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Musical Bug

NEXT Wednesday the Alaska Music Trail goes into the second act of its current series with the appearance of Greta Menzel, a glamorous lyric soprano of international renown.

Although the concerts have been popular since their inception, there is an upsurge of enthusiasm taking place which gives the impression that some kind of musical bug is darting among the populace.

The bug, which in more polished language should be called appreciation, has doubtlessly been there all the time. From the beginning it was evident that there was a more or less unexpressed wish for the type of music and entertainment which the concerts offer.

But the wish by itself was not enough. The concerts needed careful organization, they needed time, and they needed a high standard of performance that would never be broken.

They did receive these, and that time has come. The first concert this season proved it, and the coming one will underline it.

Perfect Business Partnership

ALTHOUGH the CNR announcement concerning the construction here of a railway car ferry slip was briefly worded, its importance to the city should not be measured accordingly.

In handling freight to and from the Ketchikan Pulp Company at Ward Cove, the CNR will be serving an industry which is regarded in Alaska as the imposing forerunner of great new development.

"Alaska, in truth, rounded a corner into a new era when ground was broken for this plant," George Sundborg, general manager of the Alaskan Development Board, said of it recently.

"A very conservative estimate is that it will, when families and service facilities are considered, support an overall population of 3,300 in that area.

The plant will have an initial capacity of 325 tons of pulp daily which, in a few years, will be increased to 550 tons.

With the construction of the CNR railway ferry slip, Prince Rupert will take its place on the main trade route of this industry which, as Mr. Sundborg remarks, is only a beginning.

Progress of this sort welds still closer the destinies of the CNR in this province and Prince Rupert. To the east the same bright prospects may be seen. There our next-door neighbor, Terrace, is the location right now of 200 CNR employees who are assisting in construction of the railway line to Kitimat.

The promising outlook illustrates the fact that, between them, a transportation company and the community it serves have the power to create what is the closest thing to a perfect business partnership.

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

The Nice Lady Said SHE was a nice lady, a typical, friendly, trim, brown-eyed, middle-aged American, who waited outside the Bellingham polling station with my aunt and me till my wife came back with the car.

She showed us a little paper on which she had prepared her answers on the questions on which they had to vote. By that forethought she had saved a lot of time at the voting machine, she explained.

I never cease to marvel at the strength and collective, democratic common-sense of the people. In a great landslide vote, such as swept in General Eisenhower, you see proof that there is such a thing as a national mind—and it is a greater thing than the mere sum total of all the individual decisions that go into it.

To me it is always a thrilling thing to see how a national impulse will sweep right across a nation, and confound all the predictors and pollsters. It may be right or wrong, good or bad—but it is a fact—decisive.

As a 15-year-old boy I saw that happen in the famous Reciprocity election of 1911 when the Conservatives ended the long period of Laurier's Liberal power in Canada. I saw it even more amazingly when the Western discredited Liberal party of 1925 became the victorious party of 1936—sweeping back in on a flood of votes all gained on this simple but powerful proposition: That Canada was no longer a colony, and the Crown should bear exactly the same relationship to the cabinet of Canada as the Crown bore to the cabinet of Britain.

We saw the same, overwhelming crystallizations of the national will in U.S.A. all through the Roosevelt era. We saw it in Britain when Mr. Churchill was swept into office, because the people, even without an election, demanded he be made wartime Prime Minister. We saw him turned out again, in 1945, when the same people voted that the same qualities which made him a great wartime leader were not what they needed for the peacetime job.

I THINK Eisenhower will turn out to be a good president. I think we shall soon see, however that the expedients which he foolishly felt compelled to adopt to solidify the Republican party and win the election, will be his main embarrassments—chickens coming home to roost.

I always felt Ike was the right man in the wrong party—because he is by nature and experience an internationalist. Yet the senior Republican Senators, who will head all committees if the Republicans finally control the Senate, are almost all isolationist-minded men poles apart from the new President, Taft, McCarthy and even the vile slanderer of General Marshall, Senator Jenner, are all key half-backs or quarterback on Ike's new team. Which way will they run with the ball?

But the President of the United States holds the most powerful office in the world today and I don't think they ever sent anybody into that office with more promising personal qualities.

Pro-Cons to Choose Leader In November VANCOUVER (CP)—A meeting of the British Columbia Progressive Conservative party to choose a new leader will be held here Nov. 29.

Originally, it was planned to hold the meeting in Kamloops. Secretary Tom McDonald said here it had been impossible to arrange accommodations in the interior city.

Close to 600 delegates are entitled to attend the day-long session to be held in Hotel Vancouver. Registration will take place Nov. 28.

The meeting will choose a successor to Herbert Anscorb who has announced his intention to retire as party leader.



LESTER B. PEARSON of Canada, president of the seventh UN General Assembly, presides over the first session held in its new home at UN headquarters in New York. Mr. Pearson (centre) is shown at the podium in the plenary hall with United Nations secretary-general, Trygve Lie (left) and Mr. Lie's executive assistant, Andrew W. Cordier.

UNDER OUR ROOF

By JOHN STURDY

Now that my family and I are back in the shed, and our guests are back in the house, things are more normal around the old homestead. My wife remarked on this yesterday, as she slaved over a washboard in the corner of the shed.

"At least," she observed, "nothing else can happen to us. We have Hamish and Little Augie and Col. S. Skeffington-Smuts (Ret.) and Anastasia, his wife, living with us. We have scraped the bottom of the barrel."

"I had a letter today," I remarked casually. "From P. Potts."

"And who is P. Potts?" "P. Potts," I said, "is the janitor of the apartment-house where I used to live Back East. Hamish was the assistant janitor, if you remember."

My wife shoeed Little Augie's goat out the door. "I did not know you in those days," she said, mumbling something about "small mercies" which I chose to ignore. My wife is never at her best when Little Augie's goat is around.

"I would like to read you this letter from P. Potts," I said, and proceeded to do so.

"Dear Sir (the letter began), I am writing you to enquire if you know the whereabouts of a scoundrel named Hamish who was employed as assistant janitor in this apartment house when you were a tenant here. I have been attempting to trace him since the day he left here in company with a Col. S. Skeffington-Smuts (Ret.), another of our tenants, to go to the corner store and have a double chocolate milk shake.

Neither of these men have been seen since. We applied to the Missing Persons Bureau, and they advised us to let it lay. "You don't know when you're well off," the man said, and I quite agree with him that he would be well rid of Hamish and Col. S. Skeffington-Smuts (Ret.) except for one thing. It will soon be winter.

ONLY HE KNOWS Mr. Roscoe Ritz, the owner of the apartment house, has asked me to write you because he heard from a friend in Toronto who knows a man in Regina who knows a man in Edmonton who had just returned from an expedition to some place called Prince Rupert, that this man had read in a newspaper that Hamish and the Colonel were last reported living with you.

Mr. Roscoe Ritz says that you can keep the Colonel (although he owes 12 months back rent) but please return Hamish. You see, the tenants have begun to complain about the cold. In other words, we cannot light the furnace.

This is a very embarrassing situation, especially for Mr. Roscoe Ritz, who just last month raised everybody's rent, and having lived here yourself, you will appreciate the fact that if he loses his present tenants he will never get any others, because no man in his right mind would live in a place like this, unless he had been numbed into submission through the years. The reason Mr. Roscoe Ritz would like to get Hamish back is because before Hamish left here he changed the heating system. You will recall that Hamish was always changing something. Well, the inspectors say that the heating system is changed so much that if we light the furnace, without Hamish being here to show us how, we will blow the apartment house and all the tenants into the next world. The only alternative is to put in an entirely new system, which would cost money, and you know how Mr. Roscoe Ritz feels about that. He would rather die.

MORE GUESTS Of course, Mr. Roscoe Ritz only owns the apartment house. He doesn't live in it. And in the meantime we are all freezing to death, so please put a tag on Hamish and send him Back East.

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Who was it gave the modern definition of a white-collar worker in a brief case instead of a lunch box? LOOKS SUSPICIOUS

It was announced in Ottawa and just a few days ago that the name of the new president of the National Liberal Federation is Duncan McTavish. While we may be greatly mistaken, there is something about all this that has a distinctly Scottish sound.

A local old timer says he showed snow last October. And then, there are certain things one wishes to forget if possible.

Eels Provide Growing Industry But Canadians Don't Like Them

Eels are providing Nova Scotia with a small but rapidly-growing industry. Some 106,000 pounds—valued at \$18,000—were exported to the New England states last year, and indications point to a record catch this season.

They don't sell too well in Canada, where housewives apparently will not cook a fish that resembles a snake and has a reputation for terrifying gymnastics in the frying pan. It's different in Boston, New York and other large American cities, where they sell like hotcakes.

Most Nova Scotia eels come from the Mersey and LaHave Rivers on the province's south shore. The best season is just before Christmas.

"Our rivers, lakes and shores are actually crawling with eels," says one Fisheries Department official. "We could supply a far greater market."

Inshore fishermen, with the herring, mackerel, cod and lobster seasons behind them, now are preparing their spears and traps for eels.

The fish usually swim up the rivers to settle in the muddy river-beds for the winter. The spear resembles a long-handled pitchfork with barbs, and is probed into the muddy depths through the ice.

A dozen eels often are taken from one hole in the ice. The eel traps—called pots—look like slender willow baskets. They have a small entrance at one end and are filled with fish waste as bait.

When chef Edward Giberstorf placed eel matelote on the menu at a large hotel here during the summer, only six servings were sold—all to tourists.

Giberstorf was a bit discouraged. He knew 17 other ways to prepare them. From roast stuffed conger eel to stewed eels, and from braised and broiled eels to orly of eels and eel salad.

Although the level of production in the basic industries, is lower, consumer spending is remaining at high levels. Retail sales for the first eight months of the year are 8.2 per cent above the same period last year.

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Speaking personally it was good as ever to the rest of the province. In October, payments of 129,365 in family allowances, old age security was an all-time high. A total of 733,000 moved to this province.

AND IT COSTS 4 BITS For the first time in 23 years Canada today is selling more than it is buying. It covers the trade deficit on the North Pacific shows new islands and inlets and bays. Behind the production lies years of aerology.

CANADA'S CENTURY? Canada will have a total population of between 33 and 40 million by the end of the century. Premier St. Laurent has a Quebec Chamber of Commerce. However we feel it is something too, yet it is discouraging. Immigration into Canada this June 18 per cent less than in 1951.

FIRST BALLOTS The ballot paper was introduced into British North America in New Brunswick in 1856.

Q How Can I Start An Investment Programme

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THE LETTERBOX

A COUPLE OF HANDS FOR ROUGH WORK

Editor, Daily News: A friend and myself, wishing to go to Canada, found that to save the money would take us longer than we care to wait. So we have hit on the following idea and we hope we may test it through the columns of your newspaper.

In return for a third class, one-way ticket to any port of Canada but preferably in B.C., we are prepared to undertake absolutely any type of work for an agreed period of time (e.g. a season in a logging camp), our fare money to be repaid in weekly instalments out of our pay.

We are 21 and 23 years respectively. In the best of health, and we bar only one type of job—office work. Anything else, no matter how hard or rough will be considered and much appreciated.

If any of your readers have any propositions to put to us, please send them to the address below. If education matters, we are both fairly well schooled, but it is stressed that commercial work is barred.

KEVIN G. MORRIS, 9, Eastbury Road, Romford, Essex, England.

MERCARA, India (Reuters)—A 17-year-old Indian girl whose parents say she has lived without food or drink for the last five months, underwent a physical examination at a state hospital here.

Later, physicians said they were baffled by the case. They surmised the girl, Dhanalakshmi, may be drawing some energy from gland secretions.

T. B. Madappa, chief medical officer of Coorg State in southwest India, said after the examination: "The girl is quite normal for her age and very cheerful and sociable."

Her father, 51-year-old K. P. Ayyanna, said her appetite began falling off in 1949 after she developed a general distaste for food.

Ayyanna said she has not touched food for five months and vomits up any water she takes when thirsty.

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