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## Pot-Pourri

PRINCE 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 sight."  
—Christian Science Monitor

## Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

A returned Florida vacationist claims the modern wire mesh chairs in use really do make an impression on one.

The more our leaders tell us about the effects of the H-bomb the more we believe in the more we believe it.

### NOT WITHOUT RISK

There are a million more females in the United States, than males. But it is not advisable for the government to attempt surplus control. That can lead to confusion and complications.

It is proposed, observes a contemporary, 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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## As I See It



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### ABC World Law

IN SOME ways the British 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 for:

- An immediate agreement by the big powers never to use, under any circumstances, atomic hydrogen or other similar weapons of mass and indiscriminate slaughter, and,
- Transformation of UN into a real world government, with power to make actual law to keep peace between nations—such law to be upheld by a UN police force.

I CANNOT agree with the first point proposed by the British Liberals. It seems to me that it is foolish to think that A bombs or H bombs or cobalt or nitrogen bombs will not be used in the event of an outright third world war.

Moreover, it seems to me that there is much less danger of Russian or Chinese aggression, by their immense land armies, because both of those governments know that hours after such aggression was a fact bombs would certainly be falling on their own capitals and key centres.

It seems to me that the British Liberals could attain the objective they have in mind, by a slightly different proposal:

Have all nations solemnly agree that none of them will use A bombs, H bombs or other similar weapons EXCEPT IN RETALIATION FOR AN OPEN AGGRESSION by land, sea or air, and put the responsibility 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.

THE BRITISH Liberal party seems to me to be on much more solid ground in its recommendations re UN and world law.

Contrary to what so many people so loosely say there is no mystery about the fundamentals of real world law. It would have to be built up, stage by stage. But its beginning would have to be as follows:

No citizen of any country can take part in an armed attack on 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 so.

WORLD LAW must begin by making it a crime to launch attacks such as were launched by the Kaiser, Hitler and Mussolini. But world law must not end there. It must also spell out such things as how Poland is to get her freedom, whether or not foreign troops are to stay on the Suez canal, and how the black man of Africa can win human rights.



GEORGE PEARSON

## OTTAWA DIARY

By NORMAN M. McLEOD

In some of the more thoughtful circles of Parliament there isn't too much complacency over the fact that a Canadian delegation is sitting in with the Big Powers at Geneva.

The feeling among the MP's who are uneasy is that we easily may get involved in international affairs beyond our depth—that already we are playing around in water that is dangerously close to our chin.

Theoretically Canada is at Geneva because of the part we played in the fighting in Korea. But other nations who had troops in Korea aren't taking part in the Geneva talks. The Turks, whose fighting forces were rated amongst the best in the field, are one example. True, they didn't have the number in the field that Canada had. But their casualties were relatively heavier. And in cases where blood is spilled as well as treasure, national interest isn't necessarily measured by the size of the army.

For at least some MP's the role of our Geneva delegation would be clearer if the talks were to be exclusively on the Korean armistice and its conversion into a permanent peace.

But the prospect of that being the case appears negligible. It looks now as though the talks would have more to do with the war in Indo-China and may even touch Asiatic foreign policy generally. If the experience of France in that field is to be taken as a criterion—not to mention the experience of Britain in India—there is just no precedent that invites a middle-class Western power like Canada to move in.

The fear that troubles some of the MP's is that Canadian involvement in the major trouble spots of international tension may very soon cost the taxpayers more than they can spare in peacetime dollars, while at the same time draining the nation's economic strength. It is pointed out that right now Canada has two expeditionary forces overseas on two continents. That is something that never happened before even in wartime. In a time of nominal peace it is less unprecedented than incredible.

In the present session of Parliament there has been frequent mention of the danger of Canadian goods pricing themselves out of both export and domestic markets. And a prime factor in the prevailing level of Canadian prices is the level of the dollar.

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## VICTORIA REPORT

by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA—This week George Pearson turns 74!

For 21 years he was a member of the Legislature, all but a few of those years a cabinet minister.

Never was there a harder worker for the public than George Pearson. He made his job his life, until his health broke and he had to retire.

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 tub-thumping 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 well.

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 Tories Conservatives swept to victory. For five years, George Pearson sat in opposition.

When the Liberals won in 1933, Premier T. D. Pattullo picked Pearson for the cabinet—minister of labor. He remained in that portfolio for years, then became Provincial Secretary and Minister of Health and Welfare, as well as labor. Not often can one man be found to carry three such heavy portfolios. As Minister of Health and Welfare, he started hospital insurance, and the worries of putting that giant—that great social reform—on its feet, took their toll.

He served, in all, under three Premiers—T. D. Pattullo, John Hart and Byron Johnson. He won six general elections—no small achievement—1928, 1933, 1937, 1941, 1945, 1949.

It was no mean contribution 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 ghosts about—ghosts of M.L.A.'s, talking and whispering and plotting their campaigns.

Sessional attendants are still about, packing up sessional papers, battering down for another year. There'll be no autumn 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 jalopy—whether 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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