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Simple Life

VITH THE COMING of September most seek-W ers of the simple life have returned to their ordinary jobs. The quest is still unsatisfied, is not capable of satisfaction if the return from lake or sea or mountains is dictated by the need of getting from the Throne. the children back to school. No parent ever leads a simple life.

Whether the simple life is possible or only an unattainable goal remains a matter of opinion. Thoreau, with his motto of "Simplify, simplify," was really a fairly complicated person. He may be admired for his acceptance of a jail sentence in lieu of paying a tax that he considered unjust, but the action was not consistent with his creed of simplicity. Tolstoi's theatrical simplicity caused more trouble to himself and others than living an ordinary life could have brought about. The simple lives of the Doukhobors, for whose migration to Canada he was partly responsible, have not brought complete peace of mind either to themselves or their neighbors.

Getting close to Nature is a phrase sometimes | made. used as a synonym for simplicity of living, but the users of the phrase overlook the complications that attend the process. Go close to Nature, give her the least chance, and she'll start getting close to you with such unwelcome attention as sunburn, mosquito-bites and poison ivy. Her ants and wasps insist on sharing the simple picnic fare, and her winds blow smoke in your face.

The truly simple life seems, on analysis, to be that which is lived in familiar surroundings. The value of holidays is to provide a contrast. Farmers | thoughts. Having to pick one's and woodsmen should take their recreation in the city, returning to their accustomed work with a of the business district was por heightened appreciation of those rural virtues that the city man appreciates best from a distance. To the city man, after his annual bout with Nature, and even more to the city woman, the simple life exists in the world of washing machines, gas stoves, unlimited hot water and automatic heat and refrigeration.

Gambling

IN ENGLAND a Royal Commission on Gambling has been holding public hearings and, like most Royal Commissions, will probably discover a good deal about what everybody knows already, with some statistics to prove that its discoveries are true.

The Economist discussing the widespread habit of gambling in its various English forms, incidentally proper temperature and ready shows that morals are relative, for it says that "the mere fact that so great a proportion of the public now accept betting as a normal form of entertainment has removed much of the viciousness from it. Pool forms are filled up in the family circle and they are for the most part regarded as competitions and not as a form of gambling."

The paper does not seem particularly hopeful that anything will be done to curb the gambling industry, although it is notorious that it employs thousands of persons who might be turned to more socially productive work. No government, however high its pretensions of morality and however desirous it might be of eliminating the "spivs" from the national life, can afford to offend these thousands, who also possess votes. It might also be mentioned that the Government has

a steady revenue from the gambling industry. Offtrack betting is discouraged by heavy legal penalties, unless it is done on credit. And credit bets must in practice be placed by mail, telephone or telegraph. All these services are under the British post office, so the Government thus collects a small but certain fee on every bet placed. It also shares in the football pools, because the bets are sent in by postal notes, which are also a government monopoly.

It is within the bounds of possibility that, whatever the Royal Commission may report, the Chancellor of the Exchequer may persuade his Cabinet colleagues to have pity on his difficulties and leave gambling alone.

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A Los Angeles judge has ruled man's stomach for evidence. But on the other hand, plenty of us are prepared to swallow anydo, without any tangible proof of possession.

Nations conference in Washington last week, that Sir Stafford Cripps, who finds tobacco smoking a comfort, if not an inspirafrom further smoking, for an indefinite period. A small gesture, it is true, yet done as an example of national economy. It has not yet been learned what Winston Churchill thinks, although a good guess might be

Great Britain is buying canned salmon from Soviet Russia. This may seem somewhat unusual. but the same can be said of the British financial situation—only

For this relief, let praise ascend. No longer will the crossing of Third and Fourth Streets at Third and Second Avenues involve the possibility of injured ankles, and arousing of unlovely way with watchful caution, from sidewalk to sidewalk in the heart publicity. Surfacing has been achieved. Let the needed work

BLOOD STORAGE UNIT ARRIVES

A blood refrigerator which will permit storage of fresh blood for therapeutic purposes arrived Friday at Prince Rupert General Hospital and was installed Saturday morning, according to Hospital Secretary D. C. Steven-

Capacity of the unit is 30 pints which will be kept at for immediate use.

Fresh shipments of blood will arrive weekly at the hospital, Mr. Stevenson said, regardless of how much of each shipment has been used. First shipment will arrive next Thursday by air from the Red Cross central blood bank at Vancouver.

Each Thursday thereafter a complete shipment will arrive here. The balance of the previous shipment will be returned to Vancouver to be reduced to

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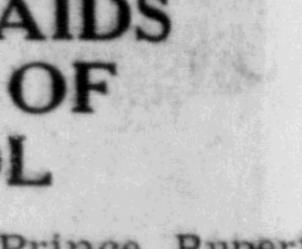
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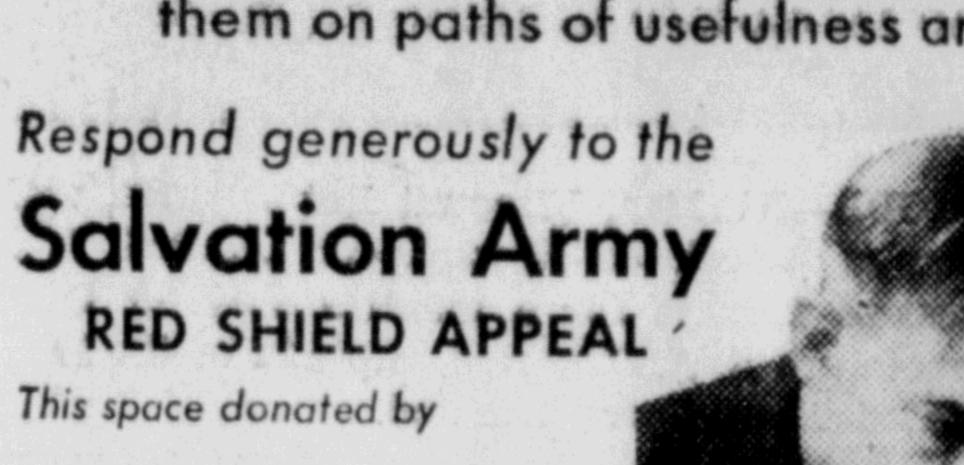
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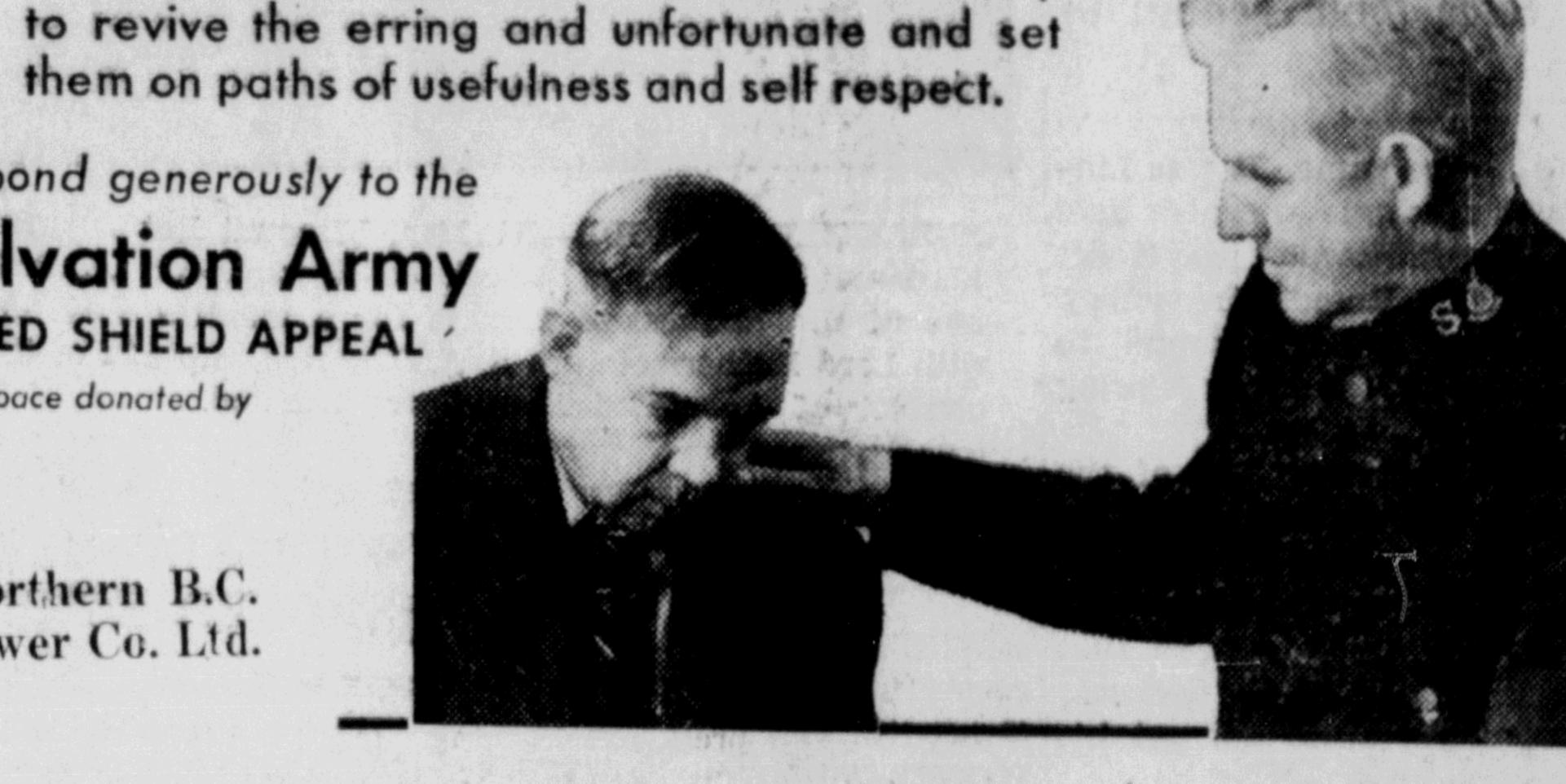
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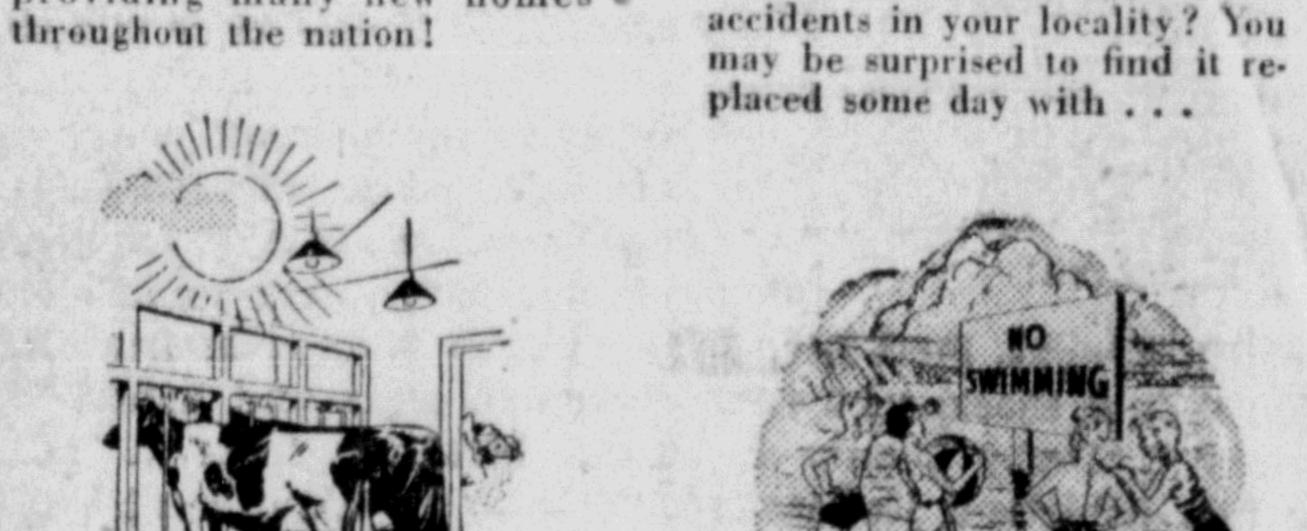
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