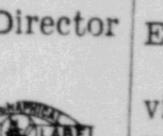
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## Looks Like Action

WITH the public behind them and a widespread Wand active interest being shown, the city council, with the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce, Trades and Labor Council and other organizations, is now really exploring the possibility of relieving the housing shortage which exists in Prince Rupert today and which, with industrial expansion, gives promise of being a continuing problem.

The need has been well pointed out and one of the most convincing pieces of testimony in its support is that of the medical health officer who tells of deplorable conditions under which many people are living today. These conditions, he suggests, are injurious to health and morality, to say nothing of the morale of the people who are constrained to endure them. Many people who are able to live comfortably may not realize that slum conditions do exist in Prince Rupert today and that their instances are no longer few.

Whether or not action under the joint governmental low rental or purchase housing scheme can be successfully consummated, and there appears reason to expect that it should be, at least the dire need of housing here is being pointed up in a most effective way and the urgency of something being done about it with a minimum of delay. Of course, the most desirable thing would be private enterprise.

During the war we saw how they hustled up hundreds of houses in a hurry for industrial workers. Not since then has the situation been more critical than it is today.

#### WHAT OF MIDDLE CLASS?

ANADIANS are still among the most fortunate of peoples but one important group of them, the white collared or middle class, is not quite so fortunate as it was 10 years ago, says Financial Post. Some new official information on personal income and expenditures is worth the most careful study. It indicates some significant deterioration in the economic standing of a group this country or any other can ill afford to see weakened.

It may not be news to the hard-pressed housewife, but it is of national significance nevertheless, that Canadians are spending a considerably higher proportion of their incomes on the bare necessities like food and less on such things as books, recreation, travel and education than they were in 1939.

They are also spending less, in some cases much less, on household help, clothing, medical care and funerals. On automobiles they are spending a little higher percentage of their earnings but on gasoline and oil a little less-which means that motor cars cost a good deal more than they did in 1939, but we are not taking so many long drives because gas costs far more too.

Boiled down and digested, these statistics confirm what has long been suspected, namely that the standard of living of our middle or white collared class, which suffered a body blow during the war, has not yet recovered. And so long as bare necessities like food and shelter continue to be high, and taxes continue to be heavy, it will not recover.

Since 1939 the pressure has been severe and continues so on this group. In this category income has risen some but not nearly to the extent as the increase in wages. And of course the tax take of governments has multiplied.

Over wide areas of Europe, two world wars, heavy taxes, and inflation have almost wiped out the middle class. The position of that very important group in Great Britain deteriorates further every year.

What makes a country strong and gives it stability is the size and vigor of its middle class. What is needed is more "levelling up" and less "levelling down."

### CAT NAP

Rest and relaxation help to tone up the body. Even a few minutes' rest taken during the day's work will help to ward off weariness. Sitting quite relaxed, with eyes closed and, if possible, feet raised, for 10 minutes or so will bring new energy to carry on the job. Good ventilation in the home, office or shop is a great help-stale air adds to that tired feeling.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY "The Scripture has concluded all under sin."-Gal. 3:22



VALUE OF MUSIC

Editor, Daily News-

The recent visit of the Greenville Concert Band has stirred appropriately. Take a look credit for the way today's teen- of his friends were "mollycodup considerable interest. A let- around you, sir, and you will find agers are brought up. Granted— dled." So when he wrote his ter to the editor that appeared our world has progressed a great some aren't brought up prop- letter he said: "In our younger in the Daily News a few days deal since your childhood days, erly. In fact a good many aren't, days there was none of this ago over the signature of Helen thanks to our many lazy people but that is no reason to con- mollycoddling." Try and think M. Denning seems indeed to have cr today. They couldn't quite demn all of us. Perhaps many hard, Ancient, after all you must

Armistice Day parade. What a fine tribute to these people and their leader! Musicians of the Greenville Concert Band and Fred McKay must have worked overtime to attain such a high degree of proficiency because their principal occupation, fishing, would keep the members widely scattered for a good part day. of the summer making frequent rehearsals difficult.

The Prince Rupert Shrine Club

so and are working toward add- dren so that they would be able ing music as a regular subject in schools and colleges. In a survey conducted by some of these leading educators, at Canadian and American universities and also at Oxford, it was found that the greatest percentage of honor students had either studied music or were quite proficient on some musical instrument.

English factories were among the first to make use of the 'music while you work" idea. Not only does music keep the workers happy and contented but working to rhythm tends to prevent or lessen fatigue and therefore results in greater produc-

Basketball, boxing and other forms of sport are fine for building up a strong, healthy body, but has your ball-playing son thought of how the study of music can improve his prowess in the field of sport by adding rhythm and accurate timing to his movements?

Readers must have the most sincere interest of their sons or daughters at heart. By giving them an opportunity to study music they are doing their finest duty as parents. For music builds, creates and develops the finest in every child. It builds character. Out of 1700 children to receive training in recent years in the Denver, Colorado, Junior Police Band, not a single one ever appeared in juvenile police court. This alone is proof that the idea of using music to fight juvenile crime is sound. Music creates self-confidence; it develops initiative, it encourages wholesome companionships, provides discipline, assures health, aids friendship, offers opportunities and is a guarantee to a lifetime of hap-

So by all means let the Navy organize a band. Let us have a High School band. Let our own Shrine Club Band under the leadership of Mr. Peter Lien retain their identity as they deserve after so much persevering work but may their ranks increase in numbers.

Any boy or girl can be a smart addition to any band or tomor-

"Give the boy a horn." MIKE COLUSSI.

# Conrad Street PTA Card Party

The regular monthly card party of the Conrad School Parent-Teacher Association was held Friday with K. Murray as

Prize winners for the evening were R. Shearer, cribbage; Mrs. H. Denning, whist, and W. J. Hardin, bridge.

Mrs. J. K. Murray, assisted by Mrs. J. Husick, Mrs. A. Desautels, Mrs. H. Blair and Mrs. H. Thom, served tasty refreshments.

TO "ANCIENT"

Editor, Daily News:

voiced the sentiments of many understand why they had to haven't enough to do. That's admit that there was a certain who heard this fine organiza- spend many hard hours working very evident but a good many amount of mollycoddling with make-shift appliances on have. The village of Greenville, en- farms and in the homes, so they I could name for him a good Instead of judging all of us tire population approximately invented tractors and cars and many fifteen-year-olds, includ- just by the traits of a certain

good personality is crying be- right. Have we parents lost true per- fingers at the offsprings and try they have now. Leading educators seem to think ed good character in their chil- waste of time?

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TEEN-AGERS BUSY

Editor, Daily News: "Ancient" may have something

ber 16, but you can bet that not News of November 16. fought Indians and slaved away friends were "mollycoddled,

you did in your time but that comes from baby sitting alone as All of us aren't "like birds in a does not give you reason to be- my mother says I'm too young to nest" nor are we "gullible seagrudge them their facilities to- work (I'm 15). She, and others, gulls." Just to prove to you that

GIDDY TEEN-AGERS"

and the end of the rainbow

to retire on.

should provide everybody with enough

himself. "More rainbows! I like the idea

of additional help for older people. But

to build the kind of comfortable old-age

income I want, I fully expect to need all

my life insurance - and maybe more. It

gives my family protection now. And it

covers my own special needs in a way no

like millions of other Canadians, began

another day of earning and saving for

pretty good world," he said to himself.

And as he worked, he began to whistle

his future security with life insurance.

Arriving at the office, Mr. Peabody,

"Even without pots of gold, it's a

mass programme could possibly do."

"Hmmph!" snorted Mr. Peabody to

· You could have knocked Mr. Peabody

his own room, came a rainbow. And at the

real, he heard the sound of bells. "The

whole town has heard of this!" thought

Mr. Peabody. "That's why the bells are

ringing." And the sound of the bells grew

alarm clock beside his bed was ringing

... ringing ... RINGING. Shutting it off,

read his newspaper. In it a speaker was re-

ported to have said that old-age benefits

he sighed sadly, got up and dressed.

Mr. Peabody awoke with a start. The

At the breakfast table Mr. Peabody

louder . . . louder . . . LOUDER . . .

end of it was a huge pot of gold!

For there, right through the window of

As he approached it to see if it was

over with a feather.

DYNAMITE

Editor, Daily News: in that letter he wrote, Novem- himself "Ancient" in the Daily

many of the old timers and If you will look back in your adults of this day would care to teen-age days and if you wanted go back to the days when they to, you will find some of your from 12 to 18 hours a day. He too. I am sure "Ancient" merely You have signed yourself very (or she) didn't give parents much closed his eyes when he saw some

invented tractors and cars and many fifteen-year-olds, including machines and, since ing myself, who cook a good teen-ager, why don't you look around. I'm sure you will find most of their own clothes. I re- to think of you as a Communist So you see, Mr. Ancient, why ceive no allowance but buy many but you seem to judge all of us today's children no longer have of my own clothes or buy mater- by the traits of just one person. to spend their time laboring as ial to make them. This money However, I hope this isn't true.

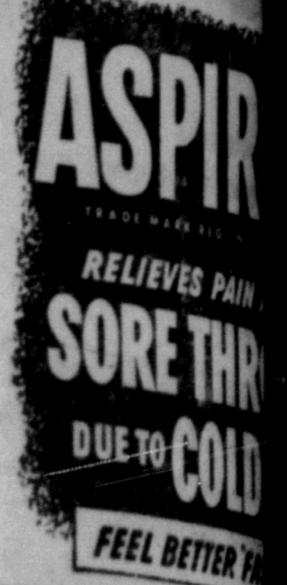
say that we teen-agers have some of us aren't mollycoddled, Do you suppose any normal plenty of time to work after I will give you an example. "There teen-ager with good health and graduation. Perhaps they're is a girl whom I will call Miss X. Band drew many fine comments cause he or she can't occupy If everyone lived on farms and has to work for it herself. She If she ever wanted anything, she for their good musicianship and their time. I think not. We have ate out of the cellar, made shoes works in the summer, in order to smart appearance. But in a city the teen-ager who is unhappily from cow hide and clothes from buy clothes. When school opens that boasts of 10,000 population complaining about this unneces- sheep's wool not only teen-agers in September, she does odd jobs Bandmaster Peter Lien could sary misfortune and I fail to but "Ancient" himself and all like housework or babysitting, in only persuade about 20 to come see how they can be normal the other adults would have a order to "enjoy" life such as children. Let's stop pointing our lot more of a rough time than going to the show, or basketball spective of the value of music their parents instead. What a Is that what "Ancient" wants? tainment. However, she doesn't games or other kinds of enterin the lives of our children? pity they couldn't have develop- Or does he think some pleasure a spend all her hard earned money on entertainment. She buys "ONE OF THOSE USELESS, school supplies; puts aside so much for collection on Sundays;

and when birthdays, or the The world's most Christmas season rolls around, land-based radar state Here is to the man who called she buys presents for one and built by the Norwegian all of her friends and relatives, stitute at Syalbard

Besides all this, she is paying her own way through school and furthermore, she is going to go to one of the universities (at her own expense) when she graduates. Now Ancient, tell me the truth, would you say this girl was "mollycoddled?"

Don't you think tag days he'n a lot of people? If you don't think they do, try thinking harder the next time "you think." To mention a few, there are the tag days for the Blind; for the Veterans (poppies); for the Red

Cross, the Hospital, etc. When



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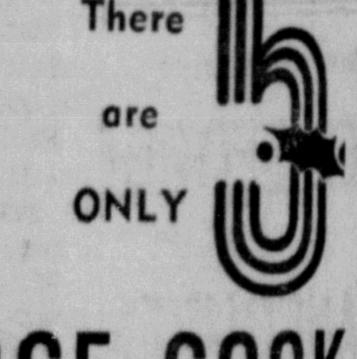
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