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Road Opened Up

T MIGHT not be out of place to congratulate the department of public works, which we are inclined to pound at rather regularly, on getting the highway between Prince Rupert and Terrace open better than two weeks ahead of last year and well in advance of the estimated date of May 24 in spite of 1946-47 having been a winter of unprecedently big snows. This was made possible, of course, because of the fact that the deep snow between Terrace and Kwinitsa had been cleared out and the lesser snow between Prince Rupert and Kwinitsa similarly opened up so that equipment was ready to dig into the major obstruction of the Kwinitsa slide at the opportune moment which came possibly earlier than had been anticipated.

Now that the Kwinitsa slide has been made passable and the road opened, it is to be supposed that there will be no delay in getting work started on the Kwinitsa slide diversion. With this done before another winter, it will then be possible to keep the road between Prince Rupert and Terrace open all the year around.

MOISE IS HARMFUL

A OISE, although we may not think of it that way, is proving a serious menace to the educational and economic life of homes, communities and places of business and industry. Medical science supports this assertion. Noise, according to psychiatrists and physicists, tends to produce irritability as well as fatigue.

Of irritable and even harmful city noises, radios turned on loud, the slamming of doors, the barking of sleep-disturbing dogs, the yowling of cats, the shrieks of railways engine whistles are listed among the worst. A campaign of education might do something to eliminate some of these nuisances although, as far as dogs and cats are concerned, the public may just have to simply grin and bear it.

RADIO IS BAD HABIT

ADIO CAN BECOME a bad habit. In an immense number of homes the radio runs constantly, like a leaky water tap. It is turned on for breakfast and goes on and on to bedtime. Such a household is deluged for say 15 hours daily with an incredible outpouring of good programs and bad, of music and advertising and talks, of plays and soap operas, of news and opinions. This becomes, as Sir Ernest MacMillan says, merely a background of noise before which all the household activities are maintained. It is just 'the radio,' and there is no selection of programs. Nobody may pay much attention to the din but it is disconcerting and nerve-wracking just the same.

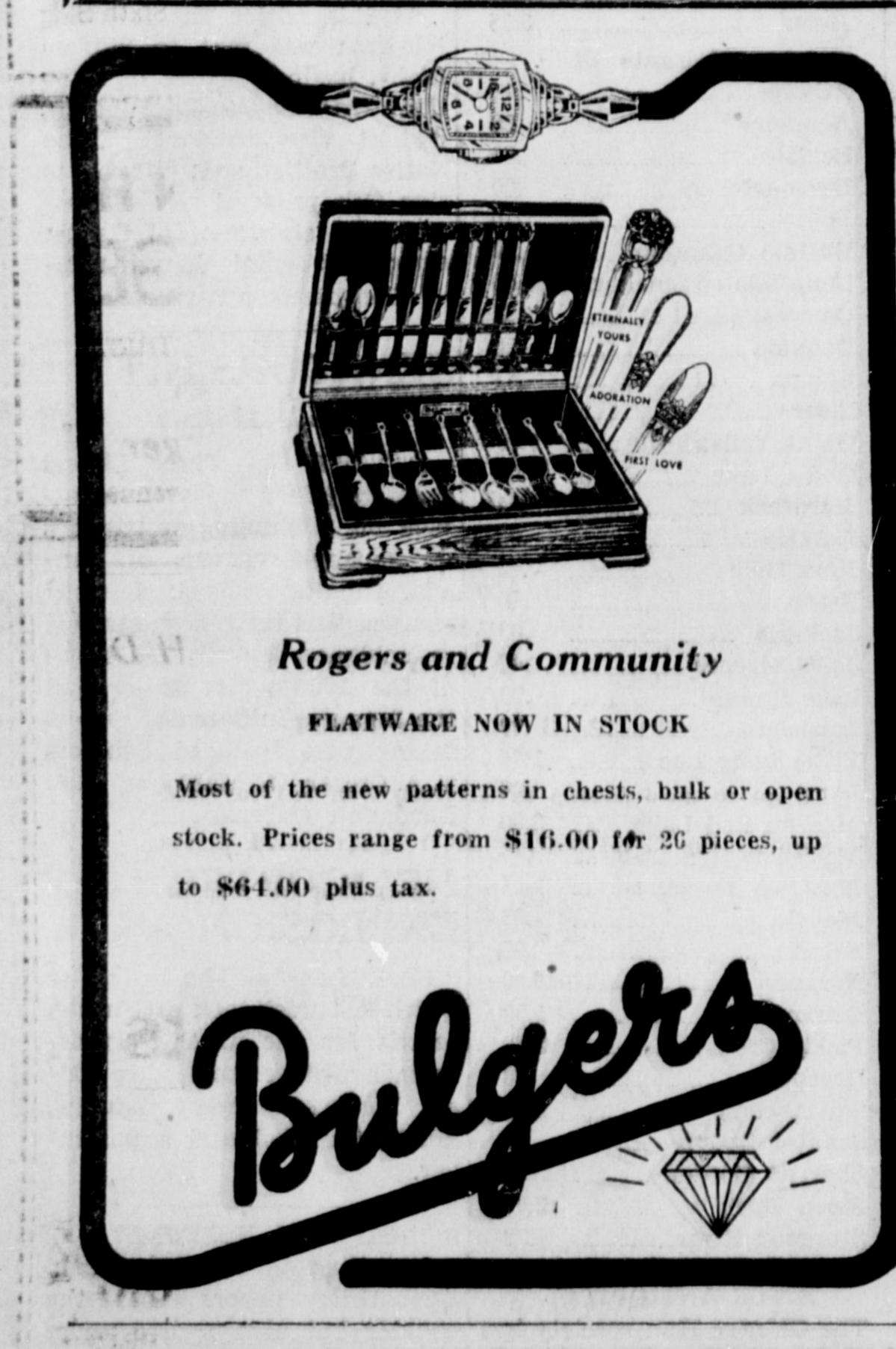
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A CLASSIFIED AD IN THE DAILY NEWS WILL BRING RESULTS

GROUNDHOG

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large cargoes to fill these dislocated home markets, hoping also to become permanent shippers, and likewise to capture the Californian and other markets farther afield, but formerly won and almost exclusively supplied by Nanaimo and Comox.

FREIGHT RATES EVEN THEN

This importance of outside coal to replace our own, which should reach this coast rather from the interior collieries of the province, namely, from those in the Nicola Valley, Similkameen, Crow's Nest, Banff, Brazeau and other Rocky Mountain districts generally, is made possible because railway rates connecting producers and consusumers have to date not been properly adjusted by the federal Railway Commission, for one reason that new railway routes over the Hope Mountains and by the Yellowhead Pass to the Fraser Valley are in the process of construction, which when completed will alter and maybe automatically cheapen the present tariffs charged, and which facts account for the former remark that the coal trade of this province is in a transition stage.

The several coals of the various local districts have their specific places in our commerce in accordance with their distinct qualities, the one for cheerful open fireplaces, as the lignites and semi-bituminous, another from which to produce gas or a high-class coke for metallurgical purposes, as the bituminous, and yet another for smokeless fuel, an anthracite and semi-anthracite in steamers of the merchant service and the fighting navies of the world, also in base-burners and for heating purposes in towns, where for the sake of health the smoke nuisance must be peremptorily abolished. On account of these several requirements each in- ists can view the city and our dividual field is limited to its wonderful harbor at its best. special market.

found extensive Groundhog coal and provide sites for the armafields, containing smokeless coals ments of war, and, as a result, in endless quantity, perhaps the this beauty spot was sadly delargest area known in the world faced. Thanks to Mr. Berner, the of similar quantity, that this de- cutting of the undapprush over the seaboard desire immediately form on the hill-top is gradually ous connections with a coal sup- status, although there is still ply are so dislocated on a pos- much to be done to make it once ergy is handicapped. This is visitors to see and admire. owing to a passing lassitude in The famous totem pole, which 206 organization, for the natural adorned the hill-top and had to wealth of coal in British Col- be removed during the war umbia is immense, and of a years, lies rotting on the ground. suitable quality to satisfy all re- It is hoped that it will soon be quirements. Furthermore, the oil removed from there and, after interests of the United States, being preserved by painting, without contradiction from capable experts, publish inspired articles broadcast in the press of the continent, perpetually dinning into the public ear that the age of coal consumption is past, and that oil alone is the fuel of today. The ordinary oilburning steamers or land locomotives, however, leave a black cloud of pungent smoke in their wake, the air of our cities we breathe and with which we coat our lungs reeks with unconsumed carbon from oil baseburners, and the Diesel internal smokeless combustion engine on a large scale is still an experi-

There cannot be ignored the possible short life of oil fields, with their strata punctured by new wells, and through human economy of pipe casing the ad-mittance of destructive surface waters to the underground oilstoring zones, thus driving up the floating oils first into the anticlines of the folded formations, then later by increasing water pressure forcing the hydrocarbons further to exude through the fractured and eracked apices to waste gradually into tar sands by volatilization, having now lost their valuable qualities through sun distillation and the effects of atmospheric chemical reactions. It will not be long, too. before the owners of oil wells cannot afford further to permit the extravagant, wasteful sale of crude oil, rather than to refine the raw stuff and utilize its sundry more precious separated constituents, eagerly sought after to furnish cheap motive power, and other valuable chemicals produced from the residue. Oil stocks, too, are being boom ed, and the investing public are temporarily being relieved o their surplus cash by methods similar to those in which the rubber promoters previously excelled.



SPRING COMES TO REGINA WITH SUNSHINE AND FLOODS-Not Venice, but 28-block Robinson Street in Regina, Sask, with homes completely surrounded by flood waters. The heaviest run-off in years caused sluggish creeks, Wascona and Manbones, to become swift torrents. In the city of Regina the Wascona rose eight feet above normal level and will continue to rise until heavy snows along the 100-mile watershed of Wascona and its tributary Manbones have completely melted.

LETTERBOX

C.N.R. PARK Editor, Daily News-

Let me open this letter with a few words of praise for the Junior Chamber of Commerce for the splendid example they have set in their 'Clean-Up. Paint-Up' Campaign with their attack on the "dingy" old museum building which has been transformed into a "handsome edifice" by its new coat of green and white

Just across from the Museum (which when opened will once again be visited by hundreds of tourists) is the C.N.R. "Totem Pole Hill Park," once one of the beauty spots of the city and a spend their time gathering up please accept my thanks for vantage point from which tour-

In the war years this hill had It is to enlarge on the new- to forego its claims for beauty scription is intended. Should the entire hillside and the relarge industrial enterprises along building of the look-out platto start operations, the continu- restoring this site to its former sible basis that commercial en- again a place fitting for our

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similar to those in Alder Park, the leavings of these Bacchalian be either re-erected on its for- parties when their every effort mer site or elsewhere on the should be confined to adding hillside. Its mates on the lower floral beauty to these grounds slopes are also in need of titi- | Refore this hill earns the

these orgies.

sores, but cannot be expected to In conclusion, Mr Editor,

soubriquet of "Bottle Peak" of

Unfortunately this hillside, "Glass Mountain," may I make prior to the cutting of the under a suggestion how our magisbrush, was the rerdezvous of the trate can do his part in the many degenerates in the city "Clean-up Campaign." Let some whose only love of nature was to of the "drunks" who come up seek this beauty spot as a hide before him be given the task out while they consumed their (under supervision) of clearing bottles of extract, shaving lotion, the hillside of these bottles and and "Dago Red" and the broken glass, etc., and I am sure grounds were littered with hun- some big-hearted citizen would dreds of these bottles, many supply the gunny sacks (plural) broken, as mute evidence of for the co"ection and the C.N.R. waive their rights to the pro-The C.N.R. gardeners have ecceds of any bottle sales for the done much to remove these eye- ennichment of the city coffers.

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BUILDING AT DECKER LAKE

Interior Point Stepping Out From Construction Standpoint

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FORMER LOCAL SISTER PASSES

There died recently in St. Michael's Hamital, Terento, Sister Mary Carol Grey who at one time was teacher of violing and piano in the Sisters of St. Josephs' Convent at Prince Rupert. Surviving members of the family are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Grey, and three brothers, Robert, Alexander and Martin. After leaving Prince Rupert Sister Mary Carol continued to teach music at St. Jeseph's Convent in Thorold. Ontario.

your valuable space. I hope this letter will be the means of removing a blemish as well as be a deterent to those who are lacking in civic pride to repeat their offences.

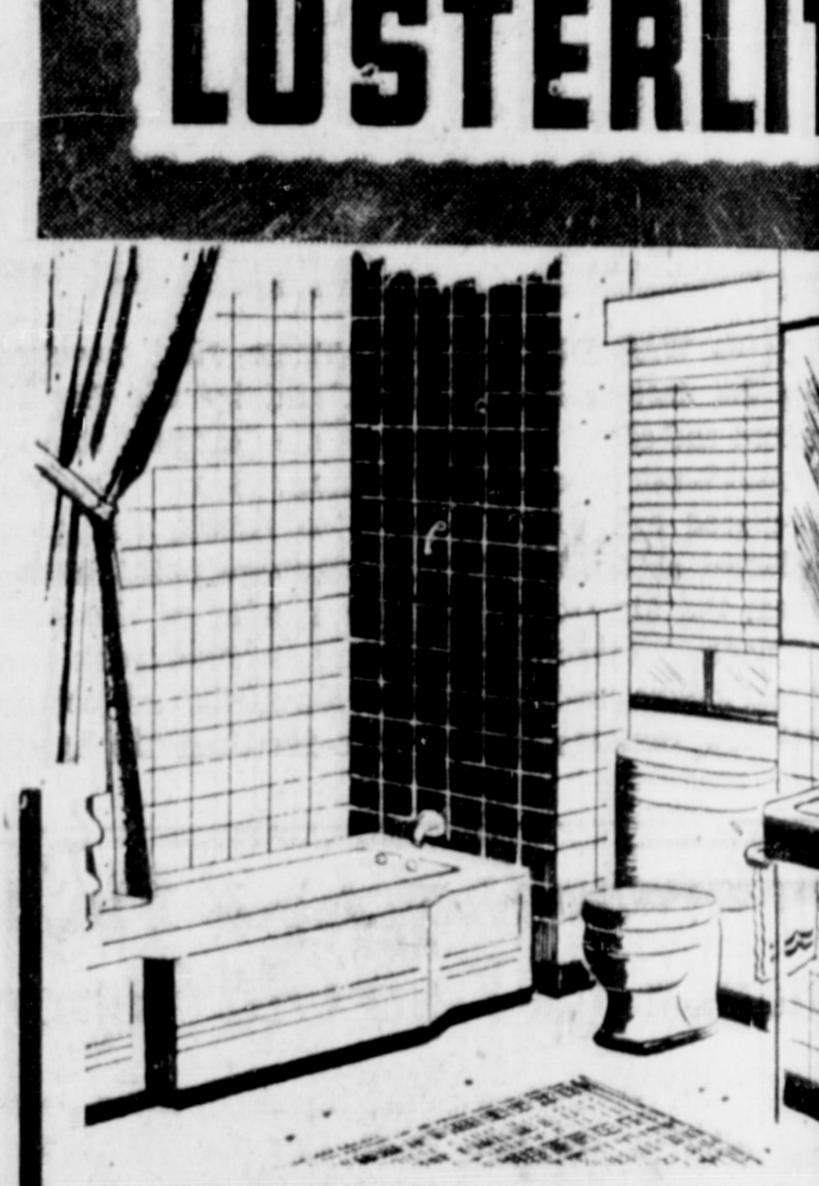
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