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EDITORIAL

Ten Thousand Readers . . .

On the basis of our daily turn-out of 2,700 papers, it is to be estimated that ten thousand persons are reading the Daily News every day. That is the potentiality of every word that is printed in this paper. It is something to think about and causes one to reflect upon the power of the press. There is no other means of reaching the public that can in any measure be nearly so penetrating.

Sometimes, the people may become so accustomed to us that they may minimize our importance and take their daily newspaper just a little too much for granted. It is one of those things that keeps coming day in and day out, rendering a service, giving an interest that is only appreciated when it becomes missing.

The press is just another of those institutions of democracy which we fight these days to maintain. It is a thing that we have become so used to having that we never think of how we might feel if for some reason or other we are not to have it any longer.

As Flight Lieutenant Weisener of Norway said in a speech here last week of the privileges of democracy, they are a good deal easier to retain than to regain once we should lose them. We should cherish and protect them while we have them and not just blindly accept them as something to be taken too much for granted.

Vitriolic Answers . . .

To the editors of Canada freedom of the press is a precious right. Accordingly, when a jittery publisher in Chicago hurls the childish untruth that it isn't free, the newspapers of Canada need no assistance from south of the border in defending themselves.

Robert R. McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune, leveled the libel in question at Canada recently. Possibly he will never forget the contemptuous dusting off he now has received in Canadian newspapers from coast to coast—newspapers that certainly know their vocabularies.

Said the Montreal Herald: "The Canadian people . . . are not likely to take any notice save passing contempt for the burbling of a Hitler-crazed Chicago publisher."

Said the Halifax Herald: "There is plenty of freedom in Canada in this war; so much freedom, in fact, that Col. McCormick still gets his newsprint from this country as he got it when his press was 'taking the Nazi line' and displaying its notorious anti-British bias."

Said the Peterborough (Ont.) Examiner: "It is not often that a newspaper goes crazy, but it has been known to happen and if a newspaper publisher is not a level-headed man his vagaries are apt to crop up in the wildest forms in the pages of his journal."

Said the Montreal Gazette: "In what have been rather loosely termed the lower forms of life there is only one zoological species which depends wholly upon venom as a means of attack and destruction."

ACTIVITIES OF Y.M.C.A. AND Y.W.C.A.

By DOROTHY GARBUTT, Hostess

Good news, boys and gals! The 'Y' dances start again tomorrow—Wednesday. With this difference that there is to be only one a week, as when we first started, and it will run from 8 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. The 'Y' will, of course, be open until 11:30 as usual but dancing is definitely over at 10:30. Junior hostesses are advised to bring their hostess passes with them. You may be called upon to show them at the door.

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It will be nice to have the dances again. I speak from my own viewpoint which is behind the desk on dance nights watching the dancers go by. I enjoy watching the fun they're having and the chats I have with the various people who drift up to the desk. I hope when we do start again that the stag line will endeavour to keep within bounds and give the dancers a chance and that there will be no dancing with hats on. Some persons tell me that it is in the regulations of one of the services to keep hats on when dancing but, regulations or no regulations, I don't like it.

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Just a word to the French boys in our midst. I wrote away to the bureau in Montreal which sent me such a generous supply of novels and magazines in the French language last year and asked them for fresh supply as I notice the books look well worn and well read. One of the navy men wrote out a list of authors he would like to have on hand so if they follow that list there should be plenty of reading on hand for you during the long winter days.

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Seems more like Christmas round these parts, doesn't it? All we need is are those things the children listen to in the popular song going the rounds. At any rate the boys from the prairies and down East think it's a little bit of all right.

FOR QUICK RESULTS TRY A NEWS WANT ADD.

HENIE FILM AT CAPITOL

Romance and Rhythm Set in Iceland's Pace

Featuring Sonja Henie, Norwegian skating star, "Iceland" comes this week to the Capitol Theatre. The film has added to the due of Sonja Henie and John Payne, the laugh-provoking antics of Jack Oakie and the celebrated music of Sammy Kaye and his orchestra with a new crop of hit tunes by songwriters Mack Gordon and Harry Warren, including: "You Can't Say No to a Soldier," "Lovers Knot," "Let's Bring New Glory To Old Glory," and "I Like a Military Tune."

"Iceland" is said to have the finest skating scenes ever shown on the screen—including even a new dance which already gives promise of national popularity, the "Lovers' Knot Polka."

As the name implies, "Iceland" has its locale in America's newest outpost, with all scenes laid in Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland. The story involves U. S. Marine John Payne and the dimpled Sonja Henie. Payne uses his "line" to bait Sonja, but winds up being baited himself into saying "I do!" The connivance of his own military pal Jack Oakie, adds to the side-splitting comedy.

LORD MAYOR BARONETCY

LONDON, Dec. 8 (CP)—The King has approved the conferment of a baronetcy of the United Kingdom upon Sir John Laurie, retiring Lord Mayor of London.

CHRISTMAS SHOP-TALK

LONDON, Dec. 8 (CP)—The Southern Railway has sent a Christmas card to every member of its staff known to be a prisoner of war. On the card is a picture of one of the Road's new Pacific type locomotives.

Letter Box

Editor, Daily News:

There have been quite a few articles in the local papers recently regarding the taking over of the radio station by the C. B. C. Some people seem to think that when that comes to pass everything in the garden, or should I say, in the air, will be lovely. But will it? As far as I can understand, broadcasting will be done by electrical transcriptions which is just what we are getting right now. If those transcriptions are of the C. B. C. programs it is hard to say whether it will be a blessing or otherwise. Speaking personally I think a lot of the programs emanating from the C. B. C. are punk.

I see that a dinner is being given to some of the C. B. C. officials. I suggest that, as a hor d'oeuvre, they serve a portion of Prince Rupert's exclusive brand of radio reception or what passes for radio reception in this town. And when I say exclusive I mean just that. Because I don't suppose there is another town in Canada that gets more noise and less music than we do.

Now how do we go about it to get this wonderful reception? If you are a new arrival in town you listen to a wonderful line of sales talk. Then while you are still in a daze, you sign on the dotted line and arrange to have the radio delivered and also buy a license. Then you connect the aerial to the set, press a button and wait for Reddy Kilowatt to do his stuff. He does it. And what do you get? You get noises from washing machines, vacuum cleaners and in fact almost every electrical appliance in town, plus arcing from power lines and of course the ceaseless dot and dash stuff. At times the noise sounds as if a company of machine gunners were having firing practice in a boiler factory. But should you by any chance manage to get a few minutes of uninterrupted reception from outside, you write to Ripley.

I appreciate what has been done by the radio committee of the Chamber of Commerce to improve matters but it was obvious that not much notice was taken of them by the worst offenders. It is to be hoped that the C. B. C. officials will take the matter up with whoever has authority enough to compel local attention to eliminate machine made static.

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