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Play Ball

ORGANIZED BASEBALL, as represented by the major circuits, now begins another season. There has been the usual fanfare of publicity, with a majority of managers in each league declaring his team would finish at least in second place. The public has become accustomed to such predictions and takes no stock in them. It is enough for the real fan that play is on again, and he will be satisfied if the best team wins.

Baseball has held first place in American sports through years of war and peace. In spite of the fact that only the most skilled get into the game professionally many a man feels he could have been a star had he devoted his efforts to it. He backs his own judgment on every critical play, as well as on every decision of the umpire.

As the season progresses and different teams take a temporary lead, the average fan picks his choice for the pennant. He usually sticks to that club throughout the season, is happy when it wins, disappointed when it loses. Through it all runs the assumption the game is on the square, that anything can happen—a tail-end club can and sometimes does defeat the league leader.

Baseball is the American nation's No. 1 sport, which is the best guarantee the new season will be a successful one.

DISCARDING DAY

WITH THE MANY devices and mechanisms designed for the purpose of making men and women an orderly and comfortable people, no one has ever suggested the institution of a day for an inventory of ideas and a housecleaning of cumbersome material.

The subject is one with which flexible minds may toy without harm. It cannot be confused with forgetfulness as a convenient habit. Many persons with perfectly sound mental powers gather up in the course of the years material they suddenly realize has lost its original significance and they discard it. There may often be timidity in parting with what has become like an old friend.

It pleased Shakespeare to view time from many angles as suited his dramatic necessities, as when he wrote: "Time hath, my lord, a wallet at his back wherein he puts alms for oblivion." Some say science, which is uncovering so many mysteries, may reveal oblivion as an explorable region in which the discards in every field may be examined for the desirability of giving them a new trial.

And there is this advantage to a periodic house cleaning of the mind: Sweeping out old ideas helps make room for new ones.

These are the days when big league pennants are being won—on the sports pages.

Reports are in on the peach crop. Like hopes for lower taxes, the peaches are dead.

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Abolition of daylight saving and permission to hold sweepstakes in Canada might not be such a bad idea. But, on second and sober thought the deal looks doubtful. Just as well to keep thinking it over for another fifty years.

More street signs in Prince Rupert will be welcomed. How about one on the new and larger liquor vendor building to stand on Second Avenue? Strangers and tourists are always asking questions, else wander around looking as if they intended doing so, or at least would like to.

Readers complain of so much grief in the daily papers. Small wonder! One can become fed up with these dreary recitals of arson, murder, divorce, strikes, casualties, suicides, robberies, crashes, rape, wrecks and disasters. One man says its enough to afflict him with melancholia. Though incomplete, all this could be called a reflection of life. It's news, of course. So is the winning of a fortune. Front page stuff is not necessarily distressing. Purchase of the big warehouse at Prince Rupert again, this time to develop trans-Pacific business, or putting the grain elevator to work, would also be news, but of the cheerful type.

This summer should be a smasher of records in tourist travel to Prince Rupert and Alaska. So says W. G. Connolly of Winnipeg, CNR passenger traffic manager, who has been in the city accompanied by S. M. Greene of Vancouver, CNR general passenger agent. The former, back in 1909 issued the first ticket north, for sailing on the Prince Rupert on her maiden voyage. And, so to speak, he has seen it all. Annually, America turns gratefully to the incomparable Inside Passage for its restfulness, healing calm and matchless beauty.

Many children in Prince Rupert, parents are advised, start life with defective teeth. The being the case, how are they to be taught the best way to dislike candy?

It's just as well to correct this one to. Somebody over in Alberta has been declaring that once Sitting Bull was a leader of Canada's Indians. He wasn't. The Blackfoot Chieftain Crow-foot filled that post with dignity and ability. And it seems to be about time Canada was again informed of it.

Better English

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The building will be brought to final completion next week."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "verbatim?"
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Misstatement, missile, inappropriate.
4. What does the word "inclusive" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with ca that means "to compute?"

Answers

1. Omit final. 2. Pronounce vur-ba-tim, u as in fur, a as in bait, accent second syllable. 3. Misappropriate. 4. Having the quality of cutting; sharp, acute; sarcastic; biting. "It was an inclusive, high voice." 5. Calculate.

King Edward P.T.A.—

P.T.A. Enjoys Fine Program

Community Singing—Quiz Contest—Pictures—Business

Members of the Borden Street School Parent Teacher Association Tuesday evening at their regular meeting enjoyed another of the interesting programs for which the convener Mrs. Logan is noted. All present took part in a session of community singing under the leadership of Principal J. S. Wilson and, yielding to his persuasive powers, thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Mrs. Logan then conducted a quiz contest with members of the audience taking part in different groups. One section dealt with personalities of Prince Rupert past and present. Another dealt with provincial and national matters and some with literary notables. This provided much memory searching and general merriment.

Then Mr. Evans showed two reels one of "Making Friends with Wild Life," being a pictorial record of what people can do with birds in their native state and the other dealing with the lobster fisheries of Nova Scotia.

In the business session, over which President Mrs. H. C. Flood presided, many matters of interest were discussed. A reply from the Civic Centre director-

ate told of the appointment of a committee from the Civic Centre to co-operate with the Gyro Club with a view to making the operation and supervision of the playgrounds more satisfactory. The P.T.A. will buy a book on matters relating to children and their behaviour. This book will be studied and reported upon by some members at the next meeting. It is felt that this will supplement in a valuable way the work of the study groups recently formed.

The report of the literature convener, Keith Faught, showed that there were thirty subscribers to the Parent Teacher News. Mrs. Halverson, treasurer, reported a substantial credit balance in the association's funds. Mrs. Greissel, secretary, read correspondence. The social hour that followed with Mrs. P. Bond in charge of refreshments assisted by Mrs. Dolphin, Mrs. Logan and Mrs. Greissel brought a successful meeting to a close. Miss Yvonne Larson was accompanist for opening and closing numbers as well as for the community singing.

The members are looking forward to the combined meeting of all Parent Teacher Associations in Booth School next Monday when Fred Wright, official delegate from the city P.T.A. Council, will report on the annual convention of the Parent Teacher Federation held in Vancouver during Easter week.

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To Port Hardy (today)—Roy Torvik.
From Vancouver (Wednesday)—J. Bowen, Mrs. L. M. Greene and son Michael, Lt. Dixon, H. Minshall, Miss S. Main, Ron Ingram, Mrs. G. Mead, W. Ferguson, Mrs. R. Woods, T. Jones, K. Buchanan, R. Lavigne.
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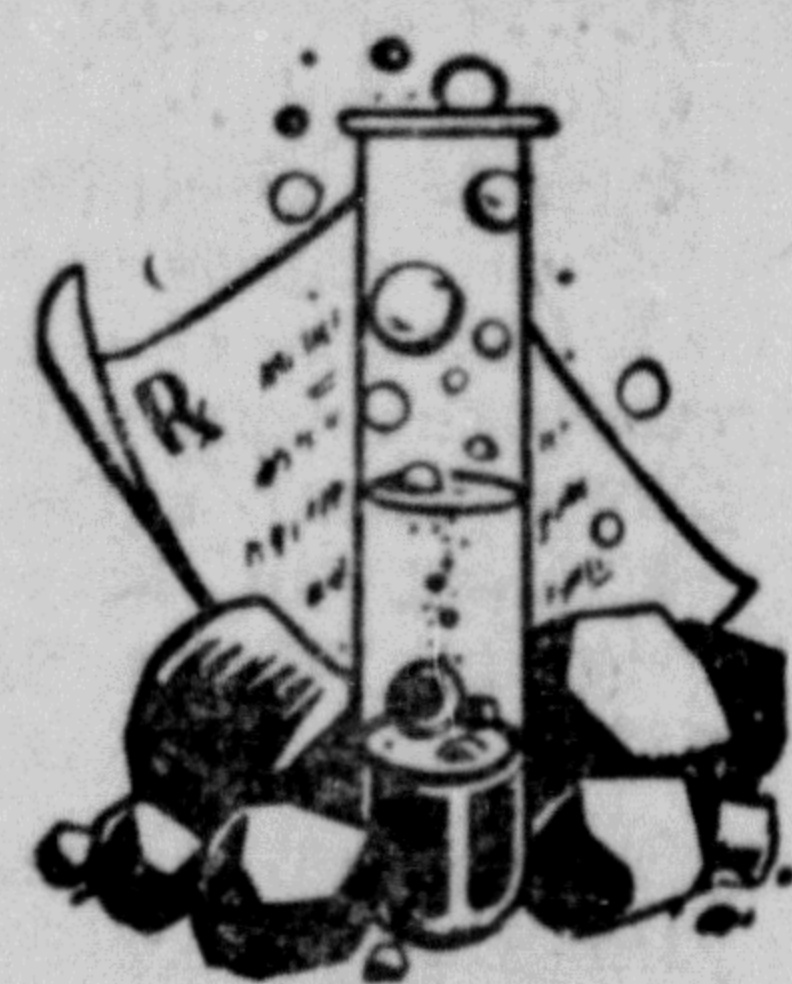
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