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Let's Help Nature

ITS the same old spring this year — lots of talk of the green buds bursting, the beautiful gardens we'll all have, if everything comes up, and the fact that summer is just around the corner. Yes, it's the same old spring with the damp, unsettled weather, one or two bright days to give fresh hope to lagging spirits, and the inevitable spring colds.

Spring is much overrated as far as weather and health are concerned. But it does carry with it the promise of better things to come. The fact that "hope springs eternal in the human heart" may have something to do with our yearning after the good things spring is supposed to hold in store.

One thing is certain, we get out of life what we put into it, and the same is true of springtime. If we look upon it as the time when Nature does a bit of refurbishing, and pitch in ourselves we're bound to get something from this pleasant season. If we just sit back in the hope that Nature will do the entire job, we'll be into summer and once again spring will have fallen far short of expectations.

We must give Nature a helping hand. Of course, there's always digging to be done, and seeds to be planted, but this year why not put a little extra something into the gardening program? There's probably a fence that needs patching up and painting or an old tool shed that's been an eyesore for years, and threatens momentarily to fall down. Why not pull it down? You'll be surprised at the extra space you'll have in the garden, and most of the stuff you had stored in the shed was junk after all. A bonfire is indicated, and once you get it going you'll be encouraged to clean out all the odds and ends in the basement that have accumulated over the long winter months.

We all have our approach to these jobs when we get down to them, but most of the time we tend to procrastinate. A community campaign, sponsored by the city council or some organization (the Junior Chamber of Commerce often does it) is a great asset in overcoming the mental block which prevents us from doing something about all these tiresome chores. It seems to be easier to get down to repairing the back porch stairs that have been gradually wearing out from old age, and touching them up with a spot of paint, if we can say, "Well, the Beautification Campaign starts on May 13—that day I'll get that new board in the stairs, and the next day I'll paint them."

Yes, a schedule is a wonderful thing. Nature operates on a pretty rigid one, and seems to get fair results. Of course, she's been around a long time, and can get along quite satisfactorily without our assistance—but it's surprising how much better job she does when we lend a helping hand.

Rev. E.A. Wright To Receive Doctorate

MONTREAL — The Presbyterian College announced yesterday that three honorary doctorates in Divinity would be conferred at the annual convocation Tuesday. Candidates include Rev. E. A. Wright, former minister at St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, Que. He is now minister at the First Presbyterian church at Prince Rupert.

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Ray Reflects . . . and Reminisces

Whatever dislike of daylight saving there is in Canada, it is not enough to seriously inconvenience traffic or people but there is sufficient to be something of a nuisance. It might be called a minor annoyance—something similar to occasional pangs of a far off toothache, or a spot on your back so far out of reach you can't give it a good, comforting scratch.

War can seem probable yet never occur, Elmore Philpott told a Prince Rupert audience. It is indeed, the truth. For example, he mentioned the boundary crisis on this coast. He could also have drawn attention to the S.S. Trent seizure in the early stages of the Civil War. Prompt landing of British troops in Halifax did look like trouble. But there wasn't any.

Seeing the number of test-tube babies in the United States totals about twenty thousand, there must be something to the ancient adage that it's a wise child knows its actual, positive, unquestionable honest - to - God daddy.

By this time, it is being generally admitted that Hitler is dead. No one has sprung a story to the contrary in almost two years.

Choosing the route of gas pipe lines in Western Canada is a delicate business, as deep growling in Ottawa continues. Will United States receive the substance, and Canada whatever is left over? About 75 years ago, a railway was built from Upper Canada to Portland, Maine, thereby depriving the Maritimes of future millions in freight tariffs. Orally, and in every other way, they have not yet got over it.

LETTERBOX

STAND ON JAPANESE

Editor, Daily News The organization I represent would appreciate a publication of the following explanation of the United Fishermen and Allied Worker's Union's position on the return of the Japanese to the fishing industry. We feel it necessary that our decisions on this question be made more public in view of apparent confusion. This confusion exists not only among fishermen and employees of its various operations but among the general public and its political representatives.

The 1949 Convention of the UFAWU, representing the vast majority of those in the industry and seating a majority of fishermen delegates, passed a motion on this subject unanimously. Briefly the motion states that we do not urge a return of the Japanese or an entrance of any other group or individual to an overcrowded industry. However, while licensing is not limited, we do not intend to take steps that would prevent the Japanese returning to the industry if he so desires. We consider the Japanese has the same basic rights as any other Canadian including the right to move as he pleases and earn his living in the industry he chooses. The Union has urged in the past a quota on licenses in order to protect the interests of those men who follow the fishing as their sole means of livelihood, under no circumstances can this be interpreted as a restriction or a violation on the rights of any individual or group because of color or creed.

The secretary of the Canadian Japanese Association was present at that 1949 Convention and gave support of his organization to the motion. The two organizations have acted in harmony since. As they re-enter the industry the UFAWU will recruit the Japanese fishermen to the Union and he will bear the same responsibility as other members and receive the same privileges. We are confident our position is a correct one. The Japanese fishermen will support the Union and with its strength the fishing companies will be unable to take advantage of a racial question to lower the standards in the fishing industry.

Thank you for your valuable space. R. L. GARDINER Sec-Treas. Prince Rupert Local, UFAWU.

In leading the opposition to the Bill against changing the name of Dominion Day, E. T. Applewhite (Skeena) performed a service that should have the applause of every Canadian worthy of the name. It was Sir Leonard Tilley whose suggestion, from Scripture, that the historic line commencing "He Shall Have Dominion" was finally chosen to designate the land that is today so greatly envied.

Senator Cyrville Vaillancourt, Quebec industrialist, last week distributed eight hundred bottles of choicest maple syrup to members of the Senate, Commons and staffs. He does this every spring. If only a few of the more rabid Communists and Sons of Freedom could meet the senator. Sourced on everybody except themselves, they might even come to see private enterprise in a gracious light. Pure maple syrup, coming as a gift, has been known to have most mollifying effects.

PLYMOUTH WEDDING PLYMOUTH, England Lieutenant Eric Jardine Dawson, R. C. N., was married here recently to Thelma May Burrow. He is the son of Judge E. P. Dawson of Nelson, B. C.



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20,000 Test-Tube Babies

Artificial Insemination Successful In Majority of Cases

NEW YORK (AP) — There are probably about 20,000 test-tube babies in the United States. This is the estimate in a new book, "Fertility in Marriage," by Dr. Louis Portnoy and Jules Saltzman.

Dr. Portnoy has been for about 10 years a member of the staff of the sterility clinic, Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York, and of the fertility service of the Margaret Sanger Research Bureau, Saltzman is a writer and editor on medicine and psychology. The publishers are Farrar, Straus and Company, Inc., New York.

The book says that artificial insemination succeeds 70 to 80 percent of the time. Some doctors achieve even higher percentages. Even the test-tube methods frequently requires several months of trials. The failure usually comes from the great difficulties in discovering a woman's fertile period.

Exercise Great Care Doctors, the book says, are very careful in test-tube baby cases. They study not only the donor, but the prospective parents, and sometimes refuse because they do not think the parents are sufficiently stable in character. In these refusals the doctors fear that after the test-

tube baby arrives, either husband or wife will begin blaming the mate.

"It has occasionally happened," the book states, "that a husband who became a father through donor insemination has later, perhaps years later, proved fertile enough to produce a child of his own. Resentment and emotional difficulties involving the two children might conceivably arise, yet doctors who have had such cases report nothing of the kind occurs."

Doctors preserve the anonymity of the donor father. Sometimes it is suggested by a couple that the donor be a male relative. The doctor invariably vetoes this.

No reputable doctor, the book says, will consent to artificial insemination without the husband's knowledge. But wives sometimes ask this.

In England it is customary to limit the number of inseminations from any one donor, so as to avoid possibility of children of the same father marrying under the belief that they are not related.

NURSE SHORTAGE Nurses continue to come and go from the staff of the Prince Rupert General Hospital, the lady superintendent, Miss E. L. Clement R.N., reported at the regular monthly meeting of the hospital board Friday night. However, there is some improvement in the staff situation. Local married nurses are still being used to augment the staff as there is continued difficulty in securing an adequate supply of single nurses for permanent

staff. A report on long term planning for hospital equipment, to have been made by a special meeting headed by T. W. Brown, was not yet ready. The board decided to make a trial of a new ward record system which has been advocated by Dr. L. M. Greene.

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