

LETTERBOX

PAYS TRIBUTE TO NEWSMAN

Editor,
The Daily News:
It was with great sadness that I learned of the tragic and untimely death of Mr. G. A. Hunter. While the radio and papers give accounts of such tragedies almost daily, it is when some one known to us is stricken that our feelings are touched most deeply. When I was the minister of First United Church in Prince Rupert I came to know Mr. Hunter and while we held many divergent opinions on many things, I always appreciated his fair-mindedness and his respect for and tolerance of the views of others. In recent years it has been with considerable interest that I have read his editorial page. The task of a newspaperman and editor is not an easy one but Mr. Hunter did the work with ability and diligence. With his death the Daily News has lost a faithful and valuable servant and Prince Rupert has lost a citizen of merit whose faith in the destiny of the North never lagged. The contribution which men

THANKS FOR CO-OPERATION

Editor,
The Daily News:
The committee on "Resolution of Thanks" of the Caledonia Diocesan Board of the Women's Auxiliary wish me to thank you most sincerely for your kind co-operation in your paper during the recent annual diocesan meetings. GLADYS HOLTBY, Corresponding Secretary, Caledonia Diocesan W.A. like Mr. Hunter and the late George Rudderham make to a community, time alone can evaluate but their impress upon the community will be felt for years and their influence will be carried forward in many activities. Mrs. Clarke joins me in extending to the bereaved our sincere sympathy in their dark hour of grief. May they find that while the form may not be visible an abiding presence will be present to help and guide in many ways in the days to come. C. D. CLARKE, Vancouver, B.C.

Small Radar Unit May Assist Blind

TORONTO (CP)—Canada's 19,000 blind persons soon may be aided by a supersonic device—mechanism designed by a Canadian and operating on the same echo principle as radar.

Robert W. Beath, director of the research department of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, said recently that this invention by Stuart Calvert, young high-school teacher in Sault Ste. Marie, may enable a blind person to walk fearlessly around the furniture in his own home and equally confidently across busy intersections. It was produced in Mr. Calvert's basement workshop for less than \$300.

"True, it's a long way from being perfect," said Mr. Beath. "But these supersonic devices are on the way."

He described the invention as "no larger than an ordinary box camera." Instead of a shutter, the case is equipped with an opening through which the sound waves may be projected, and a reflector to pick them up when they bounce back from any object they encounter.

"Instead of using electronic waves as radar does, this machine generates supersonic sound waves," said Mr. Beath. "When these are projected and strike a lamp-post, garbage can or another pedestrian coming toward the blind man, they are reflected back and set up a series of audible 'peeps' becoming louder and closer together as the object draws nearer."

In heavy downtown traffic a blind man couldn't concentrate on "peeps" coming from a little black box he's carrying. So there's a metal handle, not unlike the handle of an ordinary pressing iron, on the box. Instead of listening, the blind man feels the "peeps" in the palm of his hand in a series of very slight shocks and vibrations of varying intensity.

OF PORTUGUESE ORIGIN

The term hurricane developed from the Portuguese description "huracan" applied to winds of more than 72 miles an hour.



MISS BYLINE—Lois Piton, 19-year-old courtesy desk attendant at a Toronto theatre, was chosen Miss Byline, 1952, at the Toronto Men's Press Club Byline Ball. She placed first among 18 contestants. (CP PHOTO)

Transferred To Fall Court

Trial of Peter Byrne, 30-year-old local fisherman has been transferred to the fall assizes. The transfer was made yesterday at Supreme Court assizes now in session under Mr. Justice H. S. Woods. Byrne is charged with intentionally wounding a 26-year-old housewife, Mrs. Vera Beynon.

Collecting Birds' Eggs

EDMONTON (CP)—Archibald D. Henderson who has the most complete collection in Canada of North America's birds' eggs says egg collecting is not so bad as some people think.

"There is a lot of prejudice against egg collecting," said the 74-year-old farmer, "but I'd like to point out there are few hobbies quite so harmless."

"People think that when we take a set of eggs, we destroy a whole brood of young birds. This isn't quite correct, because within two weeks the parents have built a new nest and laid more eggs. That applies to almost every bird."

8,000 IN EXHIBIT

Henderson, a farmer in the Lac la Nonne district about 50 miles northwest of Edmonton, has about 8,000 eggs in his collection including those of the now-extinct passenger pigeon and the Guadeloupe petrel.

The oologist, technical name for an egg collector, has in his collection eggs of 930 species found in areas from Southern California to Greenland. Henderson is credited with several "firsts" in oology and ornithology.

Mr. Henderson is credited with finding a Bonaparte gull, the first since 1866 when one was discovered by a Hudson's Bay Company factor in the Arctic. The Alberta farmer's find was a nest in the Lac la Nonne area in 1926.

About 1923 Mr. Henderson found several nests of great grey owls. He supplied a set of eggs and mounted specimens to a large United States museum. The Alberta farmer said that as far as he knows the specimens he provided form the only complete set in a museum anywhere in the world.

PATIENCE A FACTOR

Egg collecting calls for great patience.

"First you've got to find them," Mr. Henderson said, "and that's quite a trick in itself."

Then identification must be made beyond the slightest doubt. Sometimes this involves waiting for hours until the birds return to their nest.

After the eggs are blown comes the tedious work of filling out data cards, cataloguing and indexing the eggs.

Mr. Henderson, a native of Barrie, Ont., came west in 1898. He left the train at Calgary, travelled to Rocky Mountain House, Alta., and rode down the North Saskatchewan River to Edmonton on a raft.



FORMER MOUNTIE—Col. W. F. W. Hancock of Edmonton retired in 1946 from the RCMP with the rank of Assistant Commissioner. He joined the Royal Northwest Mounted Police in 1911 and was stationed at RNWMP and later RCMP posts at various Alberta centres. In 1937 he was made Acting Commissioner in charge of "K" Division in Alberta. Following his retirement he joined Northwest Airlines as a special Canadian representative. (CP PHOTO)

Sloppy Dress Irks West Coast Tailor

VANCOUVER (CP)—The single-breasted suit may be scheduled to make its Canadian comeback, but in Vancouver this news won't raise a single male eyebrow.

"Vancouver men have a reputation for being the least style-conscious in Canada," said one clothier sadly.

In fact, eastern Canada rates Vancouver men as Canada's worst dressed. And that's not just Ontario or Quebec. Prairie cities like Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Regina are ahead of us.

Another clothier said that men on the coast don't bother to dress up "unless they absolutely have to."

But about these single-breasted suits—they'll be one-button style, with long narrow lapels. And the clothiers say hopefully that backward as Vancouver males are reputed to be, some 30 per cent will be wearing the suits this summer.

Loud sport shirts are taboo in the style books this year and even ties are more subdued.

To be really sharp, the "Slim Jim" is the latest. That's a tie

that's thin at both ends and can be tied for either end. There's nothing quiet about underwear, though. In everything from broadcloth to nylon tricot, Vancouver men can get shorts in rainbow hues, in leopard skin stripes, in leopard skin stripes and with beetles and schmoos crawling over tartan backgrounds.

No Happy Communists

LONDON (CP)—"I do not believe a Communist is ever a happy man," or that a happy man is ever a Communist," Lord Buckmaster said in a luncheon address. Lord Buckmaster resigned from the Liberal party in 1947 and now is a Conservative.

British Physique Best

MARGATE, England (CP)—Medical Officer Hugh Paul told a meeting here that "the physique of British children is finer than that of children in any country in Europe, and the average is said to be higher than in the United States."

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