

Young Canada's Book Week

Guest Editorial by Mrs. R. G. MOORE, YCBW Committee

TODAY is the start of Young Canada's Book Week. What is this Book Week? Whom does it concern? Why is it held?

These and many other questions that arise from the statement, "Young Canada's Book Week" are answered in the following paragraphs for the benefit of Prince Rupert citizens.

Young Canada's Book Week is a special week set aside and sponsored by the Canadian Library Association for the following purposes:

1. To arouse interest in good books for boys and girls.
 2. To encourage reading of worth while books at home, at school, at the library.
 3. To make adults aware of the important place good books have in a child's life.
 4. To make adults aware of the fine children's books available today.
 5. To stress the need for good library service to boys and girls wherever they may be.
- If we as adults show interest in good books, the boys and girls will follow our example.
- Our public schools and libraries provide excellent books for children of all ages, whatever their tastes.
- There is no substitute for a good book. Good books can give to children hours of fun and enjoyment, knowledge and a true sense of values. Good books provide an opportunity for young readers to understand themselves and to widen their experiences.

A visit to our public library will readily show the wide and varied selection of good books that are available to boys and girls. Besides general fiction, there are good books on fine arts and crafts, hobbies, travel, history, biographies of great men and women, science and many other subjects.

While Young Canada's Book Week will make boys and girls more familiar with their library, the Prince Rupert public library hopes that their interest will continue for the other 51 weeks of the year.

Prospects For Towns

IN AN address to the Ontario club in Toronto the other day, Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent expressed the hope that continuing Canadian growth will not be confined to the larger centres. For a balanced development it should reach into the smaller places, too.

Doubtless it will, but not in all cases, for there are so many towns, small and large. A large number of course, will be affected by national growth, but in different ways.

Some strategically located for new developments, will become industrialized and grow. Others, within commuting distance of small cities in process of getting larger, will become thriving suburban points.

The hindsight of another century will show sharply where and how this occurred.

—Windsor Star.

GOT ACTION
FORT WILLIAM, Ont. — When a fire alarm rang from the Eskimo language was conducted by Rt. Rev. Donald Marchant's fire equipment into Anglican bishop of the Arctic action. This time they found for walking and exercising Eskimo patients in the chapel of the Mountain sanatorium here by a frightened six-year-old. The worshippers used prayer-books printed in their own language.

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As I See It



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Old School Spies

THE inept attempt by the British Foreign Office to cover up the fact that the now-famous fugitives, Burgess and MacLean, were long time traitors has stirred Britain as nothing else has in recent years.

Part of the sudden flood of anger is due to the suspicion that these two men were able to get and keep their jobs because of their social connections, despite the fact that they were notoriously unfitted for positions of international trust.

Both men are now known to have been homo-sexuals (and so subject to blackmail). Both had had Communist and Fascist ties, even in university days which should automatically have ruled them out of positions where top Foreign office secrets were handled.

It has long been true that the old school tie can work wonders in Britain, but this is the first case on record where old school ties covered old school spies.

ALARMING as the revelations are, there is little likelihood that Britain will go overboard on a spy scare as the U.S.A. did, following the conviction of Alger Hiss.

The respect for the rights of the individual is woven right into the hearts and minds of the British people. Moreover the British parliament is a more jealous watchdog of those rights than our own Canadian parliament has been. We may therefore be sure that there will be nothing in Britain even roughly corresponding to McCarthyism in the United States. But for all that, the certain effect of the Foreign office spy scandal will be to make Britain, and the whole Commonwealth, much more vigilant than in the past.

THE most sobering thought about the whole situation is that in three out of four western countries the spy revelations came from Russian or Communist defectors, and not from our own counter-spy squads.

Gouzenko in Canada, Petrov in Australia, and Whittaker Chambers in the U.S.A. were all persons who supplied information which they had acquired while they themselves were part of the Russian network.

And as a result of those shocking revelations, handed to us on three platters, so to speak, we ourselves have been forced to adopt at least some part of the police-state techniques of keeping potential spies and traitors out of sensitive spots.

In other words, we have been forced to abandon part of the bed rock principle on which Anglo-Saxon justice was built: that every man is innocent till proved guilty.

Now we just can't take chances on some people in some places, for fear they might prove unreliable.

It's sad—but true.

Four Still Held After Poisoning

SASKATOON — Four persons were still in hospital today as a result of suspected food poisoning at a Canadian Legion Remembrance Day dinner Friday.

The four, reported in good condition and expected to be released shortly, were among 12 persons admitted to emergency wards after the dinner attended by 400 persons. Scores were made ill and potato salad was blamed.

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Terrace Views and Comments

By FRANK HEELEY

"TERRACE HOSPITAL IS TO CLOSE DECEMBER 15."

The above headline could in all probability come true.

A public meeting was called for Sunday last in the Tillicum Theatre. Outside of the Hospital Board and members of the Hospital Ladies Auxiliary only three members of the public turned up. Only three people out of 5,000 were interested enough to brave the cold weather to attend a meeting of vital interest to themselves and all citizens of Terrace.

If it had been a meeting to see the "Great Morton" or Marilyn Monroe there is no doubt but that hundreds would have braved any elements for a couple of hours of entertainment. Unfortunately the Hospital Board could not provide any sensational sideline to encourage attendance. Apparently the people of Terrace are not interested in the matter of saving a life, healing the sick, or comforting the dying.

And yet if little Johnny gets a cut over his eye and requires stitches where is he rushed? To the Terrace hospital. If little Matilda or big Matilda for that matter suddenly develops an acute case of appendicitis where is she rushed? To the Terrace hospital of course. But hospitals cannot be operated without money. True we pay a portion of hospital expenses through the 5 per cent tax. But is this enough? Certainly not in the case of Terrace hospital.

Terrace is growing rapidly in population. The hospital must grow with it if it is to provide the services that we as citizens demand. More beds are needed. New and up to date equipment is required. In truth a new hospital is required. But what do we in Terrace care about that? Not one lot or lota if the meeting of last Sunday was any indication.

Granted we may not always be in favor of the Hospital Board's actions. But surely we should take the opportunity provided to tell it so. We may feel that the 5 per cent tax should pay all the operating costs. Surely we should take the opportunity provided to say why we feel so.

Well, the few that did gather together last Sunday moved a recommendation to the Hospital Board that the hospital be closed on December 15 and that a public meeting be called on November 27 to advise the citizens why this action must be taken and to seek expressions of opinion as to how the closure may be avoided.

The decision is up to you Terrace folks. If you don't wish to be faced with a \$75 ambulance bill to Prince Rupert. If you don't wish to be faced with a more expensive transportation bill to Vancouver. If you don't wish to be faced with the possibility of having a loved one die because they couldn't get to a hospital quick enough. If you don't wish your hospital to close then do turn out to the meeting that is being called on November 27.

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DOTING RELATIVES A MAJOR CAUSE OF TOOTH DECAY

So you have tried faithfully to observe the rules of mouth health; you have watched the diet; you have encouraged the cleaning of teeth immediately after meals; you have done all those things you feel you ought to have done, and still you find cavities re-appearing in your children's teeth at an alarming rate!

Is it germs, hopping from tooth to tooth, dropping tiny drops of acid as they go, that seem to confound our best efforts to control decay? Or could it be the dotings of fond relatives, aunts and uncles, grandparents, friends, — yes, and even parents themselves?

Why must it be that the kindly impulses of these often misguided souls should so frequently take the form of gifts of sugary cookies, candies, rich cakes, ice cream, smothered in syrupy coatings, and all such confections that are so perfectly adapted to the development of dental decay?

For example, it has been estimated that half a million

doctors was spent last Easter on chocolate candy eggs and animal figures alone!

Of course, it is impossible and certainly not desirable that our children be forbidden all forms of sweets; but let us recognize the fact that there is a time and place for them when they will do the least harm. That time and place is after having eaten a wholesome, nutritious meal.

Sweet and starchy substances should never be made available between meals, or before eating the main course of the meal, for sweets satisfy the craving for food, without supplying the balanced diet so necessary for growing children.

If we could train ourselves, and the fond relatives and friends of our children to use ingenuity in expressing tenderness in other, more practical ways; if we can train our children to expect sweets only after having eaten a regular meal, we should have taken a great step forward in the control of dental diseases and decay.

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Government strategists are charging at least one political blunder up to the Junket of Secretary of State for External Affairs Lester B. Pearson to Russia and Southeast Asia. Before he left Ottawa the Hon. "Mike" begged off from an invitation from the Israel government to visit Tel-Aviv. Time, he told them, would not permit it.

But before leaving here on September 30, Pearson had made all but firm arrangements for a stop-over in Cairo. This came under the heading of normal diplomatic courtesy because Pearson owed a return visit to Egyptian Foreign Minister Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi. It was only protocol. Things are done that way in the interchanges between governments.

But these plans were laid before the latest flare-up of fighting in the Holy Land, and before the sale of Communist arms to Egypt was disclosed. When those events crowded onto the front pages of the world, the decision of the Canadian Foreign Minister to visit one of the two troubled capitals and not the other took on new significance. It became a delicate diplomatic problem rather than a matter of flying time, schedules and airport facilities alone. It also assumed some of the proportions of a domestic political problem.

This was not as apparent to the planners in the East Block on Parliament hill on October 21, as it seemed to become on October 25. The Liberal party's surprise defeat in Spadina, where a large Jewish population has been a political influence for some time, served to emphasize the possible dangers of Pearson's decision.

In the capital no one will go so far as to say the Spadina defeat had any connection with Pearson's refusal to visit Tel Aviv. But, on the other hand, no one will say it didn't have something to do with the Government's later decision to suggest that Pearson reconsider his earlier message of regrets.

After a Zionist group met with Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent in Montreal, the External Affairs Department hastened out with explanations of why Israel was being passed up in the itinerary of the returning Secretary of State for External Affairs.

It was too late to change the plans. Pearson had become firmly committed to visit Cairo. A stop in Tel Aviv would have to be made on Saturday, which is the Jewish Sabbath. And, conveniently, the Israeli Foreign Minister, Moshe Sharett, with plenty of more urgent business in mind, would be on his way to Washington, D.C., to seek arms.

The answer seemed to be to get off an invitation to Sharett to visit Ottawa on his trip to North America. This was done. And, while awaiting the Israeli minister's reply, federal officials held their breath and hoped this would take care of the matter.

WATCH FOR "THE WHITE SHEEP"

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

An eastern city fire chief says it is not uncommon to pass a man rushing to a fire and his wife rushing to a fire sale.

Wives are getting harder to fool, says a psychologist. And only fool husbands will try it.

It would be a nicer world if some visitors said "Good bye" and went, instead of moving a few feet at a time toward the door and saying "Good bye" after her husband when he is ill, and puts on with him when he is ill.

A Sudbury housewife says the good wife is one who sits up with her husband when he is ill, and

Other Papers Say . . .

SCHOOL RULES
After completing an intensive study into the conduct of young people and pondering over effective methods of helping them, the Boston school board has drafted a list of ten commandments for students in grades 7 to 12. The list has been posted in each classroom and, to keep students aware of the commandments, it is being read twice a week to them.

We're somewhat dismayed to learn that there is any place where parents have neglected their responsibilities towards their children to the point where a school board must step into the picture with a list of such commandments.

And though we hardly think that the majority of young people of southern Alberta have to be prodded over and over again to conduct themselves properly, a fine purpose might be served by bringing to public attention the commandments drafted for Boston students. This is the list:

1. Don't let your parent's down. They've brought you up.
2. Stop and think before you drink.

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3. Be smart, obey. You'll give orders yourself, some day.
 4. Ditch dirty thoughts fast or they'll ditch you.
 5. Show-off driving is juvenile. Don't act your age.
 6. Pick the right friends to be picked for a friend.
 7. Choose a date fit for a mate.
 8. Don't go steady unless you're ready.
 9. Love God and neighbor.
 10. Live carefully. The soul you save may be your own.
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