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Our Bad Teeth

AN ISSUE of significance to Prince Rupert that Winchs Wear Well may not be equalled for many years is to be voted on tomorrow. It is that of fluoridation.

This is not just another question of whether or not to undertake a certain public works project. The value involved cannot be measured in simple terms of dollars and cents, even though the financial returns on money expended are far beyond those of the average investment.

The measure here is in terms of that elusive physical condition called health, not only for this generation but for the generations that will populate Prince Rupert for countless years to come.

No one pretends that fluoridation of the water supply is a cure-all for bodily ills. Indeed there is emphasis on the fact that it is not a medication of any kind. Simply described, it is the slight addition of an element already contained in most water to bring it up to that level where it acts as an agent against tooth decay.

While its immediate purpose is restricted to improving dental health, the larger benefits of fluoridation are beyond calculation. A city that has twothirds less dental decay among its children (an established figure for fluoridation) than non-fluoridated centres has that much more chance of producing a healthier, happier and therefore brighter class of young citizens—to say nothing of more contented parents. The advantages so gained from fluoridation extend well beyond the more discernible one of producing good teeth.

Where dental attention is readily available, it may be that a community will let this suffice. Here in Prince Rupert there is no such consideration. At the moment there are just two dentists in the city, which means that they are physically unable to cope promptly with all the demands made on them and that tooth decay is therefore progressing faster than its prevention.

It is a situation that desperately needs relief, and your vote tomorrow in support of fluoridation will go far towards providing it.

Any Men, Women Left?

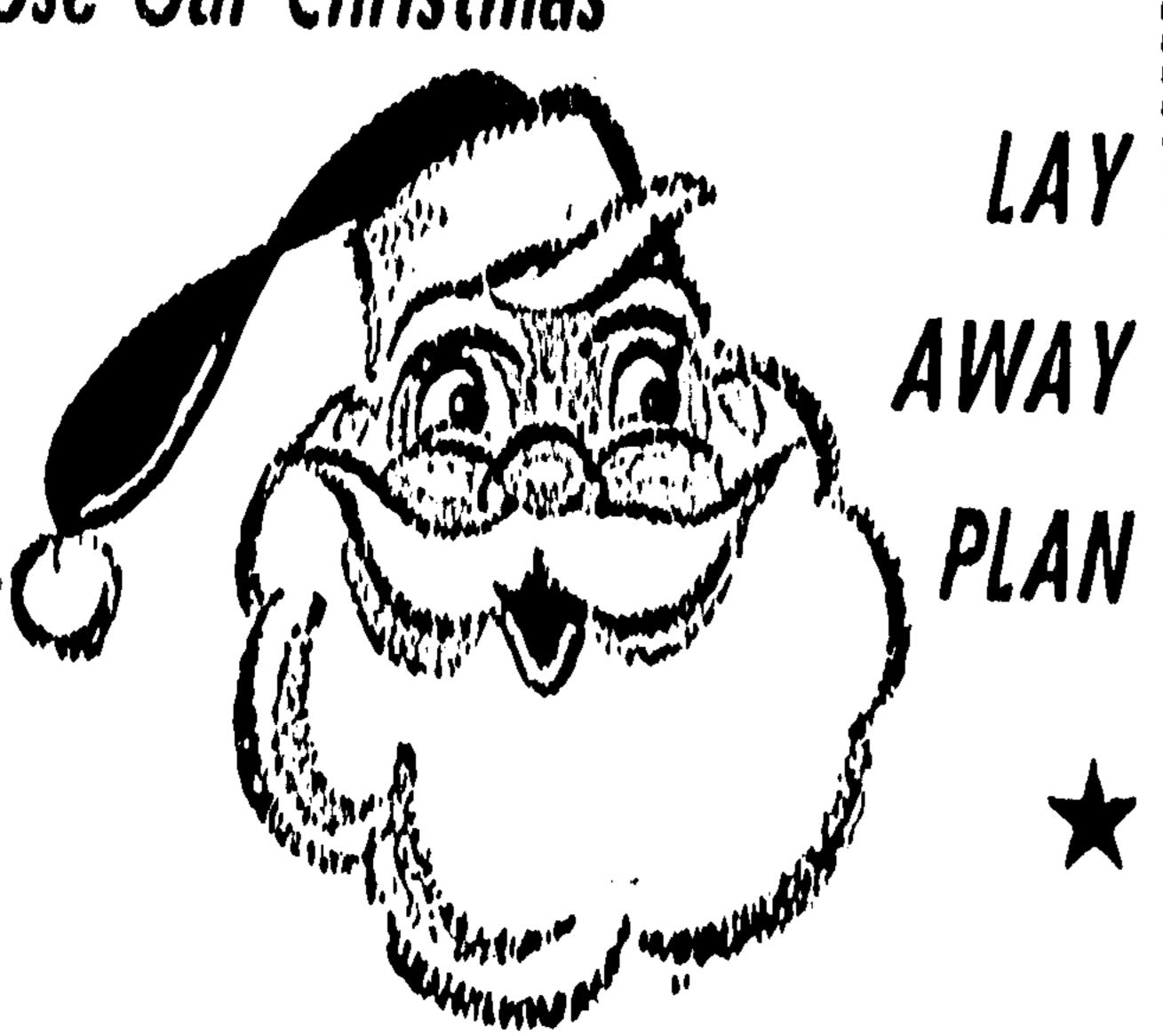
34 SOMETIMES begin to wonder," a British judge complained the other day, "if there are any men and women left in this country." He was referring to the habit of witnesses in his court describing everybody as a "gentleman" or a "lady" instead of plain "man" or "woman." This custom, as widespread in Canada as in Britain, is an example of how words ... sometimes lose all precise significance.

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in many ways, apart from the leading English scientists, be- such a silly article as the one lished a joint long service rec. The "opposition" aiso is cred- linguished American Journalist ord for the whole British Com- ited with saying that it is dan- James Rorty. monwealth. It is not unusual gerous to fluoridate soft water. for a son to follow in his fath- They quote two cases of death lature in the same election.

human beings. It is not necessary to agree with Ernest Winch on all points of ideology or theory in order to assess his great humanitarianism. But it is a fact that, regardless of what political party held power in B.C., the voice of Ernest Winch, coming from the Opposition benches, won and held the resthat would be astonishing to an the background.

WHEN Harold Winch first en- London: eastern press.

ity of Conservative and Liberal that no risk is at present known mother I have in mind that energy. The neonle are nurnose-MPs expected to see somebody, to exist."

revolution. a passionate concern for human

focusses the attention of the House on some point that concerns the treatment or welfare of some individual who has met with hard luck. It may be a prisoner, or someone who has somehow tangled with the law. But Harold Winch's concern is down-and-outer, who needs co's program is to be extended covered by science. rights, in parliament.

an entirely different view of

elected MP.

win his spurs in his own right, dismiss Mr. Rorty's figure of 2 | Actually, he fought harder for p.p.m. as unrellable, the war veterans than any of his predecessors, who long since dation program will go into opwon great names in office.

ANCIENT THEATRE

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The Editor. The Daily News.

ALL Canada has reason to tion published therein was in the waiting room too long, be proud of the remark- worthless.

able record of service of opposition" an unidentified, man who is credited with saying Winch the veteran MLA of fluoridation are not proven, water containing 2 p.p.m. and Harold Winch, now that "fluoridation is largely be-fluoride. From the information This Winch team is remarkable upon with great skepticism" by ment is rubbish and fit only for the skepticism MP for Vancouver East. States, and that it is "looked see for yourselves that this state, you wanted to go off on your rulers are rolling up the Iron fact that it has already establicause it is dangerous!" ""

er's footsteps. But in the case attributed to excessive consump-i of the Winch team, this was not tion of natural fluoride, claim; quite the pattern for both that the concentration of fluor-irne Editor, Winchs entered the B.C. Legis-, ide in drinking water cannot be The Daily News, controlled, and quote a doubtful authority as saying that drink- TION - WHAT NEXT LITTLE based on a fortnight's visit. We NO MAN who ever served in the ing fluoridated water at a con-B.C. Legislature won wider est centration of 2 p.p.m. "can cause teem than has Winch the elder disfigurement and even death." for his never-ending concern for After all this Mr. Rorty glibly digest the facts and figures, pros have seen to wear off. We would recommends that parents and and cons of the election issues like to know how it feels to five school nurses spend a great deal, between the time the campaign under complete state planning a

Firstly, let me quote from the swer 'yes' or 'no'.

had it not been for one or two 'claimed for it are not thece.

STARTING with the New Year, to the fluoride content of the teeth to come or does it benefit the House of Commons will water, that is the case of the just the milk teeth, have one more family pair in American soldier quoted in Cor- Does this generation drink phone her at 8:30 a.m. and say: action, for as everybody knows onet. The soldier, for about one-penough weter, Does it not reach |"I didn't get you out of bed, did, the son of the Prime. Minister inird of his life, drank water for a coke instead -- loaded with 17" will take his scat as a nowly containing 12 parts per million sugar, I have had my share of It is not always easy for a son Mr. Rorty to 1.2 p.p.m. Both but I wonder if fluoridation isn't so much the age that mat whole, I think that it is more fully documented in the profes- years ago, I am not so sure that took him years to "live down" as the second case, which occur- our bills,

the fact that he was the son of red in Argentina, is concerned. While I wrostle with these and a great father. People were al- quoting again from the report of other thoughts now and con- The little red school house is man for French Canada. It took tont of the water she ingested la Thursday, young Lapointe many years to lacking," and one can confidently

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Roman structures exervated ried out, and results submitted to F Albang in Hertfordabire, Victoria through the Ekemia i England, include a theatre dat- Health Unit as is now done, in! respect to chlorination. The ap- [

FRED JONES,

Cloneral Secretary.

A Special General Meeting of the Civic Cen-

tre Association of Prince Rupert will be held

Friday, December 9th, 1955 at 7:30 p.m.

sharp in the Main Lounge of the Civic Centre.

The business will be to consider the possible

addition of an indoor Swimming Pool to the

'proved concentration of 1 p.p.m. takes into account variations in ment or observation than the Your average Canadian work-Your article "Truth and Fic- drinking and dietary habits. Mr. Soviet authorities have given

tion" reproduced from the maga-Rorty would have us believe that us, zine of the Health League of some people drink 20 pints of Canada should have convinced water daily. If any of you drink most readers of the October this amount, of water, I suggest ing tours — to the Kremin, to league.

The conducted signi-section pared with his Russian columns of "Coronet" that James that you see your doctor about it, Leningrad, Stalingrad, the Cri-Rorty's article against fluorida- and hope you will not be kept

Lastly, I will not waste time or According to Mr. Rorty, the space in disposing of the gentlesay that the benefits and safety, death" can result from drinking; ing abandoned in the United I have already given, you can written for Coronet by the "Dis-

W. B. LAING, M.B., Ch. B. Director of Skeena Health Unit.

MAN? issue that demands a final an- dualism.

a public health measure of which made Popeye samous — a militaritic spirit.

indeed have passed unnoticed some cases and the properties RAY REFLECTS lay groups protesting violently." | How many times has this beca-The impression given that done in the scientific world always to see that the law is fluoridation programs in the Un- often in reverse -- thing cour recesses --such as to protect the person. He ited States are being halted and ancestors took for granted have

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The fact is that more and slower age groups. The lower see: Harold Winch than it did when more cities in the United group lose their first set of teeth. The fellow who spends most t first met in 1953. The Winchs' States and Canada are adopt- replaced through the 'teens by of his time minding other peoboth father and son, wear well-ing finoridation every year. In second set, Will those children ple's business, usually knows. In the United States there has absorb enough of this fluoridats : little about his own. been only one death attributed ed water to take care of the other i

of fluoride, a figure altered by dental bills for our young tors! In middle age, actually it

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ways mentally comparing him the United Kingdom mission, tinue to be in doubt. I cannot vanishing in the United States, with the late and great spokes-planowledge of the fluoride con- vote 'ves' to fluoridation on Same over here.

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Nevertheless, now that our munism has borne him?

their time forcing fluoride gets under way and election day for, say a year, instead of only .pills down the throats of child- itself. This question of fluorida- two weeks. We have a suspicion it ren, a method considered by all tion which the average layman that there would be something h to be expensive, impracticable, like myself lets slumber until about it that wouldn't suit us --medical and dental authorities almost the eve of the election, or any other Canadian with our dangerous and of unproven Now suddenly becomes a live strong national flair for indivi-

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vegetable was a must when our fully busy with the emphasis on most fragile possessions careif not wearing horns and hoofs. Regarding the skepticism of generation was raising its chil- new building and the raising of fully — quickly — to their then certainly breathing the fire leading English scientists I know dren. We forced and pushed the consumer standards. There's a destination. and brimsione of the coming that this is not true, and will leafy stuff down their small high national morale: no signs! quote F. C. Williamson, Profes-throats, They had to have it to of sullenness. Instead, there is It took the House of Commons sor of Dental Surgery, University be healthy. It was packed full an atmosphere of release, as i the better part of two years to of London who, writing on fluori- of vitamins from A up. It used though the neonle are conscious get to know the real Harold dation, in the "Practioner" of the most popular advertising of having emerged into a fuller; "It is rather surprising that dren to eat it — the comic book known. There is no evidence of

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