

An independent daily newspaper devoted to the upbuilding of Prince Rupert and all communities comprising northern and central British Columbia.

Pathetic Hoodlumism

THERE IS SOMETHING pathetic about the act of perverted vandalism which occurred at Booth Memorial School during Wednesday night.

While the act could not be classed by any means as playful mischief but rather wanton stupidity of the sneaky, crackpot type, it is a sort of thing the community must be protected against.

It will be also interesting, if and when the culprits are apprehended, to ascertain, if possible, just what circumstances, barring complete moronism, made them get that way.

In the meantime, the important thing is that the culprits in this case should be rounded up for the protection of the community and before persons of such apparent mental irresponsibility can get around to doing further damage.

COMMUNIST CHALLENGE

THE CLANKING and rasping of metal can be heard around the world as the ominous sound of the Soviet iron curtain slides farther westward.

While the United States dallies with the Marshall plan, the communists in Europe make the most of the delay, knowing that all the time they have in Europe is that which the deferment in the passage and application of the Marshall plan gives them.

While there is dalliance about western aid, the communists do not wait. That is the point in the challenge of recent developments in Prague and what may be occurring in Helsinki, to say nothing of China.

TALKING OF 'FRILLS'

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT to School Inspector Hyndman who like many of the younger school of educationists may be just a little over-enthusiastic about the new ultra-modern ideas on pedagogical methods, we still think there is something to be said for Mayor Nora Arnold, herself a veteran school teacher, and those who believe there are some "frills" in certain aspects of education today.

We do not think for a moment when Mayor Arnold spoke of "frills" that she had any idea of suggesting that there was not plenty of need for improvement in this city's school grounds and buildings which every one must agree have reached a point where they are a disgrace to the community.

Be that as it may, however, School Inspector Hyndman must know that, even under such difficulties as exist, good scholastic attainment and educational achievement are still possible. Nobody is going to suggest that good school buildings and good grounds are "frills" but we are going to say here that there is tendency today to silver spoon and pap-feeding methods in education and we also suggest that intellectual attainment, cultural development and plain thorough-going preparation to meet life in a practical and conscientious way are not being achieved to any greater degree today than in a generation or so back when conditions were certainly quite as rugged as they are today.

Results speak for themselves and we doubt very much, taking it by an large, that even Mr. Hyndman can say results are any better today than they were then.

HULL'S MEMOIRS

SPECIAL INTEREST to Pacific ports, and certainly to Prince Rupert, are the memoirs of Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State under Franklin Roosevelt. He describes that fateful Sunday when, even as negotiations with Nippon's two diplomats were still in progress, bombs were raining on the American fleet taken unaware at Pearl Harbor.

FINED \$300 ON LIQUOR CHARGE

In city police court Wednesday, John Maxymyshyn pleaded not guilty to a charge of supplying liquor to an Indian. The case was adjourned until afternoon, when accused was found guilty and fined \$300 with option of

six months' imprisonment. Mary Wong pleaded guilty to a charge of intoxication and received a fine of \$5 plus \$3.50 costs from Magistrate W. D. Vance.

GLASGOW, Scotland, (P) — Robert Carvly, 23, a laborer, who swam across the Clyde in a snowstorm for a bet, was fined \$8 for a breach of the peace.

FACT OR FANCY

Editor, Daily News: Ald. George B. Casey's letter under the above caption would ordinarily call for no reply or recognition but lest some young person, unaware of modern developments in philosophical thought should be led to think, because no-one replies, that "silence" thereby gives "consent".

The outmoded and long-discarded views of Mr. Casey would seem to indicate that his reading must have stopped with the late-lamented Robert Blatchford or perhaps as far back as the late Robert G. Ingersoll!

To bring Mr. Casey up to date, may I quote one of the greatest, and most brilliant thinkers of today (not yesterday! not 1890), Professor C. E. M. Joad, than whom there is none greater as a thinker and modern philosopher.

For Mr. Casey's information, Prof. Joad has been, for some years, the brilliant head of the British Broadcasting Corporation's "Brain Trust"—leading public forums on the air.

For over thirty years, Prof. Joad has been a leading agnostic and rationalist but last year he threw a bombshell into the ranks of his erstwhile friends by boldly announcing before a large gathering of Britain's leading thinkers that he had a confession to make.

He said "Gentlemen, it is hard for a man to stand up and confess that for thirty years he has been wrong but that is what I have to do. For thirty years I have been an agnostic—with perhaps pardonable pride, I may say perhaps one of the leading agnostics! Today I confess that I have been wrong. I now believe in a personal God!"

Truly a manly confession and how do you suppose, Mr. Casey, that the great Prof. Joad came to believe in a personal God? He said "Strange to say, gentlemen, I have been led to believe in a personal God through first being compelled by the evidence to believe in a personal devil!"

Yes, Mr. Casey, you are quite right—the old must give place to the new. The old worn-out, discredited theories of unbelievers and agnostics must be replaced by the new, the re-discovery of the eternal verities of God, the Bible, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

G. R. S. BLACKABY.

Letters to the Editor

THE YOUNG JOBLESS

Editor, Daily News: I would like to say a word on behalf of the "future leaders" of our country. One of the chief topics of conversation around town is, I believe, the unemployment situation.

A man without a job can draw unemployment insurance but most young people cannot. We are told that we left our jobs for little or no reason or that we have not paid enough into the Commission.

A hundred years ago a man would take his son into business with him to learn the trade or else he might send him to sea. Today a boy can't even go to sea for everything is tightly unionized including ships and seamen.

What is to become of our young people? Without jobs, many will turn to crime for a living. Can you rightfully blame them? A person can starve to death in Canada just as easily as in Europe, perhaps more so for in Europe the Red Cross feeds the people.

A word about the D.P.'s from Europe. This is just a means of getting cheap labor for our factories. Perhaps if we bring some to Prince Rupert we can teach them how to man the fish boats and Prince Rupert-born people can take charity or starve.

A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

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DEFENDS LOCAL STORES

Editor, Daily News: We are herewith replying to a letter to your paper which you published Tuesday. Since the letter was a definite challenge to ourselves as well as any other business in Prince Rupert, we kindly request that you publish our reply so that the same public who read the original letter will also read our defence or rebuttal, as you wish.

The writer is connected with the Rupert Peoples Store, Wallace's Department Store and Rupert Mens and Boys Store, all of Prince Rupert. This letter therefore, can only be in defence of the above, as we have no authority to write for anybody else.

First of all, we were very pleased to see the publication of Mr. Giegerich's letter from Tiell. It has been our opinion for some years now that many people both in Prince Rupert and in the radius of Prince Rupert have a mistaken belief that prices elsewhere are lower than in Prince Rupert.

Our own stores have concentrated for some years now on going direct to the same markets that the largest retail firms in Canada go to. It is quite obvious that a firm in Prince Rupert will have a considerably lower overhead than a firm that operates on a much larger scale.

Therefore, it is quite obvious that, if a firm such as ours buys from the same sources as the firms operating on a larger scale, then we can also compete in prices offered to the public without any stretch of the imagination. We are pleased to advise the public that reads this column and their friends that the overall prices of our stores average as low as any firm in Canada for the same merchandise.

HIGH WINDS VISIT CITY

Gale of 42 Miles Per Hour Continues Wednesday Night

March weather got into leonine stride since Wednesday night. Coming on early Wednesday evening, and continuing throughout the night, Prince Rupert experienced about everything in the way of plain and assorted breezes.

The wind attained maximum velocity of 42 miles per hour between 7 and 9 o'clock Wednesday evening and 5 and 7 Thursday morning.

Our prices will be the same and in some cases slightly higher. There is no firm anywhere, regardless of size that can be lower at all times on all merchandise, than anybody else.

Therefore, in reply to your letter from Tiell, we are pleased to advise that as far as this firm is concerned, Prince Rupert prices are not based on the price to Vancouver plus freight to Prince Rupert. Our merchandise is purchased direct from the Eastern markets and priced accordingly.

L. M. FELSENTHAL.

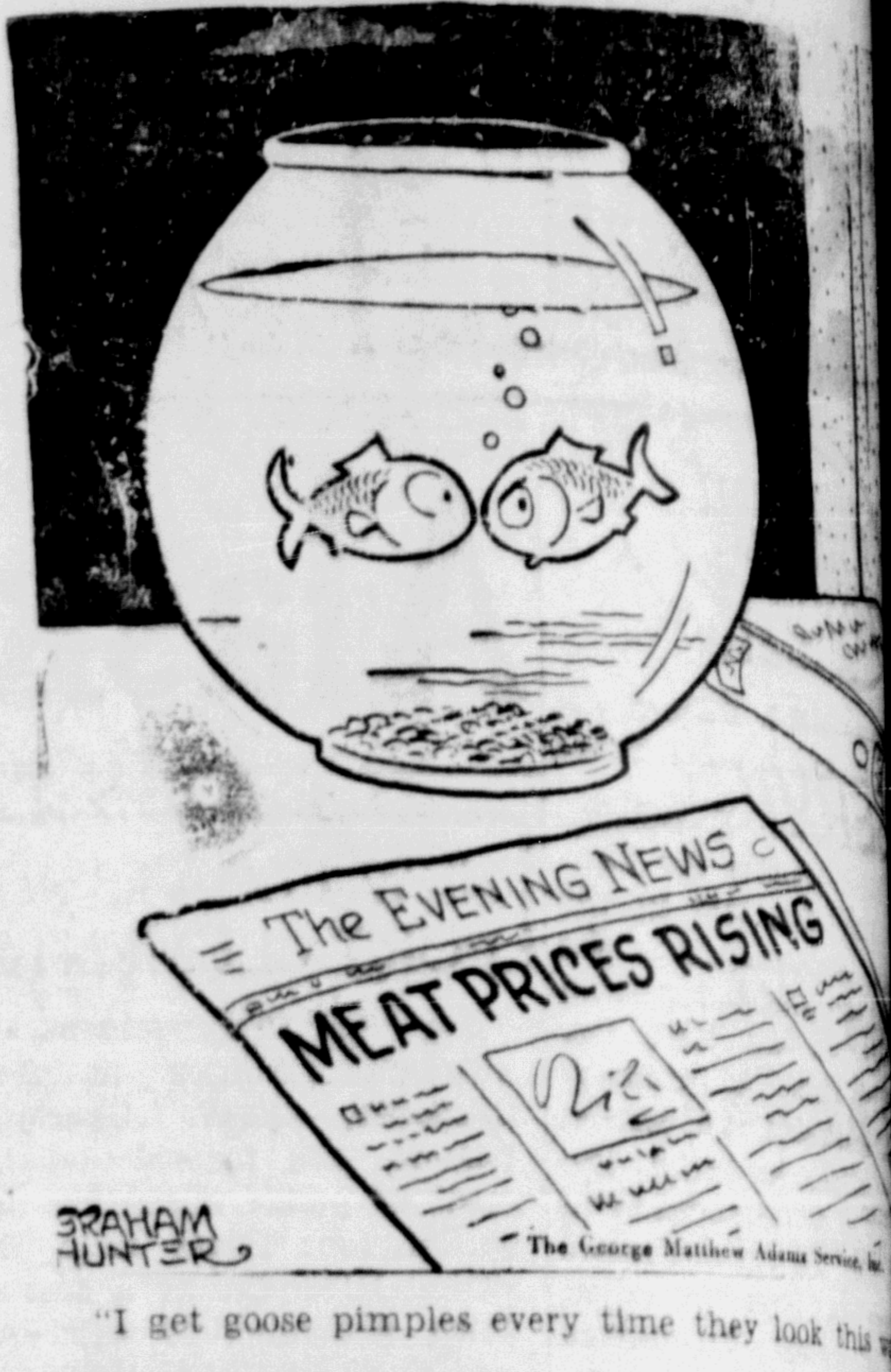
WOULD TAKE ANYTHING

Editor, Daily News: Here is the local girl back again to cheer the two people who wrote Thursday night's letters. For a while I was beginning to feel absolutely disgusted with the people of my home town but last night's letters proved that there still are some human sensible people left here.

I'm afraid Prince Rupert is slipping. This town used to be known all over for its friendliness. Where is all that gone now? Have we driven it out with our stupid lust for money or have we still got it hidden down under? Please, citizens, if you have any sympathy or understanding left at all show it by letting the unemployed single people like myself find any kind of employment. Speaking for myself, I'm sure I am like a few others—we would take almost anything.

Thank you. A CITIZEN.

THIS AND THAT



Advertisement for Gabardine Suits and Dresses, featuring 'ANNETTE' brand and 'MANSFIELD'.

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