

## Support the Kinsmen Club

STARTING tomorrow, readers of The Daily News are going to be put through their paces for the next four Saturdays by a contest which will call upon all their powers of observation, deduction, imagination, concentration and a dozen other qualities of the good puzzle-fan.

We refer to the Kinsmen Coronation Contest and consider it only fair to warn that it is going to be tough. It is a game designed to separate the weak from the strong and the idle from the industrious. Primarily, however, it is going to establish who has the best knowledge of Prince Rupert's stores and business firms. It is a knowledge which will pay off well because, to borrow a word from Hollywood, the prizes are colossal.

Behind the game is a purpose equally colossal. It is to promote the campaign of the Prince Rupert Kinsmen Club to raise funds for bringing enjoyment to children, a service for which it is noted.

The club's program for children is all-seasonal. In autumn the Kinsmen give youngsters a Halloween that is safer and more fun. In winter they put on parties for children in the city and at Miller Bay Hospital. In spring they look after the parade and sports of Empire Day—an occasion which will not take place this year to avoid conflict with Coronation Day celebrations.

Summer finds them attending to their biggest project—the Kinsmen Kiddie Kamp at Lakelse Lake which, with the help of friends, they built and equipped themselves. There hundreds of children have spent many wonderful holiday weeks.

All this means that in the contest we have a happy combination of pleasure and benefit. Besides proving themselves loyal workers, those responsible for arranging it have shown they are also ingenious ones. Everyone who enters is sure to find it fun.

The admission fee is literally peanuts—but help the children and buy lots of them.

## Scripture Passage for Today

"A pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun."  
—Eccl. 11:7.

## OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

At the 11th hour Liberal MPs have begun to fight back against the PC tactics of the present session which reached their climax in the sensational resignation of Austin Dewart as member for Qu'Appelle.

J. H. Rooney of Toronto-St. Paul's, who in his own city is best known in Liberal circles as "Boss" Rooney, has launched the counter-offensive by placing a number of questions on the Commons order paper relating to business done by Rosehall Nurseries of Brantford with the Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation, or with "any other branches of the government."

Rosehall Nurseries is an enterprise in which John Charlton, MP for Wentworth-Brant, is a director with a substantial financial interest. The real target of the questions which "Boss" Rooney has placed on the parliamentary order paper is stated in Liberal circles to be Charlton.

The PCs rightly interpret the Rooney questions as retaliation by the Liberals against the successive opposition charges during the present session of improper financial transactions with the federal treasury on the part of Liberal MPs. First of all Col. Edmund George of Westmoreland had to defend his collection of his allowance as a reserve force officer in a New Brunswick regiment during the

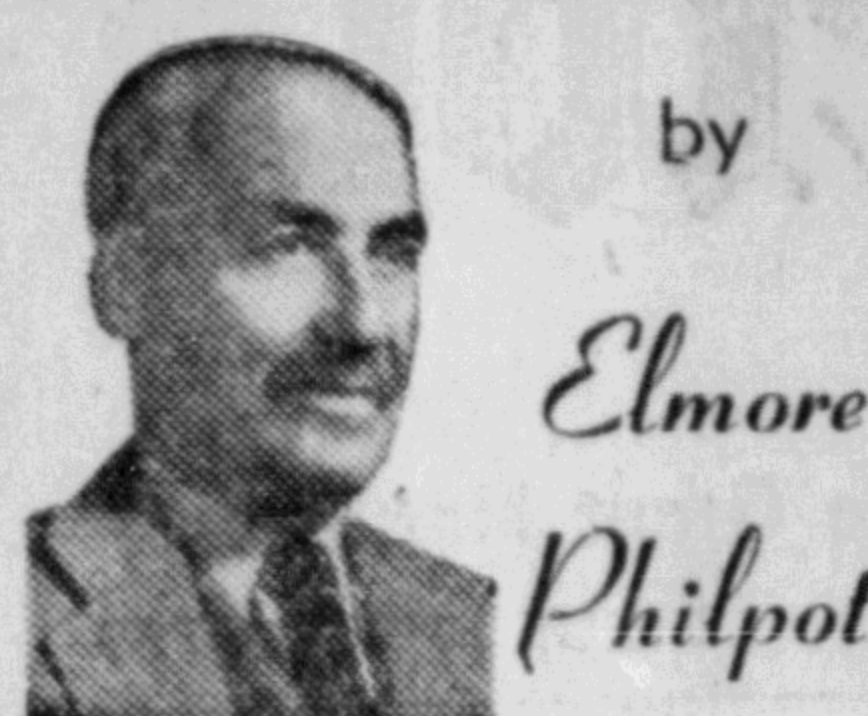
## Candidate Must Quit Job

VICTORIA (CP)—Provincial secretary Wesley Black ruled on the case of a civil servant nominated as a Social Credit candidate in the June 9 British Columbia election.

His ruling: the government employee, Herbert Bruch, must resign from his job before official nomination day—May 19—to be recognized as a candidate. Mr. Bruch, an employee of the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service, applied for leave of absence after he was nominated to contest Esquimalt riding.

The Severn river in England flows 220 miles to its outlet in the Bristol Channel.

## As I See It



by

Elmore  
Philpott

### Surpluses—For Whom?

THE government has unloaded ten million pounds of surplus butter since last I wrote about it.

Here are the latest official figures for government-held food surpluses bought with taxpayers' money to keep up prices in fairness to farmers. They were for April 25, 1953.

Butter 19,000,000 lbs.  
Dried milk 4,379,000 lbs.  
Canned pork 71,168,000 lbs.  
Beef 20,700,000 lbs.

The above figures do not include the carryover of about 400,000 cases of B.C. salmon, which is privately owned, nor more than 300 million bushels of wheat which will remain unsold at the end of this crop year.

THE BRITISH Tories are obviously betting that the law of supply and demand will force down the price of wheat, in view of the tremendous world surplus. Also the British press is having polite fun at the expense of the U.S.A. by asking "Why should Britain subsidize the American Welfare State?" That is tit for tat for the cracks the Republicans took at the British Welfare State in the recent election.

The U.S.A. has a wheat "price support" policy far above the \$1.80 level which Food Minister Lloyd George says is fair.

READERS may recall that back in 1946 I exposed through this column the most "successful" price hold up in all history. During the Hitler war normal world wool trade was upset. To support the economies of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, the British government purchased the entire wool clip.

When the war ended there was an accumulated stockpile of over four billion pounds—equal to a 20-year pre-war supply of wool bought and sold between nations.

The British (socialist) government acted like a shrewd capitalist. It entered into an arrangement with the Dominions concerned. They set up an arrangement called Joint Organization. This organization successfully manipulated the wool market for four years. Buyers for "JO" attended all wool auctions and kept prices from falling lower than JO wanted them.

In less than four years the entire surplus was fed into world markets at prices which never fell—but actually increased.

It was the most striking demonstration in all history that the "law" of supply and demand can be defeated if you have a monopolistic organization in effective control of the entire supply.

IN 1946 I WROTE in this column: "So long as there is one shivering child in Europe dying of tuberculosis because there is no fuel in the house we cannot talk of a wool surplus... It is an insult to talk of holding up prices. Let them come down where they belong."

I think the time is coming when the Canadian farmer will be paid by the government a guaranteed-in-advance price for everything he produces—and that those prices will be kept in line with the price of things the farmer has to buy.

But we will have to find some new way to get the stuff to the people who want it and need it.

It was a crime to keep Australian wool "from shivering children in 1946. It is a crime to keep Canadian food surpluses from those, at home and abroad, who need them now, but can't pay for them.

### Sprucing Up

VANCOUVER (CP)—Lanes in Vancouver would be beautiful if home-owners accept a proposal of alderman Anna Sprott to plant flowers along them. Another alderman suggested garbage collectors be given flower seeds to drop along the way.

## POLITICAL ROUNDUP

... by J. K. Nesbitt

(This is the second in a series of articles on leaders of the major political parties in B.C.)

VICTORIA—New C.C.F. chief tain Arnold Webster won't take no for an answer.

Four times the people of Vancouver told him NO when he asked them to send him to the House of Commons.

That didn't discourage Arnold Webster. Somewhere along his life's path he has learned infinite patience and never-ending perseverance—excellent virtues for a politician.

No, no, no, no—said the people of Vancouver to Arnold Webster, and each time the "no" was a little louder. Ignoring the swelling no chorus, Webster was getting ready to try again for Ottawa in the autumn election this year, when along came what he doubtless thought a call to higher duty—the provincial leadership of the C.C.F. party he has stuck by through the years, has helped to build up.

School teacher Webster first went campaigning in 1935, in the Federal riding of Vancouver-Burrard. That campaign his theme was: "The worker has always had too much hardship. In this land, capable of great abundance, the workers alone can secure freedom by obtaining control of the means of sustaining life."

He fought Gerry McGeer that campaign. McGeer had perseverance too, but not much patience. The two had hot times on the platform, going after each other, and Vancouver had a fine time arguing who was right. Night after night they fought each other in outbursts of oratory.

When the ballots were counted the first time, Webster had won. But, a few days later McGeer found a few more votes. McGeer had won. No, no, said Webster—it's not over yet. Next day Webster had won again.

He packed his bags, ready for Ottawa. But there was another count, and McGeer had won. It was Vancouver's chief preoccupation for days—who had won, McGeer or Webster?

The official and final count: McGeer, 10,215; Webster 10,209. Webster had lost by six votes, enough to make most men bitterly frustrated. But not Webster. He unpacked his bags and started preparing for the next time.

In the 1940 election, Webster was in again, once more in Burrard, once more again Gerry McGeer. That election his line was: "If it is easy to procure money for war, why is it hard to find money for the underprivileged in peacetime. If profiteering in bullets in wartime is a criminal act, why is profiteering in bread in peacetime a lawful act?"

The 1940 election count: "McGeer 12,353; Webster, 10,443. That's it—said most people. Webster's finished; he won't try again. They didn't know then of Webster's patience and perseverance.

In the meantime, waiting for another election, Webster was busy in civic affairs, in his party councils, with his teaching, on the Parks Board of Vancouver, fighting racial discrimination and the Non-Partisan League of Vancouver.

Webster can't abide strong drink, and he's convinced politicians, of all people, shouldn't imbibe. In 1943, as C.C.F. president he addressed the B.C. Temperance League: "The effect of liquor on public men is particularly disheartening. I myself have seen a premier of B.C. intoxicated at an opening ceremony, and the impression he gave was very disheartening."

That set tongues wagging! Who was the Premier? Mr. Webster would never tell. He evidently liked the Premier, personally, though he couldn't approve the strong drink.

Racial bias enrages Webster. In 1943 there was a rumour in Vancouver about people whose skins were not white, bathing in Crystal Pool. Webster dashed off a hot letter to the Parks Board: "It is extremely difficult to reconcile an act of racial discrimination on the part of a public body in Vancouver, with the principles of Canadian democracy, in defence of which we are engaged in the present war."

And now it is 1945, and another Federal general election. Again it's Webster for the C.C.F. in Burrard. But Gerry McGeer was in the Senate by then and so Webster's hopes rose. He would stand a better chance with his old enemy out of the way.

The result in 1945: Cecil Merritt, Conservative, 13,668; Webster, 10,749. Webster said he'd try again next time; nobody believed him.

He specialized between elections in attacks on the Non-Partisan League of Vancouver, said "it constitutes a united front of capitalistic parties, determined to fight to the last ditch to maintain their privileges." And then he snorted: "The simple truth is that they are not opposed to politics at City Hall at all. It is only the C.C.F. politics they don't like."

By now it's 1949, and another Federal general election. Webster was all set once more—in Burrard, of course. This time he knew he would make it; he could easily lick Conservative Merritt.

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Reflects and  
Reminisces

A wrinkle is something that if a prune hasn't got, it's a plum.

And now comes word from the Soviet Navy newspaper Red Fleet that it was Russian navigators, and not British, Dutch or Spanish, who discovered the islands in the Pacific. This will be news to responsible historians. What's going to be done now, as the necessity of providing successors to Captain James Cook and Captain Vancouver arises.

### TWO BUCKS

Rambling over Europe while awaiting the Coronation, Bruce Hutchison, western Canadian writer, describes "the deep blue Mediterranean and dark silhouette of the Pyrenees, a picture for any artist. But the fisherfolk and their women cared nothing for that. They were interested in the fish. Soon on every seat the crews were crouched about a steaming cauldron of crayfish which they ate with hunks of bread and deep draughts of red wine out of five-gallon bottles. Each man might have earned a couple of dollars on such a good, happy day."

The head of a business school advises all secretaries not to watch the clock. If you do not, how is it possible to leave early?

Mount Robson is consistently advertised as the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, and no one seems to object. It's said to be 13,068 feet. And then there's Mount Waddington down the coast—13,260—and Mount Logan south of Alaska—19,850.

## GERMANS WELCOME RELEASE OF ERICH VON MANSTEIN

ALLMENDINGEN, Germany (CP)—Field Marshal Erich von Manstein was freed Thursday from a British war crimes sentence and was given a tumultuous ovation from hundreds of Germans.

The 66-year-old field marshal served eight years of a 12-year term for atrocities committed by troops under his command in Russia. He was given an allowance of four years for good conduct.

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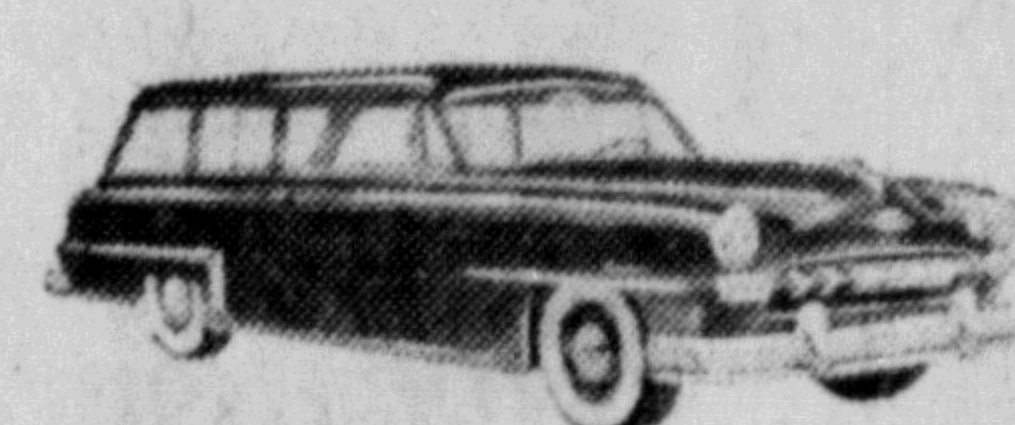
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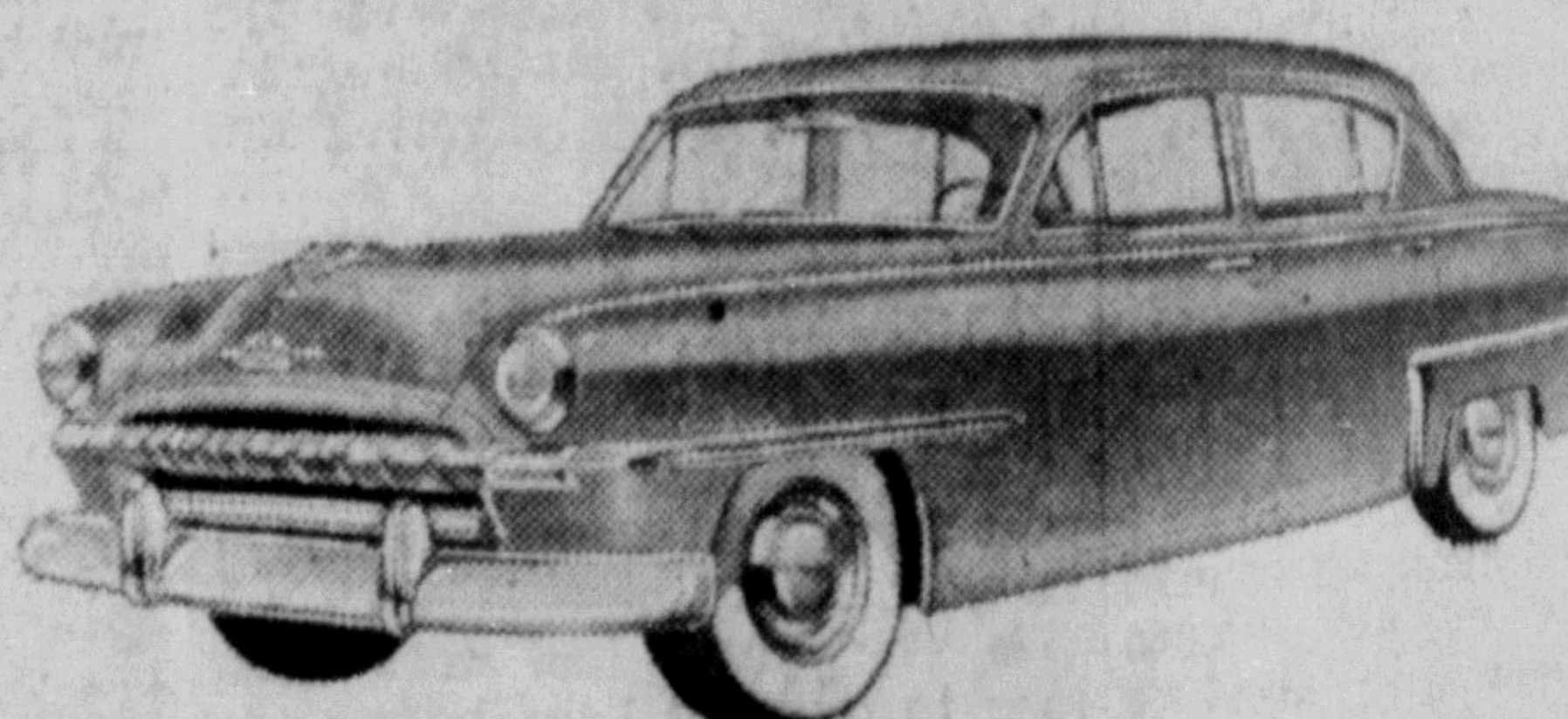
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