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# Running The Local Paper

IKE POLITICIANS, public servants, school teachers and such people, the press is constantly in the public eye. The Daily News, for instance, has several thousand critical observers every day ready to pull us apart for something or other. Observers are always more inclined to be condemnatory than appreciative. They are more vocal about the things they do not like than what they might happen to like. It is human nature to take for-granted the things that are good, correct and pleasing and express ourselves more freely about things which may be unsatisfactory or unpleasant.

Be that as it may, we are always glad to hear the complaints and what people may think our faults are so that we may consider them and make improvements where possible with a view to giving better satisfaction all around. Therefore, it was interesting for us to hear what the "citizens" forum in the Civic Centre had to say about us Tuesday even though that forum might be onesidedly biased in favor of one line of political and economic thought. Nor do we want to blame the people who take part in the "citizens" forum for that but would rather compliment them for taking a continued and active interest in public questions when people of some other colors of political thought are too downright apathetic, self-centred or indolent to do so. Maybe, even, it was our own fault that we were not present at the forum Tuesday night when we were discussed although, in fairness to ourselves, we were not favored with being warned about what was coming up nor were we invited by those having charge of the forum to take part and round out the discussion by defending our own cause.

However, we were criticized generally and haul. specifically so a few observations in explanation might be appropriate at this time and place.

In the first place, as far as the influence of advertisers on our reportorial work or editorial opinions is concerned, it might as well be said at the outset, for we have no fear of contradiction, that, here in Prince Rupert, there has seldom been pressure brought to bear directly or indirectly by any advrtiser upon us to express ourselves on his behalf or any of his beliefs by reason of the business he has given us. There is, no doubt, a belief held by some uninformed fanatics of certain political or economic beliefs that the "capitalistic press" exerts some insidious and nefarious control over those who serve it, particularly in the editorial departments. Of course, when we hear that kind of talk, we know from the start that those who emit it are ignorant of the facts and our only concern is that their vaporizing propaganda might have some effect upon others, particularly if we never even take the trouble to deny such legend ourselves.

Here in Prince Rupert, as far as advertising is concerned, we can assure our readers that there is a minimum of effect on what we may do or say in our news and editorial columns. Threats or suggestions of that kind might come at times but they are never respected. But our advertisers in Prince Rupert are an exceptionally upright and respectable lot after all and seldom try anything like that. On the other hand, we will not say that we have not had aggrieved advertisers whose business we lost because we might have published something to offend them.

We have often wondered if some of those who: essay to question the freedom of the "capitalistic" press have ever thought of how "free" either in presentation of "news" or editorial comment might be the press that caters more especially to their own particular views. To us it has been patently apparent for a long time that they have not been so free for impartial expression.

So much then for the opinion that the local press is "biased in favor of groups of individuals," a statement which is easy to make in uninformed generality but which we challenge any of our critics to prove specifically. As for the Daily News itself, we would like to be shown any paper in the country which is fairer, less biased or more generous in its news presentation than we and that goes for the "socialists" as well as the "capitalists."

The opinion was expressed by some of our friends at the forum that the local press carried an insufficient coverage of news of world-wide importance. As for that opinion we might say that the cost of bringing outside news to the people of Prince Rupert in fees and tolls constitutes a very considerable proportion of our overhead in running this paper, the major expense in which is involved in the maintaining of a quite substantial payroll of very respectably paid staff including a completely unionized mechanical department. Only recently, we had endeavoured to materially increase our coverage of world news but were prevented from doing so by the excessive cost of leasing a telegraph wire-the same difficulty which our government-operated radio station is up against. Fur-



ELMORE PHILPOTT-Newspaper columnist and radio commentator, well known in Prince Rupert as elsewhere in the province.

# ESTATES ARE UNCHARITABLE

Relatively Few Estates Are Left by Canadians on Dying

estates to charity.

A report issued by the Canadian Welfare Council entitled 'You Can't Take It With You" showed persons who died during the year ending March 31, 1946, and whose estates are subject to Dominion succession duty left more than \$300,000,000.

empt from succession duty up branch accountant following the table purposes.

DUE FOR OVERHAUL The "Speaking Clock" which has been in use in London, Eng-

land for 10 years, and now supplies the time by telephone to terior town. 500,000 callers a week in London area alone, is due for an over-

ther than that, the space in any relatively small newspaper is limited and in this D. A. Bashoff bought a lot avenue of giving local news lity. The stone was sold for \$1200. therefore, go on with the disour own "neighborly news" service, even at the risk of further criticism from the students and intense followers of world affairs.

Of course, the complaint that we "carry items of no interest to the majority of local people" is an ancient chestnut. "Well, there's nothing in the paper tonight" is the old remark that we all say after perusing the paper which we miss so much if the newsboy fails to call or for some other reason we do not get it. Naturally, we try to make our paper as interesting as possible to as many people as we can but everyone must know that it is impossible to interest everybody in everything so we will just go on trying to provide something of interest to everybody with the hope that the percentage of general interest will be as great as pos-

In this chat with our readers, which the comments and criticisms of the forum inspired, we have not endeavoured to discuss the economic aspects of running a daily newspaper in a comparatively small city at reasonable cost to our readers and advertisers. We would just like to ask them if they o not get as good a five-cents worth from us as they do for the five cents they may pay for any other commodity or service. If they just thought that question out, we honestly believe they would agree themselves there is little to com-

plain about. As we said before we are always glad to hear criticisms about ourselves and suggestions as to how we might better our service. Without that assistance, we would be unable to progress. Our own "free" columns are generously and democratically open for such criticisms and suggestionseven from the people who know so much about running a newspaper and, doubtless, think they would be able to do a much better job of it than we, with all our trials and tribulations, are doing.

## LOCAL DAIRY SEEKS ALASKA MILK EXPORT

An export permit is being sought from the federal government by Valentin Dairy here to allow the export of 300 gallons of milk weekly to Ketchikan, according to H. B. M. Valentin, dairy proprietor. The milk would be sold to the Ketchikan domestic market through a Ketchikan dairyman.

"We have applied for the export permit and are in a position to supply the quantity of milk required by Ketchikan, Mr. Valentin said this morning. However, I don't know when we will be able to start."

Also involved in the operation would be sanitary inspections by Dominion and United States government inspectors. Mr. Valentin has no doubt that these will cause no trouble.

"We have a grade 'A' license from the provincial sanitary service," he said.

Mr. Valentin said that he is not sure at the present time OTTAWA, (P-Canadians are whether the milk would be pastight-fisted when it comes to teurized at his plant or shipbequeathing part or all of their ped raw to Ketchikan for pasteurization there.

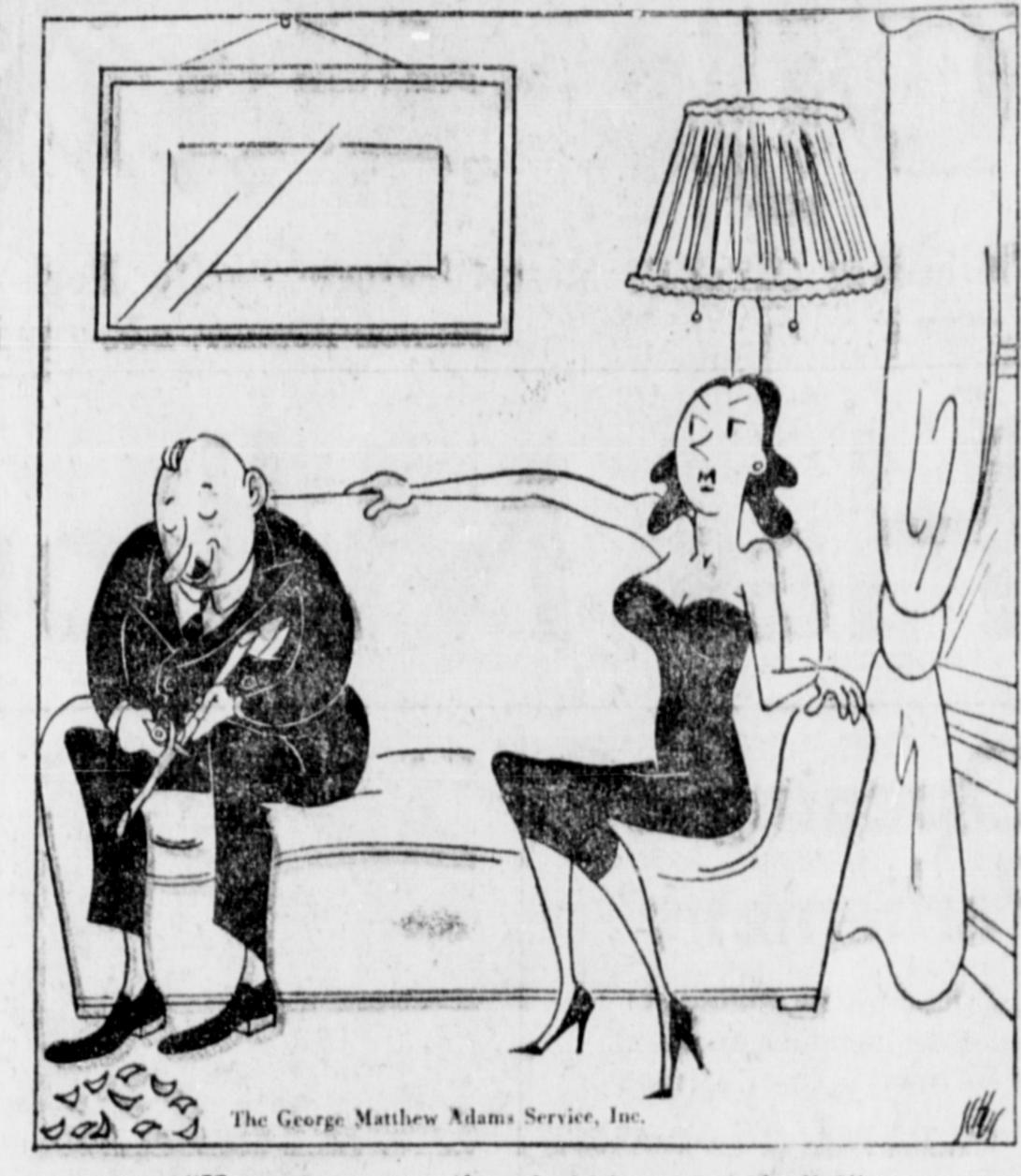
## FILLS NEW WAR ASSETS POST

James A. Ham, formerly assistant branch accountant with War Assets Corporation here. Although donations are ex- has been appointed acting to 50 per cent of the value of the resignation of M. L. Strickland estate only 2.5 per cent of this this week. Confirmation of Mr sum was designated for chari- Ham's promotion is expected shortly. Mr. Strickland, who has been branch accountant here since the War Assets office opened in 1945, has resigned to go into private business as an auditor at Prince George. He left on last night's train for the in-

### Waterhole Yields Valuable Diamond

CHRISTIANA, S. A., (P) - When office we attach considerable this Transvaal district, scene of importance, if not priority, to much diamond prospecting in the handling of local news for the past, he dug a hole to catch. which our columns are open to rainwater. His wife was sifting all and sundry, as even our some gravel out of the hole for critics should know. After all, her garden when she found an the local newpaper is the only 11-carat diamond of good qualwhereas other media make About the same time a man surfeit the dissemination of bought three plots of land in 10:15-Organ Encores news and views of "world- | Christiana for \$300. The land 10:30-Roundup Time wide importance." We shall, was practically worked out, but 10:45—Scandinavian Melodies the buyer worked the remain- 11:00-Keyboard and Console worth \$7,200.

## THIS AND THAT



### Radio Dial 1240 Kilocycles (Subject to change)

THURSDAY-P.M.

- 4:00-Tony the Troubador 4:15 Mid-day Melodies
- 4:30-Little Concert 4:45—Tales of Texas
- 5:00-Popular Playhouse
- 5:30—People Ask 5:45—Supper Serenade
- 6:00—The Esquires
- 6:15—On the March
- 6:30—Perry Como 6:45-T.B.A.
- 7:00—CBC News
- 7:15—CBC News Roundup
- 7:30—Eventide 8:00—Vancouver Theatre
- 8:30—Story of Music
- 9:00-Sports Review
- 9:15—Points of View 9:30-Ciro Club Orch.
- 10:00-CBC News
- 10:10-B. C. News 10:15-Sportsman's Guide
- 10:30 Charlie Spivak's Orch
- 11:00-Weather and Sign Off.
- FRIDAY-A.M.
- 7:30-Musical Clock
- 8:00-CBC News 8:15 Morning Song
- 8:30—Music for Moderns 8:45—Little Concert
- 9:00-BBC News 9:15—Morning Devotions
- 9:30—Morning Concert
- 9:59—Time Signal 10:00-Morning Visit

## PLEADS GUILTY IN ASSAULT CASE

James Wood appeared before Judge W. E. Fisher in County speedy trial. The case was adjourned for sentence until this afternoon. Wood, who is charg-Charleston in a downtown cafe

- 11:31-Message Period
- 11:45—Ethel and Albert
- 12:30---CBC News
- 12:45—Easy Listening
- 1:00-The Concert Hour
- 1:48-New Homes Wanted
- 2:30-Footlight Favorites
- 3:00-Messer's Islanders
- 3:30 Departure of Royal
- 3:45-BBC News and Com.

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at their first meeting of the year.

held Tuesday night in the Civic

Centre. The meeting also elected

its executive council, consisting

of officers and committee chair-

President - Alderman T.

Secretary-Ald. C. G. Ham.

Treasurer-M. C. Bridges.

House-Gunnar Selvig.

Finance-M. C. Bridges.

Carnival-W. F. Stone.

The board also decided to ac-

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Committee Chairmen:

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Vice President - Dr. R. G.

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Court Wednesday afternoon and pleaded guilty to a charge of assault occasioning actual bodily harm after electing for ed with assaulting George 10 days ago, is represented by A. B. Brown. W. O. Fulton anpeared for the crown.

- 11:33—Recorded Interlude
- P.M. -
- 12:00-B. C. Farm Broadcast 12:25—Program Resume

- 1:30—Recital
- 1:45—Commentary
- 2:00-National School Broadcast
- 2:45 From Pages of Melody
- 3:15 Serenade to America
- Family from Dartmouth
- 3:55 Elmore Philpott

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