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Education For All

(Since national attention will be focussed next week on the achievements and problems of education, The Daily News today carries the following guest editorial by the Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council on this subject which is of such importance to all.)

CANADIANS today have far greater opportunities to become well-educated, happy and useful citizens than ever before, but we have a long way yet to go.

The progress that has been made in educational standards, facilities, methods, etc., is due not entirely to the efforts of those directly entrusted with the supervision and administration of education, but also it reflects the increasingly active interest and support of Canadians in all walks of life, and the shortcomings that still exist in our present educational system can only be overcome through the continuance and extension of that interest and support.

That is why Labor has joined with other organizations across Canada in sponsoring Education Week and to urge special consideration of the matter which is vital to your family, your community and your country.

The principal shortcoming in our present educational system, against which Labor has consistently objected and for the elimination of which it will continue to strive, is that in spite of the fact that considerable sums of public money are being expended on our universities, the sons and daughters from the less fortunate families are being deprived of the opportunities for advanced education offered through those institutions because their parents are unable to afford the expenses involved. We submit that society would be greatly enriched if ability and talent of the student, coupled with his or her willingness to work at it, were the only qualifying factors for admission.

The interest, ideas and active participation of all those in the labor movement in Canada are vital to the improvement of education in this country.

All organizations affiliated to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada are urged to support Education Week in their various communities and to bear in mind that education is truly "Everybody's Business".

Exaggerated Report

REPORTS from Vancouver that drug addicts are invading Prince Rupert are baloney.

There are addicts in the city, undoubtedly. Any city with an element of transients is certain to have the problem to some extent. But the suggestion that we are harboring a community of hop heads is complete bilge.

This is not a question of being smug. Consider it factually. The give-away of a drug addict is his need for money. To keep the supply coming, he must be able to pay well, and normally the person so addicted is not in a position to earn the cash required. His course, then, is to get the money by other means.

If Prince Rupert were experiencing an extraordinary outbreak of crime there might be something to support the Vancouver reports. But there is no such thing.

Vancouver police might as well realize—as they undoubtedly do—that they cannot get rid of the problem that easily. Even an addict in the deepest throes of his craving will know he has a better chance of buying his shot in the big city where detection is not nearly so sure as it is publicised and where crime is more or less routine.

Scripture Passage for Today

"He that believeth on me, hath everlasting life."
—St. John 6:47.

FATHER MARRIES OFF FIVE DAUGHTERS, SON

ENSCHOT, The Netherlands (Reuters)—Farmer Henricus Kort married off five daughters and one son here Tuesday— one after the other. Nearly all of the village's 3,215 inhabitants turned out for the all-day festivities. Four of the brides are going to emigrate to Canada next month with their husbands.

Trans-Canada Route Clarified

OTTAWA (CP)—The government Wednesday reaffirmed the decision against a northern route through the Rocky mountains for the trans-Canada highway.
A reply tabled for Ambrose

Holowach (SC-Edmonton East) said the route designated by provincial governments concerned is through Regina and Calgary. It would cross the Rockies through the Kicking Horse pass.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philboott

For OAP's of \$60

A GREAT many old age pensioners have written me regarding a recent column "Who Lives on \$40.00?"

A good many of the letters started out with a good, lusty crack at MPs in general and me in particular.

Some of them said "If you want to know how to live on \$40 a month, give up your \$10,000 a year and try it." But on the whole the writers recognized that I was seeking for detailed facts and explanations. A few old people did send in letters to show that they were barely "getting by" on the \$40 per month old age security payments. But in almost all such cases these "were people who had some special advantage, like a house already paid for, or some living accommodation with relatives.

MANY living on the \$50 a month—that is, on the old age pension with means test—sent along budgets with their costs per month itemized down to the last cent. Here is one such budget, sent in by a man who lives alone in the interior of B.C.

Owe store last month	\$ 1.82
Rent for month	18.00
Electric light	1.85
Fuel	4.25
16 quarts milk	3.84
Sugar	1.05
15 loaves bread	2.70
Sausage	2.65
2 lbs. margarine	.72
Apples	.50
Turnips	.33
Potatoes	.45
Boiling beef	3.84
Flour	.35
Rice	.34
Jam	.20
2 lettuce	.36
Socks	.85
Syrup	.18
Salt	.18
Fish	.33
Cheese	.44
Eggs	.30
Prunes	.50
Cigarettes	.68
Soap and soap powder	.73
1 lb. coffee	.98
1 lb. tea	.95
Saturday "Sun"	.40
Owe storekeeper	\$52.99
	\$ 2.99

A GREAT many more budgets come out to approximately the same as the above—though I notice that most of my correspondents list the cost of the newspapers six days a week, instead of just for Saturday.

The only man who wrote with facts and figures to show that a person could live on \$40 a month was in an isolated up-coast point. He wrote a fascinating letter, to show how an old couple could get cheap wood, fish, game, etc., if they were willing to live away from the big centres. I agree this is true for hardy, self-reliant old couples. But it does not seem a practical proposition to me for most city-bred people, especially as one of the old folks is bound to pass away before his or her partner, thus leaving the other alone.

THE NUMEROUS letters forwarded by old age pensioners will be of great assistance to me when I make my next speech in the House, giving reasons why old age pensions should be increased. As for years past, I still strongly advocate \$60 per month.

Spring Music

MIDLAND, Ont. (CP)—The croaking of frogs, normally a sign of spring, was heard here at a watery spot late in February. All winter a robin or two was seen around the outlet of the spring, and a warm spell late in winter usually brings out the frogs.



A PARENT GANNET, large North Atlantic sea bird, applies the aerial brakes sharply as it approaches a fluffy nestling. Snapped by Richard Robinson, who is employed at Canadian Kodak Co. in Toronto, the picture, "Gannet," won a trophy for excellence in nature photography in Kodak's 19th International Salon.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

One of the favorite conversation pieces around Parliament Hill these days is the weather. But lest this should seem a somewhat platitudinous and useless topic to occupy the minds of statesmen, it should be pointed out at once that it isn't the ordinary Ottawa weather that is the subject of interest. It's the special weather along Ottawa's lengthening international Diplomatic Row.

It's a matter of sudden and pleasant discovery to the whole Capital generally that the weather along Diplomatic Row has greatly improved. Metaphorically speaking, there's more sunshine along it. And as a consequence there's a very much more friendly atmosphere. The whole environment is warmer and vastly more comfortable.

For example, the invisible but subtly-erected barriers that divided the foreign embassies into mutually exclusive groups between whom only the most rigid social intercourse—if any—existed, have gone as if by magic. Now members of the different foreign missions mingle indiscriminately and without displaying any of their previous stiffness, tension, or suspicions of one another. The result is a much more pleasant atmosphere for all to breathe. The present social season along Ottawa's Diplomatic Row is by far the most successful that has been held in many years.

No little of the credit is being given to the new Soviet ambassador. His Excellency Dmitri Chuvahin is definitely an individual of parts, with a particular talent for friendliness. The warmest and most attractive personality to have represented Moscow in the Capital since the Russian Embassy was opened, he moves easily and without self-consciousness among diplomatic circles. Already he has won a reputation in the Capital as an unsurpassed host. And it unquestionably is as a result of his example that many of the old reserves between some of the foreign missions have vanished.

Senator McCarthy of Washington wouldn't like it, but it's no novelty any more for diplomats from the Western powers and the Soviet Union to meet at luncheon or dinner, enjoy one another's unaffected hospitality, and to discuss world affairs and their own differences of policy with good humor and a courteous attempt at mutual understanding. Parliament Hill thinks it's a good thing. The new order of things is being not only enjoyed but approved. All this doesn't mean that the cold war is over. But it's evident that there's a new spirit of mutual tolerance in the Ottawa diplomatic air at least. That may be a small sign in the larger world picture. But it's at least a hopeful one.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Word from Paris says long flowing capes, similar to what's worn by the French police, is the newest note in spring fashions. It is doubtful, however, if the RCMP can borrow any novel notions in the way of service dress, which has been greatly admired.

NEVER PAYS OFF

For every dollar spent on education in the United States, two dollars must be expended on crime prevention and penalties. Crime was never known to pay off to any individual. It's worse for a nation.

Weight of authority when it makes itself heard as well as felt can be a vastly disturbing fact. Thursday a solemn warning was given against the possibility of more attempted assassinations. What was there then—what is there at this moment—to perpetrate something the same as the Washington outrage a few days earlier. It is not essential to mention names but world leaders are known, and how vital it is that their security be strengthened. The recent shooting aggravates and inflames a world situation, none too happy. The warning has gone out and may well be kept in mind.

To be sure, delays in the reception of thrills is becoming a matter for regret. One cannot but overhear sharp criticism. Any number of young folk want happenings to amount to something. So now, all that's needed is just wait a little while longer. It always arrives.

Another example of civilization's inconsistency is that it produces a bomb designed to drive us all into the cellar, and then builds houses without any cellars.

"I should like to know what is the proper function of women, if it is not to make reasons for husbands to stay at home, and still stronger reasons for bachelors to go out."—Geo. Elliot.

You meet them every day. Stop and talk some day. Mention you've been working a bit hard lately. Like enough you will get the raspberry laugh and remark: "You working hard. Boy, I wish I'd your job! You don't know what hard work is."

All Aboard By G.E. Mortimore

Everyone has heard of the man who was moved by a strong premonition of disaster to cancel his seat on a certain aircraft and take the next flight instead. The aircraft that he would have boarded developed engine trouble and crashed. Passengers and crew came to a messy end. Other men report having been deterred by prophetic dreams from boarding ships that sank and trains that plunged over cliffs.

Seldom if ever do we hear of a man who had a premonition of disaster and cancelled his seat on an aircraft, only to learn afterwards that the aircraft flew on merrily to its destination and arrived without incident, except for a stewardess repelling some advances by an admiring passenger.

Some people do have such hunches, but they never tell you about them.

"I had such a strange feeling about the Empress of Boing that I went right down and cancelled my passage," a man might say. "And do you know, that very ship steamed straight across the Atlantic in record time, and docked half a day ahead of schedule."

It doesn't make such a good story that way. If a man is going to admit to having hunches, he likes to create the impression that they are good hunches.

I have no doubt that there are men alive today who had pre-

monitions and cancelled their passages on aircraft, causing themselves to kick their heels around the airport for an extra three hours and arrive late for a vital appointment, while the aircraft they should have taken not only got there safely, but all the passengers received gold watches for being aboard the 100,000th safe flight since the company started business.

Hunches could be a real nuisance for a travelling man, if he kept having them. I can imagine a man itching to get out of town and pursue an important errand for his firm, yet being warned off a succession of boats, planes and trains by an irritating little inner voice.

After he had been loitering around the depot for a week or so, a wan and haggard figure, it would be an ironic stroke of fate if an earthquake brought the roof down on his head.

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General Meeting of the Prince Rupert General Hospital Association will be held in the Civic Centre, Commercial Street, on Friday, March 19th, 1954, at 8:00 p.m.

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To receive President's Report
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To receive Committee Reports
To receive Auditor's Report and Financial Statement for 1953
To elect six members to the Board of Directors
To appoint an Auditor

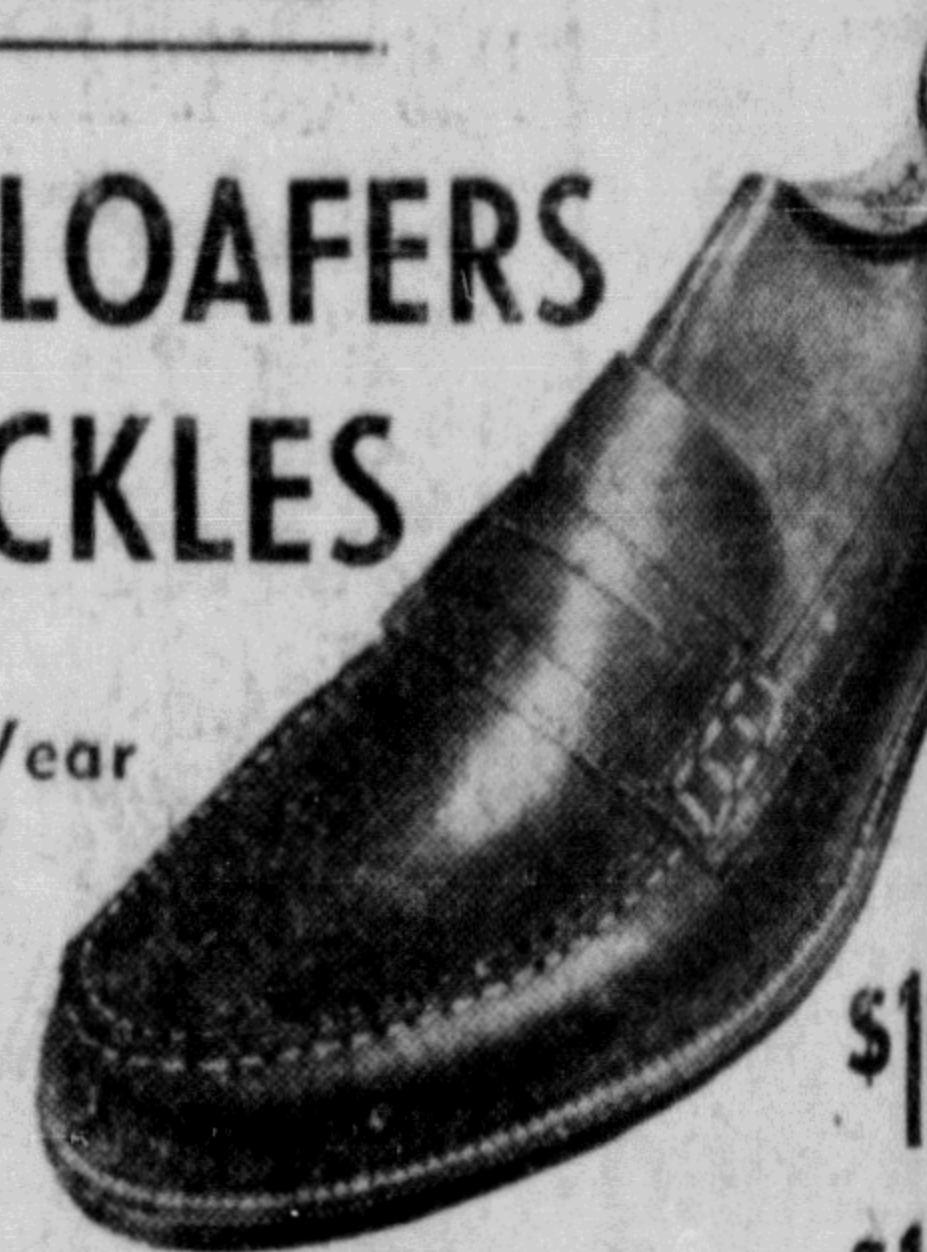
Membership in this Association is open to anyone in the community on the payment of \$1.00. Application for membership may be made at the Hospital, Orme's Drugs or any member of the Board of Directors. The application will close on Monday, March 15th.

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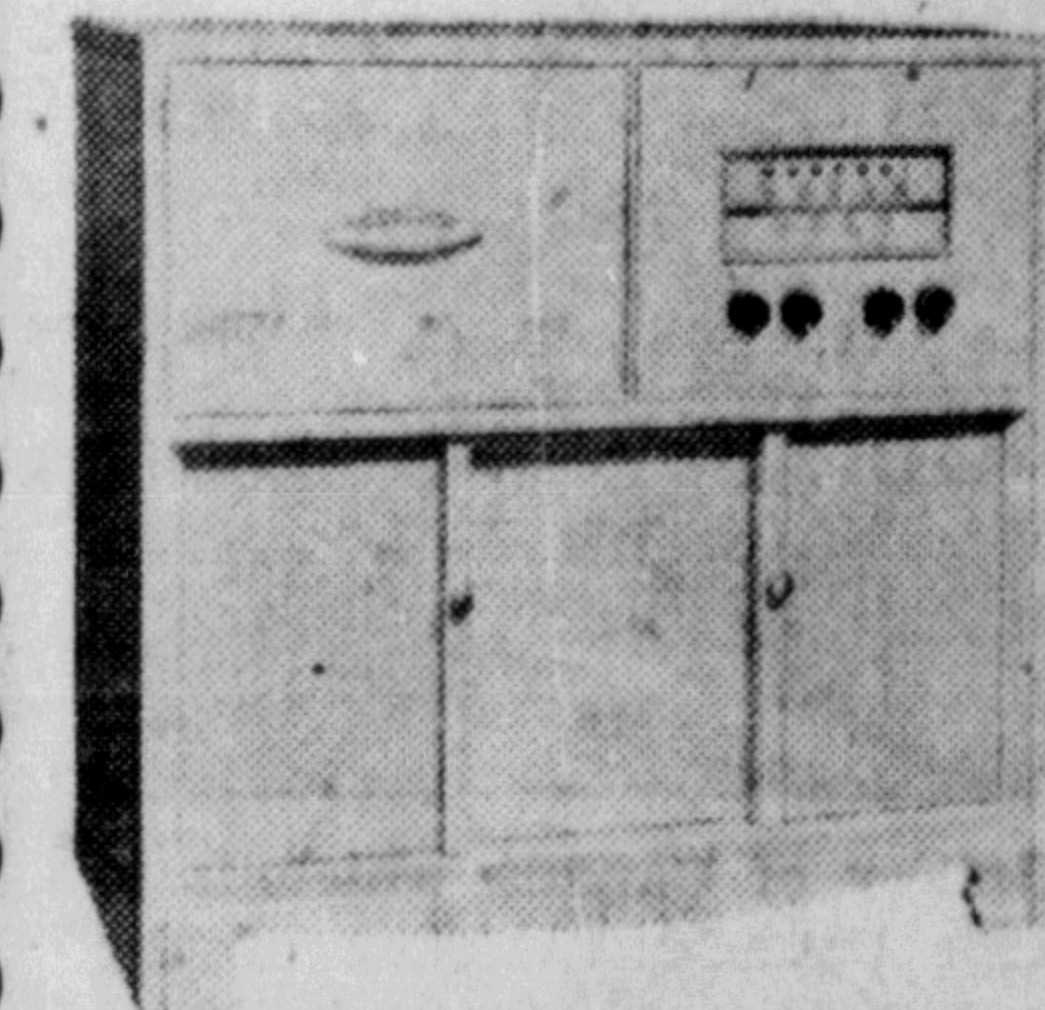
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