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Youth's Interlude

YOUTH need not picture its age as a slender, breathless and rather frantic interlude between childhood and maturity, says the monthly letter of the Royal Bank of Canada. Youths leaving school and university this year have not reached some place that is an end, a finality. They are too old for some things, it is true, but they are no longer too young for others—that is all.

On school-closing day, every graduating boy and girl has a date with history. It is a date which ushers in the significant period toward which their life so far has been an approach. Now, their preparations come to fruition.

Everyone enters this stirring period with the beginnings already laid of what is to be his personality. He has already begun to assemble qualities that make him what he is as distinct from other persons. His future depends upon how he welds these traits and elements of personality into something which is stronger than personality—character.

No one will wish to embark upon this second stage of the voyage through life without a chart which will guide him to the harbor of his choice. He needs to decide what he wants and to count the cost. The very act of planning in this way will develop in him something that employers of today find to be the greatest lack in workers: sense of responsibility. Thinking clearly on his own problems will prepare him to analyze, to plan and to master situations. These are attributes which make a man valuable.

What Queen Is Wearing

By MURIEL NARRAWAY
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LONDON (CP) — In London's most glittering season since 1939, feminine eyes turn with interest to the wardrobes of the Royal Family.

Women still discuss the shades of blue and pink worn by feminine members of the Royal Family at the official opening ceremony of the Festival of Britain, held in St. Paul's Cathedral.

Some say it was true delphinium, others hydrangea, lilac or hyacinth. All, however, agreed that the royal choice for the opening ceremony stressed the colors of the Festival emblem—pink and blue and the delicate cross shades pertaining to these colors.

Clothing shops of all kinds, from hat shops to large departmental stores, are already playing up the Festival colors, including gold.

Seated in the cathedral, the royal party gave the impression of a blended floral display. The one outstanding difference in color, which only added to the floral theme, was in the dress of Princess Elizabeth. She wore a beautiful shade of cypress green in a tailored coat of silk faille. The dark green sheen of the silk was likened to the leaf of a young rose.

MILLINERY NOTE
Elizabeth did not, however, completely desert the pink and blue. Her close-fitting Tudor-shaped hat was piped in moss rose which toned with the ribbon backing the glittering star of the Order of the Garter.

The Queen's dress and caped jacket were a deep shade of delphinium blue with fox fur, dyed to tone, dipping down the back. Her matching hat of cobweb straw was trimmed in feathers, and diamonds sparkled at her ears, wrists and in the great diamond star flashing under her cape.

Seated next to Her Majesty, Queen Mother Mary wore a paler shade of blue with pink flowers in her traditional toque bonnet. Her soft grey fox collar matched the grey of her diamond-tudded parasol.

A full-skirted, tightly-waisted ribbed satin coat of pale blue shot with grey was the choice of Princess Margaret. Worn over a hyacinth-pink dress it gave a Dresden-china look that was accentuated by the bolt-upright hyacinth decorating her crocheted straw hat.

Another truant from the blue and pink was the Duchess of Kent. Under a coat of snuff-brown faille she wore a champagne colored apron-fronted dress and her close-fitting hat had pale fawn feathers flecked with yellow. Her daughter, the young Princess Alexandra, wore a schoolgirl's coat of kingfisher blue over a straw-colored dress.

CLUMSY AIDS
Watches in early years were portable clocks, suspended by a chain or cord from the wearer's girdle.

A classified will buy, sell or find it.

VICTORIA REPORT

... by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA.—A lot of people approve South Cowichan Ratepayers' Association resolutions saying that a byelection should be called within three months of the death or resignation of a member of the Legislature.

South Cowichan is in Esquimalt riding—and Esquimalt has been without a legislative representative since the death of Charles Beard last November. A byelection must now come by October 31—but there's no indication the government is going to be in any hurry. So far there's no sign of the byelection.

The resolution said: "Whereas—the Premier was asked last December to expedite holding of the necessary byelection—and whereas the holding of the byelection has not been expedited and whereas the formalities that must now be observed in order to make known the existence of a vacancy in the Legislature are archaic and such that a vacancy in the Legislature can be left unfilled indefinitely—therefore be it resolved that we demand that steps be taken that will insure that never again will an electoral district be left without a member of the Legislative Assembly, through death or any other cause, for a period of more than three months."

This observer would say the point of the South Cowichan people is well taken. It should be stated plainly in the Constitution Act that three months is the very limit. The annoyance of the people of South Cowichan can be understood. They know the government has been playing ducks and drakes with them—and for political reasons, because Liberals and Conservatives cannot compose their differences and present a solid front to the public.

HUTCHISON EXCELS—Bruce Hutchison's address to the graduates of UBC is looked upon by scholars as one of the finest ever heard at the university. Hutchison was at his best. He put a tremendous amount of thought into the speech, his choice of language was superb—simple, to the point, his sincerity and his humility were notable. The vast assemblage who heard him was deeply touched. Some of his phrases are bound to be preserved as gems of literature in themselves. "It is interesting to study some of these phrases and preserve them."

"Thinking has always been the hardest kind of work. It is especially hard nowadays when second-hand thoughts are thrust upon you day and night in endless anvil chorus, when bogus facts are for sale so cheaply and the deepest problems of human existence are cured with sugary pills and intellectual vitamin tablets by radio."

"Do not be surprised if your private meditations... are interrupted by the screaming of madmen at your keyhole and wild voices in the streets at night."

"Beware above all of the thing called normalcy and the drug called security. Who knows or has ever known the true norm of a society when each man has his own norm within his lonely skull? When did a full life offer any final security, save the security of death?"

"Look for all the answers that really matter within your own minds. If the university has taught you to use that curious mechanism, then you will never be truly alone, or helpless, or bored. If not, you are doomed to perpetual loneliness, or to noisy futility in the man-swarm where man loses his manhood while raucously asserting it."

"Your duty as educated men will be to work in the clamorous market place with your less fortunate fellows and to recognize that, without your advantages, they have rights, hopes, abilities, potentialities and sometimes true education as great or greater than yours."

"In your own private crucible at the day's end, and there alone, you may melt down all the counterfeit coin of the day."

skim off the dross and construct your own dream, more reliable, durable and true than all the outward uses of this world."

"I am persuaded that all the investment which the past has poured into the present will be safe with you in the future. The labor of three centuries on this land will be vindicated and handed on to yet another generation, provided only that you see this land as a trust and yourselves as the trustees of a possession as yet unfinished, but half-formed and so very fragile in your hands."

ray .. Reflects and Reminisces

OR PERHAPS 50!

Jobs in Alaska are not so numerous as some now there had imagined. They say they came too early. We know a few thousand who say they came to Prince Rupert all of 40 or 45 years too soon!

The magazine Life has been taken to task for saying Brigham Young had 19 wives and 56 children. It's not that the story is so far out. It's merely a matter of detail and the settlement of a few minor adjustments. But it's quite a yarn all the same. It seems he married first in 1824 and last in 1868. All told, the wives numbered 27 with 56 offspring by 13 of his wives. On January 21, 1845, Brigham married four times in one day—two wives before lunch and two more after. All this must have been prior to the increase in living costs.

WELCOME ANY OLD TIME

No part of Canada is more in the public eye than Northern British Columbia and Prince Rupert just now. And for that reason, John Fisher, radio publicity speaker, should come up to look us over. He was invited to the Cellulose Corporation opening next month but regretted inability to be present. That does not mean, however, he can't come later.

CLOSE NEIGHBORS

Directors of the Great Northern Railway have been quietly looking over the situation in Vancouver, drawn north. It is said, by future prospects, Canada and the Great Northern have something in common. The Great Northern was founded by James J. Hill, a Canadian. Its immediate past president and now chairman of the board, Frank Gavin, is a native of Prince Edward Island. The railway's legal vice-president, Thomas Balmer, had early associations with this side of the line through his father, Vancouver pioneer, having helped preserve Stanley Park for the people.

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BELGRADE RECALLED

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND.—Here, all safe and sound, after an all-too-short visit to Yugoslavia, we reminisce on our stay in Tito-land.

Our last day in Beograd (to spell it as the Yugoslavs do) was one we shall not soon forget.

At the last moment my wife insisted on dragging me over to the export shop to see "something special." It turned out to be dolls—at our age!

The wife bought two of the tiny figures which represent men and women at a Slovene dance. For once that overworked word "cute" really did fit.

WE VISITED the third secretary of the Canadian Legation—Mr. R. E. Branscombe, who is convalescing from a recent illness. It was my first peep inside a Yugoslav hospital.

I found the young patient sitting up beside a tiny radio set with which he even gets the short wave broadcasts from the CBC in Canada.

WE ALSO HAD dinner with the genial and Slav-wise Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Crean, and his young and beautiful wife.

This young lady astonished us by telling us she was Edinburg-born. I say astonished, for there is not the slightest trace of Scotia in her voice.

I had a wee pang of regret at that—but under the spell of the all-Canadian dinner it (the regret) wore off. Moreover—like a true daughter of Edinborough—Mrs. Crean sent us down a

picnic lunch to help us on our train journey.

IN THE AFTERNOON WE drove to the prize show place around Beograd—the Avala War Memorial. We also visited the British cemetery of World War II. Seventy-five Canadian are buried there. Among the names of those RCAF men who had lost their lives in air operations over Yugoslavia were some whose families we knew or knew about. Warrant Officer R. E. Hawker, Flight Lieutenant B. W. Clarke, Pilot Officer Stramm.

HERE IS A TALE WITH A happy end. On this trip I had been lugging around an old grey suit which I hated but which I have worn every summer since 1945. I intended to throw it away in India, but brought it on.

In Yugoslavia, one of the work men around the hotel was wearing such a shabby outfit that I called him up to the room and gave him the old grey garb. At first he thought I was ending the suit to be cleaned, and when he finally got the idea that it was for him a great light of joy sprang into his eyes. He actually kissed my hand.

Later I found that such a suit would bring maybe eight thousand and five hundred—representing a fabulous amount at official exchange rates.

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THE ONE THING THAT I did not write about inside Yugoslavia of keen interests to many Canadians was the plight of the 2000 former Canadian residents who went back to Yugoslavia in 1947 and 1948.

It is now admitted on all sides that this mass return-of-the-immigrants movement was a

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