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The Game of Life

EVERY now and then we have refreshing interludes in sports such as the World Series, the National Hockey League playoffs and, closer home, such events as the basketball series now being played here. For a while we forget profound problems ruthlessly demanding solution. Political and economic puzzles, factional enmities and disturbing doubts vanish.

How often we hear it said that life is a battle. And it is so to some extent. We have to fight disease and injustice and temptation.

But maybe God intends life to be more like a game than a battle. A game develops the healthy energies of life without the bitterness that goes with battles.

In the most of games the possible elements of destructive strife are buried by the spirit of the game and team play.

In a ball game who would say: "Let so-and-so chase that fly. Let so-and-so take that pass. There's nothing in it for me."

Political, religious, money differences are to be found in sports teams. But team interest does or should submerge individualism.

Team play discourages selfish individualism although it does develop individuality.

In family life, only team play can keep home life healthy—the spirit of co-operation rather than bitter competition.

In good citizenship, too, we must have team play and the spirit of co-operation. We must learn to work together for the advancement of our community and our nation. Healthy rivalry is a safeguard to democracy but blind and bitter individualism is the way to destruction.

Students and English

FROM a wire story sent out by the Canadian University Press, and therefore presumably reliable, we learn that a special examination was recently held in the University of Toronto to obtain "some indication of what degree of knowledge of English the average undergrad possesses," and that the results were "much more than expected," says Maclean's Magazine. Plans had been made to form five instruction groups of 25 students each for those who failed to get 50 per cent. After the examination 10 groups were arranged for with 35 students in each, and even these looked after only those who scored 35 per cent or less. Those who scored from 35 to 50 per cent will have to get along as they are.

This corresponds pretty closely with the experience in other Canadian provinces. There is, we think, only one conclusion to be drawn from it, namely that there is something radically wrong with the high schools which send up these students. There is a prevalent theory in these schools that one learns to use English by using it, without any special instruction. This is a theory which is not applied in the more practical realms of football and basketball, where careful and systematic instruction in the technique of the game is imparted to everybody who is going to represent "the school" in those highly competitive forms of sport. But of course football and basketball are important, and the school which does not have a fairly good team is obviously not a "good" or successful school. There is no such feeling about English, and for that matter no means (except a special test like that just held at U of T) by which the public can tell whether a given high school is teaching English well or badly.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee."—Deut. 8:2.

Canada Minerals Ahead in Value

OTTAWA — Value of mineral production in Canada for 1951 is estimated at \$1,300,000,000 by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, an increase of seventeen percent over 1950. The increase is due to higher mineral prices rather than volume of production.

New Companies Incorporated

Incorporations listed in the latest British Columbia Gazette include: Ormes Drugs Limited, Prince Rupert, with capitalization of \$10,000.
Another district incorporation is that of Linda Silver Lead Limited of Smithers with capital of \$30,000.

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Siggy's New Poems

GUS SIGURDSON has written a new book of poems, which have as much punch and power as first volume, called PEN-CIL STUB STANZAS.

Siggy's new volume is DREAMS AND DRIFTWOOD. It is quite different in tone from the first one, for the obvious reason that the poet has found a sweetheart.

THE CANADIAN GIRL WITH THE IRISH EYES

It happened one day as I travelled
There came from a distance a
lovely sweet song—
I took to the bushes I ran and
I ran
I wasn't a culprit nor harlot
For I was a hobo unkept
I dove into the water right up
to my waist
I washed and I scrubbed in a
scrubbing haste
While meanwhile I shivered and
wept.

I won't give away the end of
that story except to say the poet
got a job, got the girl and got a
car.

THERE IS just one throwback
to Siggy's old army days in
this new book. It is about

Whitney McKinnon, from Cape
Breton Isle—
"I'll figure an angle" he said
with a smile
"But lend me a buck" and you
couldn't refuse
Though you knew that his angle
was buying more booze.

There are more moving patri-
otic poems about Canada and
Iceland. There is even a three
verse poem about a Canadian
newspaper columnist, which be-
gins

A keen observer, shrewd and
sharp
He swings a mighty pen
Harsh as a whip, sweet as a
harp
To ears of common men
He plays no favours to a few
Yet truly gives each man his due.

But Siggy's range is very wide
in this book. He writes wittily
about his enormous moustache.
He says "I trust a man, until
I find him being brutal or un-
kind, to someone lower on the
shelf, of social standing than
himself."

SIGURDSON'S most powerful
blasts in this book are against
those pushing the world to new
war.

It matters little this: The side
they're on—
Capitalistic, Communistic spawn
Power is the madness in their
hearts.

Here is Siggy's peace bomb:

THE WHISPERED WORD
Peace is now a whispered word—
Let it not be overheard;
Fire a bullet through my heart,
Tear me limb from limb apart.

Human Rights in South America Reported Scarce

NEW YORK.—In most of South America, human rights as they are known in the United States do not exist, according to a civil rights expert who recently made an extensive survey of the area.

Of the 10 South American countries only four—Uruguay, Chile, Ecuador and Brazil—permit any real sense of freedom, reports Miss Francis Grant, chairman for Latin America of the International League for the Rights of Man.

She reports that in some countries, personal freedoms are just as viciously suppressed as in many of the Iron Curtain countries; no opposition political activity is permitted, no freedom of the press, no freedom of assembly or speech.

Bolivia, she said, is in a state of transition and the ruling military junta has promised a gradual resumption of civil liberties.

OPPOSITION FOUND

In Argentina, the elements of repression are very much present, but she did find a "most extraordinary opposition filled with resilience and courage." Denied liberties, many Argentines still insist on saying what they want to say even though it means prison, she said.

"I think the ordeal of Peronism has given a major spurt to development of a real democratic spirit in Argentina," added Miss Grant, also secretary of the Inter-American Association for Democracy and Freedom.

She caught a feeling in Argentina that the magic hold President Peron has had on the country is beginning to disintegrate.

But she said that this doesn't mean that Senator Peron is going to be overthrown tomorrow, but it seems only a question of time.

There is a growing spirit of optimism and determination to free the country, the Latin American expert says. She found that opposition leaders no longer blame the United States or other countries for their misfortunes as she said they did in the past. They have begun to realize that Senator Peron rose to power in large part due to their own weaknesses and divisions.

THRONES THREATENED

If President Peron should be overthrown, the repercussions would spread all over Latin America, helping to topple the "thrones" of many dictators and dash the hopes of many would-be caudillos, she said.

In contrast to the lively feeling of resistance in Argentina, a kind of "sepulchral, hopeless apathy and silence" exists among the opposition elements in many other countries, such as Peru and Paraguay, Miss Grant reports, adding that they appear to have lost courage.

It is her belief that industrialization of Latin American nations is necessary to help provide a

For I love peace and what is
more
Let me add—to Hell with war

Siggy has at least one thing in common with the greatest American poet, Walt Whitman. He has to publish his own poems. Whitman had to give his away, no publisher would touch them. Siggy sells his book for \$2, from his home 4333 Parker St. Vancouver.

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Reflects and
Reminisces

Prince Rupert will look down from the walls of City Hall so that future generations of taxpayers and public generally may reflect that here is no mean city. A work of art—a painting of significance—is coming our way. The community is young but this will give it a historic stamp. Civil war raged in England when Rupert lived. A King was beheaded. Parliament was paralyzed. Sire, the times were stirring.

A Vancouver practice, by a few of her more fearless young citizens, led by Pete Ranages, not so young now, has been the swimming of the harbor every New Year's Day. Until a few years ago, the same feat, performed by Douglas Frizell at Prince Rupert, was witnessed with no small degree of admiration. There might have been occasions when Loug was not alone, but whoever his companion was, "swam" in a small boat.

Canada's twenty-first parliament prorogued Saturday but it does not mean the House will remain that way very long. Date for the opening of the regular 1952 session is tentatively set for February 7. Still, these sessional indemnities can be considered convenient.

STILL DOMINION

Perusal of Hansard shows how greatly in the debates members make use of the expression "Dominion," now officially banned by the government. Not only do they say it. With emphasis, do some criticize the policy that saw fit to discontinue what was adopted as part of the Confederation proceedings.

THAT GRACIOUS AIR

Since New Year's, Prince Rupert hurried from ten to about forty above, as below zero reports were received from central B.C. and the prairies. Well, we always did prefer rubbers to earmuffs.

More young fellows, quite unabashed, continue to solicit financial assistance. It is assumed they do not feel the pangs of hunger. They thirst. It can be taken for granted they have not been long here. Local old timers say they can tell them a mile away.

breakup of coalition will make the election one of the most unpredictable that has ever been held here.

Much probably will depend on the leadership of the parties. Herbert Anseomb, who has been finance minister since the retirement of ex-Premier John Hart, is certain to lead the Conservatives, and there is no doubt but that Harold Winch will continue as the CCF chief. Presumably Byron I. Johnson, head of the coalition government and as such the acknowledged leader of his party, will head the Liberals, but that is still debatable, and there has been a demand by an insurgent element among the Liberals to have Gordon Wismer, present attorney general and the party's "strong man," lead the party.

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HIGHLIGHT OF YEAR—Big event of 1951 news at Prince Rupert was the official opening of the Columbia Cellulose Co.'s great pulp mill at nearby Watson Island. Since then the company has announced plans to increase its capacity by fifty percent.