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How To Be Cheerful

STOCK MARKET trends are reflected in the number of ulcer cases and yet it is amazing that, as progressively worse news keeps crowding in about the affairs of the people of the earth, this is not matched by the suicide curve's zooming out of sight.

In this desperate situation people go out and look at the summer flowers, tending them as though the things might last a while. People even plant more flowers. People look remarkably pleased.

The main thing that causes people to be so amazingly cheerful is that, better Christians than they know, they take no great thought for the morrow. After all, few philosophies return us individually to this earth. Even making a landfall on another earth, so that people might survive, would not help a person survive.

Start Climbing

ABRAHAM LINCOLN once declared that people are about as happy in life as they make up their minds to be, write Earl Douglas.

The same thing could be said with reference to success. We attain about as much success in life as we are willing to pay for. There are a few high offices in this country held by stuffed shirts, but very few. In every generation a few geniuses go unnoticed and a few worthy men are given the brush-off.

If one waits for the elevator to take one up to the top floors of success, then the elevator is permanently out of order.

There is no achievement in the world without the payment of a heavy cost. As the modern expression goes: "If you are looking for something soft, look under your own hat."

The elevator which goes to the top flights of success is permanently out of order. One must start climbing.

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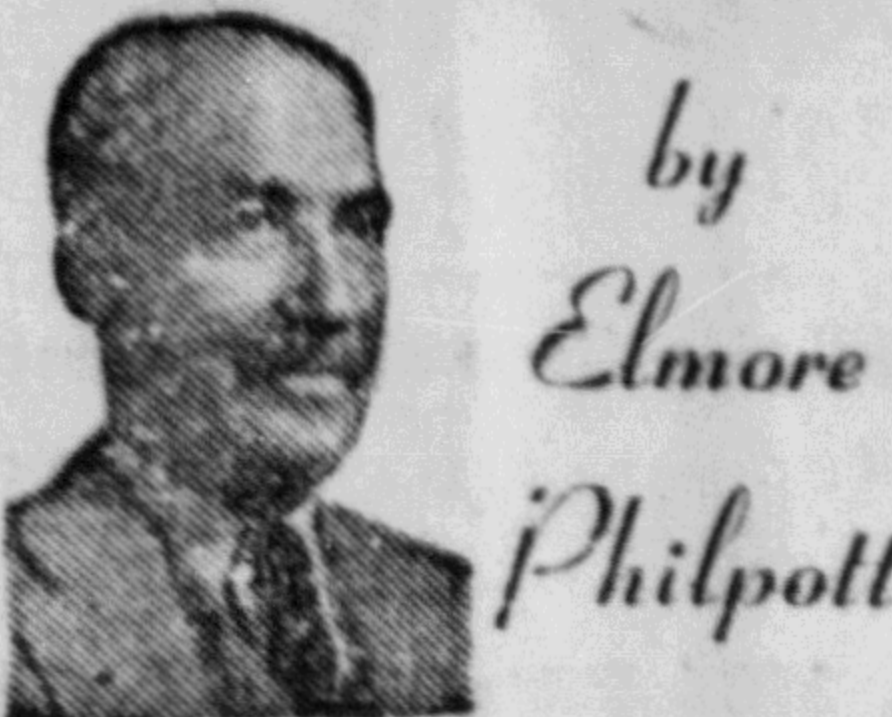
The census, so far as this continent is concerned, was invented in Canada. In the city of Quebec, in 1666, the job of counting and recording the number of inhabitants officially began.

Vancouver is to have a good old-fashioned circus, despite protests and arguments. It had been alleged that having one meant cruelty to animals. What next? Adults enjoy the show as well as juveniles—always have.

School at Seal Cove again! It's quite a few years since the blackboard 'way down east was covered with figures, and perhaps a youngster brought a lovely red apple to give the teacher.

Scripture Passage for Today "O Lord, my God, thou art become exceeding glorious." Ps. 104:1.

As I See It



DAY IN BOW STREET LONDON, ENGLAND.

—We got to England too late to witness the last appeal that is ever to be allowed from British Columbia to the Privy Council. But we were determined to have our day in court on this trip.

In fact, we went twice. We had to. For the first time we went the place was long since packed out—with spectators densely crowded at the back of the smallish room.

So back we came at ten sharp—and the friendly lady took us out of the queue and put us through a side door and into seats in the front row. She knew we were Canadians, and told Court Inspector Rogers about it.

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Finally, the judge let her off—stripping her of all but a few shillings—but with a crack that convinced me he expected her back tomorrow.

ONE BOY, EIGHTEEN YEARS old, turned out to be an army deserter who is expert at stealing ladies' purses while they are taking communion at church.

The judge read the letter and asked the man: "Do you object to the probation officer writing this girl and telling her you have eleven convictions and are awaiting sentence for theft?"

Yes—the man had very decided objections. Last case was a "driving after drinking" charge. Looked very bad for the drunk driver when noon came.

Report from Parliament

By E. T. APPLEWHAITE, M.P.

Terrace Power—I was very much interested in glancing through the British Columbia Power Commission magazine for April to see a very nice little article on Terrace, with "before-and-after" pictures of the Terrace powerhouse as in 1945 and 1951.

Despite the statements in the article, as to the increased potential, I think further large increases in capacity will soon—very soon—be indicated.

Old Age Pensions—Early in this session, speaking of old age pension legislation, the Prime Minister told us: "It is and will be the policy of the government to avoid any possible delay when agreement has been reached, to have that agreement implemented."

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VICTORIA REPORT

... by J. K. Nesbitt

Sales Tax Booming—But Hospital Insurance Is Headache

VICTORIA.—British Columbia's three-per-cent sales tax is booming beyond the wildest dreams of even a conservative minister of finance.

When the tax became law in mid-summer of 1948, the government estimated it would bring in \$14,000,000 a year. The first year it went to \$24,000,000. This year the government estimated on \$28,000,000—but there's every indication it may go to \$35,000,000.

Business was never so good as it is now in this province, according to monthly bulletin of Government's Bureau of Economics and Statistics. Just look at these staggering figures: retail sales up 19 per cent over a year ago; automobile sales up 60 per cent; radio sales up 36 per cent; hardware sales, 29 per cent and furniture sales, 21 per cent.

However, if the government's getting lots of money, it's getting more financial headaches each day. All is not yet happy with the hospital insurance picture. There'll probably be another deficit next year.

The care of chronics is giving the government worry. At present hospital insurance doesn't look after patients called chronics. If you're in hospital 25 days

Criminal Code with respect to racing associations conducting pari-mutuel betting. I don't think either will have much effect in Skeena.

St. Lawrence Waterway—That might also apply to the St. Lawrence Waterway—or it might not. At least we now know officially that plans of the St. Lawrence deep waterway have been prepared concurrently with, and as a natural consequence of, the discussions that have taken place over the years between Canada and the United States in regard to the project.

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