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## World Series Time

THIS is the week when baseball monopolizes two or three hours a day on the radio—even CFPR—and breaks into the front page newspaper headlines. It is World Series week and we are going to get baseball the next few days whether we like it or not. But we might as well like it and maybe it's not so bad after all to think about such things once in a while. It is a diversion from dull care and the serious events and problems of the day which beset and perplex us. It is good, in fact, that we are able to turn our thoughts to lighter matters for the time being. And we might be thankful that, even though we dwell in the midst of alarms, we can take this diversion without pangs of conscience. We can all remember sombre autumns, and many of them, when the World Series could not be given the modicum of attention it now gets owing to the serious and solemn and sad events that were transpiring.

So may the supporters of the Yankees and the Phils enthuse and speculate! And, if you ask us who we like, we'd say the Phils. A club that has not even had a pennant in thirty-five years can be rated an uncertainty and an underdog and, as such, they usually have the sympathy of the uninitiated and the uninformed.

### THIS IS NAVY WEEK

FROM coast to coast attention is being focussed on the Royal Canadian Navy and on its sister-service of the sea, Canada's Merchant Marine.

Activities of the week will be climaxed on Navy Day, Saturday, October 7, when naval divisions, including HMCS Chatham, Prince Rupert, will hold "open house" to the public.

Sunday, October 8, will be the Battle of the Atlantic Sunday.

The Battle of the Atlantic began on the day that war was declared. It did not cease until the last surrender of the last enemy submarine had been accepted. It was at once the longest, and in many ways the hardest battle of the entire war.

A proud record was achieved but not without sacrifice. Almost thirteen hundred of our sailors gave their lives in battle against the enemy or the elements. Many others shed their blood in the heat of conflict. Twenty-four of our ships fell victim to the enemy's assault.

Nor did the sacrifice end there. The hardships of long separation from home and family, of sleepless vigil in the chill dead of darkness upon the waters, of struggle against wild weather and the danger and emergency of life at sea in wartime—all these have taken their toll in years of life which, in a world at peace, could have been better used.

Yet it is to those stout-hearted souls who dared so much and endured so much that we owe the security we now possess. Their sacrifice has held for us all the quiet Christian way of life.

It would be hard indeed to believe that the great achievements of the longest struggle of the war could have been possible without an inspiration beyond the power of man.

No damage was reported in either of two fire calls the fire department answered Monday. One was started when some children playing under a rooming house owned by G. Leighton at 733 Fifth Avenue east set fire to some paper. That was at 1:35 p.m. The other, at 8:15 p.m. was at the Central Rooms in the 86 block, Second Avenue West. It was started by a dirty chimney. No damage was reported.

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By **ELMORE PHILPOTT**  
**Can Old Dog Learn?**

TOWARDS THE END of the Hitler war a smart young army doctor came to see me. He was about to return to civilian life and to set himself up as a specialist in the care of old people. (They have some high faluting name for it which I can't remember and haven't the ambition to look up.)

He wanted me to write articles to stress the need for more organized activities for old people. People were going to live longer—we could be absolutely sure of that, he said. And the purely medical end of how to care for them was the simplest part of the problem. Old folks had to have a place in life that made them feel that life was still worth living.

We talked about worthwhile activities for older folks. Most folks know about what they do at community centres, Churches, clubs and all sorts of organizations are taking an interest in this.

It certainly gives me a thrill to go to the night school and see people well up in years going in to take the various courses.

IN MY TALK WITH the doctor I made a break which he immediately checked.

"You can't teach an old dog new tricks," I said, for all the world like any other Colonel Blimp.

"You CAN teach an old dog new tricks IF THE OLD DOG wants to learn" the young expert replied.

I have thought a lot about that in the years since that chat. I have thought how foolish it is for us just to accept those old sayings, without question. Of course most of those old folk sayings are partly true. But few of them are the whole truth.

STILL I DON'T know whether or not you CAN teach an old dog new tricks. I would surely like to hear from readers as to whether you can or not.

But I do know you can teach old humans new things.

Not everything, of course. If you try to teach a really old person to do stunts which require the physical strength of youth then you are not only attempting the impossible, but are as big a fool as your pupil.

But old folks can learn all sorts of new handicrafts. If you still have eyes to read with, you are never too old to read the many great books that have been written. There are over 120 night school courses in our town alone. And no matter where you live on the face of this earth, if you have postal facilities you can learn just about anything by mail. Just about anything, this is, that you would be competent to learn if you lived actually in a big city—and the thing you wanted to

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## Victoria Report

... by J. K. Nesbitt

### New Lieutenant Governor Takes Over—New Driveway to Legislative Buildings

VICTORIA—With a new Lieut-Governor, Hon. Clarence Wallace installed at Government House, provincial historians have been scurrying around looking up the past of the big mansion maintained by the taxpayers (about \$50,000 a year) atop Rokkland Avenue's hill.

The first Lieut-Governor to live there was Sir Henri Joli de Lotbiniere. He moved in during August of 1903. The old Government House—Cary Castle—burned down in 1899 when Dr. Thomas McInnis was Lieut-Governor. A temporary Government House was found—the Moss Street mansion of the banker, A. A. Green, late, the David Spencer home. In this home King George V and Queen Mary, when they were Duke and Duchess of York, had dinner in 1901.

The present Government House cost \$100,000 and \$20,000

was spent at the time on furniture. It has 32 rooms—including 10 bathrooms—and sits in 12 acres of magnificently landscaped grounds. Its main corridor, running east and west, is 120 feet in length.

Clarence Wallace is the twelfth Lieut-Governor to live in the present Government House. The others were in this order, Sir Henri Joli, James Dunsmuir, T. W. Paterson, Sir Frank Barnard, E. G. Prior, Walter C. Nichol, Randolph Bruce, J. W. Fordham Johnson, Eric W. Hamber, W. C. Woodward and C. A. Banks.

Next time you come to Victoria you won't be able to drive up that graceful curved roadway to the Legislative Buildings. The rush of modern traffic has outlawed it. It's being closed up and the new driveway will run east and west immediately in front of the Buildings, with entrances from Government and Menzies Street. The curved

driveway, of course, will remain but there will be chains across its entrances and they will only be removed when the Lieut-Governor, or some other distinguished person arrives on a ceremonial occasion. Traffic is so heavy at the War Memorial that the Buildings' driveway was dangerous. To put in the new driveway many fine trees and shrubs had to be torn up.

This column has been doing some digging in recent months into the life of Emily Carr, that strange woman whose paintings and writings are now looked upon as truly outstanding in the Canadian field. We came across an old jingle that Miss Carr wrote to her favorite sheepdog Billie. We think it's worth printing in part. We think you'll like it, appreciate its whimsy its humor, and its touch of pathos: "I ain't got no Pa nor Ma—I ain't got no brothers—ne'er a uncle or a aunt—I ain't got no lovers. Kith what wants me to live away, Kin what's here don't like me. When I'm sittin', thinkin', darn it, ain't it drear—Billie ups and whimpers—licks away the tear.

"Billie savveys heartache—wheedles it away. Billie's jest a bundle—love and fleas and smell. Think I'd change my Billie, for the thoroughbreddest swell?"

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