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Encouragement to Students

A T THE high school graduation ceremony last ity. / night there was an awareness of audience participation which added much to the warmth and pleasure of the occasion.

Of course, it follows that wherever students graduate, those watching the performance are as excited as those in it. They are the parents and grandparents, the sisters and brothers and all the rest of the family. This is a family affair. It has the same blend of joy and sadness laced with intimacy as a wedding.

But something special was added to the proceedings last night by the unusually large number of scholarship awards. Many of those present were members of the organizations which made these awards available. To each of them the occasion meant a little more than the graduation of an individual student.

In some cases the scholarship money was raised at the sacrifice of other undertakings. In all cases it was given with the thought that some unidentified but deserving student would have that much better chance to get ahead.

The mathematical probabilities were against this student being the same as the one whom the participating donor came especially to see. But that was not the point. What did matter was that an impersonal effort was being made to encourage promising students and widen their opportunities.

It is unfortunate, of course, that not all who try can win. Some students must always be disappointed. But the donors should not be uneasy for that reason. Nor should the losers feel disheartened. Disappointment is a product of initiative, and initiative is a gift more valuable than any scholarship. For those who have it, failure is never

REFLECTS

ween Second Avenue and the floods, does not portend there larbor bounded by Sixth and will be none. Skeena can do a Third Streets has disclosed a masterly job when it may emarkable reaction in the last thought necessary. 5 years. In certain ways, here and there, growth has been re- An optimist is a man who exarded, but this cannot be said pects to get in both his garden of trees. Such would be imposs- and a few rounds of golf in May,

A woman on her way to buy robbed of her purse containing to think they are out by not 3700. She would not get so much going to the door. It may be start. That is why a salvage

A survey made in the United wives do not get up in the wonderful subway. Riding in it, lety. morning to make breakfast for they find it quite unnecessary to their husbands. If such women ever look at Toronto. do not think that they are liv ing in sing their we do.

tience and tolerance. There are earlier, citizens in Prince Rupert who have lived in the Southern

The Skeena river winds through a rugged and a beautiful land, but just because there has wonder why Manitoba took the



or displayed by the Liquor Control Board or by the Government of British Columbia

That part of the townsite be- press, to the menace of spring

according to a Port Arthur pub-

land Plain Dealer printed an White and black school chil- editorial supporting the St. Lawdren in the United States re- rence Seaway idea and marked main, doubtless permanently, it "hold for release." It was held The situation, of late, has been for 20 years, or until the presicritical, but it is expected a dent's signature, a few days ago. reached, and this will take pa- would have done years and years

> A girl no longer marries a man him for better or worse.-Galt

Western Canada continues to been no reference yet, in the trouble to go all the way to England to find a new editor for the Winnipeg Free Press. His name is Tom Kent, and he's only 31 years. Incidentally, the Free Press ranks among the west's most influential dailies. And it's worth mentioning the name of J. W. Dafoe, deceased. He left an editorial tradition-Canada

Rita Hayworth's daughter gets a \$1,500,000 settlement. If anyone can afford it, Aly Khan.

The cost of food has gone down, Ottawa has discovered. Any number of persons, however, will find this hard to digest.

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DIARY

by NORMAN M. McLEOD

Hon. Robert Winters, who is taking leave of absence from his portfolio of Minister of Public Works in order to sell Canadian fishery products in Spain, Portugal, and other European markets, obviously must be an individual of considerable versatil-

Or is that a necessary in-

In at least some Parliamentary circles the theory is current that Hon. Mr. Winters is going abroad basically for the epportunity that the trip will give him to think over the problem of his own political future quietly and dispassionately. The competing pressures of the group which wants him to return to his native Nova Scotia in the role of Premier, and of the equally insistent group that wants him to remain in the Federal arena, are reported to have landed Hon. "Bob" in a No-Man's-Land of indecision from which he is anxious to rescue himself by a period of careful

The weight of opinion at the moment in Federal circles that Hon. "Bob's" final decision will be in favor of a return to his native Nova Scotia. In the udgment of the most competent political observers, Hon. "Bob has-in the final analysis-no other real alternative.

The reason for this conclusion is the plight in which the los of the late Premier Angus Macdonald has left the Liberal or Party in Nova Scotia. Although himself a Roman Catholic, "Angus L" commanded the full support of the Scotch vote in Nova Scotia, including the hard-shell Presbyterians of Cape Breton Yet despite this happy situation, the Liberals in the last general election within the province could have been unseated by switch of just 500 votes, strate gically cast in the ridings where they would exercise a maximum

No Liberal who thinks at all realistically in these parts attempts to conceal from himself the fact that the disappearance of Hon, "Angus L." will make far greater difference in the over-all provincial situation than the 500 votes needed for a turnover in government. Hence the feeling that, in the general party interests as well as his own, Hon. 'Bob" Winters will recognize the necessity of accepting the mission of holding Nova Scotia safely within the Liberal Party fold

It is accepted in Parliamentary circles that Hon. "Bob" is an individual of long-range ambitions Furthermore, it is conceded equally that his fundamental abilities entitle him to hitch his political fortunes to the highest available star. But a Cabinet Minister whose province is op-Many women allow collectors posed to him politically has three strikes against him from the odd, but if they're in, they're out job in Nova Scotia could be the stepping-stone to Hon. "Bob's completely legitimate Federal as-States, remarks the Peterbor- No wonder the people of To- pirations-especially if they are ough Examiner shows that most ronto are enthusiastic abou their of a long-term leadership var-

Republic Polls

62-year-old former prime minister, has led his coalition to friendly adjustment will be And it fits just as well as it victory in the Irish republic, results from Tuesday's general own countries. election showed last night.

ed a coalition cabinet from 1948

There was speculation that de Valera, 71 and now nearly blind, is nearing the end of a remarkable political career. But the outgoing prime minister has



A FORMER English newspaper woman, Joan Walker, has been awarded the 1953 Leacock medal for humor for her book Pardon My Parka." The book is a hilarious account of her experiences in the Quebec gold-mining town of Val d'Or where she went to live in 1946 after her marriage to Jame land Lake, Ont. (CP Photo



father, who founded and Vancouver Kingsway.



AS THE Communist forces rush towards the Red river delta in Indo-China the "Emperor" of Indo-

mese are to be called into the Communism, in impoverished army to fight for the "Empe lands of Asia, or where European imperialism formerly held native

sue his ringing call for reinforce ments from the battlelines ner the front. He is thousands miles away, in southern Franc where the "Emperor" fights the war in Indo-China from beaches of the French Riviers

JUST BEFORE the second world struggle, brought on by Hitler, the head of that democracy lies cynical British regular officers on the sands of France, and used to wirecrack:

ed-for the last war."

The same thing is true today, or another, drawn from African for private use.

In Plane Crash THERE IS no reason to believe that a single Red Russian or Red Chinese soldier viil cross international borders in attacks such as made by Germany, Italy today in the flaming crash of and Japan in the world wars

trees and burst into flames. An The western powers are vain- elderly couplediving in the house ly trying to stop the spread of parrowly escaped injury when Communism with such men Chiang Kai - Shek, Syngman to their bedroom. Rhee and Emperor Bao Dai. In every case these men represent discredited regimes. Not one of them could survive in a truly free and democratic vote in their

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new bombs could be used in any Three Killed

What is crossing the border is airliner equipped to deal.

given no indication of his plans. one way to stop the spread of

GRACE MacINNIS has won the University of British Columbia medal for popular biography with her biography of her



father, "J. S. Woodworth, A Man to Remember." Her the CCF, died in 1942. She is the wife of Angus MacInnis CCF member of Parliament for





chores to the office.

keep an office razor.

they grow tired of trying to

with their wives' cosmetics, they

I have heard about a promin-

ent citizen who keeps an electric

razor in his car-the kind of

razor that plugs into an auto-

mobile circuit—and shaves as

he drives to work. Since this

man's driving terrifies me ever

when he has two hands on the

wheel, I am glad I have never

been around to see the perform-

An old-time newspaper man

of my acquaintance used to keep

enough, since he ate most of his

meals there. The toothbrush

was a high tribute to the hos-

pitality of the place. Home (to

Another newspaper man some-

rather loosely. The man lay down

on what we called the "exchange

table." where out-of-town news

papers were kept, and covered

himself with such thick, heat-

preserving journals as the Tor-

onto Telegram, the Montreal

Gazette and, the New York

In that case it was possible

to say truthfully that a news-

paper provided blanket cover

misquote an old proverb)

where the toothbrush is.

out of a lodging.

Herald-Tribune

his toothbrush in a

estaurant. That was

Walker. She now lives in Kirk

China issues a new conscription decree.

More of the native Vietna

But the "Emperor" does not is

when the power of the French "Britain is thoroughly prepar- Union in Indo-China is represented by conscripts of one form

We are now a part of the west- colonies, or from German war ern alliance, led by the United veterans, serving as foreign States. The United States has legionnaires? the deadliest weapons that were There is only one way to undertook to bring home for his ever held by any nation, in the "Save" Indo-China and every children one of the rabbits that entire history of the human race, other similar area from the Com- swarmed on the grounds. He But there are two great "catch- munists. That is, to build on

which is actually going on is not support will boomerang. the kind of war in which the

an idea, and a form of organization which can change the whole Christchurch, limped in a few balance of world power, without feet over the sea in obvious international war of a kind with trouble. It sideswiped a house which the U.S.A. or the UN then swerved into a clump of

If they could not have a snow-Costello, who previously head- ball's chance to win a battle of ballots, what chance would there to 1951, led his forces to victory be of them winning a battle with over Prime Minister Eamon de bullets, if they were not support-Valera's Fianna Fail men of des- ed by the sheer, physical power of the West?

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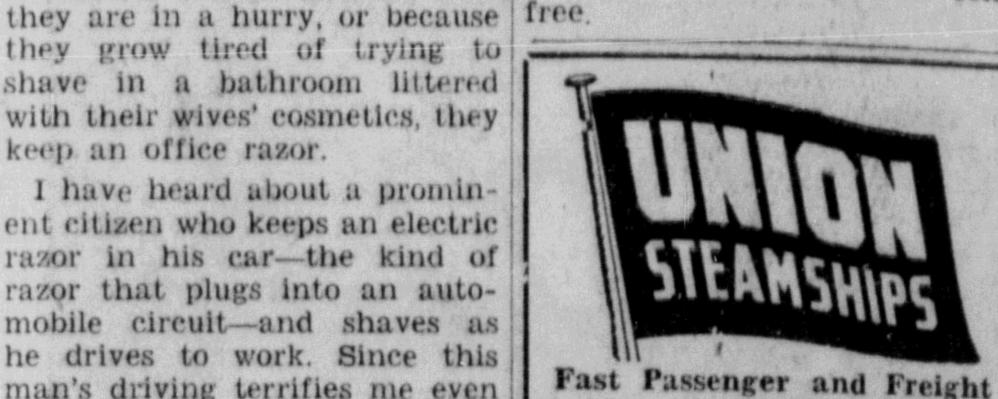
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MARINE TELEP Sooner or later an employer will find a man who has moved Some men appear at work with a camp bed and hot plate into stubbly beards, then dodge into some forgotten back room at the the washroom to shave. Because office, and is living there rent



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According to legend, the term began thus: In the early days of a certain naval station, a man caught one and was taking it es" to the use of those weapons: some plan capable of getting the out the gates in a box when • The Russians have or soon respect and support of the new quard ordered him to open the box, on suspicion that he was stealing something.

the West to build any Asian de- the rabbit and ran away. The • The kind of world struggle fensive agreement without such man went back in and emerged a second time with the box. "I've gone to the trouble of catching another rabbit." he said. "Surely you're not going to make me open the box again." "Okay," said the guard, And

the man went on his way. But

this time there was no rabbit.

He had wickedly filled the box

with pounds of butter and legs

nay be, though, some men work

Despite his protests, the guard

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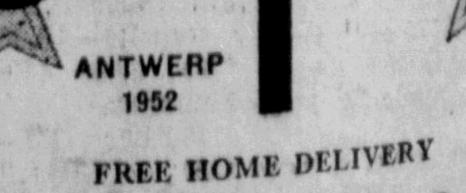
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