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Churches and Sports

TORONTO, known sometimes as "The City of Churches" and often referred to as "Toronto the Good," whose main streets abound with liquor serving restaurants and night clubs, has now voted for Sunday sport in spite of the exhortation to the contrary by most of the churches and the advice of the three big newspapers.

There is no attempt to discuss the merits or demerits of Sunday sport. Toronto people by democratic vote have settled the argument. Now it would seem appropriate for sports managements and the churches to meet the demand for Sunday sport and get together so that the activities of one may not conflict with those of the other. Indeed, it would strengthen both sides if they decided to co-operate rather than quarrel over the matter. Certainly the churches have nothing to gain at this late date by trying to buck the public will. Their case fell when they failed to induce the majority of the people to vote against Sunday sport. Now they had better get along and try to time things that sports may not interfere with church and vice versa. As a matter of fact a lot of Christian goodwill and friendly relationships might be fostered through such co-operation and everyone would be the better for it.

After a while Sunday sports may be expected in Toronto. There has been an expression of public opinion and desire which might as well be gracefully accepted. The churches have lost the round and they should be good sports about it.

It is to be expected that other Canadian cities will also be having plebiscites on Sunday sport now. Just because they should vote for it, however, does not mean it will be immediately forthcoming. Attorneys-general of provinces must be consulted and eventually, amendment to the Lord's Day Alliance Act may be required—all of which takes time and will probably involve a lot of consideration and debate.

MAIL SERVICE

THERE is no criticism of the local Post Office management over the closing of the box lobby to the public on Christmas and New Year's Day. We know it was a general department order that denied to the public a service to which, in Prince Rupert at least, it has long been accustomed and for the discontinuance of which we can see no good reason.

And even if it was a general order which closes the Post office completely on holidays, an exception might well, we think, be made of Prince Rupert where there is comparatively infrequent dispatch and receipt of mails and where we already suffer congestion and inconvenience at the Post Office due to the absence of a street delivery service which everybody concedes is long overdue but about which we never seem to be able to get anything done.

Indeed, it might be a good time now for such bodies as Chambers of Commerce and city council to renew the demand for such a mail service in keeping with the growing-up status of Prince Rupert.

The last excuse we heard why there was no mail delivery service was that some of the houses were not numbered. We are not so sure that there are so many houses not numbered at that. Numbered or not, our Daily News route boys seem to find addresses.

And we are sure that in cases where there are not house numbers, the residents would soon see to that if absence of numbers meant they would not get their mail delivered to the door. And, if it is matter of streets not being marked, there could be block by block get-togethers and the thing could be done in a week-end although a more systematic way of getting Prince Rupert's streets properly signed would be in order.

Week of Prayer Opens In City

The week of prayer meeting held in First United Church last evening was well attended by members from the churches of the city. Archdeacon E. Hodson brought the message of the evening. He spoke from the prophecy of Isaiah using Isaiah's vision as the picture needed to be kept in minds and hearts today in the present world of uncertainty and distress it was necessary to re-

member that God reigns. No matter what happens among men God rules and turns the pages of history. In all the affairs of life God calls to "go with Him," to be his witnesses. "Let us dedicate ourselves to God for 1950," declared the speaker.

Rev. Lawrence G. Sieber was in charge of the meeting and the season of prayer led by several of those present.

The offering was given to The British and Foreign Bible Society.

Tonight Captain W. C. Poulton of the Salvation Army will be the speaker in First Baptist Church.

Victoria Report

by J. K. Nesbitt

Anscomb Exercises Wiles of Retrenchment— Social Doings of Interest

VICTORIA—"Pare to the bone boys." That's Finance Minister Herbert Anscomb's theme song these days. "Cut! Cut! Cut!" he sings to fellow cabinet ministers, and sometimes the tune is raspy. Mr. Anscomb's fellow cabinet ministers think the tune is downright scratchy and harsh.

But Mr. Anscomb, in charge of the provincial treasury, has to keep cautioning the cabinet ministers not to spend too much. He says it's all very well and that sort of thing and B.C. is prosperous enough now but the good times may not last forever. Once let a department get a lot of money, says Mr. Anscomb, and it's pretty tough taking it back. In fact, he says, it's just about impossible.

Every cabinet minister, naturally, wants as much money as he can get. The big spenders are Health and Welfare Minister Pearson; Education Minister W. T. Straith and Public Works Minister E. C. Carson. They deal in millions. Social services, education and roads are costing British Columbians more and more each year. These three would loot the treasury entirely if Mr. Anscomb wasn't a hard boiled penny pincher.

At the Government House state dinners in the coming session the women M.L.A.'s will be separated. The first dinner is for the cabinet and the official precedence list—the Bishops, the judges, representatives of the armed services and the diplomatic corps. The second dinner is for the private M.L.A.'s. In the past Mrs. Nancy Hodges and Mrs. Tilly Rolston have attended the second dinner. Now Mrs. Hodges, as Madame Speaker, will be at the first dinner. Mrs. Rolston at the second. Each, because of this, will shine a little more brightly. But the situation presents a problem for Mrs. Charles Banks the wife of the Lieut.-Governor. Women have never attended the first state dinner. Mrs. Banks has attended the second dinner, because of Mrs. Hodges and Mrs. Rolston. Now the gracious chaperone of Government House is wondering if she should attend the first dinner because of Madame Speaker.

Capital city social and political circles are looking forward, during the session, to the dinner parties and receptions the Premier and Mrs. Johnson will give in their new home on the waterfront. The province's first family of politics moved in just before Christmas and Mrs. Johnson is now busy putting up drapes and arranging furniture. It is a beautiful home and

looks out to the islands of the Gulf, the snow capped Olympic Mountains and the Hills of Sooke. The long living room has floor to ceiling windows its full length. It is a combined living-room dining room. There is a den in lemon yellow, also looking over the water, for the Premier, three bedrooms and three bathrooms. The house is attractive for its simplicity and comfort. As the province's first political hostess, Mrs. Johnson dispenses with formality whenever she can. As a mother of a growing University student she knows people of today like to get into the kitchen whenever they can and help themselves.

The homes of Premiers have always been show places in Victoria. John Hart and his wife entertained in their roomy residence on the brow of Gonzales Hill, amid towering oak trees. The Pattullo's were at home in a stone mansion of the seafront. Before that the Tolmies entertained at Cloverdale, where Premier Tolmie was born. Long ago Premier E. G. Prior had guests at The Priory and after him came Premier James Dunsmuir whose home was Burleigh, on the waters of the Gorge. Premier Johnson, in his gleaming new home of glass, will keep up the hospitable traditions set by his predecessors.

LOOKING BACK

25 Years Ago

January 4, 1925

A local improvement initiative bylaw providing for the paving of Fourth Avenue East from McBride to the easterly junction with Fifth Avenue was given its first reading by city council.

The last camp set up in connection with clearing the road from the city to Galloway Rapids was set up and grading has begun.

The Canadian Fish and Cold Storage received a telegram from Ottawa stating that all halibut fishing must end. Any halibut landed now would be confiscated unless it were proved that they had been caught prior to the closing period.



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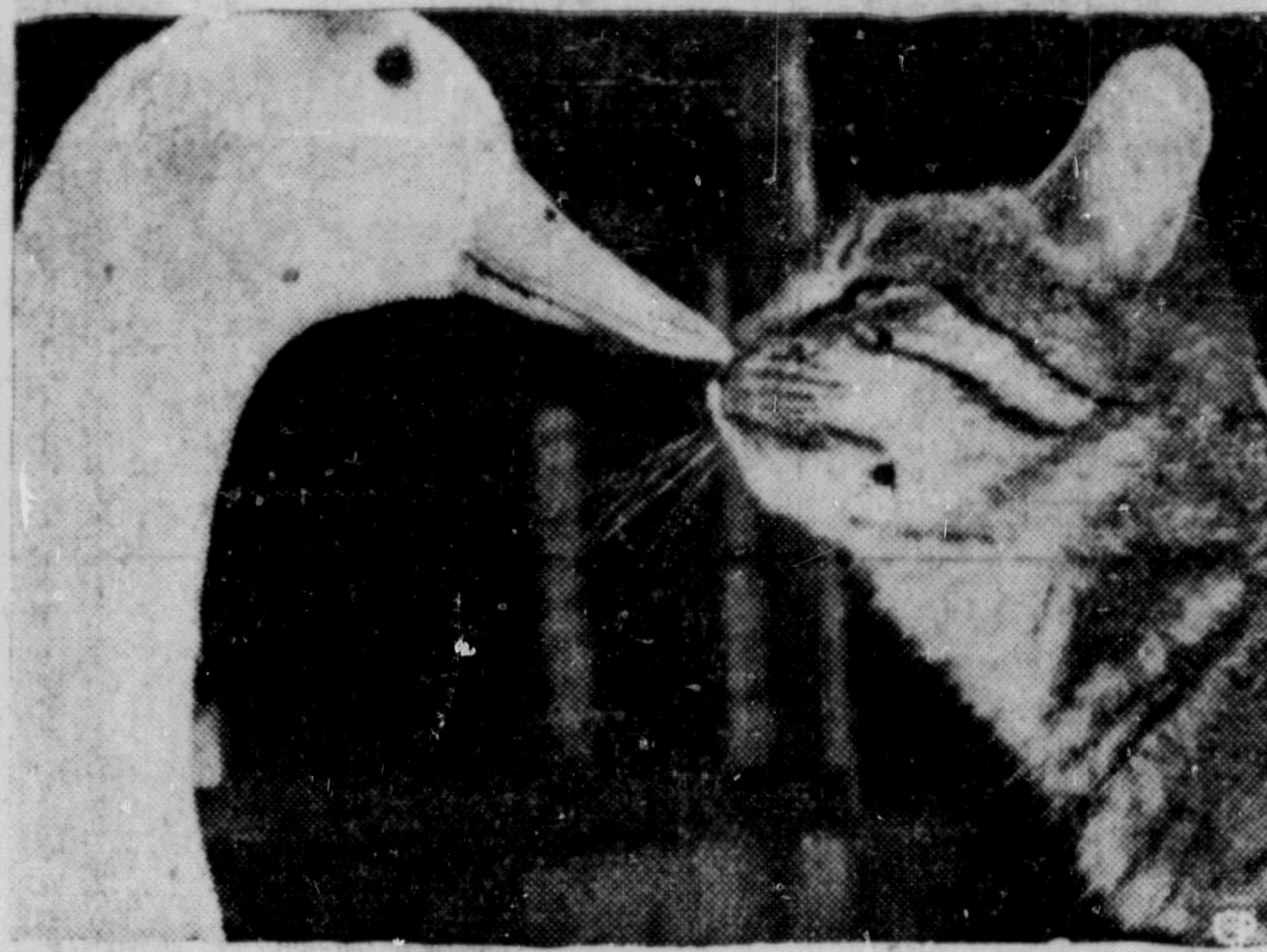
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Ray Reflects and Reminisces

The oil drilling outfit near Skidegate, Queen Charlotte Islands, reported a gusher of water, the other day, at a depth of around 1,400 feet. It is understood none of it had ever been chlorinated.

Cows are being flown from the State of Washington to Anchorage and the Matanuska Valley in Alaska. For one thing, its \$85 cheaper. Some are milked as they fly. Wonder what part of the plane is reserved for pasturage.

It's all quite fine to welcome a holiday but the day will come and sooner than many may think when resuming the job has also its attraction. We may grow, and long for independence, or enjoy indefinite leisure or come and go as our own free will dictates, yet it can bring on a feeling of boredom, or uselessness if accepted as a way of life. There is nothing like doing something—no matter if instructed, or accomplishing something you planned yourself. No action No life!

The Louisville editor who brands the pumpkin pie "a revealing confession" must have gotten hold of a piece of pumpkin pie made of pumpkin instead of sweet potato.—Ex.

The Christmas week thermometer at Juneau registered five above. Had there been a gale blowing off Taku glacier—but then, five above and nothing else will do.

Now that everything is back to daily routine, the only holiday

10 Years Ago

January 4, 1940

Registration of women for war work was begun in the city. Twenty-five women had registered.

Second seasonal meeting of the Ladies' Music Club at the home of Mrs. R. G. Large heard a program of Brahms music and readings on the composer's life. Mrs. Sheford Darton, the president, was chairman.

At the monthly devotional and fellowship meeting of the Nippon Young Peoples' Association in St. Andrew's Japanese Mission, Miss Elsie Heaps gave an address on "Moral Rearmament".

C. E. Starr returned to the city on the Prince George this morning after spending the Christmas and New Year holiday season in Seattle.

Charles H. Sawle, formerly proprietor of the Omineca Hotel in New Hazelton, has recovered from an attack of flu that kept him in bed for a while.

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There are two sisters-in-law who will contest the will.

A passage reads: "Mrs. Smith, in my old age and last illness, has proven to be my friend."

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