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Children should be watched when swimming

Thas been reported to us, by a man who took part in the rescue, that last Sunday afternoon a group of men had to form a human chain to save a swimmer in trouble at the new Kloiyah Bay park. With the tide coming in quickly an adult New Canadian waded in to swim without taking a good look at the terrain over which the water had advanced. He stepped into a hole. The next minute he was shouting for help and a group of men managed to form a chain and drag him to safety.

This can happen again at a place that has no proper level beaches. It can happen at good beaches and often does at places like English Bay and Spanish Banks in Vancouver. It can happen anywhere. Therefore, whether at Kloiyah Bay, Lakelse, Lake Kathlyn or anywhere people swim, care should be taken at all times to swim where it is safe. Parents should be particularly careful with their own children. At Kloiyah Bay where youngsters go swimming at various

vantage points parents should not take their eyes off their offspring while they are in the water. It is not the duty of other parents to watch your child.

Nor, at this stage of development, is it the duty of the Columbia Cellulose Company to provide lifeguards. The company has developed this new park for the public, has provided a great deal of equipment and has further plans to improve it. Landscaping the coastline is not scheduled this year.

Therefore for safety's sake, for the sake of others who could lose their lives through the negligence of one or two, keep a close eye on your children when they are swimming and wherever they swim. It only takes a second for a child to disappear beneath the surface. In crowded, noisy places their absence might not be noticed. There is nothing more tragic than seeing a child's lifeless body being carried ashore. Don't let it be your child.

Dancing school displays talent

ONCE again the results of another year of hard work are being demonstrated as Buddy Taft's Civic Centre School of Dancing stages its anrival review "Sweethearts on Parade." From the tiny mites making their first public appearance to those who have worked at their dancing since the school opened five years ago, the dancers gave their "all" yesterday afternoon and will do so again tonight and tomorrow night. The success of the show and it always is a success, despite the length of the review and the wear and tear on mothers and children alike, goes in the main to Mr. Taft for his patience, endurance and ability to

create routines for more than 200 youngsters. Sharing the honors are the mothers who have slaved over costumes, the pianists who during lessons and rehearsals have played the same tunes over and over again until they could play them in their sleep, the electricians who set up the varicolored lights, the hardworking Civic Centre staff who set up the arena stage and the other essential props and last but not least the scores upon scores of dancers who created a circle of magic under the spotlights. For those who enjoy seeing colorful costumes, cute routines and budding stars, "Sweethearts" plays two more nights.

Store closing

THERE is only one way the store hours controversy ever will be settled and that is for as many merchants as possible to get together in a spirit of compromise and to agree first of all whether they are going to discuss the problem from the point of view of business principles or their own personal desires about having a particular day off. Compromise is the essential ingredient, because there is no one decision that can meet every wish of INTERPRETING THE NEWS

every person or business involved in the picture.

Council as its end is in the unenviable position of trying to make the decision that in the long run can only come satisfactorily from the business district itself. It would seem logical then for council, as we have said before, not to legislate, other than to make permissible the maximum hours allowable under the Municipal Act at least for a trial period this summer.

--Courtenay Argus.

Trade main topic for Washington talks

By ED SIMON Canadian Press Staff Writer

The president of the United States and the prime minister of Britain meet in Washington Friday at a time when the decisive events affecting the western alliance leave them in the unprecedented role of bystanders.

Its political fate hangs on France and General de Gaulle. Its economic future is heavily colored by the American recession. And, for the moment, there appears to be virtually nothing that President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Macmillan can do about either.

De Gaulle is busy trying to solve his own * problems in Algeria, bidding for the support of the army colonels and right-wing settlers who brought him to power for policies which may not be to their liking. He must assure himself of their loyalty before he can begin to deal with international relationships.

The U.S. slump, unpredictable in its duration, must run its course, affecting the economies of all countries in the American trading orbit. If it had been in Eisenhower's power to and it, it would have died long ago.

Yot Macmillan and Eisenhower are not likely to spend all their time together playing golf and speculating about depressions and French prime ministers. Their basic problems may have been deferred by the present uncertainty but they have not disappeared.

Their diplomats continued to hammer out the manifold details to be leared away before n summit conference with Russin's Khrushchev becomes possible. De Gaulle, if he survives, will have to be consulted before decisive steps can be taken. But the preparatory work can continue.

The need to clarify the position of both

Britain and the U.S. in relationship to the European common market remains urgent, even though France's political turmoil has temporarily halted the market's development.

As the president and prime minister confer, talks are going on in London among Commonwealth economic experts, laying the groundwork for the conference of Commonwealth finance ministers in Montreal in September. Macmillan hopes the end result will be Commonwealth consent to Britain's participation in a European free trade area, working in harmony with the six common market powers.

In principle, both the free trade area and the common market already have Elsenhower's blessing and, with reservations, that of most · Commonwealth countries. But negotiations have been protracted and many problems remain unsolved.

A more recent addition to the Elsenhower-Macmillan agenda is the renewed pressure by Khrushchev for the lifting of barriers to East-West trade.

Britain has long urged relaxation of the restrictions imposed, as the initiative of the U.S., on the export to Iron Curtain countries of goods considered of possible strategic value to the Russians in the event of a new war.

From The St. Thomas Times-Journal Half the world's newspapers are printed on Canadian paper. Every hour, night and day, the Canadian mills manufacturing newsprint. produce a ribbon of paper equivalent to a fivefoot strip 6,000 miles long that would stretch from Toronto to Baghdad."

By G. E. MORTIMORE

SKIDEGATE MISSION -- An 11-inch black slate totem pole will be the centennial gift from this Haida Indian community to Queen Elizabeth. Louis Collison, 75, carved it with home-made tools in about a month of part-time work. The pole contains traditional figures of Haida legend, surmounted by the image of a supernatural frog.

Mr. Collison is one of a handful of men who still carve from native slate (more correctly called argillite), a craft that has been peculiar to the Queen Charlotte Islands for a century and a half.

The Haidas began carving elaborate tobacco-pipes from slate not long after the first trading ships arrived late in the 18th century.

They switched from tobacco pipes to miniature totem poles containing the same figures that were represented in the house poles and ritual poles of carved cedar which used to stand in their villages.

Now there are two Haida villages instead of 20. Some poles still stand at the deserted villages, but most succumbed to rot, were shipped museums or chopped down and burned by missionaries, and their converts, in an excess of Christian zeal. Only one full-sized wooder pole stands at Skidegate and

one at Massett. But a few craftsmen still carve the jewel-like miniatures, one of which will be a gift to the Queen.

Quarrying the argillite is a young man's job. From Skidegate to the place called Slatechuck it is a grueiling dawnto-dark journey in boats, on foot up the mountains through the bush and return with loads of up to 100 pounds each laboriously prised out with tools made on the spot.

Only the boulders of slave that have crumbled from a slate cliff and buried themselves in the earth are of use. Exposed to the air, the slate is brittle and nearly impossible to work. The buried slate is

The danger to the Queen Charlotte slate-carving craft. experts say, is not so much the scarcity of carvers as the difficulty of getting suitable slate. The slate is naturally a dull greyish-black. Carvers polish it glossy jet black with secret '

which are rumored to contain

ingredients that vary from fish grease to shoe polish. Carvers charge prices ranging from \$3 to \$10 an inch, depending on the girth of the totem pole and the reputation of the carver. Some also make such items as book-ends and pendants from the same slate. "I'm \$1,000 behind in my orders," said 69-year-old Tim Pearson, one of Skidegate's most distinguished carvers, who works a six-to-eight-

hour-day almost every day at his craft. Some younger men are carrying on the craft. Mr. Pearson taught his skill to his 14-yearold nephew, Garry Ross, who has carved a number of poles. Another Skidegate carver is Norman Pryce, 30.

Up at Massett, Capt. Andrew Brown, a Haida ex-mariner who served in sealing-ships, carries on carving at the age of about 90. He does not know his precise age.

Robert Davidson, a 74-yearold Massett gentleman with the robust physique for which the Haidas were noted in old times, has taken up the carving art. But his original trade was boat-building. Like many of his people, he has a flair

He is one of the last men alive who could instruct a new generation in the art of making the giant Haida canoes from a single cedar trunk. In the middle 1930s he helped his late brother with the last one ever made in the Queen Charlottes, a 60-footer that was shipped to the United States. As far as I can learn, there is not one of the glant cances

left in all the islands. And in a generation there will not be a man left who knows how to make them. I flew down from Massett

to Queen Charlotte Olty in a B.C. Air Lines float plane. over muskeg, black penty lakes, forests and tree-covered mountains.

Queen Charlotte City is a spindly, groon, pleasant fishing village and partying place for loggers who come in from the camps to have some fun. Across the channel to the south is Moresby Island, the second of the two major is-

Six miles along the southern Graham Island shore is Skidegate Mission, the smaller of two modern Indian settlements on the islands.

This was also a sottlement in olden times, one of the original villages occupied by the Haldas, who were the seakings of this coast until the missionaries and traders made Christians of them.

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Public shares the blame

From The Portland dregonian

The sickening case of Lana Turner and Johnny Stompanato should cause a lot of us to search our consciences. For the blame for the horrible situation of Cheryl Crane as slayer of her mother's gangster lover cannot be limited to Hollywood and the barnyard morals of a few individuals. Movie makers put tight sweaters on curvaceous tarts and call it glamor. But it is the public that encourages subversion of decency by its support at the box office. Weread of the many marriages and divorces and the in-between or concurrent love affairs of such women as Lana Turner, and snicker or make bawdy jokes about the escapades. Otherwise, we accord them the honors ordinarily enjoyed only by queens. The newspapers, one must add, are

Time to think

From the Winnipeg Tribune The political auctioneering that has been going on has touched off a long series of piecemeal debates on each new step toward the insurance state, but there has been precious little discussion of the underlying principles.

Export or die

From The Ottaw Citizen We can't eat all our wheat or use all of our metals. We export or we die and we will not export if we go on putting up our costs, compelling price tags on our goods which the world will not pay." preparations of their own,

partners in guilt.

One might ask why child welfare authorities permit children such as Cheryl to live in surroundings where men move in and out in unwholesome procession. One might wonder why the father permitted this unhappy child to remain there. But finally we must ask ourselves why we do not demand common decency, as well as beauty and a measure of ability, from the people we shower with wealth and

PRINCE RUPERT. ISN'T the only place in British Columbia enjoying hot weather. The good weather has also sneaked down south and pale Vancouver residents are shown taking advantage of the sun at English Bay during a recent mild heat wave. All told an estimated 125,000 water-logged Vanconverites were outdoors to get dried out.

Canada is growing up

From the Cape Breton Post

Since the end of World War II, Canadian growth in the fine arts of various mediums has been at a swifter pace than before. Cities across the country that in the past were without such civilized amenities, now have symphony orchestras and art centres and modern libraries.

These are enterprises betokening youth developing toward a cultural maturity, and are the identifying evidence of civilization Canada is growing up.



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