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See You At The Circus

IN THESE DAYS of mounting hospital costs, it is refreshing to know that there are organizations willing and able to alleviate the burden of a sorely-pressed Prince Rupert General Hospital Board.

We do not mean that someone is going to jump in and underwrite next year's cost of operating the hospital, but the establishment of a children's ward by the Prince Rupert Rotary Club and its plans to extend it must provide more than a measure of relief to the hospital directors.

The program of initiating the children's ward, furnishing and equipping it is a long range plan on the part of the Rotarians: it is a symbol of their motto "Service."

The ward, containing 20 beds, was thought to be ample at the time of its inauguration six years ago. But time's inexorable passing shows that the ward's capacity is no longer adequate and more beds are needed in order that two or more may be vacant in case of emergency.

Hence the need of an extension speaks for itself and the Rotary Club, in bringing a circus here for three nights next week—Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday—hopes to clear sufficient funds to start necessary alterations to the present ward as soon as possible. The city council has already done its part in reducing the \$100-per-day licence fee required by law to \$25 per day. It is now up to us to dig deep and insure that the circus is well patronized. The Rotary Club has been assured by the Odyson Company staging the big circus that a substantial cut will be returned to the local club.

The patronage part of the arrangement should not be too hard to take. The public has an opportunity of seeing one of the biggest circuses ever to visit Central British Columbia; they have the chance to give their children, especially the younger ones, the thrill of their lives to date.

In every man and woman, there is still a great deal of child, whose feet tap faster to the music of the callopie and whose hearts beat more quickly under the spell of the "Big Top" where clowns, animals and daring trapeze artists perform their dazzling routines.

Putting it straight to fathers and mothers, who of us can be so hard-hearted as to refuse a youngster a chance to go to the circus? And who wouldn't want to add to the funds needed to build the extension to a ward that might someday house one of our children?

We'll see you at the circus.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

From Third to Fourth Street on Second Avenue you can see the harbor for the trees, and from Fourth to Sixth Street, little more than a few glimpses of that same harbor, because of more brush and young trees. But no one has started a hotel rumor for about 3 years, is it that something?

GOOD MEDICINE

Dr. Walter Alvarez had a nine thousand overflow audience when he spoke in Vancouver this week. The lecture put people in good humor. They needed something like that. But how many will remember much of what was actually said — let alone attempt to practice it?

There used to be a Dr. McCoy in the papers. But dashed if he recall what it was he wrote, but plenty read it.

Keep your eyes open before marriage, half shut afterwards.

The closer you get to your relatives the quicker you really get next to them. — Sudbury Daily Star.

FREQUENTLY SEEN.
Possession of a modest income of one's own is an aid to the ambition, independence, usefulness and contentment of a woman, and not a hindrance to a happy marriage. To a young man, a small inheritance lessens ambition and self reliance and often, excuses to spare himself. It's often noticed.

Mrs. Donald McLean who vanished from Switzerland, had been living with her mother since 1951. She disappeared this month. The case is similar to that of her husband's, English diplomat who has not been seen for two years. Guesses in Russia suggest the wife is on the other side of the curtain and more pressure—else risk of Mrs. McLean's absence becoming permanent. No one appears to, but it has that Soviet ring.

Premier St. Laurent says he would be greatly pleased to welcome President Eisenhower to Canada as a visitor. Several United States army officers lately retired, strongly endorse the presence of the president in the dominion. He's an ex-officer, too, you know.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

Wheat To Help India

WALTER REUTHER sounds a call as clear as a bugle blast when he says:

"Ialt the people of the world go to bed hungry, while Canada and the United States are deeply concerned at their combined wheat surplus of 2,729,000,000 bushels."

It is a bit unfortunate that the enlightened labor leader phrased his argument in cold war terms and so talked of using "surplus wheat as a tool to defeat world communism." It may be necessary to use such arguments to get grants of hard cash from the American Congress. But surely human beings are worth feeding, clothing and housing for other reasons than that, in the absence of such feeding, they might go Communist, and hence tilt the balance of world power against America.

MR. REUTHER suggests that our surplus wheat should be given away or sold on long term credits to impoverished countries and that such gifts or sale "would do more than the H-bomb to defeat communism."

The general idea behind this suggestion is good. But there are very practical difficulties and some real dangers when it comes to "giving away" food.

Somebody must pay the wheat grower for his wheat, just as somebody must pay the wages of the men in Mr. Reuther's unions.

Somebody must pay the men who operate the elevators, the trains, ships, and the foreign distributors and manufacturers of that wheat.

A few years ago B.C. apple growers gave outright to Britain a vast and very handsome gift of apples. But as there was no machinery in Britain for free distribution, the apples were finally sold through the regular stores at regular prices. The British national treasury was the only beneficiary.

I am not throwing cold water on Mr. Reuther's fine aim, but only showing that the idea of giving food away by one nation to another is not so simple as it sounds.

Moreover, if it is done over a period of years and then stopped, the people who were helped are likely to be as upset and indignant as a lame man who has his crutches snatched away.

That is exactly what happened when Uncle Sam got Europe geared to the Marshall Plan—and then cut it off.

BUT SURELY the main principle suggested by Walter Reuther is fine and practical. We have too much food. Most other people never have enough.

I would like to see Canada take over with India and Pakistan the idea that Canada should set up in those countries a substantial wheat reserve, always to be kept intact, against the threat of famine.

Those countries work on a very narrow margin, in food supply. Both are now theoretically self-sustaining — always remembering that the vast majority of their people never really get enough food.

India cannot afford the luxury of making a considerable investment in elevators, etc., to keep wheat in storage just in case there might be more famines, with which she has been so tragically familiar.

But Canada could do this for India and Pakistan. The only expense would be the initial expense of the wheat reserve. After the first year the plan could become almost entirely self-sustaining. For as the wheat in storage was sold year by year the money could be used to replenish the reserves.



SIR HENRY DALE (right), chief of Britain wartime scientific advisory committee, past president of the Royal Society and winner of the Nobel prize in medical science, opens the Charles H. Best Institute, a \$1,000,000 building building providing facilities for expansion of medical research in Toronto. At left is Dr. Charles H. Best, for whom the institute was named, and co-discoverer with the late Sir Frederick Banting of the insulin treatment of diabetes.

All Aboard By G.E. Mortimore

Hens have hit the headlines in widely separated parts of the world.

Mohammed Mossadegh, staging a brief hunger strike for better food in jail in Tehran, said he had to have three roast chickens every day to keep up his strength. The fearful ex-premier of Iran told the jailer that he also needed "a robust soup, a cutlet and a good dessert."

He won the hunger strike, and is presumably getting his three chickens a day. This seems rich fare in a country where many people are living on a few grains of cereal and the smell of an oiled rag.

In Canada, a big poultryman said it was not cruel to keep hens in small cages under artificial light to make them lay more eggs. He did not say whether or not it was cruel to keep Mossadegh in a cage, but then nobody asked him to voice an opinion on that point.

S. J. Sanders, president of the Canadian Federation of Hatchery Associations, defended the "battery hen system," which means keeping hens in small wire cages, under artificial light for more than 13 hours a day, with nothing to do but eat, drink and lay eggs.

Some SPCA members attacked the system as cruel, but Mr. Sanders said battery hens are probably happier than those that run loose. "A hen is interested in very little other than eating and drinking," he remarked.

Certain likenesses exist between Mossadegh and a battery hen. The Persian sage has done a lot of cackling in recent years, and he certainly laid an egg with his oil nationalization program. Both the ex-premier and the hen are on the inside looking out.

readers

- Cash for old gold — Bulger's
- Moose whist every Saturday, 8 p.m. (219)
- Curling Club semi-annual meeting, Common Lounge, Civic Centre, 8 p.m., Sept. 21, 1953. 1952 Briar films shown. New members particularly welcome. (220)
- Local 708 Pulp and Sulphite Union—For the benefit of those members unable to attend Sunday night's meeting, a special meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 21, at 2 p.m. in the Metro-pole Hall. (219)
- Attention L.O.B.A. Members—Special meeting Monday, Odd-fellows' Hall, 8 p.m. Grand Mistress' visit. Please attend special service. First Baptist Church Sunday, 7:30 p.m. — Elizabeth Evans, Secretary. (15)

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OTTAWA DIARY

By NORMAN M. McLEOD

A phenomenon which never ceases to cause amazement around Parliament Hill is the capacity for optimism which the PCs manage to salvage out of even the most devastating of their party disasters.

At times it almost seems as if the harder fate belts the official opposition party around, the more convinced do its members become that better times are right at hand. They don't merely bear up under their misfortunes; they treat the mass if they were the happenings of a dream world from which an awakening will bring easy and sudden deliverance.

For example, right now the PCs have hypnotized themselves into the rosy belief that Prime Minister St. Laurent is going to appoint a number of them to the Senate. They reason easily that the PM is far too public-spirited basically to allow the Senate to become a one-party chamber, as it is fast threatening to do with only eight PC members surviving there.

Experienced Parliament Hill observers have no expectation that the Prime Minister will do any such thing. But they recognize that if, in any momentary weakness of judgment he should do so, he would immediately sow the seeds of a rebellion among the rank-and-file of his Liberal followers which even his great prestige might be unable to control. For the rank-and-file Liberals have the old-fashioned and not unreasonable idea that a political party should win its survival in the democratic way at the polls. If it cannot do so, they don't think it is up to the Prime Minister to perpetuate it in a non-democratic legislative chamber.

It isn't only the Liberal rank-and-file who oppose the idea of PC appointees to the Upper House. In addition, the most enlightened opinion amongst the other political parties—including even a sprinkling of the PCs themselves—is against it. The idea of a government handing out prizes to the opposition strikes impartial and responsible circles as essentially immoral. It raises too great a danger of Opposition members pulling their punches in House of Commons debate, for fear of sacrificing their chances of a Senate reward. As conscientious MPs view the proposal, it would strike a serious blow at the independence of Parliament.

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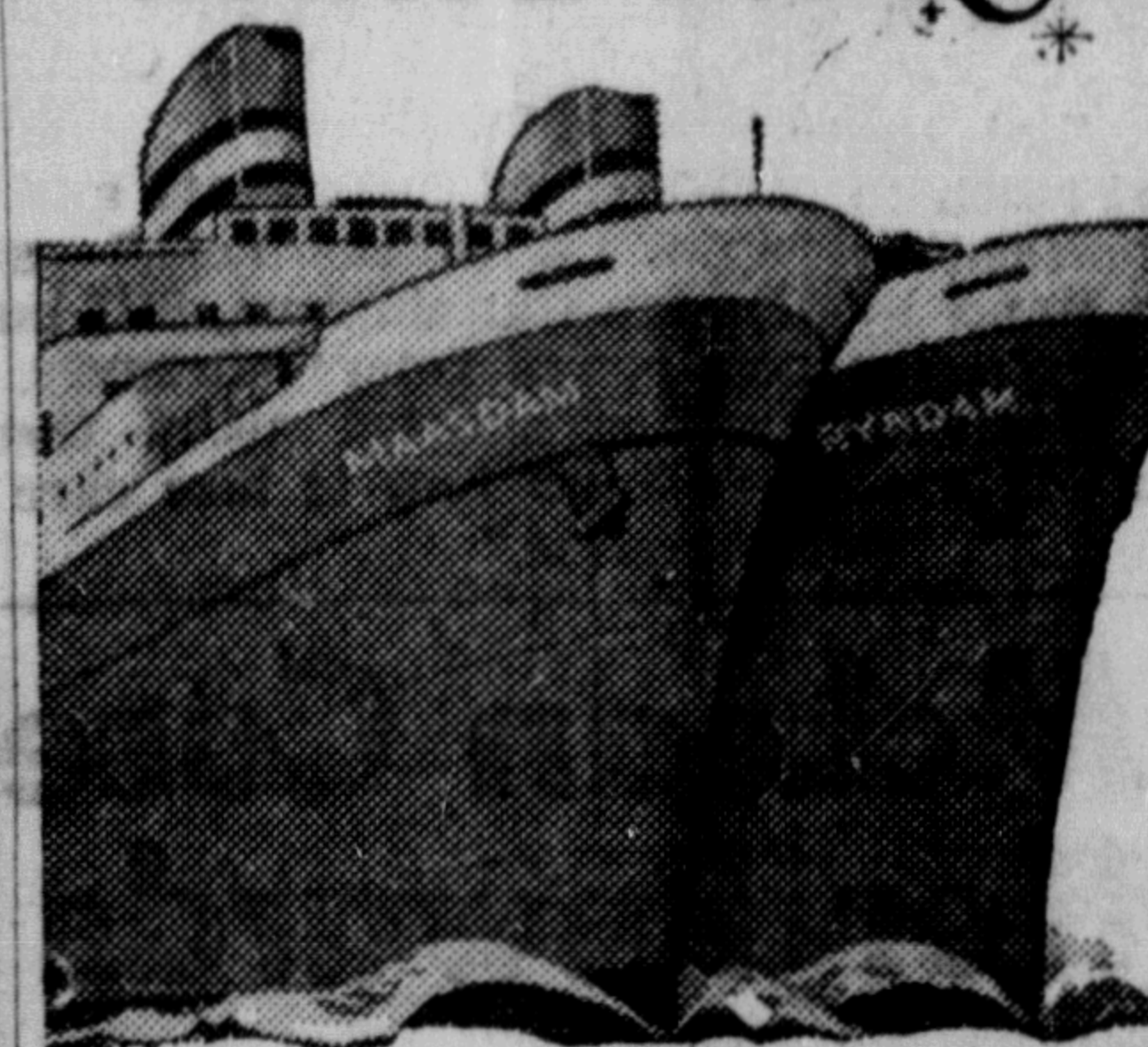
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Saturday Sermon

"CALLED CHRISTIANS"—Acts 11:26
By REV. F. ANTROBUS—First Baptist Church

It was at Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians." The name was coined by the pagans of the first century to identify the followers of Christ from those who worshipped Roman emperor.

A disciple is one who learns. The word does not include within its meaning the idea of salvation. Thus, the disciples of Christ could be either saved or unsaved. They merely had to be His followers, submit to His instruction, and adhere to Him as leader or teacher.

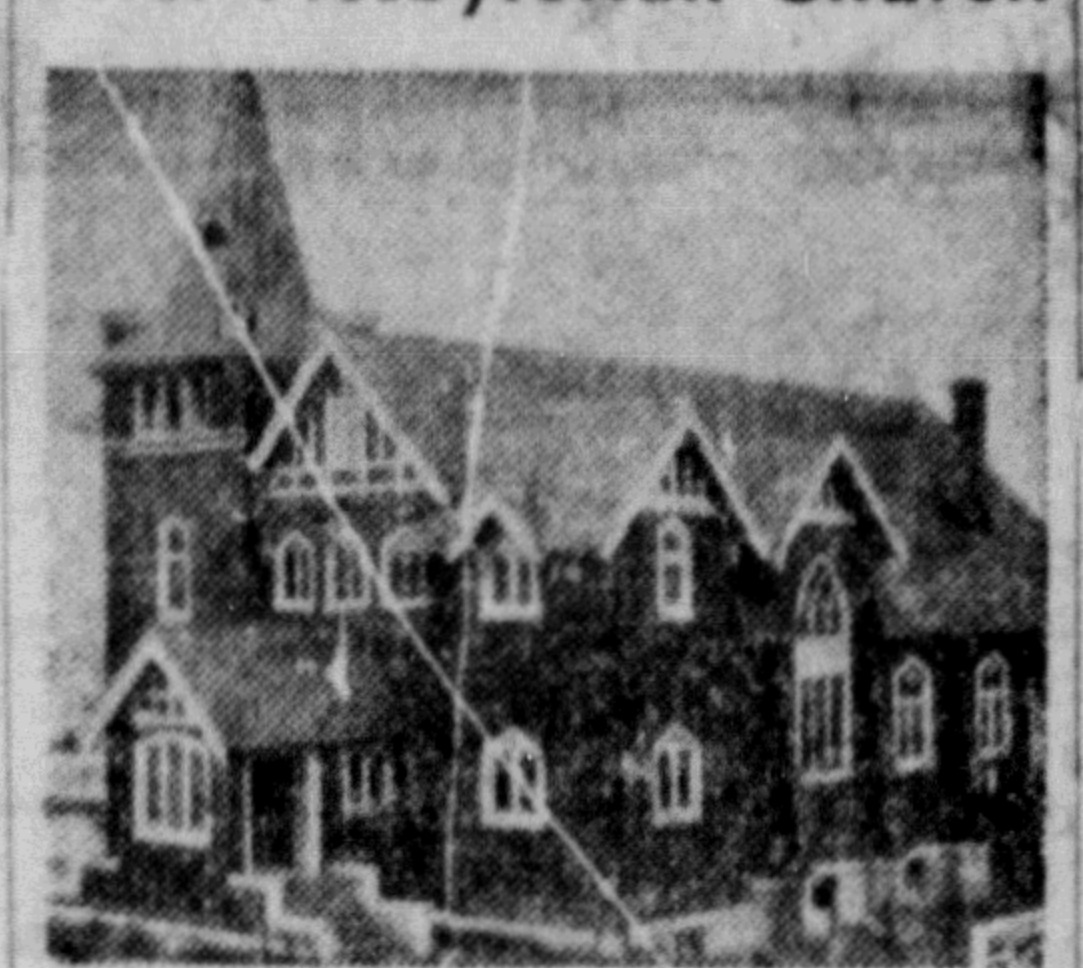
In John 6:66, we have, "From that time, many of His disciples went back and walked no more with him." They followed our Lord in His ethical teachings, but when He spoke of salvation through faith in a substitutionary blood sacrifice, they parted company with Him. The context of the passage considered will tell whether the disciple mentioned is saved or unsaved.

Here then, we have the case of many people following the Lord who were known as His disciples. The pagan world called them "Christians." The Roman State was built around the emperor not merely as the political but the religious head of the empire. Not only did Roman citizens render allegiance to Caesar as the governing head, but they worshipped him as a god. In fact, emperor-worship, or the Cult of the Caesar, bound together the empire's far-flung colonies and wide, different peoples.

When Jesus Christ, God's Son, the sinners' Saviour, and a king in His own right came into the world, calling for the allegiance of the subjects of Rome, and the whole world, He necessarily became a rival king. Those who put their faith in Him, necessarily had to sever their allegiance to the ruling Caesar, so far as worshipping him was concerned.

When the apostle Paul preached the gospel of Christ to Agrippa, the Roman ruler, Acts 26, he was answered literally in these words, "With but little persuasion."

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