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Now To Business

THE WINNERS in yesterday's aldermanic election are to be congratulated on having been accorded expressions of confidence and esteem by their fellow citizens. It is natural that they should feel some satisfaction at having been so honored. Now that they have been deemed the most suitable people to carry on the direction of municipal policy-making and supervise its administration, they have their responsibilities. In appreciation of such responsibilities they should assume their duties, the importance of which are not to be minimized in these changing and developing times.

Possibly, the really lucky one are those who were left at home. They, too, are to be congratulated and are deserving of appreciation at having offered their services. Having done so but failing to be accepted, they have been relieved of the assumption of responsibility. They are actually, therefore, in an enviable position. They do not need to feel badly at all over failure of election.

The 1951 city council contains a happy blending of experience and new blood. There will be plenty to engage their best talents and energies.

In marital differences of opinion he who hesitates is bossed.

MUSIC-DRAMA FESTIVAL

ATTENDANCE at concerts, recitals, lectures, art galleries, etc., by the ordinary individual is considered by some to be nothing more than a pose—a false gesture of interest in things above their heads. It is quite true that to many the purely classical in music and art and the highly intellectual in speech and literature seem a little beyond reach. But the fact that they reach at all is indicative of a true and good instinct. They seek something which will eventually bring its reward and enrich their lives. The creative arts are important avenues to complete and happy living. They help to unite humankind.

The work of the Music and Drama Festival Association is a cultural effort for the community. Although the working part of the association is comprised of a small and active group, it is an enterprise in which everyone may take part and in which every individual or group or association in the city may take out a membership.

The festival is quite a financial undertaking, the turnover last year being in the vicinity of \$800. Total receipts were barely in excess of total expenditures.

Partly on the advice of last year's festival adjudicators, partly in the interests of eliminating expenses, it may be decided to discontinue the making of awards in connection with the festival. This, however, would make it no less competitive, as entries will still be graded and marked by the adjudicators.

Each year the Festival Association has tried to profit by former experience, to iron out difficulties and to correct mistakes. And each succeeding festival sees some improvement. This year, for the first time, the complete festival syllabus appears in the newspaper, so that not only school and music teachers but the public as a whole may be aware of the various entries well in advance. This, it is hoped, may result in a more general and active interest. It is suggested that everyone cut out and keep this copy of the syllabus for reference.

It is needless to stress the value, not only to teachers and students but to the entire audience, of a competent and well-spoken adjudication. Also it is good to remember that criticism that is constructive is often of greater value than pure praise.

Since the Festival Association membership is a little larger this year and since the preliminary mechanics have been attended to a little earlier, it is hoped that a great many more outside district groups will enter and take part and that the May 1951 Festival will exceed all others in membership, attendance and participation.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

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As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT

JACOB STARTED IT

ABOUT the only thing Messrs. Truman and Attlee completely agreed on at Washington was that there was to be no "appeasement" in Korea.

In making his peace-making radio speech, Lester Pearson strongly called for a cease-fire in Korea, and answered in advance those who would criticize such an agreement as "appeasement."

It makes one wonder just what is this appeasement.

I DELVED INTO the origin of this word and found that it was thousands of years old.

In fact a slippery and slick business man named Jacob was the originator of the process—and in his day it worked like a charm.

You can find the whole story in Genesis, the first book in the Bible.

It tells how Jacob cheats his brother Esau out of his "birthright"—that is, the biggest share in the family property. It tells how Jacob goes away and becomes like a multi-millionaire of his day. It tells how after many years he is to meet Esau again, and is afraid that his brother will kill him.

Jacob sends on ahead the following presents:

200 she goats
20 he goats
200 ewes
20 rams
30 milch camels with colts
40 cows
10 bulls
20 she asses
10 foals

Jake told his servants to tell the warrior Esau: "Behold, thy servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I WILL APPEASE HIM WITH THE PRESENT THAT GOETH BEFORE ME."

Long before Esau saw his tricky brother limping down the road to meet him he had given up any idea of getting even for the sharp trick that Jake had played on him in youth.

THE THING that gives me the real laugh about the changed meaning of the word "appeasement" is that those who were most enthusiastically for it are the most vehemently against it now.

That works the other way around, too.

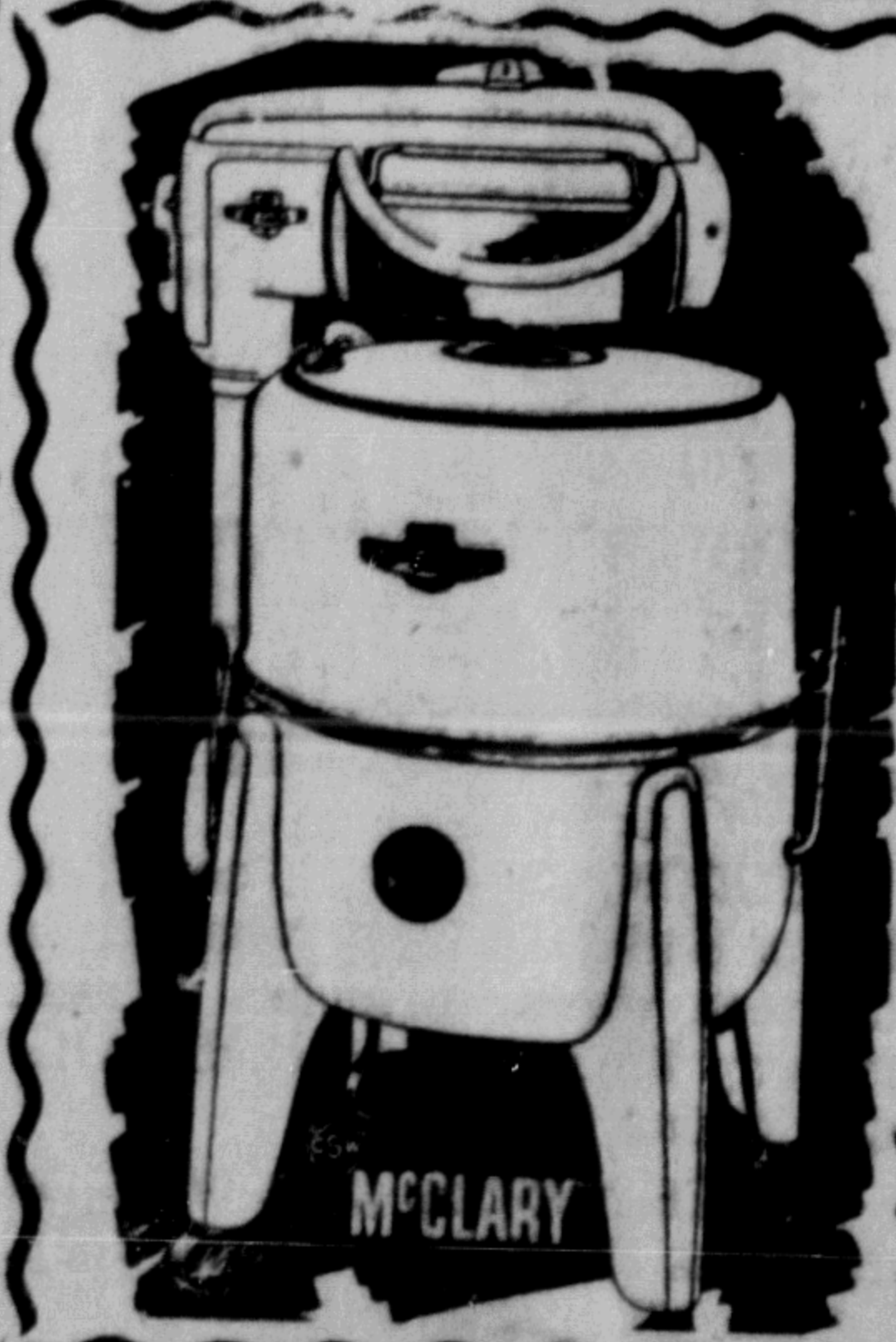
In the 1930's it was the conservatives and aristocrats, as a class, who condoned or even abetted the sell-out of Ethiopia, Austria, Spain and, above all, Czechoslovakia. It was labor and the progressives and internationally-minded liberals who provided the increasing moral opposition to the appeasement process. That is what made the magnificent stand of Mr. Churchill and Anthony Eden so vital. These latter were the first exceptions of their class to team up with the left wingers, against the shabby process of throwing weaker neighbors to the wolves.

ONE CAN SEE in the recent world situation pretty well the reverse of that of the late thirties.

The most fervent "appeasers" of aggressive Fascism became in ten years the most violent anti-appeasers of aggressive Communism.

Most of us who were first and firmest in the movement to stop Fascist aggression have been the most reluctant and laggard to apply the same principle to Communist aggression.

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Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Seattle and Tacoma once nursed an acute rivalry as to what name a magnificent peak would bear. Final decision was that it should be Mount Rainier. But the old competition still holds. There has to be something. This time it's which will have the tallest Christmas tree. Seattle wins again with a 210-foot stick direct from the deep forests of Washington. And to cut, trim it, and transfer it cost a cool nineteen thousand. However, sport is sport.

Ottawa is feeling hurt and diplomacy has nothing to do with it. It's all a little row between Ottawa and her favorite child—Barbara Ann Scott, native daughter, queen of skating and all that. Barbara and her mother are going to quit the capital and go and live in Toronto, where there's "everything." The inference, of course, is that Ottawa is lacking in a lot of important essentials.

By this time we felt convinced that all the secrets pertaining to the life of the late George Bernard Shaw had not only been bared but also published. What of this one? Why did whiskers appear and stay? And so, cometh revelations. His face had been disfigured by smallpox marks. Hence the long, the white and prophet like hirsute adornment. So, looking distinguished, he performed the part.

Weather chilly enough to make an ice rink, is just another way of describing winter and that's a season plenty of Prince Rupert people cannot welcome with any fervor—although the cold could bring a game of hockey. It all comes down to a choice between real frost and cloudy skies.

Civil service pay increases will not show on the checks until the House votes the raise which will not be until some time after New Year. A small thing in itself but there are persons who experience such a pleasant feeling when seeing, instead of hearing about more cash. And Christmas, too!

Comments the Denver Post: "Moscow and the Chinese Communists have given us this clear and unequivocal choice: we must surrender or we must fight." Stripped of all ifs, buts and wherefores, that's what it amounts to.

Having been delayed in leaving Vancouver after having been out of service for overhaul, Union steamer Chilcotin, Capt. Harry McLean, is not due in port until midnight tonight from the south. The vessel will proceed from here to south Queen Charlotte Island points whence she is due back Sunday evening on the return voyage to Vancouver.

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Pennsylvania; Miss Gilmour and Miss Speckelson, Hazelton; Mrs. Bonard, Gladstone, Man.; R. H. Sawyer, Framingham, Mass.; J. F. McKay, Terrace.

She: Who is the greatest woman in the world?
He: I don't know.
She: Your mother?
He: My mother?
She: Yes. To whom do you owe more than you can ever repay?
He: My landlady.

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Appreciation

I am deeply appreciative of the confidence expressed in me by the electors through their support at the aldermanic polls yesterday. It shall be my constant endeavour to serve the citizens to the best of my ability.

HAROLD WHALEN

To the Electors

May I thank you very sincerely for the renewal of confidence which you expressed at yesterday's aldermanic poll. Let me assure you that I shall endeavour to live up to that confidence in the future as in the past.

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Plans for a Christmas tree party for children of members occupied most of the time of the meeting of the Moose Lodge Tuesday evening. Percy Bond, chairman of the Christmas tree committee, reported that arrangements were well in hand

but asked all members to get away Saturday afternoon help out at the party. Also discussed at the meeting plans for New Year's Eve for Governor Howard was in the chair.

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