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## City In Glass House

WE HAVE BEEN CHIDED for editorializing about dilapidated old buildings which mar the scene and failing to draw attention at the same time to the many civic eyesores such as worn out and crooked sidewalks, the battered and broken streets, the open ditches and such like. Possibly it has been forgotten how many times we have already urged the city to clean up the things for which it is directly responsible and there are certainly many of them. Even our old City Hall is nothing to be proud of.

As a matter of fact, private owners may have some justification in feeling loath about making their improvements when the city itself is not setting the example. It is discouraging to smarten up one's own premises and have them still abutted by unkempt municipal surroundings.

Possibly, the city has not the conscience to be too strict on the private owners when it is living in a glass house itself.

All of which, of course, is getting nowhere as far as the very desirable end of civic beautification is concerned.

## EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS

EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS' OWN TWIST of the theory of evolution, "Tarzan," brought riches that Darwin never dreamed of. Burroughs died on Sunday but the ape man he created will live on to delight other generations and others the world over for the great success of the books and the pictures show that there were multitudes who enjoy that kind of thing and are ready to pay for it.

The 73-year old multi-millionaire writer, who became ill three months ago and died Sunday, up to the time of his final illness, had been busy turning out new stories about his jungle hero. The original "Tarzan of the Apes" brought Burroughs only \$700 but almost 40,000,000 Tarzan books have since been sold and from movie rights alone he is reported to have realized \$5,000,000.

Burroughs never set foot in Africa, the setting of his jungle stories, but he found a source of wealth in Africa never dreamed of by those who went there in quest of gold, diamonds and ivory.

Few figures in American literature made such an impact on readers as did the mighty Tarzan, whose creator was big enough to wrestle a lion himself. By 1949 Burroughs had carried him through 36 years and 93 stories and was busy with new jungle episodes.

In addition to books, with radio serials, motion pictures, cartoon strips, games, toys and a candy bar added to the royalties.

"I've often considered writing deeper stuff," the author once said. "But why should I? Millions of people seem to want Tarzan—why should I take him away from them now?"

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## Ray Reflects . . . . . . and Reminisces

Had there never been a Klondike, it is probable the tourist travel north might never have amounted to what it has. When vacation time comes, no other part of the west has the same lure. The "Trail of '98" still lives—but in the imagination of multitudes who had not been born when "Soapy" Smith was riding high wide and handsome at Skagway, and Bob Service and Sam McGee were thinking of each other somewhere around Whitehorse.

Jolting by tractors is forcing farmers to wear corsets, says an item. To the farm wife's other duties, comments the Toronto Telegram, is now added the task of lacing her husband up the back before he goes to work.

Last week's No. 1 Surprise Story (warehouse sale) has been digested, yet it lingers as a casual or chance subject of comment or conversation. One hears, of course, a variety of opinion. Perhaps the most frequent is the suggestion that three-fourths of the giant building be moved to Edmonton, and the rest left in Prince Rupert as a thoroughly modern, new and conveniently used waterfront asset. Couldn't a dicker be made, they ask.

Barely a month ago, if that long, dark were forebodings in Prince Rupert, and painful to contemplate what the future might hold in the way of disciplinary action. For water was not freely flowing nor was power fully functioning. But since then, shortages have ceased. Lights are switched on or off, as the spirit moves, and taps are turned on, without a worried look. No one thinks of shortages, unless it concerns hard cash. But then, it's like that.

The Navy is surely changing. After four centuries of tobacco chewing, the British tar is to chew no more. It looks like the cigarette in future. Said Capt. Frank Shaw, naval historian, the other day: "Few people have any idea of how a tobacco chew can warm the cockles of one's heart when one is frozen at the wheel of a storm-tossed windjammer off Cape Horn. It must have been both warming and stimulating years ago for the seamen would mix it with rum and molasses and bind it with spunk until it became of a toffee-like consistency."

Thought settled, the flag controversy returns. Word from Ottawa intimates that more letters and designs are being received with the total, to date, by no means small. While not exactly predominating, public opinion appears to be leaning more toward the maple leaf or beaver. The idea seems to avoid having too much, or too little of either or both, yet not to omit the distinctive feature.

## Cards Enjoyed By Hospital Guild

Hospital Guild of the Women of the Moose met at the home of Mrs. L. LeClair and, after a business session, the evening was enjoyably spent in playing of cards. Prize winners were Mrs. E. Blair, first; Mrs. L. Holstad, second, and Mrs. T. Glenn, consolation. Mrs. LeClair was assisted by Mrs. L. Herring in the serving of delicious refreshments. Present were Mrs. T. Glenn, Mrs. W. Thompson, Mrs. J. Bell, Mrs. K. Pearson, Mrs. C. Wilkinson, Mrs. L. Halstad, Mrs. B. Harrison, Mrs. H. Muncey and Mrs. E. Blair.



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The junior choir presented two numbers: "Praise Ye the Father" and "O Sing Ye Hallelujah," in a very pleasing manner. Their singing was bright and tuneful. Their alto section did particularly well in the second number. They also provided an effective descant for the setting by Anderson of "Sweet Is Thy Mercy, Lord" with the senior choir carrying the main parts in harmony. In the Dutch melody "A Prayer of Thanksgiving," the juniors sang the first verse and the combined choir the rest of the hymn. In this number the bass section was heard to good advantage.

The senior choir sang the well-known, "The Lord is my Shepherd" very expressively and their rendering of the second number, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" was most sympathetic. The dramatic selection "Thou Hast Overthrown Thine Enemies" from Mendelssohn's "Elijah" was splendidly done by Dr. R. G. Large and Rowland Miles with the choir singing the part of the people. Mrs. C. Roberts sang the selection from the "Elijah" "O Rest in the Lord" in a pleasing manner. John E. Davey did well in the recitative and aria "Walt Her Angels to the Skies." Dr. Large and Rowland Miles joined effectively in the duet, "O Di-

vine Redeemer." Mr. Miles was heard to good advantage in his solo: "My Hope is in the Everlasting." The quartet: "Lead, Kindly Light," (Buck) was harmoniously given by Mrs. R. G. Large, Miss Yvonne Larson, J. S. Wilson and Dr. Large.

Two organ numbers "Prelude and Fugue in F Major" (Bach) and "Berceuse" (Godard) were very effectively played by the organist Henry A. Pluym. Mr. Pluym was also accompanist for all the vocal numbers and in every number played in a most sympathetic manner. J. S. Wilson, choir leader, conducted all numbers.

A word of welcome was expressed by the minister Rev. Lawrence G. Sieber. Mr. Sieber also gave an introduction to the recitatives and chorus from "Elijah" and explained the setting of the scene.

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