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Boy Scout Week

THIS is Boy Scout Week in Prince Rupert. We are glad to pay our word of tribute to this splendid movement which is flourishing these days and doing such a good work not only in this city but the world over.

Going more than forty years now, Scouting has long been playing a part in building character, good citizenship and all around usefulness among boys. It is the largest organization of its kind engaged in this kind of activity. So it is worthy of all the support we can give it. Incidentally, its most crying need here is the enlistment of leaders to carry on the work among the many groups that are now active in the city.

Something of the importance of the work in Prince Rupert may be realized by consideration of the fact that 250 boys are now enrolled here which is a very substantial proportion of our population of boys. It has been said that a Boy Scout is never found in a juvenile court or in the toils of the police so it speaks very well for the boys of Prince Rupert that so many should be actively following the healthful and useful pursuits of Scouting.

Now the boys have a major project in view for 1952—the building of a \$1500 cabin at Grassy Bay as a headquarters for their outdoor activities. Anything that can be done to aid them in this project and their functions generally will be appreciated by the boys themselves and will be an investment in good citizenship.

Political Tempest

THEY play politics not only in Victoria and Ottawa but this week we see them hitting it hot and heavy at august Westminster in London. And the technique is very similar.

The Socialists accuse Mr. Churchill of double-talk, saying one thing at home in regard to the Korean war and intimating something else when he calls on the Americans at Washington.

Mr. Churchill criticizes the Laborites for having made an atom bomb and not telling Parliament about it. Apparently, it was a well-guarded secret, too, for even Mr. Churchill did not find out about it until he got into office. So the Laborites are to be congratulated on their security.

But like our own politics there is a good deal of eyewash about the British brand.

Britons, in their politics, and Canadians too, possibly in a lesser degree, have the ability to quarrel, and sometimes it seems very bitterly, among themselves but, when it comes to the crisis, they stand together back to back.

These tempests in the teapot may have their usefulness. They keep people interested in public affairs and keep governments on their toes.

Scripture Passage for Today

"The earth is the Lord's."—Psalm 24:1.

World Population Jumps By 75,000 Per Day, U.N. Says

By ROBERT E. GEIGER

WASHINGTON (AP)—The world's peoples are multiplying at the fastest rate in all history.

Latest United Nations world census figures indicate about 75,000 more people show up every morning at breakfast tables around the world. That means there are about 75,000 more births than deaths each day.

The UN population yearbook estimates about 2,400,000,000 people now live on the earth.

There's a net increase of about 8,000,000 people a year.

If this expansion continues at its present rate the world will be three times as crowded with people in 100 years, experts estimate.

Some population authorities assume man has lived on earth about 100,000 years and estimate his numbers increased only to about 200,000,000 or 300,000,000 by the time of Christ. This period would represent about 98 per cent of man's existence, if the calculations are correct.

In the 1650 years after Christ the population just about doubled, from less than 300,000,000 to possibly 550,000,000, the calculations indicate. This was at the dawn of "modern times," about the year 1650.

But in the 300 years since

then the population has skyrocketed to around 2,400,000,000. If the estimates are anywhere near correct this means that in 300 years, since 1650, the world gained almost 10 times the number of people it had accumulated in its first 100,000 years.

LESS DEATHS
The UN report says the declining death rate is the main reason world population is increasing so rapidly.

Is anyone worrying about the increase?

Many are, and many have in the past. They ask where is all the food and all the elbow-room coming from?

Others are confident the growth rate will level off eventually.

As for the population experts, they feel their job is to count people, not feed them.

A giant Douglas fir tree recently felled on Vancouver Island for lumber had a circumference of 15 feet, was 1,106 years old, and must have been a large tree when the Magna Charta was signed in 1215.

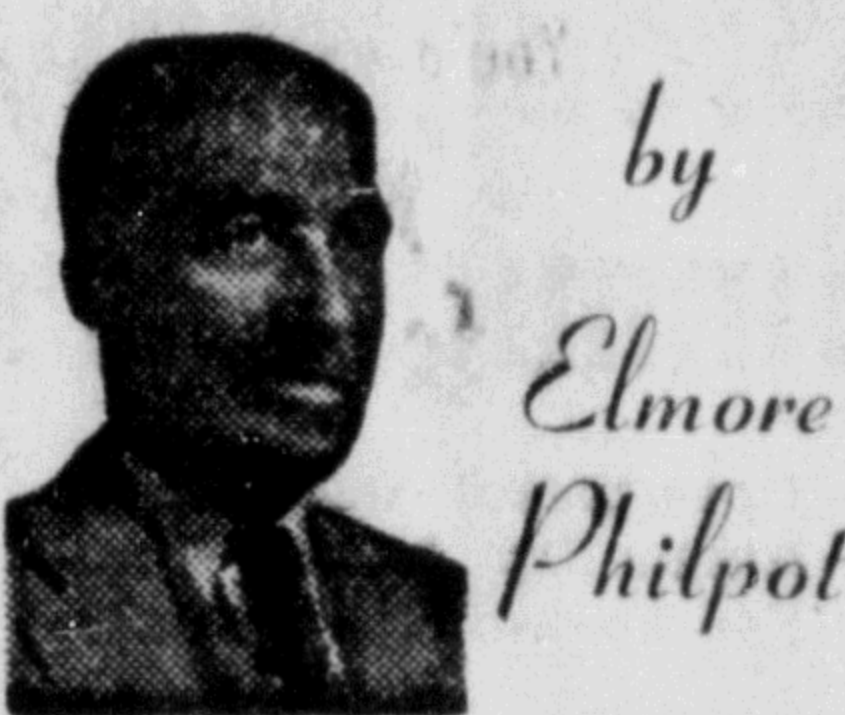
World Scholars and Unesco Officials Plan a History of Mankind



A six-volume history of mankind, from prehistoric times to 1957, the year of publication, is to be written by a team of 1000 leading world scholars. The sponsor of the program is the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco), which is advancing \$400,000 for the work, which is estimated to cost \$600,000. The project will take five years to complete and will assemble knowledge of all races, cultures and peoples, past and present. Here are Unesco officials and members of the International Commission for a Scientific and Cultural History of Man-

kind, which is in charge of the work: Left to right, seated: Dr. Constantine K. Zurayk, Syria; Dr. Julian S. Huxley, the United Kingdom; Dr. Paulo B. Carneiro, Brazil, President of the Commission; Dr. Jaime Torres Bodet, Mexico, Director-General of Unesco; Dr. Ralph E. Turner, the United States, chairman of the editorial committee, and Dr. Carl J. Buekhardt, Switzerland. Standing: Dr. Pedro Bosch-Gimpera, Mexico; Dr. Jean Thomas, France; Dr. Silvio Zavala, Mexico; Dr. Charles Moraze, France; Dr. Armando Cortesao, Portugal, Commission secretary-general, and Dr. Mario Praz, Italy.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

The Sham Shift Vote

B.C. IS to have a provincial election, which is all to the good. But it is all to the bad that it is to be under the absurd and costly system in vogue in Alberta.

This transferable vote system is not to be blamed on the present Social Credit government of Alberta for it was in vogue there long before that party came in.

I call it a sham shift vote system, for there is no evidence whatever to prove that you get any more fair or democratic result under the Transferable Vote than you do under the old familiar system where you mark an X after the name of the candidate you want to win.

In fact, an analysis of the results in Alberta's provincial elections clearly shows that they come out substantially the same as do the federal elections in that province.

ONE MIGHT wonder why the Liberals are going to apply this one piece of legislation, while all the other pending and much more necessary and urgent business is to go by the boards.

O well, some people have to learn the hard way, I figure that one election under the sham shift vote will be all that we will ever have in B.C.

There is no greater fallacy than the theory that all Liberal voters will give their first choices to their own candidates, and their second choices to the Conservatives; and all Tories will likewise mark their Number 2 choices for the Grits.

The main rivalry in this election will be between the Liberals and Conservatives. Hence I figure that a great many Liberals and Tories will give their second choices to the CCF or Social Credit.

When the election is over everybody will wonder why we were such dumb clucks as to spend all the extra money for nothing.

I SEE THAT the Liberals have blossomed forth in the B.C. Legislature wearing the traditional red roses. Makes me think of the ditty I saw in a prairie mimeograph sheet a few months ago.

Is there a man with soul so dead
Who never has been called
A Red?

The one and only time I saw the famous Laurier in parliament he was wearing a flaming scarlet tie. I was a kid in the artillery in Ottawa in those March 1915 days. But Laurier disappointed me when I went up to parliament hoping for fireworks. He went to sleep at his desk. His hair was white as wool, with a sun tan bald space between sideburns.

Sure I said Montreal—not Moscow, or Chicago.

EVEN WHEN I worked on Quebec

VICTORIA REPORT

... by J. K. Nesbitt

Changing Political Stripes—Members Aren't What They Used To Be

VICTORIA. The way members of the Legislature have changed their political stripes in less than three years leaves one astonished by the vagaries of politics—or is that the way to put it?

In June of 1949 the people voted for 39 Coalitionists, 7 C.C.F.'ers, one Independent, one Labor—for a total of 48.

Now look at the Legislature: there are 23 Liberals; three straight Coalitionists; 11 Conservatives; eight C.C.F.'ers; an Independent (not the same Independent); a Social Creditor; one Labor—a total of 48.

The first flip-flop came about through quiet, modest James Mowat of Alberni. He's so quiet and so modest that practically nobody pays any attention to him. Yet he started the style.

Let's look back a bit. In the 1949 general election there was some strange sort of skullduggery up Alberni way. Mr. Mowat who had been the Coalition MLA for Alberni, lost out in the Coalition nominating convention. His friends told him to run as Independent. He did. He won. So that means the people of Alberni, in electing Jim Mowat an Independent, were voting against the Coalition Government.

Yet, less than a year later, Mr. Mowat was back in the Coalition field. All those who had voted for him because they were agin' the government, suddenly found themselves government supporters.

Take W.A.C. Bennett and Mrs. Rolston. They were elected as Coalitionists, with a Conservative tinge, of course. Yet last session they left the Coalition, which meant, too, that they left the Conservatives. Now Mr. Bennett is a Social Creditor, Mrs. Rolston says she's an Independent, but you can see she's flirting, and very coyly, too, with Social Credit.

The 11 Coalitionists who were really truly deep down inside Conservative have suddenly become defiant, proud Conserva-

newspapers, in the early twenties they still called the Liberals the Rouges, or Reds, and the Tories, Blues.

In Laurier's early years the church in Quebec was solidly Tory. The parish priests did not take active part in politics, usually, beyond making such non-partisan remarks as this: Heaven is Blue, but Hell is Red.

READING the accounts of the recent civic election in a Montreal suburb, I ask myself, what has Moscow got that we haven't got?

Le Devoir for February 2 devotes its whole front page to the disgraceful events in Ville St. Michel. This place has recently come under fierce criticism as a centre of wide open gambling houses, and gangster protected vice.

But the Mayor and his stalwarts "won" the election by a 381 vote margin. Gangsters simply kidnapped and detained the entire opposition election "machine" of fifty workers. These were held in jail until the polls closed—not allowed to communicate with anybody outside—not even their lawyers.

Sure I said Montreal—not Moscow, or Chicago.

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Reflects and Reminisces

Surveys are being made away to the north and not so far from the borders of British Columbia and Alaska. Eventual discovery of oil, of course, is the prime hope, if not full-blown expectation. Why is it, some times, distance and not proximity, lend enchantment to the view? To date, western oil strikes have been convenient to or near settled areas. One need only think of Calgary, or Edmonton, or Fort St. John as well as other handy districts.

REAL NEIGHBORLY

From the book of memory, it is worth recalling that, as long ago as 1912, what has been called the largest seepage of oil ever found in British Columbia was reported by surveyors for Gore & McGregor of Victoria. The latter firm subdivided the Naas Valley in 1912. The discovery was in the Cranberry River region where it flows into the Naas. This, of course, made anything in the way of a potential strike, exceedingly easy of access. Perhaps too easy. That seems the trouble, sometimes. It is not sufficiently remote, or too hard to get at.

A new commercial building to cost well beyond \$100,000 is to go up on Third Avenue. Could Arthur Little be alive today (he peddled peanuts down on the waterfront) he would munch one, and exclaim, "Well by Judas!"

BE IT EVER SO HUMBLE

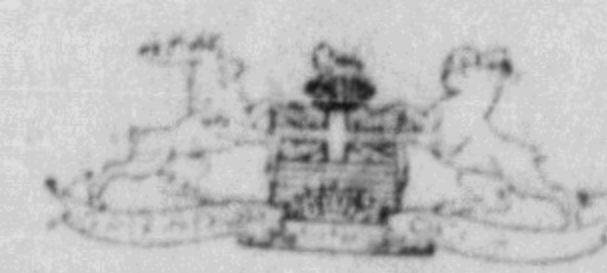
In the face of Alcan development, Ootsa Lake ranchers of course must move, yet flooding should, and no doubt will mean substantial compensation before there is final settlement. What of the sentimental angle? When one has lived part of a lifetime in one neighborhood in a region like Central B.C. it's a wrench to leave and stay away for keeps. It has been home.

Part of future training in the British Army will include the gradual development of a feeling of friendliness for serpents. For this purpose, snakes are already being brought to camps in England. We already perceive Montgomery and Alexander in full and swift retreat.

ALWAYS ACTION

Every life has its interesting side. But, first of all, the party concerned must be prepared to say something. Many a man—or woman—can tell a lot and some do. For example, not long ago, there was that colorful story in the News, descriptive of Crocker and the Klondike, written and pictured by Larry Stanwood. And this reminds us of another trail blazer, Harold Payne is a Victorian, and he's eighty. Cecil Clark,

the complexion the electorate approved less than three years ago. No wonder the electorate is baffled by the strange goings-on in this capital in recent weeks. No wonder the electorate is sometimes given to say, in effect: "These politicians—they're all the same—they ask for our complexions of the House today, vote—and then they say 'to heck one sees it vastly changed from with us.'"



NOTICE

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Minister of Public Works, pursuant to Section 35 (1) of the Highway Act, I hereby declare a gross load limit of 12 tons over Diana Creek Bridge, situate approximately 14 miles east of Prince Rupert on Highway 16, until further notice!

(Signed) L. E. SMITH,
Divisional Engineer,
Department of Public Works,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

GENERAL ELECTRIC

AC-DC
Battery
Portables



MODELS
5, 6
and 7

at
Rupert Radio & Electric

YOUR GE DEALER

in the Victoria Times, spins the tale in sprightly fashion.

Harold lives at Saanich Peninsula. He still uses a bicycle. He went to sea at 17. He made six voyages on clipper ships. He settled on Vancouver Island, became a partner with Warburton Pike and was among the first to go north when the Klondike stamped the world. They bought a stern-wheeler called the Casca, loading it with what was needed up the coast. They also bought 90 mules, shipping them north aboard the Amur, but it was not all plain sailing. The Casca served a while on the Stikine, carrying mining machinery. Finally, just for a change, Payne jumped to South Africa. He's a sort of young-old man. And can't be told about lots of contrasts!

International Wolf Cub

A truly international Cub pack has been formed by Port Edward under the sponsorship of Nelson Bay Les Ltd. Twelve boys from Japan and they include Japanese and Chinese. Internationalism is a cub principle and is imbued with esprit de corps.

WELSH CENTRE
Astravon in South Wales
centre for copper, iron
works.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert)

(STATEMENT "B")
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE
For the Year Ended December 31, 1951

REVENUE	
Taxes	
Municipal	\$138,494.10
Rural	48,120.75
Government Grants	
Basic	51,100.00
Dormitory and Boarding	1,100.00
Vocational	1,100.00
Transportation	2,400.00
Additions and Reconstruction Buildings	3,400.00
Equipment	3,400.00
Night School	1,700.00
Other Revenue	
Tuition Fees	1,500.00
Rentals	1,200.00
Sale of Assets	200.00
Night School Fees	200.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Total Revenue	\$200,000.00
Surplus Balance—December 31, 1951	

Excess of Expenditure over Revenue for the year ended December 31, 1951

EXPENDITURE	
Administration	
Salaries Administration	\$ 3,800.00
Office Expense	400.00
Trustees Expenses	400.00
General Administration	2,800.00
Instruction	
Teachers' Salaries	160,210.00
School Clerical Salaries	1,800.00
Teaching Supplies	7,000.00
Other Instruction Expense	3,200.00
Operation	
Janitor and Engineer Salaries	19,100.00
Janitor and Engineer Supplies	3,300.00
Light, Power, Water, Fuel	16,200.00
Insurance, Rental, Other	6,340.00
Repairs and Maintenance	
Grounds—Wages and Supplies	800.00
Buildings—Wages and Supplies	3,800.00
Equipment—Wages and Supplies	2,000.00
Auxiliary Services	
Health	1,200.00
Dormitory and Boarding Expense	1,800.00
Other	400.00
Debt Service	
Sinking Fund—Principal	6,100.00
Sinking Fund—Interest	7,500.00
Serial Debentures—Redemption	14,500.00
Serial Debentures—Interest	12,740.00
Bank Charges and Interest	400.00
Conveyance of Pupils	
Contract Expense	1,000.00
Capital Account	
Sites	1,400.00
Reconstruction and Addition to Buildings	4,700.00
Equipment	9,600.00
Total Expenditure	\$200,000.00

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the Year Ended December 31, 1951

RECEIPTS	
Revenue	
Revenue (as per Statement "B")	
Add Accounts Receivable, Dec. 31, 1950	
Deduct Accounts Receivable, Dec. 31, 1951	
Cash on Hand and at Bank, Dec. 31, 1950	
Capital	
Advances—City of Prince Rupert	\$14,270.00
Grant—City of Prince Rupert	8,000.00
Provincial Govt. Building Grants	374,100.00
Bylaw Bank Interest	400.00
Provincial Govt. Equipment Grants	20,000.00
	\$610,770.00
Deduct Grants Receivable, Dec. 31, 1950	68,500.00
Deduct Bank Overdraft, December 31, 1950	\$645,980.00
	44,290.00

DISBURSEMENTS	
Revenue	
Expenditure (as per Statement "B")	
Add Accounts Payable, Dec. 31, 1950	
Deduct Accounts Payable, Dec. 31, 1951	
Deduct Bank Overdraft, Dec. 31, 1951	\$ 18,470.00
Less Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1951	44,290.00

Capital	
New Buildings	492,450.00
Reconstruction	10,000.00
New Furniture and Equipment	44,700.00
Premium and Accrued Interest to Revenue Accounts	1,000.00
	\$548,150.00
Deduct Accounts Payable, Dec. 31, 1951	68,000.00
Add Balance at Bank, Dec. 31, 1951	\$480,150.00

W. J. SCOTT, Chairman of Finance Committee
MYRTLE M. ROPER, Secretary-Treasurer
SCOTT McLAREN, Chartered Accountant.