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Gardening time almost upon us

ITH the reappearance of the sunshine today (fingers crossed please) and the cheering sight of vernal shoots on all the bushes and trees, thoughts of spring return once more. The bloods stirs in our veins, a slight dizziness effects our customary clearheadedness and a strange urge for honest toil in the outdoors sweeps our beings. We find ourselves possessed by a yearning for close-cropped lawns, blossomed vines and riotously colored flower beds amidst which to languish when the summer heat is upon us.

April is a time of seed catologues, preparing the ground, waiting for the moisture to leave the soil and wondering whether it is too early to plant. It is also time to think of buying the wife a new shovel, trowel (mattock if the going gets tough) rake, hoe and gardening gloves. After all, if your plans are to be carried out there is no point in your "better half" being semi-prepared for the job and having an excuse to delay progress while the proper

equipment is obtained. As a master landscaper, a husband is kept quite busy designing the garden and thinking of improvements. A man with any ingenuity at all can make this a summer-long project.

Seriously though, we should make a concerted effort during this B.C. Centennial year to improve the gardens throughout the city. If, as the Prince Rupert Garden club hopes, our hanging flower baskets are going to help make Rupert the "Garden City of the Northwest", then it is only fitting that the average home-owner and householder do his or her bit to make the areas surrounding our homes more attractive. Nothing impresses visitors more than a city's beautiful gardens and the satisfaction of having a flower-filled garden, with tidy lawns, (no matter how small) gives one a feeling of satisfaction of having done a small part to make Prince Rupert a more appealing city in which to live.

The postman and the poodle

INDY is a French poodle whose owner, Mrs. Simone Sampson, of Long Island, regards as a cuddly companion capable of oodles of affection. But to the postman, Charles E. Severn, Cindy has a "vicious and ferocious disposition" accustomed "to attack and bite mankind."

In fact Cindy did bite the postman. She also knocked him down and injured him in the back, so that he was confined to his home for ten days.

This isn't the first time Mr. Severn has had to cope with the dog menace. In the last seventeen years he has been bitten by eighteen dogs, an imposing record in the line of service above and beyond the call of duty.

But this time Mr. Severn wasn't going to allow a poodle to bite with impunity. He sued Mrs. Sampson for negligence and won a \$9,000 out-ofcourt settlement. The suit produced other benefits. It drew the attention and compassion of a woman in Connecticut, who sent the postman a three-foot metal tube with dry cell batteries and a vibrator at the tip. Now all he has to do is press a button, and the vibrator inspires dogs with respect for his person. Thus did the postman, through the poodle, find a cure for his last bite and prevention against all future ones.

-The Toronto Telegram.

Editor's lament

EVERY good newspaper is to some degree a local newspaper. Not even the London Times and the New York Times are free of the obligation to write specifically for and about the people and problems of London and New York. A newspaper which has no personality of its own is not worth having. And a newspaper without a mind of its own is of no use at all.

Readers frequently dislike our edi-

torials; they often quarrel with them violently; they often, in our letter columns, suggest that only idiots, illiterates, malcontents and malignants could write such stuff; there is a widely-held notion in Peterborough that men who write the Examiner editorials no not know anything about anything. We dissent mildly from these views, feeling that they put the case in extreme forms.

-Peterborough Examiner.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS Latest government fall leaves France alone

By ALAN HARVEY Canadian Press Staff Writer

The fall of a French government is a tired political joke. This time it's being taken seri-

The resignation of Felix Chaillard as head of the 24th government since liberation poses a double danger-of complete disorder at home and of undisguised Western disunity over North

Responsible observers in London and Paris, saddended by what they regard as a "senseless" crisis, consider hat the domestic situation is potentially grave. The latest demonstration of parliamentary decay, coupled with signs of public restiveness, may drive France toward an extreme solution, such as communism, fascism or some form of military authoritarianism.

As President Rene Coty goes through the familiar charade of interviewing potential prime ministers, the name of General Charles de Chaulle is again montioned. Many ordinary French people, tired of the old faces, would like to see a strong man in power to "clean up the mess." But experienced students of the French scone fool that de Gaulle, at 68, has lost much of his political dynamism.

The vote that toppled Gaillard leaves France more isolated than ever.

Mondo, an independent Paris newspaper. Another French paper, Le Figare, Warns that there is no majority for a policy of "xeno-

Juanally suvors the right wing, which is being blamed for bringing down the government. The hostile votes came mainly from the

phobia and extreme nationalism." Le Figaro

Communists, who have a vested interest in mischief, and the right-wing Conservative Independents led by ex-premier Antoine Pinay.

Pinay is thought to have been angered by Gaillard's first speech in Tuesday's assembly debate and to have made only a nominal effort to control his unruly followers. Pinny, one of the more moderate men of the right, is likely to be a key figure in discussions on the new

The crisis could hardly come at a more awkward moment. NATO is in session in Paris. European trade negotiations are in stalemate and trouble looms on the industrial front.

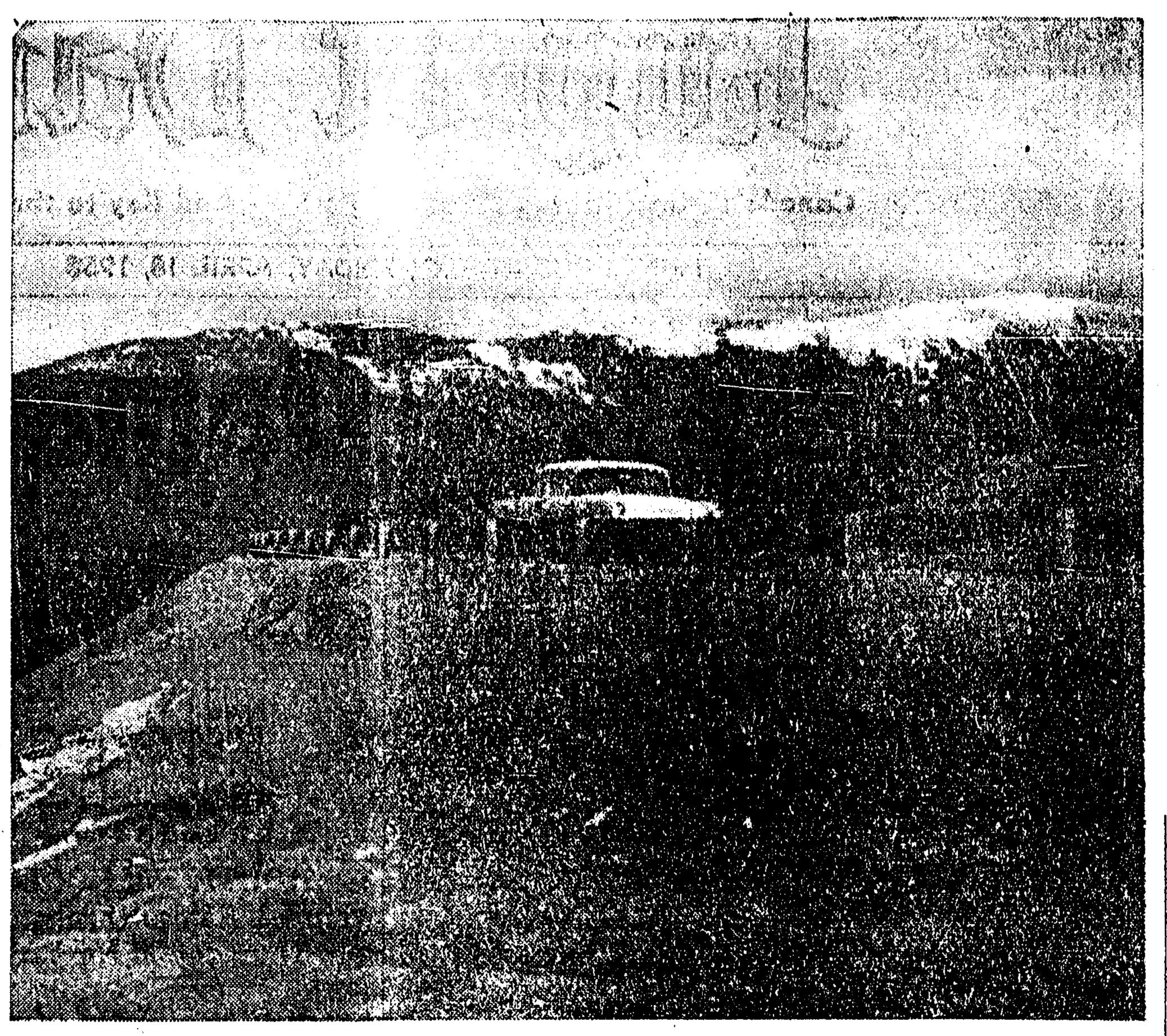
And the vote solves nothing. Right-wing intransigence merely makes the North African problem more intractable. The French case in Algeria will be harder to justify and Prosident Habib Bourguiba may have to jettison his pro-Western policies.

As Allied diplomats see it, the upheaval is largely the result of the determination of a section of French politicians, goaded by a sense of national humiliation or other motives, to

cling to an all-or-nothing policy in Algeria. "Algeria today is the walking ghost of the past which the French have not laid," the British weekly, The Economist, wrote last January. Most observers sorrowfully agree.

Marriage

There is no spectacle on earth more appealing than that of a beautiful woman in the act of cooking dinner for someone she loves. -Thomas Wolfe



SWEEPING CURVE of the highway between Terrace or the Terrace airport contrasts with the rugged contours of the snow-tipped mountains beyond in picture emphasizing stillness -Staff photo by Dick Ayres. of B.C.'s interior.

L'ETTERBOX

APPRECIATION The Editor,

The Daily News: May we, through your columns express our thanks to the many persons who helped us make last week's performances of "The Maid and the Golden Slipper," the success

We will not mention names for fear we omit some one of

Valuable publicity From the

Campbell River Courier

The world wide publicity being given to the blasting of Ripple Rock will undoubtedly pay big dividends this coming tourist season to the hotels, tourist resorts and merchants of the Upper Island and more especially to Campbell River.

We should, however, look further than the immediate results of this season's tourist crop. Many of these people, here for the first time, we must encourage to come again.

To be happy at home is the ultimate result of all ambi-—Samuel Johnson.

the many people whose help we valued so highly.

There were the mothers, those who helped back-stage and in the auditorium. There were the merchants who loaned or donated goods and services and other professional Deople who assisted.

Nor should we torget to thank the children, all whom had to work very hard and give up many of their play hours for extra lessons and rehearsals, particularly during the Easter school holi-

It will be a few days before the accounts are cleared and it will be known how much will go towards the Civic Centre Swimming Pool fund and the Prince Rupert Society for Retarded children.

Since the contribution of those who helped will make a substantial difference in the net profit of the show, the Swimming Pool committee and Retarded Children's Society wuold laso have us pass on their thanks to everyone con-

Phyllis Hankinson, Buddy Taft, Prince Rupert.

Senseless curbs

Senseless is the only word to apply to the restrictions imposed on British Columbia service stations. These provisions make it mandatory for service stations to close on a total of nine specified holidays which may be declared. On all other days they must close at 6 p.m. un!ess a municipal council passes a bylaw extending winter hours to 7 p.m. and May to September hours to 9

I think a man and woman should choose each other for life, for the simple reason that a long life with all its accidents is barely enough for a man and a woman to understand each other; and to understand is to love.

From the Courtenay Argus

Courtenay Recreation Assoclation's annual gym display always is a proud and orten amusing occasion for parents, leaders and participants from the various classes but last week's show had more than the usual significance.

Physical activity, of course, is only one emphasis in modern-day living but it is an important and far too often negleeted aspect of life. Although no guarantee of mental development, a healthy body can contribute the basis for a healthy mind and spirit. Any-

College education According to Uncle Mat a Chinese student desined an

American university as fol-

"An American university is vast athletic association where, however, some studies are maintained for the benefit of the feeble-bodied."

one watching last week's gym . capers certainly could not help but feel the children, teenagers and young adults were gaining values unfortunately unknown to those lacking recreation programs in their community or to those failing to make use of opportunities

Hard on magicians

From the St. Thomas Times-Journal

In order to check the rabbit population the state of; Victoria, Australia, has passed law providing a penalty equivalent to \$112, or a jail;

sentence, on anyone keeping rabbits. The only exception is to research scientists. Magicians have protested against the law, claiming rabbits are essential to the practice of their profession.



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