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Scouting--A Good Work

IT MIGHT be a good time today to acknowledge a very valuable community work which has been going on in Prince Rupert for the past few years and which has now reached a high point in the city. We refer to the Boy Scout and Wolf Cub movement which received a due modicum of attention as a result of the visit yesterday of the distinguished executive commissioner for Canada, Major General D. C. Spry, who, in addition to inspecting the Scouts at a fine rally, had occasion to meet and address citizens at a luncheon and a dinner and tell the Scout story.

Many of us may not need to be told what the Boy Scout movement does in keeping boys of a community on the right track through healthful and useful activities, thus developing them into the channels of good citizenship, training them in cooperation and leadership and inculcating in them through indoctrination the principles and practices of true democratic processes. In other words, Scouting may be acknowledged as a fundamental approach to good and useful living with inherent understanding and practice. Scouting is an education.

No comment on the matter would be complete without acknowledgment also of the public spiritedness and inspired service of District Commissioner F. E. Anfield and his executive and practical workers. Theirs is a work the value of which we might commend to the appreciation not only of the parents concerned but to the citizens as a whole. And with the appreciation we might also draw attention to the need of further leaders for practical assistance in carrying on the Scout and Cub work—the main recompense of which, any leader will tell, is the satisfaction of the work and its results. If anybody is looking for an opportunity to assist in a real community benefaction he could well consult with the Boy Scout organization to see if they could not give him a job to do.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

"Little children, keep yourself from idols."—1 John v 21

Rebekah Lodge Bazaar Success

Rebekah Lodge held a successful bazaar yesterday at the Oddfellow's Hall under the co-sponsorship of Mrs. E. A. Evans. Guests were received by Mrs. W. J. Lineham.

Looking after the home cooking table were Mrs. J. S. Irvine and Mrs. W. S. Hammond, while Mrs. Thomas Priest and Mrs. F. Green were in charge of novelties.

Sewing tables were taken care of by Mrs. L. Sandvar and Mrs. C. Viers. Mrs. Owens was selling Christmas cards.

In charge of the tea room were Mrs. W. McLean, Mrs. E. Schumacher, Mrs. Woods and Miss A. Johnson. Mrs. Gammon and Mrs. S. L. Peachey poured. In

the kitchen were Mrs. W. McLeod, Mrs. J. Delorme and Mrs. E. A. Evans. Mrs. H. V. Tattersall was cashier.

In the drawings, Leigh Sheardown, with ticket number 164, won the box of groceries; C. Viers, with number 25, the cushion, and Mrs. W. McLeod, with 17, a box of chocolates.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

(Prince Rupert)
R. Hunter, D. G. Crook, H. P. Cahill, A. J. McLean, A. McDonald, N. H. McClary, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Bell, G. Harvey, G. Aspinall, H. W. Hamilton, J. C. Hammett, J. L. Bell, George Hudson, Vancouver; W. W. Iverson, Seattle; Ian W. Coote, Hollyburn; H. T. Anderson, Edmonton; H. J. Knowles, Vancouver; P. O'Neill, Sherbrooke, Ont.; A. Widsten, Bella Bella.



As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT

THE PRICE OF MILK

THE GOVERNMENT of British Columbia is hesitating about permitting a boost in the price of milk sold in Vancouver. For opposition to the proposed price boost comes not only from consumers who simply cannot afford to pay more than the present 17 cents per quart. The Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association has also cried STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

Its general manager, A. H. Mercer, points out that an increase in the price of milk sold to the homes may well mean heavy financial loss to the farmers.

Most of the dairy farmers sell their milk in two ways:

1. A fraction of the total milk produced is sold on the so-called fluid market—that is in bottles to the home of actual consumers.

2. The larger part is sold AT A MUCH LOWER PRICE to plants which make butter, cheese, milk powder, etc.

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NOW LISTEN to what Mr. Mercer warns against in the July 1950 issue of "Butterfat," the Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association magazine:

"If the price of fresh milk is more than the consumer is able or willing to pay then he simply refuses to buy. When this happens the independent distributors buy less. . . . We ourselves sell less and the total thus made surplus must be manufactured into butter and powder.

"Certainly if folk in the city would continue to buy as much milk per capita at the higher price as they do now, a higher price would be an advantage to the F.V.M.P.A. But past experience shows they won't. If they don't and sales in the area go down as much as five per cent

everything gained by the association from the higher price will be lost. If per capita sales decline as much as 12 per cent (remember in three years they went down 19.49 per cent) the net loss to the association would be three hundred thousand dollars."

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THE PRODUCERS and consumers of milk in British Columbia are caught in the same vicious circle that now bedevils the whole economy of North America. We now live in a bastard system, part capitalism, part socialism, that has all the worst features of both and the benefits of neither.

Absolutely free enterprise would work far better in fixing the price of milk in Vancouver than the hodge-podge fascism that we now have. Sooner or later the government will have to do either one of two things:

Either restore free enterprise and let the price of milk be governed by the law of supply and demand or

Take over the whole machinery for processing and selling milk in all forms.

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AS THINGS NOW stand both in Canada and the U.S., our governments are subsidizing scarcity. Our government owns 23 1/2 million pounds of butter. The U.S. government owns 192 million pounds, and a vast stock of meat, cotton, eggs and fruits. All this is kept off the regular market. Yet I was astonished to read in the New York Times

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IT CAN AND IT DOES HAPPEN HERE

The free enterprise way is not just a theory, or something to be observed from afar.

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Successful in this respect does not mean only those who have made a million dollars or achieved wide fame or power. A successful man is one who has gained the place in life to which his ambition directed him, whether that be running a grocery store or practicing a profession or creating a new industry.

The point is that the free enterprise system, which is our Canadian way of life, gives every man the opportunity to become successful according to his ambition and ability. And it works. Look around you for the proof.

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that none of this is even used to feed the U.S. army, navy or air force. To do so would cut down the profits of business organizations. So it must be hoarded.

Under any sane system the farmer would be paid a guaranteed price for everything that he produced. But his total production would be delivered to the

people—not allowed to waste in fields or rot in caves as is now the case.

VANCOUVER — The school board of Vancouver will authorize the teaching of the Russian language in at least one city high school in the 1951-52 curriculum, pending permission of the Department of Education.

An inquiry into the death of Joseph Brown, whose body was found in the harbor Monday disclosed that he had met his death by accidental drowning.

W. A. Chambers, assistant superintendent of traffic, Canadian lines, Canadian Pacific Air Lines, is in the city on a short business trip.

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