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Fun Instead of Mischief

WHEN the witches, goblins, ghosts and other assorted creatures emerge from their hiding places tomorrow night, it is reassuring to know they come with peaceful intent.

In some communities these strange individuals that appear on Hallowe'en have a way of identifying themselves, regardless of their disguise, with a character which is better recognized wearing horns and a tail.

Thanks, however, to those in Prince Rupert who have realized that fun, more than malice, is what most pleases the actors of the evening, the celebration has acquired a harmless gaiety which makes it equally attractive to all ages.

Notable among promoters of this has been the Kinsmen Club which tomorrow night plans three big bonfires and a fireworks display. For the past seven years the Kinsmen have conducted a "safe and sane" Hallowe'en campaign with the result that all have a good time, and there is cheerfulness in the city the next day in place of recrimination and despair.

That is the kind of Hallowe'en everyone enjoys. Last year's was said to be the best on record. We look forward to this one being even better.

It's Up to You

"TUUM EST" is the motto of the University of British Columbia, and on Nov. 1 this institution will be able to look back proudly on thirty years of spirited adherence to the words.

"It's up to you" is the free translation, and UBC students have taken it literally. It was just thirty years ago when, tired of living in huts, tents, church basements and attics, they staged a demonstration which culminated in a grant by the provincial government to the university of \$1,500,000.

UBC was reborn, but not yet rebuilt. This the student body accomplished almost by hand, starting on the West Point Grey site in Vancouver that was then more forest than campus. In the next twenty years the determined scholars constructed four of the main buildings as well as the athletic playing fields.

When the war ended they decided to build a provincial memorial to the men and women of B.C. who served in the armed forces. The result was the most modern gymnasium in Canada, valued at more than \$1,000,000.

The whole province is proud of the university and the spirit that produced it. May the inspiration of "Tuum Est" long continue.

Paying Medical Bills

THERE are few of us so well or so immune from the physical hazards of life that we can survive our span without at one time or another requiring the attention of a doctor.

When this time does arrive the first concern of the patient is often not so much what is wrong as how it is going to be paid for. Elimination of this worry is the purpose of the Medical Services Association, an independent non-profit organization which carries out the administrative functions of a prepaid medical service plan.

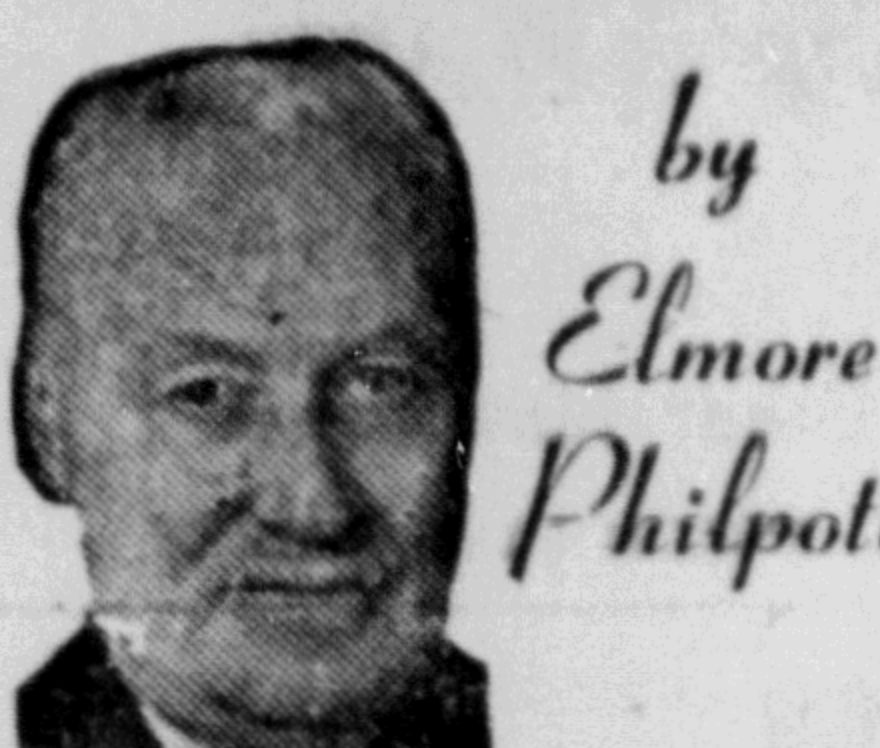
As extensive use is made of M-S-A throughout the province, a joint announcement just released by this organization and the B.C. division of the Canadian Medical Association is of considerable interest to a large section of the public. The announcement is made as the result of a general misunderstanding about the relationship between M-S-A and doctors of the province.

Observing that the two groups are independent of each other but that the success of the prepaid medical care plan depends upon their absolute cooperation, it clarifies the services to which M-S-A members are entitled and the position of the doctor in general practice who provides such services.

The announcement is well-advised as it contains reassurance for the doubtful that doctors are in no way endeavoring to skirt around M-S-A with extra charges, and at the same time it cautions members on the procedure that must be followed when extra attention is required, such as that involved by calling in a specialist.

In explaining their respective positions and emphasizing their mutual good faith in these positions, the M-S-A and the B.C. division, CMA, have taken a step which is certain to be appreciated by the many in the province who are concerned.

As I See It



Trip To Fernie

FERNIE, B.C.: If you come to this Rocky Mountain city via the Kettle Valley, route of the CPR you get an eyeful of grand Canadian scenery and a thousand earfuls of hot news.

At Penticton George Murray climbs aboard, limping. When I ask the veteran Liberal, now MP for Cariboo, how come the limp he tells me, half-literally, that he hurt his feet walking from store to store in Penticton vainly trying to buy apples. But according to George the stores do not carry apples for sale in this city, which is probably the apple capital of Canada.

Mr. Murray finally did manage to buy a paper bag full of rather scrubby looking apples from a man at the station. Seems Penticton is so busy selling apples by the car load, train load or ship load they can't be bothered with the passer-by who wants only a few to eat on the train.

WHEN I arrived at the East Kootenay Teachers' Convention hall boy scouts were selling Creston apples at a nickel apiece, to aid some good cause. They gave me one free, maybe because I was with the perennial mayor, Tom Uphill, M.L.A.

Tom tells me the secret of his long life and marvellous health is that he drinks so much pure Rocky Mountain water, occasionally flavored a wee bit. Tom landed in Fernie right after his service in the South African war, arriving on a Sunday morning and buying his hillside home that same Sunday afternoon. Some of the more Sabatarians-minded residents are still not sure the transaction was legal—but maybe because Tom was so quick to fall in love with Fernie, the miners and their families have been loyal to Tom all these years.

AFTER my talk on "The Great Divide in History" and how we must move across the mountains of international lawlessness to the age of world law, made by a world parliament—my hosts took me for a glorious drive across the real Continental Divide. The roads on both the B.C. and Alberta sides are now superb—as fine as any in the world, for their width.

The coal mining towns on the B.C. side are however much more prosperous at this moment. The mines on the Alberta side are working short time. Those on our side are doing fine. Fernie is now all agog over a pending enormous long time order of coal from Japan. Some cynics say "I won't believe it till I see it." They say it is just a rumor to see the blow of the CPR's impending change from coal to diesel locomotives. But others say, no this really is true. The Japanese mills used to get their coal in close-to-home Manchuria.

One educationist asks me this keen question: "How come we can sell coal the other side of the world to Japan if it is uneconomic to sell it in our own eastern Canada?"

THE MOST thrilling sight in this Rocky Mountain pass is a coal town, beyond Fernie, where two centres stand side by side. Beside the gloomy mines are rows of coal dust stained homes, all in a row like prisoners. But a few miles away in a lovely clear green forest grove is the new model settlement. The company is breaking its neck, almost, to get the miners to move out into the new village.

That seems to me a happy omen for the Rocky Mountain coal towns and the whole world.

Atomic Device Restores Wallet

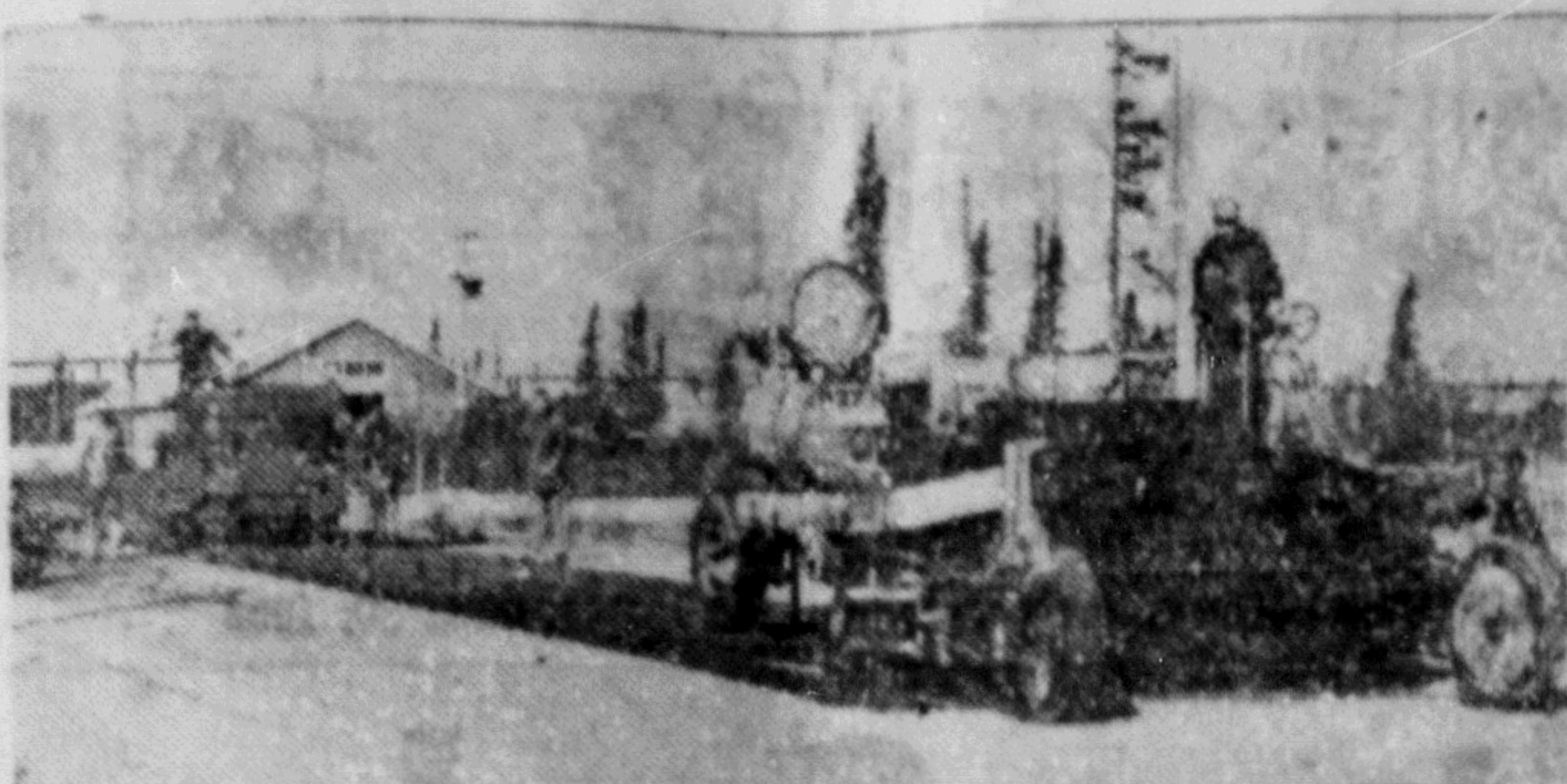
AURORA, Ill. (AP)—The atomic age, says Richard Francis Fitzsimmons Jr., is a wonderful thing.

Fitzsimmons, a Navy chief petty officer, poured the concrete for his sidewalk earlier this week. When the concrete dried, he discovered his wallet with \$5 was missing.

In the pre-atomic age his choice would have been: chop up the new sidewalk or forget about the wallet.

But Fitzsimmons remembered that a small radioactive disc, given him while he was attending a radiological defence school, was in his wallet.

Yesterday, the young man bor-



LABRADOR ROADS—Workmen are completing Labrador's first paved roads. These are on the RCAF station at Goose Bay. Work began last month and it is hoped to have the job finished before the heavy snow falls. (CP from National Defence)

Modern Bathing Dates Back To Early Greek Bathtubs

The history of bathtubs dates back much farther than the days of the Saturday night wash tub in the kitchen. Today's housewives may point with pride to their modern tiled bathrooms, but at least three thousand years ago the Greeks and the Romans had tiled bathrooms with water piped into their houses.

IN U.S. ELECTION

The Man, Not The Party To Draw Votes

By R. J. ANDERSON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

NEW YORK (C)—It's hard to be against the General. He seems like such a nice man.

Many an American, with polling day only five days away, appears to be torn between a personal liking for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and the hard facts of the United States presidential election: whether to vote Democrat or Republican next Tuesday.

The voter's choice is difficult. Undoubtedly the personal preference of many of the 50,000,000 odd Americans registered to vote would be the personable administrator who led the Allied armies to victory in Europe in the Second World War, the man who so skillfully welded a multitude of conflicting interests into a cohesive whole.

Against him is Adlai Stevenson who six months ago was scarcely known outside of Illinois, of which he is governor. He offers on behalf of the Democrats a program that all but the well-to-do, the privileged and hereditary Republicans have shown they want: continuation of the "New Deal" started by the late Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933.

Put simply, campaign invective and election issues aside, the clear-cut issue seems to be: will the United States vote Tuesday for Eisenhower the man, apart from his policies, or continued Democrat policies, apart from the Democrat candidate?

Public-opinion polls, which in recent weeks claim to show that the public preference is for the Republicans, now indicate an even split between the parties. Eisenhower personally runs three points ahead of his party but, the polls profess to show, the trend is in favor of Stevenson.

Perhaps unwittingly, Eisenhower, a political neophyte, has become linked in the public mind as the titular head of the party of reaction. He is viewed as irrevocably tied up with Herbert Hoover—"A Chicken in Every Pot" in the great depression—with Ohio's Senator Taft—who personifies isolation—and "McCarthyism," the symbol to indicate Wisconsin's Senator Joseph McCarthy who sees a Communist behind every cherry tree in Washington.

On the other hand Stevenson has leaped from comparative obscurity to become, in the minds of many, the bastion against reaction, the only hope of labor's millions. He will lead the country forward while cleaning up the rot in Washington which Republicans claim has set in because the administration has been too long in power.

The old political cliché, "It's Time for a Change," is the slogan of the Republican party in this election. The polls indicate that it may be effective this time. If it is, it will be because of a man, not a party.

He ripped up a small section of walk giving off the loudest radioactive clatter and there was his wallet.

rowed a geiger counter, passed it over his sidewalk and got some rewarding ticks on the instrument.

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Credit Buying Reaches Highest Peak in Canadian Retail History

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Growth of the "on-the-cuff" buying has sparked the biggest consumer debt in history. But it also has helped retail stores keep goods moving, increased automobile sales through financing and generally pepped up industry to keep the economy humming.

Total consumer credit debt was estimated at a peak \$1,226,000,000 on June 30 by the Bank of Canada in its September summary of current financial trends.

This was an increase of \$119,000,000 from \$1,107,000,000 a year ago and almost a doubling of outstanding debt in the last four years from \$748,000,000 in 1948.

In bad times a big outstanding debt, such as the June peak, would pose a threat to the economy. Without jobs, debtors would find it tough to meet periodic instalments, choking off the flow of cash into tills and making it tough for the storekeeper to pay his bills and buy new goods.

But in current, relatively buoyant times, the experts see little threat from the June peak. For one thing savings were high, and for another jobs were plentiful. These were two safeguards against the consumer over-extending his credit.

Probably one of the main reasons for the peak, the experts believe, was the government's move to eliminate credit controls last May. Many Canadians with dollars to spend had been holding off, waiting for such a move and when it came many of them made a beeline for the nearest store.

In any case charge accounts in retail stores climbed to \$397,000,000 on June 30, up \$40,000,000 from \$357,000,000 a year ago. Instalment credit jumped to \$409,000,000 from \$350,000,000.

Of the instalment credit, the biggest portion was in loans by finance companies, dealing mostly in auto financing. Their credit climbed to \$271,000,000 from \$228,000,000.

Personal cash loans which the consumer obtained either from banks, credit unions or loan companies increased to \$420,000,000 from \$400,000,000.

These transactions were made at a time when retail sales were climbing. For example in the first eight months of 1952 they jumped to \$7,190,500,000 from

ray... Reflects and Reminisces

No matter how bad prose is, it might be verse.

ANOTHER GENERATION

Some of British Columbia's ghost towns are thought to be coming back, Roseland for example. It ought to be some resurrection. Once there were 26 hotels and two railway stations there. That may be a shade tall, yet it's what one hears.

Credit is what you get for being good—cash comes when you're good at what you do.

STILL STEAMING

Clouds hung low and Digby Islands shores looked dim and distant in the fine-spun rain as the Prince Rupert, a small bone in her teeth, coursed her way wharward yesterday.

A score of seagulls followed her wake. Passing skiffs rocked in the swell of the veteran coastal liner. For more than forty years a familiar whistle has been sounding in local waters. In that time, ships have sunk and ships have burned but an old friend remains.

SAIL HO!

The 72-foot ketch Memory, carrying seven young Canadians, one a sailor with deep sea experience, and a couple of brides, has sailed for the Mediterranean, on a two-year cruise around the world. One foresees a great story within the next few years. For anything can happen on this sort of cruise.

First snow flurry usually in November! And a few days later—let us piously hope—enough sun to call it Indian summer.

HARD TIME DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT

AT LEGION AUDITORIUM
MUSIC BY THE WESTERNAIRES

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Dancing 10-2:00

EVERYBODY WELCOME

Briton to Urge Share A-Secrets

LONDON (Reuters)—Arthur Henderson, former Labor minister, will urge a scheme for the House of Commons for Britain and the United States to pool atomic knowledge and sources.

Henderson, giving notice of a question he will ask in the House, said the pooling should be done in the interests of common defence and economic security.

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NOTICE RE VOTERS' LIST

Registration of Householders and Licenseholders for the Municipal Voters' List closes at 5 P.M. OCTOBER 31st, 1952.

Voters who have previously registered in either of the capacities and who have paid Poll Tax or Trades License fees for the current year do not need to re-register.

New licenseholders or payers of Poll Tax should register at the City Hall between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

All registrants must be British Subjects of the full age of 21 years, and in the case of Poll Tax payers must be residing in Prince Rupert continuously since January 1st, 1952.

For the added convenience of new Registrants, the office of the City Clerk will be kept open between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28th, Wednesday October 29th, and Thursday October 30th.

R. W. Long
CITY CLERK.

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