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Community Attractions

WE SHOULD guard against losing ground in the battle against ugliness in home and community surroundings.

Smouldering garbage dumps too often welcome the visitor to both metropolis and rural village. The green of song and story is often a neglected waste. Many of our highway rights of way are garlanded with discarded tin cans. Good housekeeping of our home grounds and community surroundings is urgently needed to prevent the growth of new urban and rural slums.

Unless public consciousness is aroused to the danger of this deterioration in civic standards, it might have social consequences far more costly than the expense of correcting it now.

As a remedy there could be a long-term program of home gardening both for food production and home grounds improvement. Active steps should be taken to clean-up and improve public areas.

TIMBER PICNIC OVER

THE PICNIC is over in the British Columbia lumber industry. That is a fact that all concerned are going to have to admit and face. There have been large profits in the industry and there have been large wages. Both may have reached the peak.

The closing down of 500 mills in British Columbia, and quite a few of these are in the central interior district including small mills which were set up by small operators to get in on the profits melon, suggests that the big profit era is over.

International competition in the lumber markets and buyer resistance at high prices are the reasons, of course, for the drop in lumber prices. It is not that the markets are not there. There is a huge market for lumber everywhere at home and abroad. A universal shortage of housing exists and construction programs are being held off everywhere until there is a drop in the price of materials.

The time of economic readjustment in the lumber and timber industry is now here. It will be a testing time for the industry in Canada and British Columbia particularly.

There will have to be patience and forbearance on all sides—the knowledge and understanding of tach other's position and problems.

If these are not forthcoming a great industry may be wrecked—an industry which gives large measure of employment and can make or break the prosperity of this country.

WHITE CANE WEEK

THIS IS WHITE CANE WEEK sponsored by the Canadian Council of the Blind and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind to give the public a better understanding of the problems and the abilities of the blind.

Too many people think of the blind as a group apart who have lost not only their sight but their interest in normal human activities. Sighted people should realize that those who are blind do need their assistance. With such assistance, blind folk are enabled to take a responsible part in the affairs of the community.

The current campaign is to make people aware of the White Cane as a symbol of blindness and as an appeal for guidance in traffic; and to improve public understanding of the problems of the blind.

NEWFOUNDLAND IN DEFENCE

BEFORE NEWFOUNDLAND becomes part of Confederation the disposal of three defence bases, controlled by the United States under a 99-year lease, will be adjusted or settled. It was during the war that the change in possession of the bases was made. Britain received from Washington fifty destroyers and from London the United States obtained the bases, spending thereon $25,000,000.

Under the present uncertain state of world affairs, Canada will find in Newfoundland now, as well as in the future, a less vulnerable front door. Powerful defences stand there. Any direct air attack against the heart of America would be by way of Labrador and Newfoundland according to defence studies and these vital points are not being neglected.

DAILY NEWS CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS BRING RESULTS

Kashmir Issue Nearer Settlement

The future of the picturesque North-Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir has occupied the world ever since, 15 months ago, India and Pakistan fell into conflict over it. It was partly settled in January with the help of the United Nations. Here members of the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan which mediated the dispute on the spot interview some of the inhabitants.

EARNEST CLASS OF NEW CANADIANS STRUGGLING WITH NEW LANGUAGE

Prince Rupert's small community of New Canadians is making serious efforts to adapt itself to the ways of its new country and Booth Memorial High School is playing its part in the basic adjustment of perfecting them in their new language.

Twice a week out at Booth eight newly arrived Europeans, six of whom are young women employed at Prince Rupert General Hospital, meet to study English without which they know, they cannot fulfill their place in society.

Classes are held Monday and Friday evenings under sponsorship of the Department of Education and the District School Board. Instruction is provided by three staff memoers from Booth School—Miss O. Jokanovich, F. Huber and P. Sbrocchi. All three have one or more European language which assists materially in giving instruction.

According to Principal A. M. Hurst of Booth, progress has been good since the classes started early in January. They will continue until Easter when the course will be completed for the term. It is likely that similar classes will be held next fall.

So far, the eight students have progressed well into their first textbook on English and others will be provided when the first is completed.

All of the students come from central Europe and only one had a particularly useful command of English on her arrival here.

Greatest confusion in the language struggle is caused by harmonyms—words of similar sound but different meaning.

"I asked one girl if she knew what a 'cot'—a hospital bed—was," said Mr. Hurst. "She replied cheerfully in real North American style to show that she had caught on—she held up her hands like she was catching a baseball."

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10:00—Bandstand
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10:45—CBC News and Com'ty
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11:31—Message Period
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11:45—Personal Album

SATURDAY—P.M.
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12:15—Rec. Int.
12:25—Program Resume
12:30—To be announced
2:00—Musical Program
2:45—This Week
3:00—Piano Classics
3:15—CBC News
3:25—Rec. Int.
3:30—NBC Symphony Orch.

"I can't wait for spring to come so I can practice golf outdoors!"

BRIDE TERMS MARRIAGE CONTRACT 'NOT' ROMANCE—The old song of "Love will Find a Way" is not quite appropriate here, for the marriage of 90-year old Mrs. Adrianna Eugenie Nicholson to her Negro chauffer, 28-year old Allen Lee Gustard Woods, was termed a "contract" and not a romance by the bride herself. The ill-assorted couple was married by a Negro Cosmopolitan Christian Church, Los Angeles, after three white judges and a white minister refused to perform the ceremony.

S.O.S. From Atlin Camp

Fearing complete extinction in spite of millions of dollars of gold that still abounds in its creeks, unless something is done about providing access for transportation of heavy, modern mining machinery, the historic Northern British Columbia mining town of Atlin has sent an appeal for help to the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia and the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce.

Atlin Board of Trade is asking for the expeditious construction of a 58.6-mile stretch of road which would connect the community with the Alaska Highway at Jake's Corners near Whitehorse. Given this road, the camp could survive. Without it, Atlin people say they will have to give up the ghost. The future of the mining industry there, they say, is wholly dependent upon it.

Of the 58.6 miles, there is 31.6 miles in Yukon Territory and 27 miles in British Columbia. The British Columbia government has already promised $290,000 towards building its part of the road. The current appeal is to be directed to the federal Department of Mines and Resources which made a survey of the road in 1946.

The Associated Boards of Trade of Central B. C. convention at Juneau last fall pressed for early construction of the road.

CASEY RENEWS FIGHT

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system here, copies of which have been given to the other aldermen.

On the basis of the information, Alderman Casey will urge that "we engage the services of Mr. Love at a cost of $400 to go into the whole telephone problem with the council to consider all points of view, thus enabling council to come to a final decision."

"All reports pertaining to its rehabilitation have been compiled from data obtained from the B.C. Telephone Co. gratuitously," the preamble reads. "Since it is said that Automatic Electric (Canada) Limited is the principal owner of the B.C. Telephone Co. (this) may account for the gratuitous service rendered and recommendations favoring an automatic system at a cost of $550,000.

"Ernest Love, a telephone engineer with more than 40 years' experience in telephones, says our problem can be solved by continuing on the manual system for half the cost of an automatic one, thus effecting a saving to the city of $275,000 in its renewal."

Negotiations for permission to draw up a $550,000 loan bylaw to rehabilitate the telephone system have been under way between city council and the Department of Municipal Affairs for some time and council has already received and considered one draft prepared by the department.

The $550,000 figure, approved by the voters at a plebiscite in December, is based on a plan to instal an automatic dial system to replace the worn out manual system now in use. Need for its replacement is universally recognized, although Alderman Casey has never agreed that an automatic system would be economically desirable or physically practical.

He feels that his opinion is supported by that of Ernest Love who wrote that "there would not be a great reduction of operating expense by using the automatic because a certain number of operators would still be required to take care of the rural lines like Port Edward and the radio telephone.

"If you had 5,000 subscribers or more, the automatic would be cheaper to operate."

Mr. Love said that he would recommend that the new installation be a manual one for three reasons:

1. It would cost less than half the cost of an automatic dial system, both in purchase and installation.

2. All present telephone instruments could be retained in service.

3. Present pole and cable cable lines would only require re-adjusting to any new location selected for an exchange, and new pole and cable lines necessary to take on additional subscribers would cost the same for either system.

"Manual equipment could, no doubt, be delivered much earlier than automatic on account of its simplicity of construction," he stated.

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