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A THRIFTY NEW YEAR

SOME FOLKS, with an eye to economy, choose the ending of a year as a good time to think over expenses, the question of living standards and how to save a few dollars without exerting too great a strain on the general domestic set-up. The keeping of a budget has been tried and, if it does nothing more than discipline one in prudent expenditure, it serves a purpose. Budget keeping can fail, when it is the fault of the individual. Incomes may be regarded as reasonably substantial yet no one ever appears to have any cash. The cry, everywhere today, is for more money and while that appeal, often enough, is justified there are also examples of where it is not. Nothing is more common than careless, thoughtless spending which is only another way of saying a person has not yet learned the value of dollars and the practice of thrift. And one can become a little better acquainted with each, without being thought a tightwad.

UPHOLDERS OF JUSTICE

WITHIN the past few weeks two judges in separate sections of Ontario have dealt sternly with persons who have failed to appear when called for jury duty. That is a proper course when dealing with those who evade their highest civic duty. The first reaction of most men called in a jury panel is the wish to avoid the obligation. The lost time suddenly seems a serious encroachment on their private interests, the restricted hours an infringement of their rightful comfort. But those men do nothing about it. At the back of their minds is a half-forgotten recognition of the importance of the task, the sense that justice cannot be assured by men who evade their own obligation to assure it. That is the sober truth. The very men who have the best reasons for wishing to escape such service are the men who are most important to it. They have a vital stake in the community and in its security. Should jury duty ever come to a place where the panel is chosen exclusively from men whose time is valueless, and whose only purpose is to kill it, at some slight profit, then our belief in an equal and understanding justice may well be qualified.

If the average person could visualize himself as standing in the prisoner's dock accused of a crime of which he knows he is innocent, that person would understand how vitally his interests are involved in the character of the men who will determine his fate. It should be equally evident to every citizen that complete justice to every accused, be he good man or bad man, humble or affluent, is the basic right of that accused. If he gets less than that, all of us suffer. For the system under which we live has failed to provide us the justice we had a right to expect. Jury service is the old safeguard of that right, the product of centuries of struggling to make certain that no man be judged save by men like himself. One man may err or be prejudiced or venial or autocratic, but not twelve men like ourselves. That is the assurance a jury gives the accused whether he is innocent or guilty. But we cannot expect that protection for ourselves or our friends if we are not ready, when needed, to set aside our own interests in the interest of abstract justice. Looked at one way jury duty is a nuisance; but it is a supreme honor to help maintain the precept and practice of justice that is our heritage.

SEND FISH TO AFRICA GREAT YARMOUTH, Eng. — Dry-cured herring are being exported to West Africa and are expected to become popular with the natives, who like salt.

LEONINE DELAY PORT ELIZABETH, S.A. — Miss Kay Walker, lion tamer who turned up for her flying lessons in Port Elizabeth with a pet lion, learned to fly in seven days. She set this record, even though she missed her first lesson—she could find no one to watch her lion.

DEMOBBED AT 61 TOVIL, Kent, Eng. — Mrs. Ada Beckett, 61, oldest member of Britain's Women's Land Army, has been demobbed. She has eight children, 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



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Prince Rupert's fire loss last year was about \$12,000 resulting from 104 fire calls in the 12-month period, a drop of about \$50,000 under 1947, according to the records of Fire Chief H. T. Lock. Estimates on fire losses during the year total \$11,500, as compared with \$62,000 in 1947. One fire, which badly damaged the Three Sisters Cafe last March, caused the bulk of the 1948 loss, totalling more than \$10,000. Last year there were 104 fire calls as compared with 109 in 1947.

ADVERTISING HELP
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NEW WINTER UNIFORMS AVAILABLE FOR SCOUTS — This is the new Boy Scout winter uniform which is now being distributed, or made available to scouts across Canada and is meeting with an enthusiastic response. The uniform, specially designed to withstand Canadian winter conditions, features a ski-type cap (with ear protectors), a smart zippered pocket with detachable fur-trimmed hood, and pullover slacks which can be worn over the regular scout uniform. In addition there are high-cut leather boots for scouts living in sections of Canada where such boots are suitable.

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Reminiscences and Reflections

By W.J.

Today, to the average individual, may seem like getting back to work. But from the viewpoint of a post office staff, today perhaps feels like the start of a holiday. Speaking of good resolutions, what's the matter with taking a rock-ribbed vow to be on time, throughout the coming year. It's a dismal fact that a lot of our friends and neighbors are indifferent, where promptness is concerned. To show up, anywhere from ten to twenty minutes late may be of little consequence to you, but it can be more inconvenient than you imagine, to the other fellow. Clarence Wooster who tied the knot, remarked that matrimony had been invented before the discovery of Alaska, and was not to be entered into lightly or unadvisedly, but soberly, and remembering it was a fight to the finish. Matrimony was honorable among all men—and some women. "No matter what happens," concluded Mr. Wooster, "don't blame me." Social security, says Prime Minister St. Laurent is like individual insurance. We all know if we want life insurance we have to pay premiums. True, indeed and worth keeping in mind through this new year and the next. The more clearly it is understood, the more meaningless and nonsensical the idea that a government has some secret fund or account on which cheques can be hastened by "soaking the rich." There comes times when it is necessary to go away in order to learn the news at home. Friday, a Massachusetts despatch reported a seismic disturbance in the Queen Charlotte Islands but local authorities had no information on the subject. In fact, wowhere had anybody heard of it. For that matter, perhaps Massachusetts had never heard of the Queen Charlottes! Massachusetts is far enough away to confuse the Aleutians with the Pribiloffs—or even Kaiti with Watson. Anyway, we're thousands of islands. What's a few, more or less!

CITY USHERS IN ANOTHER YEAR

Devotional and Social Activities Mark 1949 Commencement
Prince Rupert frolicked into the New Year over the weekend aided by the weatherman who provided clear, crisp weather during the two-day holiday. The New Year was ushered in by the city's Twentieth Century 49'ers in traditional gaiety with dancing and parties which reached their climax as the hands of the clock scissored away the final second of the old year at midnight. "Auld Lang Syne" was sung lustily as hands joined at scores of gatherings and "first footin'" visits became the order of the early morning. A devotional wachnight service was held at the Salvation Army Citadel under interdenominational auspices. The service, conducted by Senior Major Warrant Officer of the Salvation Army, with Rev. George E. Sennell of First Presbyterian Church

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VICARAGE FOR BLD LONDON, — The vicar St. Saviour's Church, southeast London, bought by the London Association For the Blind and training centre for persons.

Major social events included parties by the Gyro Club, A.C. Club, H.M.C.S. Chatham office and the Moose Lodge. Despite the conviviality of the season, there were few arrests by the city police.

TOO HOT FOR MINK COAT DURBAN, — A buyer cannot be found for a \$7,000 Canadian mink coat. It was offered for sale at auction, but was withdrawn because the auctioneer couldn't even get a starting bid of £100. An Indian summed it up "Coat, for cold, price too hot."

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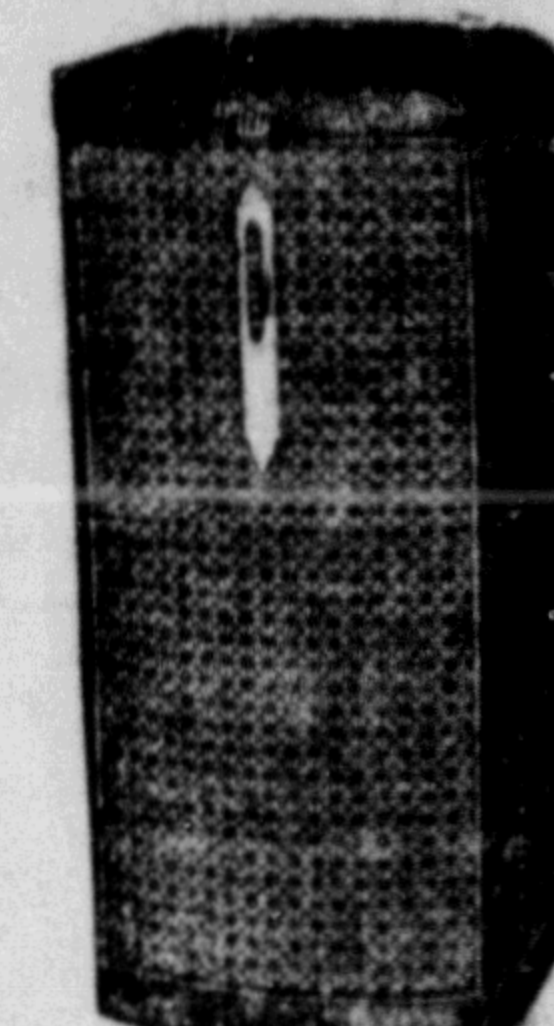
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