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Keep Skeena District Ahead

ALTHOUGH the election campaign has failed to produce a single dominant issue and has not thrown any brilliant light on our national problems, its general effect has been a healthy and stimulating one. There has been a revival of interest in Canadian politics and politicians. Crowds that could have listened to speeches on the radio have turned out to hear them at the source of delivery and, above all, this has not been a campaign by delegation. The leaders themselves have worked harder than anyone.

Supporters of every party will agree that the phenomenon of the contest is John Diefenbaker. Those who elected him leader at the Conservative national convention are assuredly now patting themselves on the back for their foresight. It is difficult to believe that any of his rivals at that time could have put up such a spirited fight or captured the public imagination in such a vivid way.

It will be good for the government of this country if the Tories make a strong showing when the results are tallied. There is no question that a much more effective opposition is needed in parliament. Although the Liberals have been criticized for ignoring the rights of parliament, the consistently weak and divided opposition must have a share in whatever blame there may be. If a party is so unattractive that it cannot gain sufficient public support to have an effective voice in parliament, it is natural if not entirely justifiable that it should be treated in debate accordingly.

It is to be hoped that this situation will be corrected in the next parliament. As far as this particular district is concerned, however, there are certain considerations that must be taken into account. Whether the view is a selfish one or not, it is in our interest to vote for the present government. It has taken the Skeena riding a long time to gain a place in the federal scheme of things, but now at last it appears to have done so. The projected airport for Digby Island is an often quoted example of this, but it is an important one.

In all fairness it must be remembered that local members of all political parties had a share in obtaining this project for Prince Rupert. There was no political axe-grinding then, so it would be grossly unjust now to use this as a propaganda weapon with which to cut someone else's throat.

It is also true that henceforth most of the planning in connection with the airport will be carried on by department officials on whom the election will have no bearing. Nevertheless the fact remains above all political considerations that this project represents a major step towards national recognition for the Skeena district, and it would require considerable time for another government to make its own appraisal of the situation out here. Its cabinet would have to acquaint itself first with domestic and foreign matters of greater importance, so that for an indefinite period our progress would be halted.

The Skeena district can afford to take the local view now, for ultimately its growth will be of national benefit.

Observe Water Safety Rules

Hundreds of Canadians die each year because they neglect simple rules of water safety. According to the All Canada Insurance Federation, many drownings are caused through boating mishaps.

The Federation suggests these rules for safe boating:

- Do not overload your boat. Leave plenty of freeboard.
- Beware of canoes. Fishing from canoes or using them as sailing craft is hazardous.
- Keep approved life-preservers in your boat. Non-swimmers should wear these at all times.
- Do not use your boat with a motor of excess power.
- Keep your speed down.
- Stay away from areas where people are swimming.
- If your boat overturns, do not try to swim to shore. Stay with the boat.

STAKES HIGH

Tough Day Facing Election Bet Loser

By RICHARD ANCO
Canadian Press Staff Writer

CALGARY (CP) — It was an innocent little question—"wanna bet?"

That bet means a Calgary newspaper editorial writer may have to work a full day on a farm, or a southern Alberta farmer may have to put in a day's work in the newspaper office.

By June 11 Cleo Mowers, editorial writer for the Albertan, and Jack Sutherland, Hanna, Alta., farmer, will know which is the loser for his election predictions, stubbornly defended since Jan. 25.

On that day a short editorial in the Albertan said: "Saskatchewan's premier T. C. Douglas said in Calgary this week that 'the CCF would gain increased support' in the federal election this spring. Wanna bet?"

Reader Sutherland, long-time CCF supporter, snapped at the challenge.

CONDITIONS LAID DOWN

Mr. Mowers replied: "If he insists on going through with it, we have no alternative but to spell out the terms and conditions. If his party gains in either popular vote or members elected, we will concede him victory."

There were to be no odds. If Mr. Mowers lost he was to work one day in Mr. Sutherland's harvest field. If the Hanna farmer lost, he was to do a day's work in the newspaper's editorial offices.

A prolific writer and active socialist in Alberta's farm organizations, Mr. Sutherland, nearly 70, who came to Alberta from Nova Scotia nearly half a century ago, wondered if that meant he would be given "a free hand" at writing editorials and articles.

EDITORIAL, STORIES

Definitely not, answered the 41-year-old editorial writer. If Mr. Sutherland lost, he would have to write a short editorial on the theme of why the CCF lost ground; a 1,500-word piece on his "most vivid" memories of farming; an article on reminiscences of the Alberta farm movement and "other short articles."

TOUGH SHIFT

Not to be outdone, the farmer-socialist listed his own conditions: If at the end of Mr. Mowers' shift on the farm he threshes fewer bushels than Mr. Sutherland's average, he will buy a year's membership in the CCF party for every 50 bushels short. If the newspaper man threshes more than the average, Mr. Sutherland will buy a year's subscription to the Albertan for every 50 bushels more.

Mr. Mowers, born at Sibbald, near Hanna, and brought up on a farm, says he's happy with the terms of the bet.

Looking . . . Back

From the Files of The Daily News

10 Years Ago

William O. Fulton, pioneer Prince Rupert lawyer, was appointed County Court Judge in Victoria today.

Volunteer Workers Make Possible Re-opening of Local Museum.

An "immediate" start is to be made on construction of the projected gymnasium wing at the Civic Centre following the demolition of Roosevelt Park gym, from which materials will be salvaged for use in the new building, according to Civic Centre manager Don Forward.

30 Years Ago

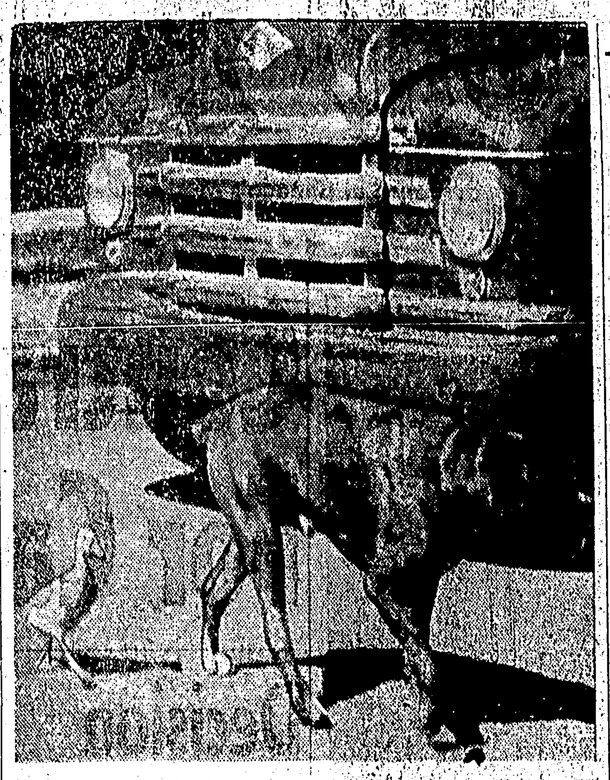
Dr. R. G. Large of Port Simpson recently purchased the small open boat Bessie T., formerly of Kaien ownership, which he will use for runabout purposes. The craft is powered with a Kelly-Perfection engine.

40 Years Ago

G. F. Johnston, of the GTP ticket office, has now received a supply of application forms for permission to leave the country. This applies to all males of military age who must afford all information as to their movements, before a ticket can be purchased.

HOPEFUL REPORT

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — World Health Organization officials report there is little chance of a world-wide influenza epidemic resulting from current outbreaks in southeast Asia. A mild form of the disease has infected thousands in Japan, the Philippines, Hong Kong and Singapore but few deaths have been reported.



DUCKING TRAFFIC—Sandy, a month-old Duckling, plays, sleeps and eats dog food with its best friend, a boxer named Jester. Both pets are owned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevens of Winnipeg. The dog returned the duckling's affection, even makes sure it crosses the road safely while on a jaunt down the street. (CP Photo)

MORE DEATHS

Medics Warned of Applying Pain-Killers to Open Cuts

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE
AP Science Reporter

NEW YORK (AP)—Local anaesthetics cause more deaths than most commonly used drugs, two doctors said today.

The greatest danger comes when the pain-killers are applied directly to mucous membranes and bruised or cut skin, they said. For then the drugs are absorbed quickly as though they had been rapidly injected into the bloodstream.

This caution and recommended steps to avoid danger were presented in an exhibit at the opening of the American Medical Association's 106th annual meeting by Drs. John Adriani and Donovan Campbell of Charity Hospital and Louisiana State University School of Medicine, New Orleans.

The physicians applied local anaesthetics in intact and injured skin and internal mucous membranes of humans and animals. They analyzed blood samples 2, 6, 10, and then 15 to 20 minutes later to see how much drug had entered the bloodstream.

HAZARDS PINPOINTED

Results indicated more hazard when the pain-killers were applied directly to the painful area than when they were injected under the skin, or introduced slowly into a vein, they said.

When used on open sores or wounds, the drugs were quickly absorbed in preparations mixed with water. In oily ointments, these useful drugs were absorbed slowly.

Drug reactions were mainly due to rapid take-up by the blood, and not allergy or sensitivity, they added.

Local anaesthetics studied included cocaine, procaine, tetracaine, benzocaine and lidocaine.

The physicians recommended that the drugs be used in the minimum amounts and in the most dilute solutions that still would overcome the pain. They suggested the total doses be divided into parts, with each part given at time intervals, since it takes time for the drugs to become effective.

PRIME MINISTER St. Laurent assumes an expression of mock amazement as he holds up at a Liberal party rally in Ottawa a Progressive Conservative campaign sheet with John Diefenbaker's picture. Mr. St. Laurent said the advertising speaks of a "Diefenbaker government" but the party's name is inserted only at the end of the sheet and then in small type. (CP Photo)

VIRGINIA BELFER, nine-year-old pianist with perfect pitch and a flair for improvising, gave her first full recital in Toronto before a special gathering of 50 persons with special interest in classical music. She played 10 selections by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Haydn and MacDowell and one she wrote herself, "God Made Us All." Virginia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Belfer of Galt, Ont., first began playing the piano at five and has what her teacher calls "the authoritative touch of an experienced musician." (CP Photo)

U.S. JOINS MILITARY GROUP OF ANTI-RED BAGHDAD PACT

KARACHI (AP)—The United States today joined the military committee of the anti-Communist Baghdad Pact.

The action was only a step short of full membership in the five-nation alliance. The U.S. already is a member of the pact's economic and counter-subversion committees.

The invitation to join the military group was presented formally soon after the pact ministerial council opened its third meeting to plan economic and military steps to bolster defence against Communism in the Middle East.

The pact's full members are Britain, Pakistan, Iran, Turkey and Iraq. The council is expected to emphasize economic co-operation within the alliance, particularly in development of telecommunications, air, road and rail transport.

TO COVER DEFICIT

New Agreement Gives NWT $255,000 Annually

FROBISHER BAY, N.W.T. (CP)—The Northwest Territories is to get an extra $255,000 a year for the next five years under a new financial agreement with the federal government.

This was disclosed today by R. G. Robertson, deputy northern affairs minister and commissioner of the territories, at the N.W.T. council's summer meeting here.

Mr. Robertson said the estimated average annual expenditures for the territorial government over the next five years will exceed estimated average annual revenues by $564,000.

Because of this, the northern administration, which holds the controlling rein of territorial government, was recommending that the federal government grant an amount in additional to the approximate $300,000 a year it has been paying for territorial administration.

$309,000 PAYMENT

The annual federal payment for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1957, was $309,000. Mr. Robertson said the base payment for the next five years would be $255,000 more, for a total of $564,000—the forecast annual deficit over the next five years.

The council operates on a budget of some $2,000,000 a year. For the 1957-58 fiscal year it budgeted for a deficit of some $385,000 based on anticipated revenues of $2,057,001 and planned expenditures of $2,443,050.

Mr. Robertson said the councillors would be asked to consider amendments to the old age assistance, blind persons allowance and disabled persons allowance ordinance to increase the payment to $48 a month from $40 in line with the federal budgetary change.

SNOW IN SPAIN

The Guadarrama mountains near Madrid are snow-topped for the larger part of the year.

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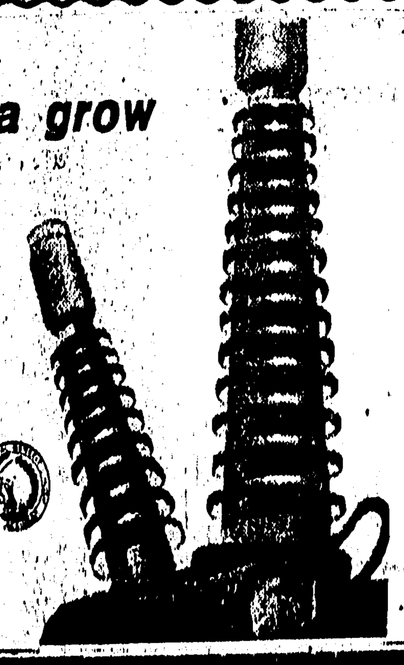

HIGHLIGHTS IN THE IMPRESSIVE LIBERAL RECORD

— 1 —
Let us look about Canada and what do we see? Not just one spectacular development, but many located in every region of the Country from the East to the West, from North to South. There has been no one line of activity in our development, or on the production of one particular item.

— 2 —
Never before has there been such diversification, oil, gas, nickel, iron ore, uranium, aluminum, hydro power, atomic power, pipelines, highways, pulp and paper plants and a great seaway project. We mention only a few of the activity on production items. The list as you well know, is much longer.

— 3 —
Why has this prosperity we are enjoying in Canada, come to pass. It is because of the Liberal Policies of the Government since the end of the war. First, and most important, the Government has encouraged enterprise. The Government regard a healthy and thriving business community, as essential to the development of the Country.

— 4 —
The Government has encouraged trade, Canada signed trade agreements with almost every nation in the world. It has commissions in every Vital Post throughout the world. These two-way policies of trade have often been opposed by other Political Parties who believe in protectionism. If we wish to sell we must be prepared to buy. To continue this period of great development begun under a Liberal Government Vote Applewhite on June 10th.

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