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Reading and Writing

UNIVERSITIES, including British Columbia's, are complaining about the quality and the training of the students they receive from the high schools. Up to 65 per cent of the first and second year university students can neither read nor write English correctly, one university has said.

We wonder if this deterioration in the quality of our students is not the result of the general lowering of standards in all our present day activities.

In our zeal to give everyone the best education possible are we finding it necessary to lower our educational standards to the level of the mediocre students? Are we trying to give students an education without effort or application on their part?

The question suggests itself: How do these ill-trained students get into the universities in the first place? Are there no examinations to be passed before admission is granted? If not, why not? If so, what kind of examinations are they and by whom are they conducted?

Surely the universities must have some voice in the admission or rejection of students to their classes!

This much is certain—as long as the universities accept ill-prepared students from the high schools that is the kind they will get.

The remedy is, or should be, in the universities' own hands.

Let them set the standards to which students must attain in order to gain admission to university and let them promptly reject all who fail to measure up to those standards.

This would eliminate the unqualified students and give the universities a chance to show what they can do with the better ones.

It would also put the public in a better position to determine where our educational system could be improved.

Squamish-Vancouver Line Need

THE PRINCE GEORGE CITIZEN takes very definite exception to a recent editorial in the Daily News which, in advancing the claim of Prince Rupert as the logical port and railway terminal for all central and northern British Columbia including the Peace River, minimized the necessity of completing the Squamish Vancouver end of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, holding that Prince Rupert, meantime, would be a sufficient terminal port.

The Citizen says:

We can only conclude from this that the Daily News is completely out of touch with the lumber, mining and livestock industries south of Prince George, of the need for lower mainland industries to have a direct all-rail access to Central B.C. and of the eventual flow of Peace River coal and grain to their natural markets on the Pacific seaboard.

The existing Squamish bottleneck would have been duplicated had the builders of the Grand Trunk Pacific decided to make Terrace the western terminus of the line and then utilized rafts and Indian canoes to carry freight cargoes from that point down the Skeena River to Prince Rupert.

It will be generally admitted that, until the building of the cellulose plant near Prince Rupert, the volume of freight traffic on the Skeena sub-division of the CNR was infinitesimal when compared with the potential traffic over the PGE, which has been hamstrung for 35 years by the slow, expensive and now totally inadequate barge service connecting Squamish with Vancouver.

Premier Johnson's recent decision to postpone or abandon altogether the plan to build a highway along Howe Sound was a wise one, and we venture to predict that if he is the leader of the next government in this province the southern extension of the PGE will come in for immediate attention.

Soviet Seen Unprepared

Not Likely To Start War This Year

SAN FRANCISCO.—Satellite troubles and lack of military preparedness make it unlikely that Russia will start a world war this year or for some years to come, according to Dr. Henry F. Grady, retired diplomat.

Admitting "one does not know what the distinguished members of the Politburo are thinking," Dr. Grady said it was a "good guess" that they do not yet find themselves sufficiently prepared.

Speaking out of five years of experience on the periphery of Russia, the former ambassador to Iran and other Middle East nations said the Russians wish to accumulate more arms, more food reserves and a large stockpile of atomic bombs.

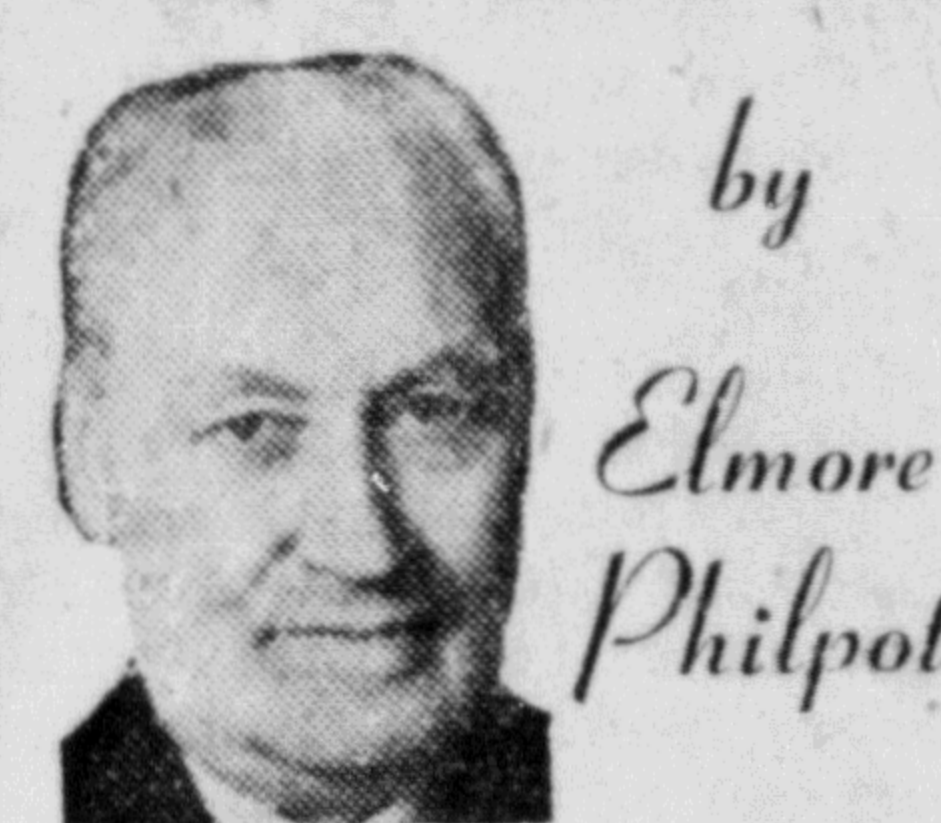
SABOTAGE REPORTED

Until Russia has incorporated the satellites into its empire and have them under complete state police control, Dr. Grady said fear of underground activity and sabotage in an area between them and their prospective en-



PRIZE CARTOON—Leonard Norris of the Vancouver Sun won the National Newspaper award for cartooning for this drawing of a harassed tourist in a customs office being dissected by mounties. The picture, entitled "Canada's Undefended Border," was published when the tobacco industry was complaining about cigarette-smuggling.

As I See It



Help Conquer Cancer

THANKS to Margaret Truman the 1952 Conquer Cancer campaign got off to a most spectacular start in Canada this year.

It is probable that the \$250,000 goal will be reached in B.C. and similar results achieved elsewhere across Canada.

No volunteer body is doing a more useful job than the Canadian Cancer Society.

The work of the Society covers public education, research and assistance to actual sufferers from cancer. In each province there is a different set-up for providing the actual treatment. In Saskatchewan, for instance, the provincial treasury finances the whole cost of cancer care. In Alberta the treasury pays for surgical operations and such like.

But in every province in Canada the Society acts as the "missing link" to fill the needs which otherwise would not be filled.

PART of the funds raised this year in B.C. will go to complete the fine new treatment centre in Vancouver. Soon it will be equipped with the third Cobalt Bomb to be established in Canada.

These are the spectacular things which catch the eye of the public. But the public does not realize that year after year the techniques of treatment are being vastly improved. The highest authorities say flatly "early cancer is curable." That might appear to be too sweeping and too over-simplified an assertion to some. But here is one which no stickler can challenge. It comes from the most authoritative source:

"One third of all the people who died last year from cancer could have been saved had they taken the available treatment in time."

THE MOST fascinating part of the work of the society is to finance research. There are many different projects under way. But take just this one— which happens to be in London, Ontario:

A keen young scientist, who comes from Vancouver, has a staff which spends its whole time, year after year, studying the life and death story of the living cell. What makes one tiny cell grow into a human being, or a lion, or a tiger, or a rattlesnake—or whatever else the Creator has decreed?

And what happens when the cells somehow or other won't die when they are supposed to—but keep on growing and growing till they actually kill the very creature of which they were ordained to be law-abiding parts?

BUT MOST of the work of the Society is much more down-to-earth than that: How Mrs. So-and-So is going to get the fare to come from the far north or the deep interior for treatment in Vancouver? How some family is to get a temporary housekeeper when mother is away?

Maybe the government should

School Enrolment Jumps

Sharp Increase Again Recorded in Month of March Over Last Year

Another sharp increase in enrolment in Prince Rupert city schools was recorded in the month of March, according to principal's reports presented at the monthly meeting of the board of school trustees last night. The total was 1692, compared with 1319 in March of last year.

Table with 3 columns: School Name, March '52, March '51. Rows include Booth High, King Edward, Conrad, and Borden.

Cancer Clinic Is Worthwhile

"It was well worthwhile," said Dr. A. M. Evans of the first clinic of the British Columbia Cancer Society in Prince Rupert which he conducted at the Prince Rupert General Hospital yesterday. Twenty-five persons from city and district presented themselves for consultation and clinical examination. The clinic will be held twice yearly in Prince Rupert from now on, Dr. Evans announced.

Explaining the operation of the clinic, Dr. Evans said that its purpose was two-fold:

- 1. To examine follow-up cases which had obtained previous treatment. 2. To examine patients sent by family doctors for consultation.

It is not simply a matter of presenting oneself informally at the clinic, Dr. Evans emphasized. First step was to see the family doctor who, if he felt it necessary, would refer the patient to the clinic for consultation.

Dr. Evans and Mrs. M. Hartwig, the clinic secretary, left by plane today on their return to Vancouver.

Work of City Is Appreciated

School trustees are well pleased with work which the city carried out in improving the grounds of King Edward School including the cutting in of walls and drains. They will send a letter of commendation to the city, it was decided at last night's board meeting. The board will soon proceed with the resurfacing of the grounds with sand and blacktop.

McInnis Again CCF Candidate

PRINCE GEORGE.—John McInnis will again be the CCF candidate for Port George in the forthcoming provincial election. He will oppose Hon. Harry Bowman, minister of agriculture, who has announced his intention of running again. Mr. Bowman defeated Mr. McInnis in the last election.

put up all the money for such things—and if it did it could only get the money from taxes anyway. But both in Britain and in Saskatchewan where the government has taken over the financial end of the problem, they find that the volunteer health societies are as necessary as ever. Somebody has to "care."

Order Out of Chaos—A Bachelor's System

(By JACK STANSFIELD)

These words are written to assist the novice bachelor. Years of experience and study lie behind them and they should not be treated lightly. Study them and you will soon bring order out of chaos.

"System" is the keyword. Set the alarm for six-thirty, having determined to prepare a hearty breakfast. Make allowances for human weakness and set a second alarm for eight-fifteen. All bachelors should have two alarms.

At eight fifteen slip on a dressing gown and both slippers, if available. Run downstairs and turn on the electric stove (3 burners). Throw a handful of oats in a pan and place on a burner. Guard against the tendency to omit adding water. Pans suffering from this kind of abuse refuse to be cleaned. Procure the largest frying pan, and insert two eggs and four rashers of bacon (bacon may be back or side, bachelors can usually afford either). Place kettle on third burner, checking again for water content.

Run upstairs and set alarm for eight thirty. This is the E.T.A. for breakfast and the experienced man, on hearing the alarm, will automatically calculate the flash-point.

Shave. Sing lustily while shaving. This exercises the lungs and gives a positive attitude towards life. If the alarm is heard, complete shave as quickly as possible. Minor bleeding may be ignored.

Run into bedroom and search for clean shirt. Make a mental note to take shirts to laundry during lunch hour. Clean shoes. If the feet are kept firmly together shoes may be cleaned in half the time.

Run downstairs and lift lid off pan containing oats. Replace lid. Switch off burner and open window.

Remain optimistic. When fumes have cleared examine frying pan. Do not feel foolish.

Remember that if there are six burners and you switch on three, it is highly probable that you will strike all three when putting pans on the stove. Uncooked bacon and eggs are not edible. Assume yourself that "it's all in the mind" and try to realize that you are not hungry.

Place an elastic band around the finger as a reminder to purchase coffee for lunchtime.

Check the time. It will be five minutes to nine. Sit down and RELAX. Avoid listening to News Bulletins or reading newspapers; maintain the positive attitude towards life. At three minutes to zero hour run into the hallway and throw on a coat. If you have not seen the cat since eight fifteen, slip back and check the refrigerator.

Place cat on stove. Orce at the office, from the habit of ringing the landlady and asking her to switch off two burners.

LUNCHTIME

At lunchtime, switch on all burners and oven. Confidently place pan containing bacon and eggs on any one burner. Pour can of soup into pan. Do not leave it sitting on the table. Put it on the stove.

At this point the bachelor must realize that convention plays no part in his life. He has a given time in which to achieve an object. If the cream-pie is ready—eat it. Take a glass of milk with it and remove the elastic band from the finger as being quite useless.

Add pickles and sauces liberally to bacon and eggs as a substitute for potatoes and vegetables.

Drink soup. Back at the office ring the landlady. Ask her if she would mind switching off the oven and sending your shirts to the laundry.

Evening meals should be taken in restaurants.

At least half an hour each evening should be devoted to pan-chipping. Do not attempt to clean a pan in one fell swoop. Work steadily for half an hour then put it away for another evening. Light washing should also be done before the bachelor guard all instructions of the perfectionists when washing. Vests washed with multi-colored socks

TIM WAS HERE!

Tim Buck has been telling Toronto to beware of "imperialistic Wall Street," robbing Canada of her resources. A good many years ago, in Prince Rupert, Tim spoke in the Capitol Theatre during a Sunday forenoon. Unless memory is at fault, Tina said something similar, anyway, there was robbery going on and Mr. Buck was bent on exposing the scoundrels.

New Atom Blasts Sea

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, flash of fire... bright daylight... start of a new series of tests today.

The blast was... aerial blast... tion could not be... terminated by... The test ground... Flat, a desert... northwest of Las Vegas.

STOP NEURITIC-NEURALGIC PAIN ASPIRIN

LONDON (CP)—Aero Club is sponsoring fund to erect a memorial John Alcock and Whitten Brown, who crossed the Atlantic, the first of the two British placed at London.

More Russ MIG's Down

SEOUL (CP)—United States sabre pilots shot down 10 MIG-15 fighters today in a flurry of air fights over northwest Korea. The United States Fifth Air Force said five of the Russian-made planes were knocked down just south of the Yalu River, the Manchurian-Korea boundary, when 25 sabres ambushed 16 MIG's about noon.

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