until March 31 next year and that it should be allowed to feel its way, given plenty of time to prepare a legislative program.

Premier-elect Bennett seems opposed to a session before next spring—and it's this observer's opinion that he should be allowed to have his way. Without legislative approval he can't bring in any sweeping changes to existing legislation. It's this observer's opinion that those who want an autumn session hope that then Mr. Bennett's government will be swept from office before it gets a chance to do anything. Some people, it would seem, want constant political confusion. Social Credit has been elected with most legislative seats, so let's see what they'll do before throwing them out.

Talk of filling the vacant B.C. seat in the Senate cropped up again in Victoria recently. Everyone wonders who'll get that seat, with \$6000 a year, much prestige, and, joy of joys to politicians, without the necessity of running for office every four years. Once in the Senate, you're there for life.

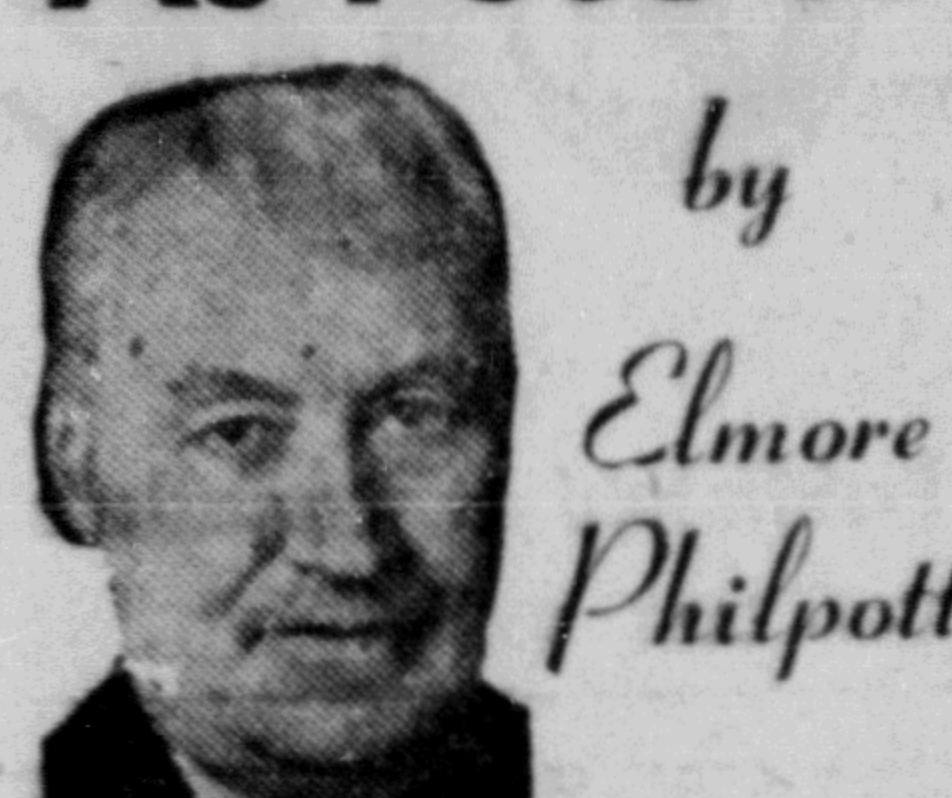
I feel almost sure, for some reason that I can't explain, because I don't know, that the new Senator from B.C. is going to be a woman. And, if so, that woman is bound to be Mrs. Nancy Hodges. She has been a loyal Liberal through storm and calm, she has been president of the Canadian National Federation of Liberal Women, she served three years as B.C. legislative speaker.

Prime Minister St. Laurent when the time comes to fill the Senate vacancies, a few months before the general election next year, is almost bound to woo the ladies of Canada by appointing several women to the Senate. Miss Charlotte Whitton, may or Ottawa, in an article in Maclean's Magazine says as much. It's obvious, too. The recent Vancouver convention of Canadian Business and Professional Women's Clubs decided to get out and fight for a woman in the Senate from every province in Canada. At present there are two—Hon. Cairine Wilson, a Liberal, and Hon. Iva Fallis, a Conservative.

So, it looks very much at this point as if Mrs. Nancy Hodges, about a year from now, will be summoned (as the saying is) to the plush Red Chamber in Ottawa and then her political worries will be over for life.

Strange Treadmill CANTERBURY, England.—Five hundred years ago Monks installed a treadmill on top of the 300-foot Dell Harry (or Angel) tower of the city's famous cathedral. It's still in use.

As I See It



Elmore Philpott

P.M.'s India Visit ON JULY 3 the following exchange took place in the Canadian House of Commons:

MR. GORDON GRAYDON (Peel): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Prime Minister. I called the Prime Minister a few minutes before the house convened to give him notice. Around the end of May Elmore Philpott of the Vancouver Sun reported an interview with the Prime Minister which indicated that he was making plans to visit India, Pakistan, Ceylon this coming fall. Would the Prime Minister care to indicate to the house whether he intends to make such a trip?

MR. ST. LAURENT (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I did see Mr. Philpott some weeks ago and I told him that if it were possible for me to accept invitations I had received to visit the capitals of commonwealth sister nations in Asia I would be very glad to do so. He had recently returned from the east and during the course of our conversation it was indicated that the autumn would be the most comfortable time to visit those capitals. That is as far as it went. I am sorry that I have no plans at the present time for accepting that invitation at an early date.

MR. GEORGE A. DREW (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I feel sure that should the possibility of such a trip present itself the members of this house and the Canadian people would be most happy that the Prime Minister was able in that way to express the goodwill of Canada to the sister nations of the commonwealth whose close association with us is so important at this time.

MR. ST. LAURENT: I can assure hon. members that such a trip would be most interesting personally and I feel it would be the kind of gesture that most Canadians would like to see made whenever the time is convenient to make it.

I GET a real thrill out of my own small job as the messenger boy who passed on to our own Prime Minister some of the things India's great Nehru told me last year. One was that India felt closer to Canada (mentally or spiritually) than she did to any other country in the west. It seemed easier, he said, for Canada and India to understand each other's approach to world problems than it was between India and others.

Incidentally, I came home from Asia chuckling to myself at one of the great ironies of history (there must be "a destiny that shapes our ends"); Nehru, the man who many of the old era "pukka sahib" imperialists consider the wrecker of the old British Empire, is turning out to be the godfather of the new, greatest Commonwealth of all time. It's coming yet, we'll see.

MY READING of the Prime Minister's statement in parliament is that he will make the trip to Asia, if he can, as soon as he can. We all know that in these troubled times it is not possible for responsible heads of governments to plan purely goodwill missions many months in advance.

But I have a hunch our own Prime Minister will go and turn out to be the greatest ambassador of goodwill that the West has ever sent to south Asia.

Like Nehru, he is a man of peace. And he is, personally, the living proof, to newly free nations like Pakistan, India and Ceylon, that in the Commonwealth people of different religions, languages and racial origins can live and now work side by side in harmony and complete freedom.

US Climbers Reach Peak

SEATTLE (AP)—Four Seattle climbers have become the second group to successfully conquer the snow and ice-covered slopes of 17,130-foot King Peak in the Yukon Territory. Until this year it was the North American continent's highest unclimbed mountain. A telegram today from Fred Melberg, pilot of the expedition's supply plane, told of the successful ascent. "Entire party climbed King Peak on July 24," a message said.

AVERAGE WAGE Average wages of male farm help in Canada at May 15 was \$4.90 a day with board.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCE

A vote of 2,500 barbers in Chicago to fix haircuts at \$1.50 and \$1 for shaves. And how much do they "fix" for the pink hue? Police Gazette?

MOVING TIME Some folks are charging that just about the time they feel able to make ends meet, the Minister of Finance, Mr. Abbott, moves the ends.

The father of quadruplets in Portland (Maine) is reported to be in hospital, suffering from nervous exhaustion. He must be thinking of four more mouths to feed. And that's enough to ruin anything in the shape of slumber.

FALLING OUT It does not follow that the issuing of a license means a marriage. It is declared that in Canada hundreds who fell in love at first sight have yet to wed. This must surely mean the taking of a second, and far more careful look.

A bachelor never quite gets over the idea that he is a thing of beauty and a boy for ever.—Indiana News.

THAT EMPTY FEELING Writes H. J. Letts in the President: "The real prison is loneliness that sinks its teeth in the soul of men, and an emptiness that leaves a sick feeling inside. It is crowded with men who have seen too many third rate hotel rooms in too many cities; too many cheap, smoke filled

PERMANENT HOLDING The former King of Egypt is cruising in his yacht. He owns a yacht, has had his yacht, has had his yacht in banks, and still in Farouk's case, what would appear to be agreeable change.

Advertisement for RUPERT RADIO & ELECTRIC. Features a Marine Band Battery Radio designed especially for fishermen. Includes contact information: Phone 644.

Advertisement for GEORGE HILL & SONS. Features a fine quality shoe with lasting comfort and durability. Includes contact information: P.O. Box 737, Phone 644.

Advertisement for Gordon & Anderson. Features a variety of modern floor lamps and table lamps. Includes contact information: Phone 46.

Advertisement for Firestone tires. Features a Firestone tire and text: "THE ONLY TIRE PROVEN ON THE INDIANAPOLIS SPEEDWAY FOR YEARS ON THE HIGHWAY".