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Peace Gas Project

THAT IS AN ambitious project which prominent Vancouver business men have in mind—a \$40,000,000 scheme to carry natural gas from the Peace River district to the coast, letting some off at interior points enroute.

It is only one, although possibly the most expansive outside of the making of direct railway connection from the Peace River to the coast, of many developments that will be occurring, and possibly not so long now, as the opening up of Canada's last greatest northwest materializes.

Nor do we need to worry too much in Prince Rupert about whether we or Vancouver benefit the most. There is room for both of us to be sure and if we continue the endeavour to work together in the development of the district, which after all is most directly tributary to Prince Rupert, a port will not and cannot be denied, we shall all benefit. So we wish the Vancouver men good luck in their venture in gas.

ALPHABETICAL SOUP

ALPHABETICAL PASSIONS still run high and the Second World War didn't help any.

Gone are the simpler days of World War I when KP was a man's worst worry. Now he has to decide whether OD means his uniform (of "olive-drab" complexion) or the officer of the day. CIC could mean either counter-intelligence or commander in chief; CO could mean conscientious objector or commanding officer.

Haven't things gone too far? Even to be world-minded today is to be alphabet-minded. The UN proliferates into ITO and FAO, ECOSOC and UNESCO. How can the man in the street (hereafter known as MIS) give his heartfelt loyalty to a bunch of consonants and vowels? Wistfully we look back to the verbal richness of earlier days of wobbles and mugwumps, do-gooders and know-nothings. Well might the MIS start a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to the Alphabet (hereafter not to be known as the SPCA).

STARVATION IN BRITAIN

THERE IS A CLEAR distinction between the expressions starvation and malnutrition. To apply the former to victims of circumstances in certain parts of the world is not trifling with the truth. It is a stark, a literal fact. Life ceases because of lack of food and for no other reason, but to say this happens in the British Isles is highly questionable. Nevertheless, such a claim has been seen in print and, if it ever occurred, it must have been due to the fact of none knowing what was going on.

Malnutrition is something else again. It is common enough anywhere, and can be experienced in the midst of prosperity. People who have spent months in the Old Country and studied the rationing and general food situation agree that there is a stringency. Most people accept regular, if perhaps somewhat monotonous fare. But few, if any, are overtaken by real hardship. And parcels from overseas are, of course, ever welcome.

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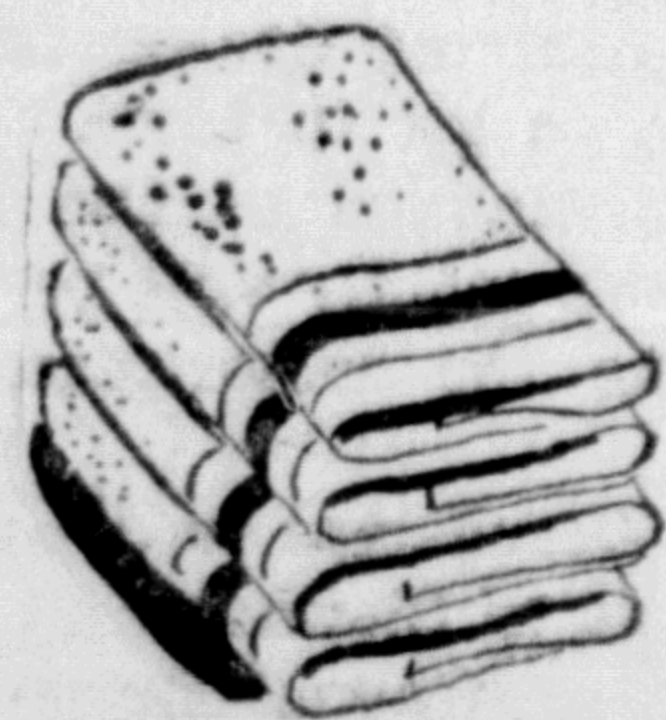
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The Daily News Boys

HENRY BLACKABY

BORN IN COW COUNTRY BUT HAS SPENT MOST OF HIS LIFE HERE

Henry Blackaby, who commonly has his surname shortened to "Hen," first greeted this world at the well-known ranching centre of the interior, Williams Lake, but he left there before he was old enough to straddle a horse with any degree of confidence. For 9 of his years he has resided in Prince Rupert, receiving his public school education at Borden Street School.



This year he is in Grade Seven and having his first taste of high school.

Henry is a member of the high school stamp club, gathering postage stamps is his hobby. A fondness for the outdoors prompted him to join the Junior Forest Rangers, an organization noted for its valuable educational and conversation work throughout the province.

A member of the Civic Centre and an enthusiastic basketball player, Henry fills a berth on the Civic Centre Arrows' roster. He likes to spend his spare time practicing basket shots with his football. Reading isn't a favorite pastime with him but he likes music and is studying piano now.

When his schooling is completed in Prince Rupert, Henry plans to attend university although as yet he isn't sure what he will specialize in.

Henry's route is Number 21 which takes in the customers living on Park Avenue, Eleventh Street, Water Street, Beach Place and a long block of Second Avenue West.

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Letters to the Editor

DOING GOOD JOB

Editor, Daily News:
Answering your letter of March 8 entitled "Employ Local People," your reference to married women working does in my opinion, create a lot of argument for and against but I'll leave that point to be battled out with our single sisters. My job here is just an ordinary one but, if any member of your correspondent's family can do it better than myself, they can get in touch with me. The Canadian National Railway still runs out of here.

PRAIRIE CHICKEN

SCORES UNIONS

Editor, Daily News:
Unions are they run efficiently like Ford's, Nuffield's etc. I wonder. Strikes never did any good and never will. What do the members get out of them? I think unions are a failure.

E. HAINSWORTH.

REAL "MERCY" FLIGHT

Editor, Daily News:
Shortly after writing the first letter regarding "Mercy" flights from Massett, there was another case of sickness here requiring immediate hospital treatment.

We got into communication with the Canadian Pacific Air Lines Ltd. at Prince Rupert. They were unable to state whether they could come to our assistance but would call us up in an hour's time. As this sounded doubtful and the case urgent, we got into communication with the U.S. Coast Guard Service at Annette Island, Alaska.

The answer was, we will call you in 10 minutes. In five minutes we were told that a plane would be at Massett in an hour's time. It arrived and the patient was in Prince Rupert General Hospital within two hours of our first call.

To add to the above immediate help, the U.S. service was asked what the charge would be.

the reply was "Charge! Why, nothing. It's our job."
What a difference to the cost in Canada of \$252 for our first "Mercy" flight of 70 miles and about half the distance the American plane had to travel.

Surely the Canadian governments, federal and provincial, should do something about emergency flights and make them possible for all, rich and poor.

NEW MASSETT COMMUNITY CLUB
M. A. Martin, president.
Norah Burton, secretary.

GOD AND FUTURE LIFE

Editor, Daily News:
I really feel impelled to interject a word into this rather frivolous correspondence about God and the Future Life.

It is all very well to talk about ideas but if we do shall have to be consistent and not go to bat for fundamental opposites. Either we believe that we are free in a real sense... that man stands indeed at the crossroads in this mortal life and the choices we make are real choices. Or we believe that nothing matters very much and that human life is totally illusory and back of what we know is neither good nor evil, pain nor pleasure, reward nor punishment.

In the latter case there can be no fear. I strongly suspect that nine out of ten of the people who tell me they do not fear the future are convinced that there is no future and, therefore, nothing to be glad or sorry about.

But to be convinced of what is not true is only like a shot of mental morphine. It does not alter the facts.

BASIL S. PROCKTER.

SHOULD SMARTEN UP

Editor, Daily News:
I see complaints in the paper about people from the prairies working while Prince Rupert people are out of work.

Mrs. Belinda Bleines writes that our own men are taking a back seat. What is the matter with them? Can they not com-

pete on the labor market, with men from other parts of Canada? If that is so, it is time they had some technical as well as practical experience as more skilled labor is going to be needed as Rupert progresses. Men will have to be imported from the so-called prairies if local men are going to sit in the back seat complaining, instead of smartening up, so they can fill the bill.

As for single girls, the same applies to them. When you see some of the single girls standing chewing gum and smoking instead of serving the customers, you cannot blame employ-

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