

Build Road to Alaska

REVIVED interest in construction of a highway from Hazelton to Whitehorse is being shown by the Burns Lake and district board of trade which has sent to this newspaper a copy of a brief on the subject submitted earlier to the provincial government. Although the brief was drawn up at a time when reports (later declared unfounded) were being circulated to the effect that Hazelton might replace Stewart as southern terminus for the road from Cassiar, its application still holds good. The need for a highway running through the centre of B.C. to Alaska remains unaltered, and the Burns Lake submission serves a purpose in once again emphasizing the fact. Part of its argument is presented as follows:

"We have long advocated the construction of a road north from Hazelton. Such a road would give access to an undeveloped country, as large as England, of unlimited possibilities and known great resources.

"It involves the most feasible highway route to Alaska.

"Fairbanks, the objective of any road to Alaska, is on longitude 148, Vancouver and Seattle approximately 123. That is, Fairbanks is over 1,000 miles west of either of these two cities. It follows that a highway to Alaska should start from the farthest west and most northerly point to which there is already rail and highway communication, provided that from that point there is a feasible route in grade, and otherwise and that it would also be safe from attack from the sea.

"There is such an ideal location and that is New Hazelton on the Canadian National Railways for a railway and from Hazelton Wrench Memorial Hospital for a highway. Hazelton is 180 miles from Prince Rupert and the project, located inland behind the coast range, is not only safe from attack but along the way there are many sites suitable for airfields from which all the coast cities, Prince Rupert and those along the Panhandle could be defended."

Although stress is laid here on the defence value of such a project, this to our mind has no priority over other considerations. Just as important, if not more so, is the fact that such a highway could play in the development of northern industry and in encouraging settlement of that area. To the Americans who have shown interest in the proposal that might be a factor of little importance. They could not be expected to put their weight behind a project primarily designed to open up northern B.C. But it would follow that southeastern Alaska would gain in equal measure. The growth of cities along the Panhandle is stymied until access to the interior is provided. In fact, the difficulties that best Alaskan shipping could even mean that these communities will not be able to hold on to what they already have.

The choice of Hazelton as southern terminus for this road is not necessarily the only one. Terrace, for example, has something to say on that score. But that does not affect the overall picture. Until such a road connects with some central point along our northern highway and then to the interior, it is just half a province and Alaska is a body of land with a crippled lower limb.

Stolen Or Borrowed?

WHEN we are checking up on juvenile delinquents, how about adults who steal hotel towels and such?

We are forced to the conclusion that there are quite a few dishonest citizens around.

Three years ago a grocery store started out with 400 grocery buggies.

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The management has no idea where the other 200 have gone.

These buggies cost about \$40 each.

—Toronto Telegram.

Scriptures

That which hath gone out of thy lip thou shalt keep and perform. Deuteronomy 23:23.
We surely should be as good as our word. That is a sign of integrity. Our word should be as good as our bond.

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As I See It

by
Elmore Philpott

TV Election

IT IS A strange but true fact that the TV seems to be finishing the job which the sound radio began—driving the last nail in the coffin of old fashioned electioneering methods.

All the political experts agree that it is harder to get people out to public meetings than it used to be. Yet even that agreement is based on a half truth. The newspapers have shown

that the public will turn out in thousands to hear medical lectures, by noted visiting authorities. Also, the phenomenal success of Billy Graham is a reminder that if people want to turn out to a really attractive kind of public meeting, they will do just that.

Model Drivers At 18 Years Michigan Aim

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Michigan is turning out a new crop of model young drivers this year to go along with its new model cars.

As of Feb. 1, no Michigan youngster under 18 is being licensed to drive unless he has passed an approved course in driver education.

Michigan is the first state to compel youngsters to pass a course if they want to drive before 18.

The plan is being closely watched by at least a dozen other states, anxious to see if there is a resulting drop in the young driver-accident rate.

"The idea behind the whole thing is to catch them young and train them," said Dr. Clair L. Taylor, state superintendent of public instruction.

"We want to try to bring up a generation of young people that will be better and safer drivers than their parents."

Under the state law passed in November, 1955, free driver training instruction is available to every Michigan youngster under 18—whether in public, private or parochial school or out of school.

The required driver training course was delayed until this year to give the schools time to expand their driver training programs and the state's two major universities time to set up special courses for instructors.

Dr. Taylor estimated Michigan schools will train 70,000 young drivers this school year.

Standards are at least 12 hours of behind-the-wheel driving and 30 hours of classroom instruction for every pupil. The program is financed from driver licence fees, with the school receiving \$25 for each pupil instructed.

THE LATE William Aberhart was the first public man in Canada to realize the titanic possibilities of sound radio, for reaching a vast audience. People still talk of the "mystery" of the original Social Credit victory in Alberta, away back a quarter century ago.

The alleged mystery was not so mysterious, when you came to look into it. Mr. Aberhart had actually built up his literally enormous prairie audience long before he ever plunged into politics. He had done so by means of his religious broadcasts. When he was finally forced—almost by the demands of that audience—to give them something that would help them face the problems of the depression he came up with Douglas Social Credit.

NOBODY has ever duplicated Mr. Aberhart's overwhelming radio victory in Canada for the radio and TV broadcasting regulations no longer permit the use of that medium of communication in the way that he used it.

Under present CBC regulations, radio network time is not for sale for political broadcasts. Rather, a limited proportion of such time is portioned out, between the political parties, on a fair-and-square basis as it is possible for a democracy to devise. But this apportionment of the time kills the possibility of one man, or a small group of men, coming to "dominate" the whole potential audience of the country.

If it were still possible to buy radio and TV time on the same basis as anybody can buy newspaper advertising space, the radio and TV would long since have become the dominant factors in the winning and losing of elections.

IF there is any truth in the widespread conception that radio and TV have tended to "kill" the public meeting, it is because they are what you might call entertainment competitors. It is not that either the radio or the TV is as yet providing the actual political debates that used to take place on the public platform. But TV in particular is providing such a wide range of good programs for such a vast audience that it certainly is harder to get the people to tear themselves away from that magic eye in their own living rooms.

Women Writers Offered Prizes By Press Club

CALGARY (AP)—The Canadian Women's Press Club has announced prizes totalling \$1,000 in a six-part contest for Canadian women writers. Details were announced by Eva A. Bald, chairman of the awards committee.

There are five classes with prizes of \$100 apiece: Best news story, best newspaper feature story, best newspaper column, best magazine article on a Canadian topic, best radio script. A first prize of \$300 and second of \$200 is offered for the best story on beauty or fashion styling.

Miss Reid said material must have been published or broadcast since Jan. 1, 1956. Contest closes next March 15.

No U.S. Visit For Tito Yet

BELOGRADE (AP)—Yugoslavia announced yesterday that President Tito, "for the time being," will not visit the United States.

In making the announcement, the government spokesman, Branko Draskovic, disclosed for the first time officially that the governments of both the United States and Yugoslavia had agreed on a Tito visit to Washington.

Draskovic said the two governments had agreed on the visit of President Tito to the United States would be of mutual interest.

But the visit is off "for the time being," Draskovic said, because of "the conditions and atmosphere" in the United States.

These conditions, Draskovic said, make it appear "the time for such a visit is not as yet ripe."

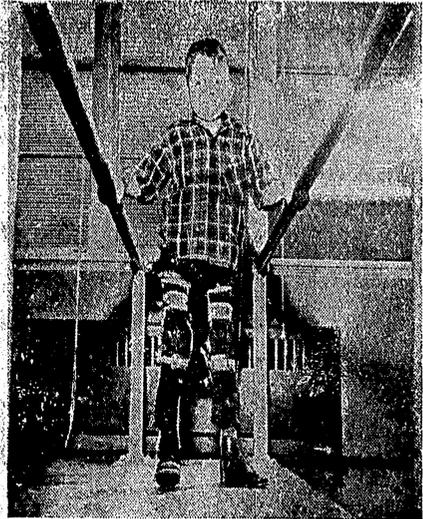
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7-Year-Old Putting Up Big Fight Against Polio

A little guy who has put up a big fight against the crippling effects of polio is seven-year-old Joe Higginbottom of Big Creek, B.C.

He was one of the many youngsters for whom the miracle of Dr. Salk's world-famous polio vaccine came too late. But thanks to the sponsorship of the Kinsmen's B.C. Polio fund, the little tyke is making a heart-warming comeback.

Little Joe, who came from a family of eight children, was hit by the dread disease in January, 1954. He spent nearly five months in the hospital at Williams Lake and then was brought to Vancouver for special rehabilitation treatment.

The cheerful youngster, who served this year as the model for Polio Fund campaign pamphlets, took his first step on the comeback trail when he went home in December, 1954, with a wheelchair and long braces supplied by the fund.

Before he left he won the hearts of the nurses and the Kinetites who pay regular visits to youngsters whose parents aren't nearby and he's still their darling.

Then, early this year, Joe and his mother came back to Vancouver under sponsorship of the fund for a check by specialists to see what further treatments could assist his recovery.

He was admitted to the Health Centre for Children for corrective surgery and then was transferred to the famous Western Rehabilitation Society's Centre for further treatment.

When Joe went home again in September, he could walk well with braces and crutches.

That may not seem like progress, but it is when you consider that little Joe's chances of walking again looked mighty slim after the first onslaught of polio had passed.

He's still on the sidelines when it comes to robust games, but he's attending school and that might not have been possible if he hadn't fought hard to learn to walk with leg braces and crutches.

And that's not the end of the line on the comeback trail by any means. He will be brought back periodically to the Centre for check-ups and the fund, which has spent \$1,000 on his care so far, will continue to sponsor his treatment and provide new braces as required.

What's more, medical scientists with the help of Polio Fund dollars, continue to investigate how to overcome the crippling effects of polio.

They've found a lot of valuable answers in the past and undoubtedly will find others in the future which will benefit boys and girls like Joe.

You can make sure this vital work goes on by supporting the



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OTTAWA DIARY

By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

Just how unencumbered the great game of politics is by anything as confining as a set of Marquis of Queensbury rules of fair play or their equivalent is being illustrated in the Capitol these days in the case of one Russell Boucher, QC.

It is possible that most readers will have forgotten just who Russell Boucher was and is. Yet less than 10 years ago he was one of the better-known Members of Parliament. He sat for the historic seat of Carleton, just outside of the Capital here.

One of Carleton's claims to political fame is that it is the safest Conservative seat in the whole of the House of Commons. Another of its distinctions is its proud history of having been held by famous Conservative Prime Ministers. Sir John A. Macdonald sat for it, and subsequently Sir Robert Borden was its representative.

Consequently, when Hon. Geo. Drew was elected P.C. Leader in 1948 and needed a constituency to enter the House of Commons, Carleton was immediately suggested. The suggestion was made with scant regard for the convenience or political fortunes of Russell Boucher, who at that time had been the seat's incumbent for a number of years and was deservedly popular in the riding. The P.C. strategists who were intent on fixing up Hon. Mr. Drew at anyone else's expense just left the latter no alternative to playing the role of party patriot. He was supposed to simply be a good party man and sacrifice his personal interests to the wider cause of

the general party welfare. And that's exactly what Russell Boucher did. In addition to resigning to make way for Hon. Mr. Drew's entry into the House of Commons, he devoted weeks of his time to introducing the new Leader around the riding and smoothing the way for his succession. No new political Messiah ever had a more diligent or earnest political John the Baptist.

After Russell Boucher had seen his party Chieftain safely returned, he went back to his profession of law and forgot his personal political ambitions. His only vote-getting activity was on occasions when Hon. Mr. Drew wanted him to do some trouble-shooting for him in Carleton.

Now the Drew episode in Conservative history is over and the Carleton seat is open again. Does Russell Boucher automatically return to it? Do the same party voices that thundered his duty to resign eight years ago thunder the fairness of his resumption of the seat now that it is vacant again? The answer is strictly in the negative. If Boucher gets the seat back, it will be because he is starting from scratch to win it all over again. And opposing him in his efforts to regain it will be some of the and was deservedly popular in the riding. The P.C. strategists who were intent on fixing up Hon. Mr. Drew at anyone else's expense just left the latter no alternative to playing the role of party patriot. He was supposed to simply be a good party man and sacrifice his personal interests to the wider cause of

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