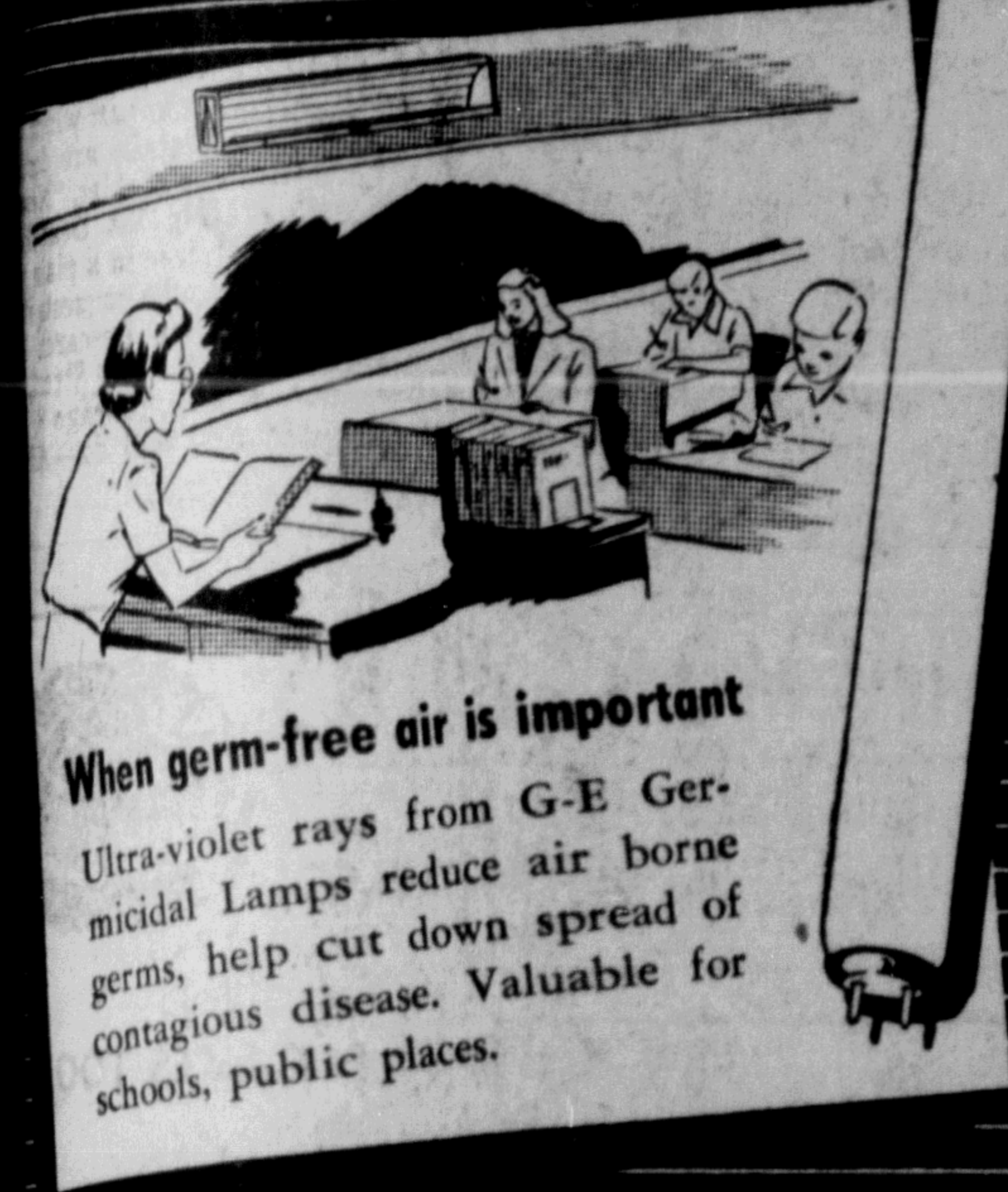


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**FIND CORPSE**—These three pipe-smokers—including the two women on the right—found the headless body of a relative, Leamon Potts, in their backwoods cabin near Hamilton, Ont., and later discovered his skull in a box beside the bed. John Horton, left, his wife, Mrs. Jane Horton, an Miss Daisy Potts, said they found the man's decomposed body when they returned to the cabin after a three months' absence. Leamon was Miss Potts' father and Mrs. Horton's brother. (CP PHOTO)

### THEY FIGHT DRUNKS— Seven Foot Indian Chiefs Recall Their Happier Days

By MIKE HOLMAN

Every fall at this time when pockets are full of money, two of Prince Rupert's most prominent Indian chiefs hold battle. They fight for life against drunkenness. But the chiefs, reaching a height of seven feet standing back to back in moccasins, are the soberest of warriors.

Just when restful Rupert citizens were going to bed one night recently, Chief Looking-West and his brother Chief Looking-East prepared for war. As the enemy drew nearer not a feather moved in their headdress; not a muscle twitched in the round face of Chief Looking-West; the more weathered Chief Looking-East was still calmly staring into death.

Both chiefs had been trained in endurance. Their straight backs moulded from strong ancestors—some of them known to each fabulous heights. Even now their patient faces reflected the love of their Creator. In those few seconds before blows fell, the warriors looked back into their childhood. They recalled how they had barely escaped being sent to the Chicago World's Fair back in the thirties. They would have gone, but at the last moment their promoter asked funds. Consequently the chiefs were locked in Lindsay's Storage on Second Avenue. The dust of long years in jail was shaken off by the Indians in 1947 when E. D. (Al) Manson, 721 5th Avenue West, paid their \$95 bail and set them to work.

"You could have put a zero behind that figure, and it still wouldn't set the value those Indians have been to me in my business. Through them an order of \$100 in silverware is just going out; another went for \$400. People write to me asking if I'm the man who owns the Indians," said Mr. Manson.

For two and a half years the Indian chiefs served Mr. Manson, standing alone against winter and summer, Halloween and Christmas. **GREW TIRED** But this year the warriors grew tired. They needed support. Mr. Manson, who realizes the value of his chiefs, gives them an annual holiday. During its rest after their harrowing work the chiefs go to hospital for minor repairs. Once Mr. Manson had the war paint out to give a little color to his aging chiefs. But an expert in Indian affairs of that nature from the University of British Columbia advised against such a plan. He said that the Indians would lose their battle-scarred personality and value with too much war paint.

So the only social benefits given to the chiefs are a yearly leather-trim up; slight repairs to moccasins and a little eye shadow.

One summer a visiting Seattle business man, seeing the chiefs, offered them \$25 cash for one of them. Mr. Manson was horrified. He said he wouldn't accept four times that for one of them.

"No, I wouldn't part with them—but everything has a price," added Mr. Manson.

Over the years many myths have grown up with Rupert's chiefs. One was they had stood guard at either end of the Galloway bridge, armed with guns to stop speeding.

The chiefs themselves well remember one of their closest battles with sailors on shore

### Seriously Hurt Logger Is Flown

Nels Nelson, seriously injured in a logging accident at Kelley Logging Company's Aero Camp at Cumshewa Inlet, Queen Charlotte Islands, was flown by Q.C.A. plane, Pilot W. Peters, to Prince Rupert on Saturday. Accompanied by a nurse, he arrived at 8:50 a.m. The accident apparently happened when a tree fell on him while at work. He was hurled 10 feet in the air and was pinned in a windfall. His hips were pinned under the tree. Before leaving the Queen Charlottes, he was given a blood transfusion.

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### Coastal Ship Is Protected

First of the coastal liners on the northern routes to have full fire protection equipment in compliance with the new federal regulations developing since the Noronic disaster of over a year ago, is the Union steamer Camosun which returned to service with arrival here yesterday afternoon enroute to Alice Arm and Stewart. A system of automatic sprinklers with some 200 heads in all parts of the ship and asbestos door and locker linings and curtains has been installed at a cost of \$100,000. All public rooms and staterooms have been equipped with heads which have been so fused as to start sprinkling by a heat of 160 degrees. Signal clocks which are punched at frequent intervals by three patrolmen who maintain round-the-clock marches around the ship, are now connected to the signals to the bridge.

The fire protection treatment which the Camosun has received is also to be applied to all the company's other vessels. The steamer Coquitlam, now withdrawn from service and which the Chilcotin is now relieving, is to get it during the next few weeks. Later the Chilcotin will receive it.

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