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Pot-Pourri

RINCE RUPERT'S long winter nights and periods of stay-at-home weather have proved a boon to hobbyists. Many people on first coming here join craft classes to meet others and to find an interest outside their work, only to discover that crafts and hobbies are a pleasant recreation in their own right.

Opening at the Civic Centre today is a show which will run for three days. Its purpose is to give craftsmen a feeling of accomplishment and the public an opportunity to buy all manner of original hand-made creations.

This year with more local organizations setting up booths the annual hobby show has become a Pot-Pourri which entire families can enjoy. A baby sitting service frees mother long enough to enjoy a cup of tea and to view the handiwork without worry of junior spoiling the show (and his nice suit) by sucking colored paper streamers.

The Pot-Pourri offers an excellent chance to see how many in the city are gainfully using their spare time and no doubt will persuade more to follow suit. A visit to the show will be time well and enjoyably spent.

Sight-Seeing

IT IS always inspiring to hear of that high adventure of the heart which carries individuals beyond the limitations imposed by physical handicaps. A Helen Keller who sees and hears so much more than most people with normal sight and hearing helps break down the concept of man as so much animate matter.

Likewise Miss Ethel Kimbel, a music teacher from the Illinois School of the Blind who has started off alone to "sight-see" in 16 European cities, shows an intrepid zest that many a lone traveler without her handicap might envy. With itinerary, tickets, and reservation coupons marked in Braille, she confidently faces the challenge of diverse languages, customs, and currencies.

We are sure that Miss Kimbel, with such a spirit, will see far more of the beauty and meaning of the places she visits than many a jaded or superficial tourist, blind to the human situation of the people through whose midst he moves.

For there is an insight, derived from inner resources, that owes nothing to matter. Every triumph of man over circumstance hints at the unconditioned spiritual power that today, as 2,000 years ago, can say with authority: "Receive thy -Christian Science Monitor

REFLECTS

clares the modern wire mesh Sunday. Among the congregaeach chairs in use really do tions were many peon who will ake an impression on one,

The more our leaders tell us nat the effects of the H-bomb re unbeliev le the more we

OT WITHOUT RISK

* hales in the United States, than males. But it is not advisable for he government to attempt surllus control. That can lead to confusion and complications.

It is proposed, observes a conemporary, that men wear something to show they are married. Strikes us a good shine on the trousers—say the seat of the pants-is all that's needed.

Perhaps it's a shade late to mention it, but it's a fact the



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not be seen in church again until Christmas Sunday.

It is curious, but common to meet people who do not know anything about David or Nebuchadnezzar, or of Esau. They There are a million more fe- never heard of Naboths vineyard or the fiery furnace of Daniel. get her freedom, whether or not We sometimes wonder what their foreign troops are to stay on the minds are furnished with. Yet Suez canal, and how the black the Bible apparently sells in ex- man of Africa can win human traordinary numbers.

A returned Florida vacationist | churches were crowded on Easter

Elmore ABC World Law IN SOME ways the Bri-

GEORGE PEARSON

. . . marks birthday

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By NORMAN M. McLEOD

In some of the more thought-

ful circles of Parliament there

isn't too much complacency over

the fact that a Canadian delega

tion is sitting in with the Big

The feeling among the MP

who are uneasy is that we easily

may get involved in internation-

al affairs beyond our depth-

that already we are playing

Theoretically Canada is

played in the fighting in Korea

part in the Geneva talks. The

heavier. And in cases where

were to be exclusively on the

Korean armistice and its con-

version into a permanent peace

the case appears negligible. It

In the present session of Par-

Powers at Geneva.

tish Liberal remnant is giving better leadership to the nation than is either of the two main parties.

The Liberals have no hope of coming back to power themselves. They must therefore depend on persuasion rather than force of numbers.

In their Easter conference the British Liberals endorsed pleas

An immediate agreement by the big powers never to use, un der any circumstances, atomic hydrogen or other similar weapons of mass and indiscriminate slaughter, and,

Transformation of UN into a around in water that is dangerreal world government, with ously close to our chin. power to make actual law to keep peace between nations-Geneva because of the part we such law to be upheld by a UN police force. But other nations who had troops in Korea aren't taking

CANNOT agree with the first point proposed by the British Turks, whose fighting forces Liberals. It seems to me that it were rated amongst the best in is foolish to think that A bombs the field, are one example. True, or H bombs or cobalt or nitrogen they didn't have the number in bombs will not be used in the the field that Canada had. But event of an outright third world their casualties were relatively

Moreover, it seems to me that blood is spilled as well as treasthere is much less danger of ure national interest isn't neces-Russian or Chinese aggression, sarily measured by the size of by their immense land armies, the army. because both of those governments know that hours after such aggression was a fact bombs would be clearer if the talks would certainly be falling on their own capitals and

It seems to me that the British Liberals could attain the ob jective they have in mind, by slightly different proposal: Have all nations solemnl

agree that none of them w use A bombs, H bombs or othe similar weapons EXCEPT IN RE TALIATION FOR AN OPEN AGGRESSION by land, sea o air, and put the responsibilit for establishing the fact of such an aggression on some appropriate international body, such as the World Court.

It is a mistake to think that the international agencies which we already have set up are not competent to act in a hurry,

seems to me to be on much conomic strength. It is pointed more solid ground in its recom- out that right now Canada has mendations re UN and world law. two expeditionary forces over-

Contrary to what so many seas on two continents. That is people so loosely say there is something that never happened no mystery about the funda- before even in wartime. In mentals of real world law. It time of nominal peace it is less would have to be built up, stage unprecedented than incredible. by stage. But its beginning would' liament there has been frequent have to be as follows:

take part in an armed attack on adian goods pricing then selves | Sessional attendants are still any other country. Anybody who orders such an attack, assists such an attack in any way, or takes part in such an attack is guilty of murder, and on conviction for same in World Court shall be punished by the extreme penalty.

No country may occupy any other country, or part of any other country, except by the freely expressed invitation to do

WORLD LAW must begin by making it a crime to launch attacks such as were launched by the Kaiser, Hitler and Mussclini. But world law must not end there. It must also spell out such things as how Poland is to





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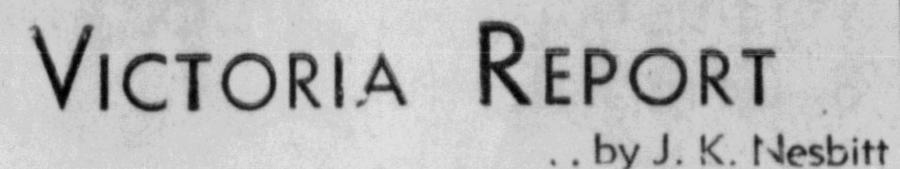
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VICTORIA-This week George Pearson turns 74!

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Now he lives in Victoria, and it's good to see him making a physical comeback. He visits the downtown section of the capital nearly every day, though his sight isn't good, and he's impatient of his infirmities.

Because he was no tubthumping politician, George Pearson is in danger of being forgotten as our political and legislative history is written.

George Pearson, as a matter of fact, didn't like politics; it was always-and still is-a mystery to him how he ever went into politics in the first place except that it probably seemed the best way he could help his fellow man. All his years in the Legislature, Mr. Pearson was distressed when he saw good men fighting each other for political reasons.

To him, there was always so much work to be done that he thought politics a waste of time, somehow a sordid thing, which, really, politics isn't, or shouldn't be, anyway.

Mr. Pearson was born in England April 27, 1880, and reached Nanaimo, as a youth, with his parents. In Nanaimo he grew up, attending school there, going into the grocery business, and because he worked hard, he did

It was in 1928 that he first ran for the Legislature, as a Liberal, and he won. But he found himself sitting in opposition, for it was in 1928 that the Tolmie Conservatives swept to victory. For five years, George Pearson sa in opposition.

When the Liberals won in 1933. But the prospect of that being Premier T. D. Pattullo picked Pearson for the cabinet-minislooks now as though the talks ter of labor. He remained in that would have more to do with the nortfolio for years, then became war in Indo-China and may even Provincial Secretary and Minisream Asiatic foreign policy genter of Health and Welfare, as If the experience of well as labor. Not often can one France in that field is to be man be found to carry three taken as a criterion-not to mensuch heavy portfolios. As Ministion the experience of Britain in ter of Health and Welfare, he India—there is just 20 precestarted hospital insurance, and dent that invites a mindle-class the worries of putting that giant Western power like Canada to -that great social reform-on its feet, took their toll. The fear that troubles some of

He served, in all, under three the MP's is that Canadian in-Premiers-T. D. Pattullo, John volvement in the major trouble Hart and Byron Johnson. He won spots of international tension six general elections—no small may very soon cost the taxpayachievement - 1928, 1933, 1937. ers more than they can spare in 1941, 1945, 1949. peacetime dollars, while at the

It was no mean contribution same time draining the nation's that George Pearson made to the public welfare of British Columbia, and while he's still with us we should thank him.

Legislative corridors are now quiet after the recent session of the House. It seems there are chasts about-ghosts of MLA's. talking and whispering and plot-No citizen of any country can mention of the danger of Can- ting their campaigns.

> out of both export and domestic about, packing up sessional markets. And a prime factor in papers, battening down for anthe prevailing level of Canadian other year. There'll be no aut-SEE OTTAWA DIARY-Page 7 umn session this year.

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IN SPRING A YOUNG MAN'S FANCY

It used to turn to love and poetry but in this day and age, it seems to be love and a jalopy. Lover boys don't seem to be writing poetry any more and, from what we recall of our youth, it's probably just as well.

So now that the sap is beginning to flow, most of the young swains around town seem to have their eyes on some dame, or some jalopy.-or both. In either case we wish them luck. We hope they all get both. But about that jalopywhether you want some old boat to pole around in or one of the sleek newer models, we've got 'em. These and many others to choose from.

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of the Legislature, all but a few do, cleaning up details after the of those years a cabinet min- hectic weeks of the session. He likes to leave everything orderly, so that he'll be all set to go when the next session's called. Most of the sessional offices

> and committee rooms are used between seasons by civil servants and special workers-such as students and teachers who mark high school examination papers. Cabinet ministers had a brief rest, but that's all. Their work piles up during a session and

> back to their desks. Attorney-general Bonner and Public Works Minister Gaglardi are in Ottawa on government business: new education minister Ray Williston is settling down to his big job. Premier Bennett and his wife are on a sea voyage to southern California.

they're always anxious to get

Soon legislative corridors will swarm with the annual summer influx of visitors from all over the world, but mostly from the United States.

They flock into the Provincial Library and Archives, the Museum, Helmcken House, they take thousands of pictures on the green lawns, by the brilliant flower beds and the splashing

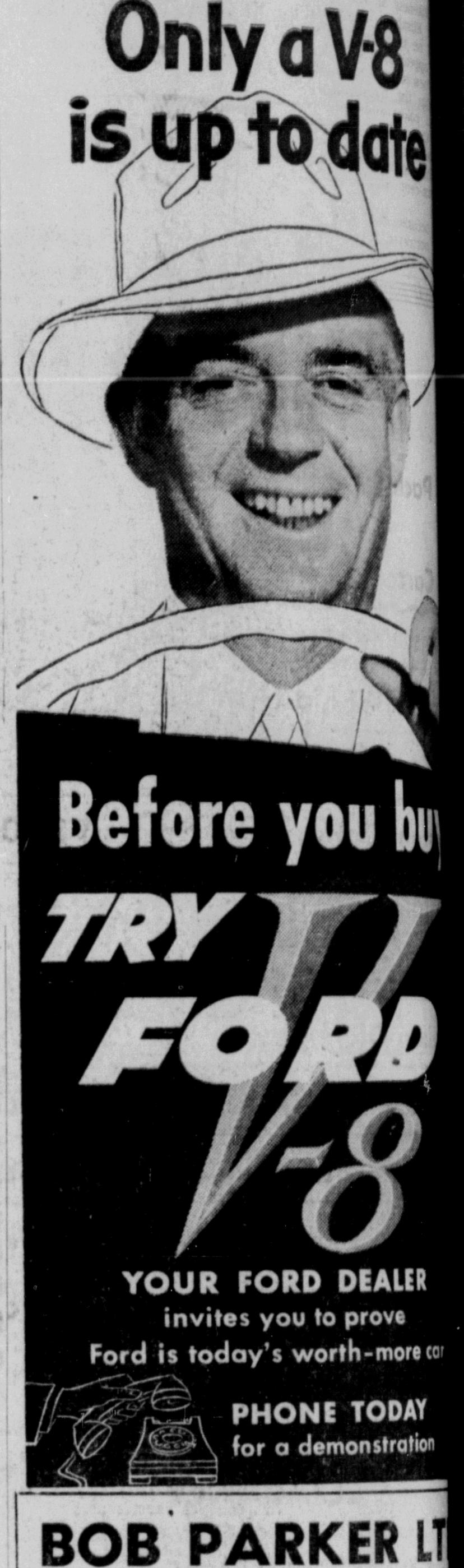
Indeed, strange as it may sound, outsiders know more about our Legislative Buildings than do most British Columbians, few of whom, when they come to their capital, seldom enter the seat of their own gov?



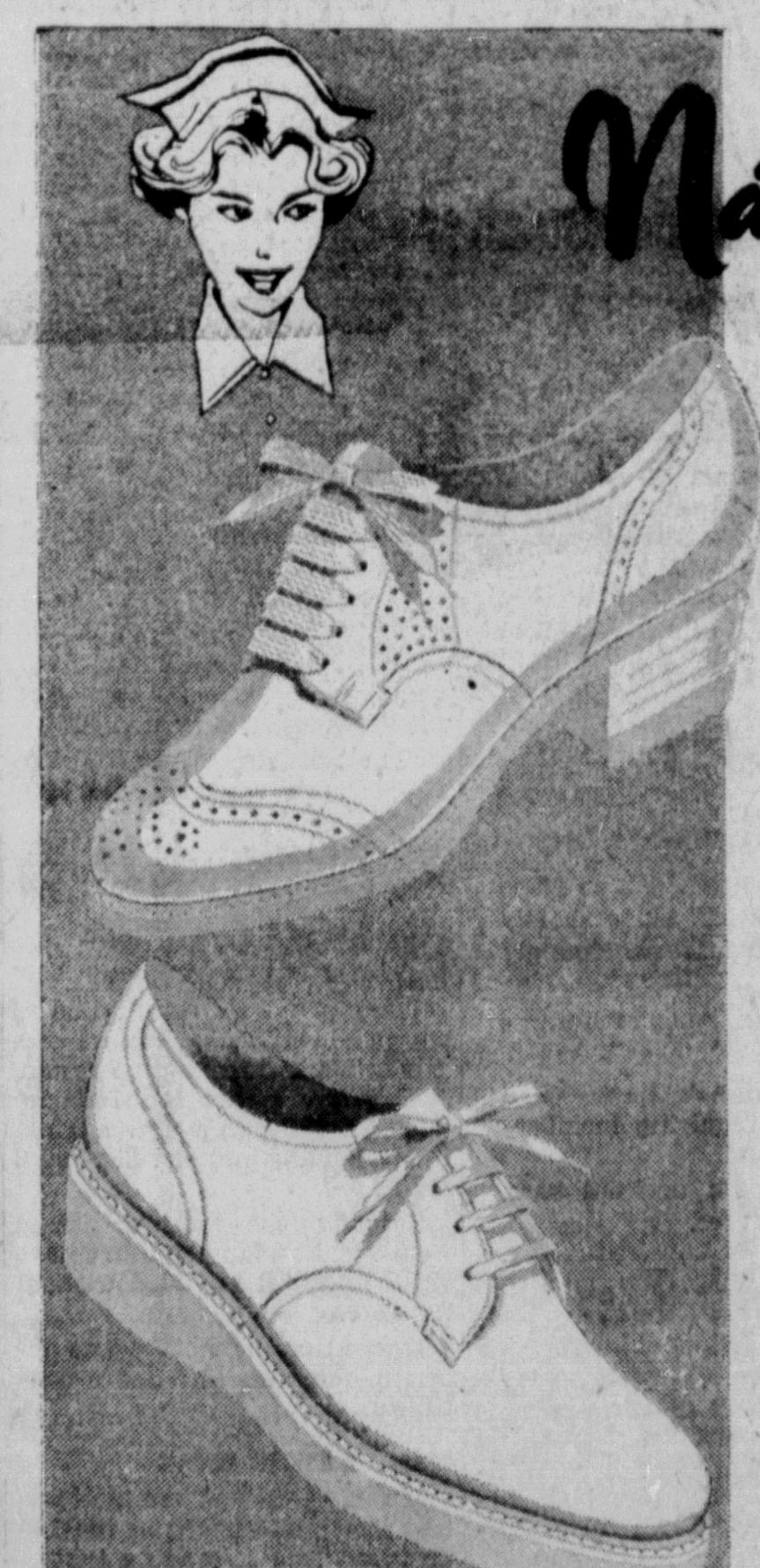


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