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Does It Balance?

REPORTS from the United States show that 547 persons lost their lives over the four day Memorial Day week-end. Whether the pleasure derived from the holiday is commensurate with the grief and misery is a moot question.

Few, if any, would want to return to the days when travel was slow and the average life span was shorter than it is today. In those days deaths from disease were much higher; industrial accidents were higher; but deaths on the roads and highways were almost negligible. Fewer persons were in a position to take a four-day week-end; so that travel on highways was lighter, perhaps enough lighter to put the 330 traffic accident death of the week-end on a par with those suffered in Dobbin's day. Perhaps the one killed in an automobile accident for more than a million of population in a four day period is not high at all. Even projected at that rate over the period of a year it means about one in 46,000.

But it is true that, with all the safety devices on modern automobiles, there should be little possibility of accidents if drivers are on the alert. Perhaps more thorough testing of drivers would tend to reduce even that relatively small percentage of accidents.

WHAT'S INSIDE COUNTS

FINANCIAL POST has dug up one for the sleek and-streamlined school of industrial designers to ponder.

Cows today look much the same as they did in Noah's time—same number of legs, eyes, ears, etc. They are a little larger and certainly better fed, but they come with the same standard equipment. But a good milk cow today would flick her tail with proud disdain at the miserable half-gallon buckets that held the milk one of her ancestors could produce just a century ago. A two-gallon pail is, on an average, the size of the pail today, and in some 1950 commercial herds a four-gallon container is closer to a single cow's capacity. Carnation Ormsby Madcap Fayne, a Holstein with a milking record of 41,943 lb. in one year, boasts a daily milk output that would have frightened her forebears entirely out of the milk business and into some less competitive line of production (or caused them to protest unfair tactics to the bovine union).

The moral, of course, is that you don't need a radically new fender and radiator design to make a superior automobile, or refrigerator or toaster. It's what's inside that counts.

Publisher Sees Prospects Here

Graham M. Dean, publisher of the Evening Gazette and Nevada State Journal newspapers at Reno, Nevada, and operator of two radio stations in that city, was a visitor here Tuesday, returning south after making the round trip north on the steamer Coquitlam. He called at the Daily News office while here.

Impressed with the north and its immediate potentialities, Mr. Dean said: "If I was a younger man I would certainly head for this part of the country."

Speaking of newspapers and radio stations, Mr. Dean quite frankly admitted that he was making money in his newspapers but losing it in the radio stations. He saw a future for television but added that "there will be little practical broadcasting in the west for ten years."

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BYTOWN MACHINE WORKS

Victoria Report

by J. K. Nesbitt

Who Will Be Next Lieutenant Governor?—Coalition Boat Still Rocking

VICTORIA—This capital heard the other day from Ottawa that Lieutenant-Governor Charles A. Banks may resign his office in the autumn, a full year before his term is up.

There could be some truth to this. It is known the Lieutenant-governor and his wife have not been particularly happy at Government House. They have cut down on entertainment, have frequently been absent. Twice a year His Honor finds it necessary to go to San Francisco on private business. Two years ago he went to England. Now he's in England again. This necessitates swearing-in of Chief Justice Gordon Sloan as administrator of affairs of state. The Ottawa Government, which appoints Lieutenant-Governors, take a dim view of the King's representative being out of the province so much.

Who to get to succeed Lieutenant-Governor Banks is a problem confronting the Provincial Government, which recommends a man for the highest office in the province. There was talk not long ago of former Premier John Hart but it's now thought hardly likely he would accept. The government would like Hon. and Mrs. E. W. Hamber or Hon. and Mrs. W. C. Woodward back in Government House. Their regimes were among the most popular in the province's history. Mentioned too is Norman A. Yarrow, millionaire retired shipbuilder, Col. Victor Spencer, Austen Taylor and Victoria native son R. H. B. Ker. Then there's Hon. R. W. Mayhew, Minister of Fisheries. There's talk he will soon leave the federal cabinet. He can become a Senator if he wants. But that way lies obscurity. He's a rich man, he loves to live in Victoria, he would make a perfect Lieutenant-Governor and his wife a gracious chateleine.

Finding a man to be Lieutenant-Governor these days is no easy task. There aren't so many rich men about as there used to be. Although the taxpayers put out \$40,000 a year to maintain Government House, it costs the Governor about the same sum in entertainment and staff wages. Not many men are able, or willing, to part with so much, even for the prestige of the highest office in the province. There's some talk that Government House may be closed, that the government would maintain a hotel suite for the next Lieutenant-Governor or have the Chief Justice carry on. Comparatively few provinces in the country now have Government House. Even Ontario some years ago closed its gubernatorial mansion.

Government House is purely social. Biggest events of the year are the Christmas reception and the August garden party. There are also two state dinners for cabinet ministers and members of the Legislature, as well as a number of formal luncheons, parties for the blind and the orphans.

The Coalition boat continues to rock. Everyone is wondering whether a break will come before the next session with the Conservatives ousting the C.C.F. as official Opposition, with Mr. Anscomb being Leader of the Opposition instead of Harold Winch.

B. C. Liberal Association President H. G. T. Perry has been in Victoria for some days recently talking to Liberal stalwarts. He said he's not going about the country advocating immediate dissolution of coalition as some people seem to think. Speaking as a private Liberal, not as president of the Association, he says that it's his opinion Coalition will be broken before the next election. He says there cannot be peace and harmony in the Coalition as long as it's composed of two opposing political organizations. Talk of peace and harmony, he says, in that forthright way of his, is humbug and cant. The Coalition was necessary, he repeats, in time of war emergency, but today it is a house built on sand. And then he said he would paraphrase Patrick Henry "Why cry peace, when there is no peace?"

No, though Mr. Perry doesn't want to cause trouble, you can see when he talks that he's advising Liberals. Coalition must end in the interest, not only of the Liberal party, but in the interest of the people as well.

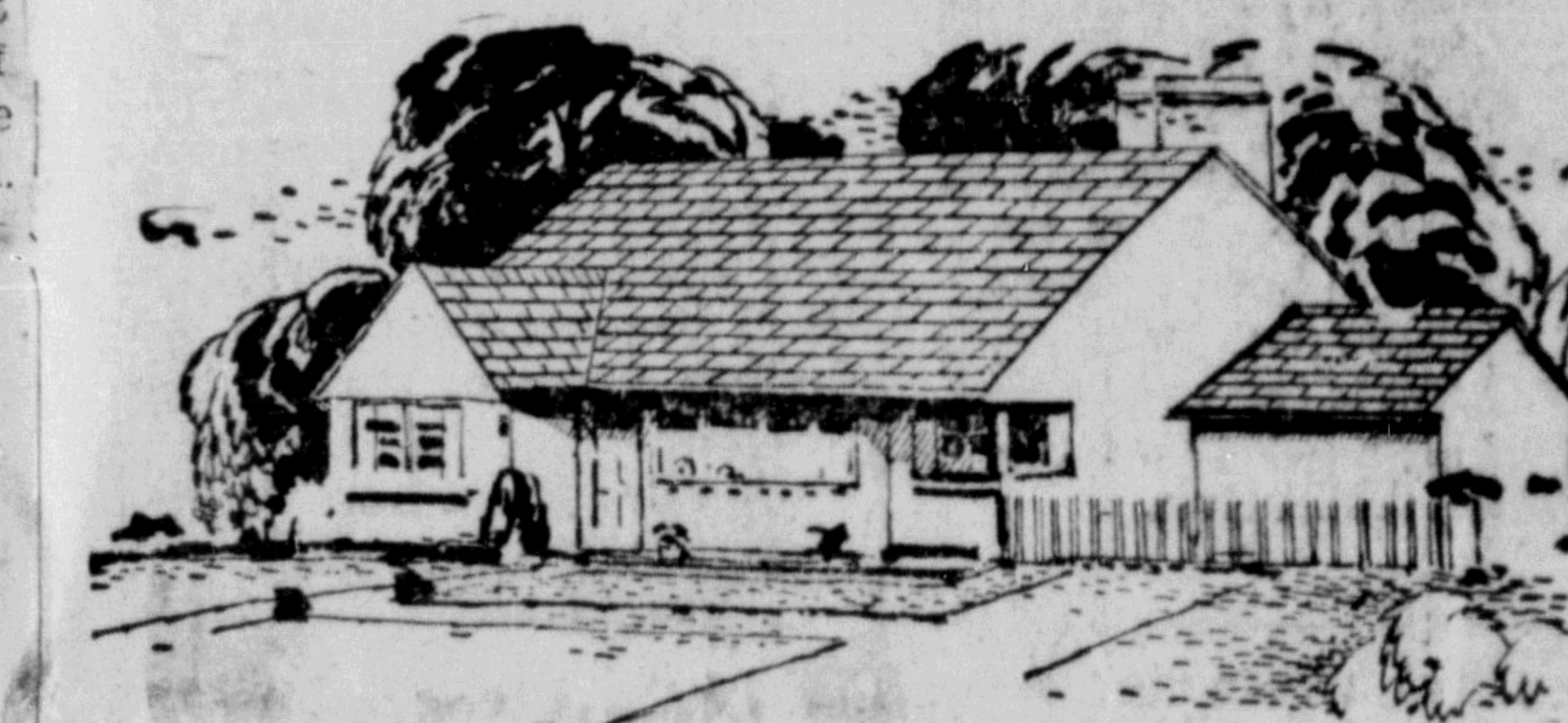


More precious than most boatloads of furniture, clothing and valuables transported away from this flooded area of Wildwood in Winnipeg, is this carefully handled cargo. Flood workers and a Mounted Policeman are shown helping Joan Murray, 372 Wildwood Park, rescue part of her treasure from the second storey of her home. A June bride-to-be, Joan lost clothing and linens that she had stored in a trunk on the first floor. Replacement of these articles—and assurance of a happy start in married life—is being made possible by the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund. Contributions may be mailed directly to the Fund in Winnipeg, or paid into any Bank in Canada.

SHIPS and WATERFRONT

Canadian Pacific steamer Princess Louise, Capt. W. Hubert, arrived in port early Sunday morning, 12 hours off schedule. The vessel docked here at

12:30 a.m. from Alaska points and sailed for Vancouver, Ocean Falls and waypoints at 2:30 a.m. The ship had been delayed at Juneau while taking on school teachers who completed the 1949-50 term recently. Passengers embarking here for Vancouver included Mr. and Mrs. Leverett to Victoria and F. Paquet, J. Nault and A. Bezko for Vancouver.



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President A. J. Dominato of the Prince Rupert Gyro Club and Mrs. Dominato will leave next week by motor for Banff to attend international and district Gyro conventions to be held at the mountain resort in mid-June. Mr. Dominato will be the official delegate of the local club and, at yesterday's luncheon, he received the views of the local club on issues concerning the affairs of the organization which will be dealt with at the convention.

The Gyro Club decided to join with the Soroptimist Club in staging an invitation dance to be held in the near future at the Canadian Legion ballroom in aid of the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Baker will have an active part in staging the affair and will be assisted by W. F. Stone on behalf of the Gyro Club.

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