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EDITORIAL

Giving Much Time...

The fact that members of the city council and school board are willing to spend three and four hours one night weekly in regular meetings, to say nothing of committee work which takes a lot of time during the week, is an earnest of their serious and conscientious attitude toward their work.

After all, the purpose of bodies such as the city council and school board is to formulate general policy and deal with matters that concern general policy — not to administer details that are supposed to be taken care of by committees or the operating staff.

There are many inconsequential matters that public bodies do not need to waste their time talking about

Labor Legislation and Mines...

"The Miner," organ of the western mineral industries, published at Vancouver, in its February issue, discusses proposed labor legislation and the mining industry and sounds a note of warning against contemplated amendments to the labor laws which it fears would play into the hands of "professional union organizers and labor racketeers."

The editorial, a lengthy one, concludes as follows:

"Nowhere has the partnership that exists between capital and labor been better exemplified than in the mining industry of British Columbia. The concept of common interest involving co-operative effort has been developed to a degree scarcely yet attained in any other industry on the continent. The result has been enormously to the mutual advantage. The employees have shared in the fortunes of the companies, whether the trend was upward or downward (on one occasion indeed they actually voted in a time of depression for a wage cut)."

"For thirty or more years the metal-mining industry of British Columbia has been non-unionized. It is inconceivable that this could have been the case if there had been labor unrest in the industry or any general demand by labor for unionization. Indeed there has been no need, for, speaking broadly, mine wages are the highest in Canada, and working conditions comparable with anywhere. During this period except in one or two isolated instances, there have been no demand for unionization and no strikes of any consequence."

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

By DOROTHY GARBUTT The Hostess

This is all about the "Y" weekly dances—a lot of little things I have to say about them since we started holding them at the Empress Club. First of all, a word to the mothers of our Junior Hostesses—will you please do the dishes on Wednesday nights so the girls can get to the dance by eight o'clock? You know that we stop earlier than at first—at 10:30 now—and, if the girls drift in from 8:30 until 9:30, it just means very little time for dancing.

Then, how did you like the orchestra? Pretty snappy wasn't it—and all service boys. It was the Battle Boys from Barrett under the leadership of Sergeant Ernie Bodger who has worked for three years to get a group like this into shape and is heartbroken because his drummer has been spirited away into the services of another orchestra. The rest of the personnel of the orchestra is as follows: trumpet, Sergeant Dave Mapleton; drums, Gunner Steve Miller; saxophone, Gunner Max Rosen; accordions, Gunners Miliani and Schwartz; guitar, Gunner Steven Hayball. Thanks a lot boys! We appreciate your swell performance and look forward to more. Cheer up, Ernie, another drummer will turn up.

Then—tomorrow Breen is going to climb a lot of little stairs away up into the attic and open dozens and dozens of small air vents and, hereafter, the place will be cool and fresh and danceable.

And Breen still promises to have coke on the premises next week.

Sorry to hear that Bert Fuller of the "Y" Cafeteria is ill in the hospital with arthritis.

GYRO GIVES HIS BLOOD

Interesting Demonstration Seen at Luncheon — Proceeds of Victory Loan Canvass

The Prince Rupert Gyro Club had a novel program yesterday following the regular weekly luncheon when a pint of blood was extracted from the arm of W. F. Stone for the local plasma bank which is being built up against the possibility of an emergency arising and the blood being needed for transfusion purposes. The operation of removing the blood was conducted by Dr. R. G. Large, assisted by Dr. J. J. Gibson, and was followed by a demonstration of the technique of preparing plasma which can be kept indefinitely in cold storage. Mr. Stone lay on a table before the club's audience and, evidently, felt no ill effects from the operation which lasted only about ten minutes. The whole demonstration was very interesting. Appeals are being issued for further volunteers to give blood in this manner.

President W. J. Sept was in the chair and there was a good attendance of members of the club. Condolences were extended to Frank Skinner and W. F. Stone, two members, on the occasion of the deaths of their fathers. J. E. Morris, a former member of the club, returning to membership, and J. H. Bulger, attending his first luncheon after a long absence on account of illness, was duly welcomed.

It was announced that members of the Gyro and Rotary Clubs, working as teams of canvassers in the last Victory Loan drive, had earned \$1,177.52 in commissions which, under arrangements, are to be turned over to the clubs — the Gyro team having earned \$619.36 and the Rotarians, \$558.16. D. G. Borland was the high canvasser

HEALTH OF BRITAIN IS VERY GOOD

With Some Worrying Exceptions Conditions Good Among Civilians

By FOSTER BARCLAY

Canadian Press Staff Writer LONDON, Feb. 4 — "Maintenance of Britain's health, with all its bearing on production, has been equivalent to a victory in the field."

That's not an excerpt from a round-table discussion among a group of rotund and ruddy-faced Britons though it might well be because the people themselves think they are in tip-top shape. It's the considered boast of Health Minister Ernest Brown, after surveying nearly 40 months of hard labor and the stress and strain of war as it affects civilians.



Foster Barclay

Generally it is hard to make outsiders believe there's nothing seriously wrong with the health and physique of Britons today but if you think the health minister is spoofing just

for the Gyro Club. The fact that the canvassers were to be charged income tax on their commissions has led to a hold-up, however, for the canvassers have refused to accept the checks under such conditions.

Speaker at next week's luncheon of the Gyro Club will be Flying Officer J. H. McClinton, former well known local provincial police officer, who is at present stationed here in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

FRY'S COCOA Leads in Quality

peruse detailed records compiled by observers whose job is to keep a finger, so to speak, on the pulse of the nation.

When newcomers to Britain enter crowded theatres, or ride on buses and tubes every second person seems to be wheezing, coughing and sneezing. The health ministry admits tuberculosis is on the upgrade, but "T.B." isn't the contributing factor to all the coughing that goes on throughout the country. Before they know it newcomers, too, are part of the coughing and wheezing chorus. The damp winter climate has a lot to do with it.

Mostly Doing Well

But to go back to what Mr. Brown had to say about the health front as he set in his office, now and then pulling out printed documents and a wealth of other material to back up his remarks. He was pleased with the way his "patients" are bearing up. "When you consider the tremendous strains total war throws on the civilian population the health of the nation is astonishingly good," he said. "There is, of course, no way of judging exactly the health of 40,000,000 people and I am not pretending to do so."

Then he cited a half-dozen facts to prove that the people's health isn't deteriorating. Infectious diseases, including influenza, are less prevalent than in peacetime; the death rate has shown no abnormal

variation; the still-birth rate for the first part of 1942 was the lowest on record and the maternity death rate and infant mortality were very little above the record low levels of 1939.

"Most outstanding of all is that we have had none of the serious nervous troubles which everyone expected total war was certain to bring," he continued. "I prepared for these nervous diseases with trained and experienced specialists ready to treat the cases. Happily they have had little work to do."

Two Dark Spots

Then he referred briefly to the two black spots—venereal disease and tuberculosis — on the health chart and explained how he was going to tackle them. There will be widespread publicity on both subjects.

"I think it would be criminal and foolish to hide the dangers of these diseases from the public," he declared. "I want open and frank discussion and I am glad to say this had already started. In 1942 I intend to spread as much enlightenment on these subjects as possible."

Five Pin Bowls Play This Week

Individual scores in Five Pin bowling this week were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes entries like Watts & Nickerson, C. Chayho, Henry, Stuart, E. Chayho, Woods, Handicap, Totals, Signals, Gilbert, Cook, Sarginson, Graham, Handicap, Totals, Monarchs, Davey, Vien, Howard, Anderson, Pedersen, Handicap, Totals, Stones, Leeland, Hemert, Dominato, Eastwood, Irving, Handicap, Totals, Sav-Mor, Alger, DeJong, Stegavig, Gillett, Handicap, Totals, Painters, Lawrence, Barbour, Milaney, Foltz, Handicap, Totals, Chinese Youth, Kam, Ben, Jones, Bob, Harry, Handicap, Totals, Burns, Parks, Kinslow, Woodley, Comadina, Grant, Handicap, Totals, Wireless, Adrian, Teglett, Heryet, Johnston, Lacroix, Handicap, Totals, All Stars, Stromdahl, Davis, Downs, McInerney, Carr, Handicap, Totals.

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