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## More Traffic Here

MODIFICATION until June 30 of restrictions under the Jones Act, as approved by President Truman, will make it possible for Canadian vessels to participate more freely in the Alaska trade. They will be permitted now to handle traffic between ports in Alaska. Canadian vessels will also be allowed to pick up American business in Alaska and deliver it either part of the way or all the way to United States and will be able to participate in business moving in the reverse direction.

The applicability to Prince Rupert is, of course, obvious and the opportunity to increase business for Canadian bottoms will, doubtless, be taken advantage of by enterprising shipping concerns. If American shipping services for any reason are unable to give service, it will be easy for Alaskans, as they have done before, to turn to Canada and Canadian shipping and it could, conceivably, even further increase the substantial volume of traffic already being developed through this port to and from Southeastern Alaska.

## FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

COMMUNISTS, Socialists and other misinformed citizens who complain that the press is manacled by monopolies should study the report recently handed down by Britain's Royal Commission on the Press. The 250,000-word report on the two-year study contained these two important paragraphs.

"It is undoubtedly a great merit of the British press that it is completely independent of outside financial interests and that its policy is the policy of those who own and conduct it.

"The public can dismiss from its mind any misgivings that the press of this country is mysteriously financed by hidden influences and that it is open to the exercise of corrupt pressure from self-seeking outside sources."

The report dealt with the press of Great Britain, but anyone connected with the publishing industry in Canada knows that the same observations could be made of the press of the Dominion.

—Printer and Publisher.

## Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "She was delighted at her dress."  
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "lithographer"?  
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Harangue, harbinger, haphazard.

4. What does the word "phlegmatic" mean?  
5. What is a word beginning with fe that means "ardent"?

Answers

1. Say, "She was delighted with her dress." 2. Pronounce li-thog-ra-fer, i as in it, o as in of, accent second syllable. 3. Haphazard. 4. Not easily excited to action or passion. "He is a phlegmatic person." 5. Ferbinger, haphazard.

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## SATAN VS. GYROS—

### McClymont Park, Investment in Citizenship - New Pool Popular

(By JAY ESS)

Satan and the Gyros! The Gyros and Satan! Yet there was a connection—or rather a contest—between these two powerful agencies. That thought persisted for a time as I watched scores of children at McClymont Park and dozens of them in the splendid new swimming pool there. What might have been a prejudice at first in my mind became a gratifying logical certainty as the minutes passed by.

Satan was licked, and badly beaten. There is the old and true saying that "Satan still some evil finds for idle hands to do." Well the chief of the devils is out of luck where the Gyros operate. That is where the connection between Satan and the Gyros comes in. At the Gyro Park were scores of children and quite a few grown-ups. None were idle and so none were finding evil things to do.

What a satisfaction such a sight must be to any citizen but particularly to any Gyro! There was the new swimming pool! There was the sandpile! There was the creek! And in every place there was activity, happiness and a healthful development of the body with its con-

current mental health development. Mothers busy too, dividing their interests between their small children and knitting. Over all a warm sun shining, the sounds of merriment in their ears and the fragrant satisfying odor of the evergreens. Surely, "God's in His heaven. All's right with the world!"

However, my primary interest was in the new swimming pool. Was it a good investment? The answer is a very definite yes. There were always at least thirty children, girls and boys, of all ages enjoying one of the best forms of athletic activity. There was diving. Some was by experts. Neil Forman and Ronnie Berg caught my eye as they slid into the water noiselessly and without any commotion in straight standing, running or jackknife dives. Shirley and Joan

Pearson and Joyce Pottle were impressive too. Perhaps more fun was being had by the non-expert. There were various sounds as different parts of various anatomies struck the water at various angles. As legs slapped the surface or some did "Belly floppers" there was much merriment. Some went like frogs but unlike the frogs their legs were at divergent angles as they struck the water and there were splashes, many and large.

Others, mostly at the shallower end were swimming. They were practising, and practising seriously, different strokes—the breast stroke, the crawl, the back stroke. And some were very proficient. A couple were practising somersaults in the water and mutually criticising each other's achievement. Two lads were diving to pick up small articles at the bottom of the pool. Some went in feet first—holding noses or not. But everyone was busy and happy. And I was much impressed by the habits of them all. As each came in he or she used the footbath. And Joyce Pottle, who was keeping a watchful eye on all, saw that the water in the footbaths was changed frequently. Altogether it was a most delightful experience.

**PADDLING POOL**  
Then to the paddling pool! There were children of all ages happily sporting themselves in it. Here there was a happy confidence and the absence of any feeling that the water was too deep. Just beside it was the sandpile and there were budding architects planning and carrying out marvels of original construction. Here there are undoubtedly some future town-planners—and I hope when they grow up that they will not allow lots to be limited to twenty-five feet in width.

Scores of children were very active with all the equipment items. One young girl was doing marvels on the horizontal ladder. Some lads were doing practical problems in physics on the seesaws proving that the product of the weight and the distance from the fulcrum would provide a balance. Lack of equality in the products provided unequal equilibrium!

There was every sign that our youth will grow up willing and able to carry on the traditions of the sea. There were many youngsters with boats of all sizes and shapes experimenting with their problems of navigation, propulsion and steering in the "dangerous hazards of Hays Creek" As I left, three youngsters were making their way quickly and with an air of determination to the creek. They had pieces of wood varying in size from a large sliver to a piece of "two-by-four." At least that's what they looked like to me, but I am sure that with their lively imagination these pieces of wood would represent everything from Dad's rowboat, halibut boat or sailboat to the Queen Mary.

In the creek too were young disciples of Izaak Walton. They were catching fish. At least they assured me they were and who ever heard any fisherman stretching the truth? In other separated and sequestered nooks there were family groups with the never all-sufficient supply of eatables. Mothers were relaxing—at times—and some were knitting as they gossiped. But in such surroundings I am sure there was nothing of scandal of a hurtful nature.

In the naturally beautiful McClymont Park with the varied equipment so generously supplied by the Gyro Club there is a haven of rest for the grown-ups, and unlimited source of pleasure-satisfying activities for the youth of our city. The Gyros are building a good citizenry as they provide the youth of the city with such physical and moral development agencies. The Gyros are licking Satan!

## LOOKING BACK

25 Years Ago

(August 24, 1924)

The Board of Works and the Finance Committee are discussing plans for the elimination of plank roads in the city.

F. L. Buckley is in the city and is making plans for the reconstruction of the Port Clements sawmill.

John Barnsley, managing director of Union Steamships Ltd., and father of Jack Barnsley, local agent of the line, died suddenly in Vancouver.

10 Years Ago

(August 24, 1939)

A local Embargo Committee formed to discourage trade with aggressor nations were chosen as follows: Thomas Elliott, chairman; George Dolson, Rev. H. G. Funston, H. Harkus, Thomas McKenzie, Edward Chungkee, Dr. R. E. Coleman, George Lawrence, Jack Deane, and Rev. J. C. Jackson.

J. S. Wilson returned from

Kamloops where he had attended the provincial convention of the Canadian Legion.

At a meeting of the executive of the Prince Rupert Horticultural Society, plans were laid for a flower show at the end of the month.

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