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Community Week

NOW is the time for all good men... This venerable typewriter test sentence has a real meaning this Community Week. Now is the time for all good citizens to get down to the Civic Centre where the most energetic and varied program in its history is underway to promote membership.

No one is trying to pretend that the lively Civic Centre we will see this week is a standard attraction. The executive will frankly admit that car bingo and paper dances are not on the schedule for every week of the year. In fact, if those who have organized the show survive this week in a reasonable state of health, or facsimile thereof, they will consider themselves lucky.

Apart from the immediate aim of getting members, the purpose of Community Week is to emphasize the Civic Centre's place at the centre of Prince Rupert's social and recreational activity. There is no other organization in town which could offer a program with such a broad and diverse public appeal. Even though the Civic Centre could not maintain the pace for more than five hectic days, the fact remains that all through the year it affords citizens of Prince Rupert a means of relaxation, study and discussion which otherwise would not be available.

Some will argue that the Civic Centre fails to give the public what it wants, or that its policies are out of line or something else of the sort. These critics should bear in mind that if they are in earnest about their complaint, they can do something about it. Members of the executive are put in that position only by free election. As a rule, there are not too many volunteers for the job so that anyone with a sincere wish to help should have no difficulty about contributing his services. Even without being elected, a member still has the opportunity of presenting his views to the executive which meets every month to consider such matters.

The real measure of the Civic Centre's worth is that through the years it has established firmly in this community and that there would be an acute sense of loss if for any reason it ceased to function. Community Week is, in fact, an occasion to recognize one of Prince Rupert's outstanding assets.

Novel Approach

AN unprecedented government approach to new legislation was apparent here Friday when the basic structure of a far-reaching new British Columbia municipal code was laid before the annual convention of Union of B.C. Municipalities.

The act of the Department of Municipal Affairs in placing its proposed new legislation before the convention was unprecedented because governments invariably have let such new measures stand or fall on their own merits on the floor of the Legislature or the House of Commons.

Whether the act of the department was motivated by an earnest desire to learn the opinions of those who would be primarily affected by a new municipal code, or whether it was an admission that it was not up to the task alone, this new concept of the preparation of important legislation should be loudly applauded.

While the logic of such procedure has been apparent since the legislative era of tribal chieftains, the phenomenon of government and logic going hand-in-hand is a rare one indeed.

The spirit of co-operation shown in the preparation of the new code augurs well for its future and could readily result in the creation of an act which could be considered model legislation throughout the Dominion.

--Prince George Citizen.

ENJOY LIFE...

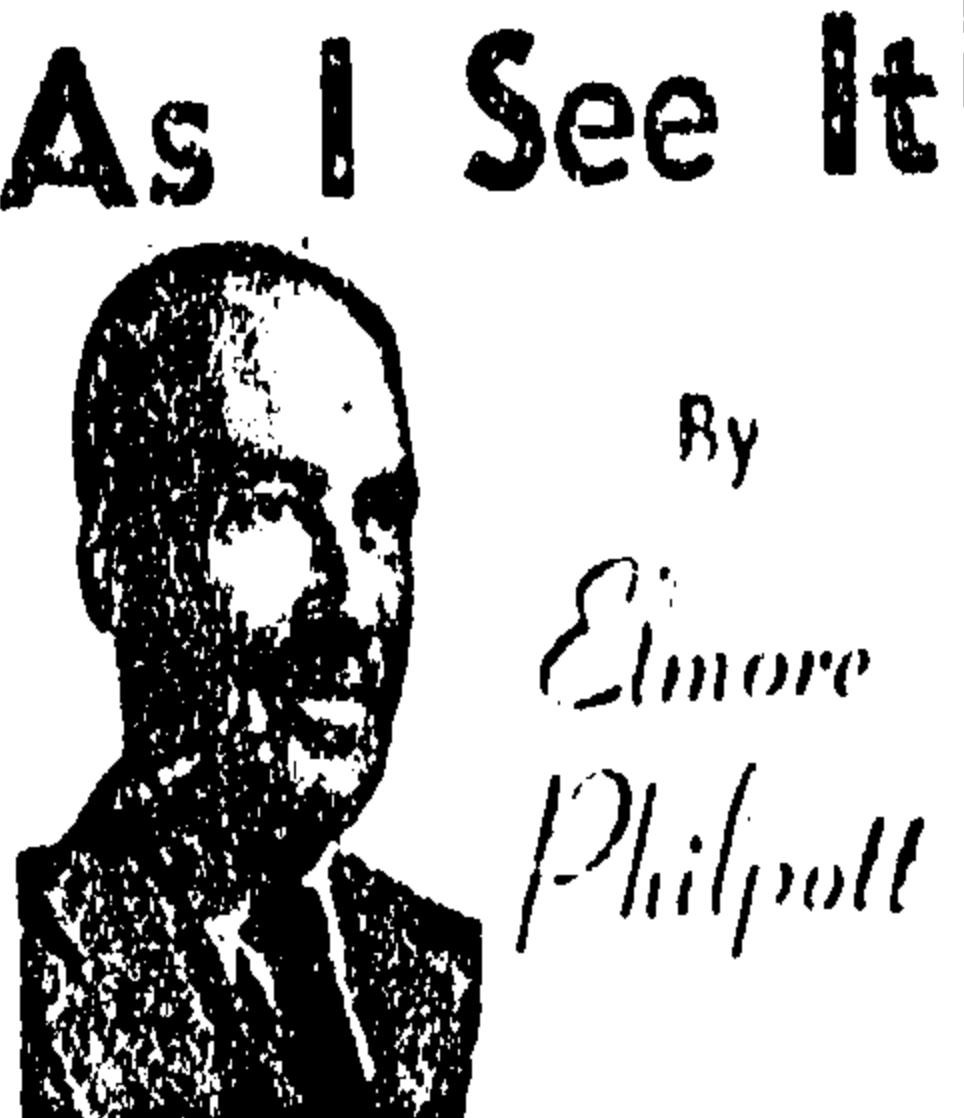
EAT OUT MORE OFTEN

at La Gondola

GOOD FAMOUS RESTAURANT

HEAR -- "La Gondola Entertains"
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. over CFPR

Phone 2621 for Orders to Take Out



As I See It

By
Elmore
Philpott

Wheat For China

THE figures for wheat movements for the week ending October 5 clearly define our real wheat "problem" in Canada.

We have a total of just under one billion bushels. Domestic shipments were 2,100,000 bushels. But 5,700,000 bushels were exported, as follows:

Via B.C. ports 2,100,000.
Via St. Lawrence 1,200,000.
Via Hudson Bay 2,400,000.

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IT ADDS up to this: If Canada merely had the normal carry-over, the volume of wheat business we are doing is satisfactory.

True, we might have to adopt more aggressive, unorthodox methods to regain from the U.S.A. what she took away from us by the various strategems she employed last year to sell wheat at less than the going world price.

But, by and large, Canada would have no real problem if all we had to do was to sell this year's crop.

The real headache arises from the fact that we already have a carryover of approximately two years average crop. It clogs our whole economy, for our life-blood is not circulating as it should.

One hard-headed old prairie farmer writes that drastic reduction in the acreage sown to wheat in North America is the only remedy. But is it?

IT IS NOT easy to think of any acceptable plan to clear out the wheat bins, as they must be cleared out sooner or later.

We often hear well-meant but quite impractical talk about giving it away to the hungry millions of Asia. When it comes right down to brass tacks, nobody knows how that could be done.

In the same years as we have had a wheat surplus in America, Asia has also had a glut of un-sold rice.

Burma and other Asian countries have already protested to U.S.A. against plans to give away wheat, for the obvious reason that such giveaways programs would hurt the business of the rice growers and rice merchants of Asia.

PERHAPS Canada could work out a deal with China, whereby that vast, hungry country could take 300 or 400 million bushels of wheat off our hands.

In China, as in India, there has never been any such thing as a reserve of food against famine, though this is one of the first necessities of a humane world.

It would pay us to sell this wheat to China, for any price she is able to pay, and on almost any terms, in the way of long-term credits, or barter.

So long as we have a carry-over to two years bumper wheat crop we invite creeping paralysis over our whole economy in Canada.

To offer it to China, or to any other country which is not now a regular cash customer for our wheat, would be not only good business but excellent international diplomacy.

Should we make friends of potential enemies? It would literally be "casting our bread upon the waters."

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venience for nothing. Those who complain most about a show trial, the critics, who are admittedly free, Waterloo Record,

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tant.

Suspect Charged On Gun Count

VANCOUVER A police said today a 16-year-old boy arrested in connection with a North Vancouver baseball bat "murder" Thursday has been charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

The youth gave himself up after David Crawford Williams, 21, died in hospital from head injuries. Police said he was beaten with a baseball bat at home.

Police said they found a loaded revolver on the youth. The charge was held to hold the suspect, they added. The boy will undergo a mental examination.

Use Want Ads—They Pay



THE PRINCESS ROYAL receives a bouquet of red roses from Theresa Morel at the armory of the 3rd Signals Regiment in Ottawa. Theresa's father is a sergeant in the reserve unit. The Princess Royal is honorary colonel-in-chief of the Royal Canadian Corp. of Signals. (CP Photo)

Other Papers Say . . .

OPPOSITION

George Drew's major effort of the last session was made during the Conservative filibuster in July, in which the attempt to have the powers of the ministry of defence production extended without limit was stopped.

It is not often that the duty of the official opposition is done effectively. Too many people fail to realize the vital place the opposition occupies in the British parliamentary system and how much the country loses when the opposition is unable to function owing to lack of power, lack of numbers, or both.

—Red Deer Advocate

DANGER BEHIND CARS

A coroner's inquest here again has emphasized that the rear end of vehicles can be as deadly as the front. The inquiry arose from a fatality caused by a back-end bus, in its own parking area. The driver was exonerated.

The nonchalance with which pedestrians will pass directly behind standing vehicles is something to wonder at. Most of these persons will proceed warily when passing in front of a standing car, although they know the one in the driver's seat has an unobstructed view of them. But when his view is obscured they take chances.

Motor vehicles often move in reverse as well as forward, and for perfectly valid reasons. It's granted that drivers are expected to look where they're going when they back up. In their own interest, pedestrians should be even more cautious, but many are not.

Don't take any chances with a car that might back up suddenly. It has the weight and power of a vehicle going forward.

—Windsor Star

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A British firm has invented a wrapping for chocolates that will not crack when unwrapped.

Now it remains for someone to invent a noiseless, crunchless candy.

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