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Good Housing News

THE MANNER in which the agreement for Prince Rupert's rental house project has been expedited is a matter of satisfaction. Yesterday's dispatches announced that the deal had been consummated at Ottawa. At the City Hall the agreement is now in process of being finally approved.

We have had many disappointments in getting going with negotiations for a housing project such as this. We hope no complications will arise from now on in. The houses are badly needed to meet the critical accommodation situation which has for some time been making it difficult to have people move in to fill jobs not only in essential industries but in ordinary business.

Half a million dollars should build us 50 very satisfactory homes, particularly on a mass production basis. There should not be any further difficulties which could not be easily ironed out.

Those who have been able at long last to bring the project to a satisfactory head are to be congratulated.

At the rate the city is expanding industrially and commercially in keeping with the progress of the whole country round about, it may not be long before another similar project will be required here.

The Paper Boy

CIRCULATION managers of newspapers say it is getting harder and harder to find carrier boys and keep them on the job.

This is a most disturbing bit of news. What will the banks and the big corporations do for presidents and board chairmen in the year 2000 if the crop of newspaper carrier boys withers away now? Where will the country turn for elder statesmen? How can there be big shots if they cannot refer to the time when they ran a paper route?

The answer could be that if young people and older people in Canada refuse to do the common tasks on their climb to greater things, there won't be so many greater things, for them or the country.

Mealtime Glory

A SERVICE that one still sometimes gets is the parade to the restaurant dining table, with the head waiter grandly leading the way and grandly drawing out a chair. This continues to be one of life's more heady moments. It is what one has always secretly felt was fitting to one's real importance.

Other services have become inferior, along with many goods; plumbers sneer or don't even turn up to sneer; sales clerks chew gum at you, indifferent to your problems; gas attendants wipe off your windshield when you ask to borrow a rag so you may do it yourself—but now and then in restaurants you still get the grand parade and the grandly out-drawn chair.

The irony of it is that the chair that is out-drawn is inevitably the one farthest around the table from your point of entry to the dining room. It is the chair from behind which the waiter may face you as you approach the table. This makes a pleasing scene but there is little useful service to it.

Ah! 'tis a fine old-world attitude that the waiter strikes, but it will be plain luck if the chair he selects gives you a good view out a window or of the more interesting fellow diners. Chances are you will be seated facing the kitchen or a sideboard covered with dirty dishes. However, the thing was done with a fine flourish and you do not feel too badly about the draft on your neck. Besides, when the waiter isn't looking you can sneak into the next chair.

Scripture Passage for Today

"When thy word goeth forth: it giveth light and understanding."—Ps. 119:130.

FAME IS FLEETING

LONDON (AP)—Even for polar bears, fame is a fleeting thing. Two years ago a polar cub named Brumas, looking exactly like a nursery teddy bear, was the top attraction at London zoo. Now she is just another bad-tempered adult, and only a few visitors pause at her cage.

RESTRICTED MEMBERSHIP

NEW PLYMOUTH, N.Z. (AP)—New Zealand's youngest lawn bowling club has just opened its own green. To join it it is necessary to be committed to the New Plymouth prison. The green has been laid in the exercise yard and is tended by a prisoner who was a professional greenkeeper.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

SAVOY HOTEL

Prince Rupert's only modern rooms with bath Fraser Street Phone 37



THIS HILL WAS WON—By Charlie Knight in Windsor Star.

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Uncle Sam Sick?

IS IT TRUE or false that at any period in history the arts reflect the true nature of the culture or civilization from which they spring?

If so, the American civilization of 1951 is a very sick civilization indeed. For if the books written by and for Americans in the last ten years are true-to-life then Uncle Sam is a very sick man indeed, for he is sick where it counts most, in his heart and soul.

MR. SMITH, by Louis Bromfield, sells for \$3. It is about a well-to-do U.S. business man who had just about everything that most people consider "success" yet who loathed his whole way of life with an almost psychopathic hatred. The fiercest target for his hate is his own wife, from whom he finally escapes only by joining the army.

Yet his army experience is even more worthless than his peacetime existence. No wonder the book leaves you with the impression that the "hero" of the book gets himself bumped off deliberately.

THE MYSTERY to me is how a master-writer like Bromfield could create such a monstrosity. This is the author who gave us fine novels about India, but then came home to the U.S.A. to lead a benevolent revolution against bad methods of farming. If you think of "contour plowing" or soil conservation you are likely to think of Bromfield. For he not only did it with marked success but he publicized it in such a way that millions began to follow his good example.

MAYBE Bromfield is trying to give the American middleclass business man the same sort of shock treatment that they use in the mental hospitals. Maybe he thinks that he might start something for the Mr. Smiths of the U.S.A. as big and helpful as he did when he created his famous Malabar Farm out of soil-eroded holdings in Ohio.

But my objection to Bromfield's MR. SMITH is the same as it is to 95 per cent of all the books written today, especially about U.S.A.

They are obsessed with sex, not as a natural, normal part of life, but as something which out-

Report from Parliament

By E. T. APPLEWHITE, M.P.

My correspondents, in Prince Rupert and throughout the district, will doubtless be getting impatient at the lack of attention to their letters during the past month. Perhaps I may take this opportunity of telling them that I got back yesterday (December 5) from Japan and that as fast as I can get around to them, their business will be attended to.

As the Prime Minister expressed the opinion that I could be of greater service to my district and to Canada, by going to Japan. I have no apologies to make for my absence, for a sure you that all our fighting men are in the very best of spirits, in good health, with untirable morale—and able to lick their weight in wildcats. The privilege of visiting the services was accorded to me, not as an individual, but as an M.P., so I felt that my impressions should, as far as possible, be given to the country. Naturally, I do not feel competent to discuss military strategy—but I can discuss our men as I saw them, and talked with them, under battle conditions. My first contact was with the Air Force, as they flew us from point to point during our four days. Our trip had a practical value there as it enabled the crew of our plane to make intimate contact with the Navy and Army under battle conditions. As our Air Force activities in the East are pretty well restricted to transport command, this was useful—it gave the airmen a real appreciation of what the surface fighters are doing, and undergoing. As always, my impression of the air force was dual—efficiency of operation and unflinching courtesy to civilians. Mr. Mayhew and I visited two of our Navy's destroyers which happened to be in a harbor on the east coast of Japan. The two ships were moored alongside each other and we were able to talk to both ships companies at once over the PA system. Afterwards, when visiting among the sailors I met Chief Petty Officer Mills—son of C. C. Mills of Prince Rupert—and we had a few minutes "old home town" chat.

I spent two days with the army at the front and half a day in the Commonwealth hospital at Kure. All I can say in this space about our army is that the best morale in Canada is in Korea, that the men's cheerfulness is as great as their fighting ability, and that if you want to help them send them letters and the hometown papers—and remember the best way to weaken an army's morale is to attack it. Our men are well fed—the best fed army in the world's history, and their medical attention is of a very high order.

In parliament the Senate has just passed the Old Age Security Act, commonly known as the universal old age pensions bill—

WHAT gets me about all such books is—where do they find their characters?

The vast majority of people I meet, in the U.S.A. as well as Canada and other countries, are not at all like most I read about in the new books. In real life most are pretty decent folks. They have more kindness than meanness in them. They are not saints, but neither are they the human 100 per cent skunks that seem to monopolize the recent books.

Most of them pick their partners in marriage with a fair amount of commonsense; and the vast majority "make a go" of those marriages. The wives are not the mean, stupid creatures like Mrs. Smith and her set. Nor are the husbands quite so without hope, or faith, or charity as was the face that Mr. Smith suddenly saw when he stopped shaving and really looked at himself in the mirror.

Maybe some novelist will write about just one decent guy for once—or one real human woman—good in spots and not all bad.

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Reflects and Reminisces

Despite the census, Prince Rupert is growing. Population in any town is on the up and up when more cars collide and minor mishaps show an increase.

PUBLICITY FOR PRISONER

Kurt Meyer, who revisited wife and children in a German town, is now revisiting a British penitentiary. Kurt continues to be a Canadian prisoner and will be exactly that as long as he lives. It is worth noting however, that his case is taking up a lot of newspaper space. Why? Perhaps it's worth asking "why?"

Thousands of the present population were not in Prince Rupert in 1928. In fact, a good many were unborn. Yet there is much truth in George Nickerson's comment in a letter that the referendum issue reminds him of the campaign twenty-three years ago when the city-owned power utility was sold and the Northern B.C. Power Co. took over. It's a fact that there were sharp differences of opinion. Meetings in the Westholme theatre were crowded. The late Colonel S. P. McMordie was mayor. Eastern power interests were not without competition for United States agents took an active part in the local situation. The general trend was to sell. There was, here and there, vigorous opposition. Yet the drift was in the direction of a change.

HOW THEY CHEWED

Ted Applewhite, M.P. after visiting the Canadian troops on the Korean front, says he considers the force the best fed army in the world. Still, in the misty past, and in other parts of the globe, there have been times when bully beef and the hardest kind of hard tack were regarded with approval.

WITHOUT COMPANY!

Go ahead and build St. Lawrence Seaway, says the Minister of Transport, Mr. Chevrier, and build it without the help of anyone. It will develop wealth. No where else on the continent is there a natural advantage like the St. Lawrence. It can mean ocean shipping in practically the heart of North America. Chevrier has the right idea. Build, and do it on your own!

Fifty living units (or putting it more plainly) fifty new dwellings for Prince Rupert! And don't allow anyone to tell you they are not needed. The building pact, affecting Ottawa, Vic-

so all that needs now to become part of the law of the land, is Royal Assent. The Senate has also passed the amendments to the Pension Act, which is now in the same position.

The Special Committee on Radio Broadcasting has reported favorably on the bill amending the Canadian Broadcasting Act. I haven't had time to go into this very fully, but I don't think it affects us very much, if at all. It deals largely with definitions and such, and retains the control of the CBC over private stations.

torid and a housing corporation, has been signed.

NO ALARMIST

Early in the New Year will see Winston Churchill in Washington generally, he's well informed.



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