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Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Said a barber, last week: "A dollar is too much for a hair cut. I am a barber, yet I repeat it's too much. If I speed-up which is sometimes necessary—I can give half a dozen shingles in an hour. It's often been done, and at 75 cents, there's \$4.50. Of course customers do not come like that, but I still figure a dollar is just a bit tall."

The movies, when the screen did not cut quite the monumental and lovesick size it does today, might have lacked a lot, but it had the knack of convulsing folks. They had paid to laugh, anyway. Sheer nonsense, of course, but it worked. That's more than what can always be said today. Mack Sennett and Ben Turpin, who had not been seen in a dog's age, were on the Capital screen last week-end, and how the house roared. It was back, for an hour or so, to the silent drama, cross-eyed comedy, pies in the skies, pies in the eyes, leaping lions, and with something doing every snit second.

School studies resume for the 1950-51 term and with it, the disquieting knowledge that no fewer than 100,000 high school students quit every year. They do not go through with what they set out to do. Will the future offer learning along more practical lines, or return to classics and abstract, as suggested. There does not appear to be much of this at

home. There, the things that seem to really count, concerns cost of living, insurance, mortgages, politics, wage scales and labor unions.

It does not follow that, because a bear happens to be in Jasper Park, that it's any the less a bear. Some are wondering if this could explain the disappearance of two year old Lorraine Smith, the search for whom has finally been abandoned. This is not improbable, for there are plenty in the park. There also also bears on Kaien Island, and it's a sizeable forest, clothing the wide slopes, and wild enough to be the home of bruin. Firearms cannot be discharged there but the day may come when it will be necessary to give permission.

When one reads hot weather stories from El Centro and Blythe along the borders of California and Arizona, it's easier to understand, if it were ever necessary, why so many, every summer, pack the passenger fleets in northern waters. These blistering southern points report 121—even as high as 125. Contrast this with the cool blessedness of British Columbia and Alaska.

A few years of military or naval training is good for any young fellow. He learns a lot, and it will be helpful in later life, to Will we ever forget Sergeant MacKenzie? The naves have it. He was middle aged and a Glen-garry crowned his burly build. He had served in foreign parts, had a beak of a nose and a sun-burned, drooping mustache. He cast an all-seeing eye over the first parade of the awkward-squad and shouted "hair cuts". But not one paid a dollar for any.

SOUTH MOLTON, Devon, Eng.
T. F. Mock made a mockery of an embroidery competition here. He beat eight women to take first prize.

Housing to Fore Again

**City Council to Work
With Chamber of Commerce
On Matter**

Housing again received the attention of the city council last night as a delegation from the Chamber of Commerce waited on the council at their regular meeting, pointing out the desperate need for housing here and asking the council to take all possible action in the matter. Representing the Chamber of Commerce were W. F. Stone and Robert E. Montador.

The subject came up for discussion when Ald. George Casey placed before the council a resolution that the city clerk write to the National Housing Administration asking that the allotment for Prince Rupert next year be sufficient to build 75 to 100 houses. Ald. Casey said six houses had been completed, ten were under construction.

For the Chamber of Commerce Mr. Stone said the council had done all it could this summer toward finding people who wanted to build homes. But he said there were many people in dire need of homes who did not have the down payment to make on them. He said building costs in Prince Rupert were exceptionally high and suggested the council try to obtain a special dispensation for Prince Rupert in alleviating the cost of building houses for rental purposes to make the project interesting to investors. If that was not possible, he thought a straight subsidy could not hurt the government because of the taxes on materials, etc., it received from building a home. He assured the council the Chamber of Commerce was behind the council in their efforts to solve the problem and would do anything to assist.

RENTALS NEEDED

Mr. Montador said there had been some confusion regarding the housing problem. He said that, in spite of an increase over the previous year's allotment for N.H.A., the company had loaned all its quota in the first half of the year. However, he continued, what was required was a rental project. He had been over figures carefully with the city clerk and they had come to the conclusion that the cheapest house to meet the Central Mortgage and Housing requirements would cost about \$8,000. Rental for that house would have to be about \$75 a month. He suggested the council ask the government to put in a rental housing program. If they can not do it, they should explain why.

Asked what he had learned at the meeting in Victoria about housing, City Clerk H. D. Thain said nothing had come up there that applied to Prince Rupert except the general provisions of the act.

Ald. T. B. Black said the housing committee and the Chamber of Commerce had covered only one phase of relieving the housing situation, the purchase of homes. He suggested Ald Casey's resolution be submitted to the housing committee to work with the Chamber of Commerce and that the committee be allowed to spend up to \$50. The suggestion was made into a motion, which passed unanimously.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Urgent need of housing in the city was emphasized in discussion at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce which preceded the sending of the delegation to the council meeting. There was unanimous disagreement with any ideas that the completion of the Columbia Cellulose plant construction work would lessen the need for housing here. In fact, quite the opposite might be the case as permanent employees would then be looking for housing. It was also agreed that

Back From Motor Trip to Ontario

Accompanied by his nephew, Rev. Father Louis Amadio of Sioux Lookout, Ontario, and the latter's sister, Miss Inez Amadio, who recently arrived from Italy to make her future home in this country, Louis Amadio returned to the city Sunday night from a motor trip as far east as Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, where he visited with his brother, Antonio Amadio, and other relatives.

Ten days were spent at Sault Ste. Marie by Mr. Amadio and four days at Sioux Lookout and they started out from there August 30, visiting Winnipeg, and Emerson, Manitoba, Grand Forks and Havre, North Dakota, Helena and Missoula, Montana, Spokane, Seattle and Vancouver. Father Amadio and Miss Amadio will spend a few days here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Amadio.

Dr. D. McC. Black, director of Prince Rupert Health Unit, left by today's plane for Victoria, where he will attend the convention of Medical Health Officers of the province. On his return Saturday, he and Mrs. Black will leave for a week's vacation at Smithers.

Many people were living in the city today under quite undesirable conditions.

Dr. R. G. Large told of the difficulty of new teachers finding housing accommodation here. It was hard to get people to come here to reside under existing conditions.

W. F. Stone pointed out that it was difficult to reconcile the cost of building here with the return that could be obtained from rentals. He felt that some special dispensation might be asked for in the case of Prince Rupert.

Finally, the Chamber passed a resolution pointing to the desperate need for housing accommodation here and asking the city council to take action with a view to obtaining same, the Chamber supporting the move in every way possible.

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