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Shute book aids reader to "dream daringly"

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"THE RAINBOW AND THE ROSE" by Nevile Shute

Reviewed by Robert Elliott

"There are some things that a friend should know." Many of these things go beyond the eternals of the passing show. They reach deeper than physical appearance and social niceties.

There are some features of our lives that we feel so personal that no one else ought to know. However the message of the teacher is that there are some things that a friend should know if there is to be lasting and deep friendship.

The pupil realizes this lifetime theme when he hears that his teacher has crash-landed because of his philosophy of life. He finds a young woman curled up in an arm chair and as he staggers from a drugged sleep the old thoughts that had been drilled into him as a student came back.

The truth of his training days became stark reality in maturity.

This seems to be the theme of the "Rainbow and the Rose", the new novel by Neville Shute.

Reading this book was a delightful experience.

Here is a neatly balanced mixture of history, romance and travelogue. We have a simple portrayal of the development of aviation service during the 20th Century.

The romance of turbulent youth peters out and grows through a tragic mature love that lasts healthily through a proposal to a daughter. She plays a very skillful game of hide and seek only to discover the sterling qualities of an able world traveller. We have a Canadian who serves in Britain and then moves over to complete his career in the backwoods of Tasmania.

The book begins as an ordinary tale and about the time you resign yourself to just another yarn, you suddenly crash into a very artful and unique turn of events. Have you ever dreamed of adventure? Has your sleep ever taken you fitfully into the past of someone else? Did you ever become so wrapped up in another's clothes so warmly that you found yourself living another person's life.

Our author tells his story well in the first person. The teacher lives his life in the eyes of an apt, admiring pupil. Here is the development of aviation written with appeal; human relations surveyed quite adriotly; two generations are mingled with a tang.

The three loves of the teacher are all different yet each illustrates realistically the tension of human emotion out of which the hue of the rainbow stirs you. The bud of character is testily developed until the full-blown rose renders its satisfying fragrance.

Here is an interesting technique used cleverly to produce a pleasing interlude of suggestive reading. An enjoyable evening is in store for anyone who chooses to travel wistfully, to dream daringly, to live realistically and to share completely another man's pyjamas.

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PUDDING FOR THE THOUSANDS — Little Jack Horner would be pop-eyed at two tons of Christmas pudding, but he'd recognize the taste. A very old English recipe is the basis for preparing Christmas puddings for service in Canadian National Railways dining cars over the holiday season, according to Chef Instructor Joseph "Bill" Nellis and his two assistants, Joe Panko and Camille Fleurent. They are seen using silver-plated paddles to mix ingredients for nearly 20,000 pudding portions. Liz Gillan, who does her own home cooking, visited the commissary car kitchen in Montreal for a few tips, then stayed to sample the finished product.

12th annual banquet planned by CYO

Final plans for the annual Christmas banquet to be held for the 12th consecutive year by the Catholic Youth Organization were made Sunday night at the CYO's regular meeting held in the Annunciation school auditorium.

The annual regale will be held in the Broadway cafe on December 21 at 7 p.m. with a party and dance to follow in the auditorium.

Invited to attend with the membership will be the parish clergy, presidents and escorts of the various parish organization, and members and escorts of the Junior basketball team.

Tentative plans were discussed for the CYO fifth annual St. Patrick's concert to be held in March of next year.

Denoting the coming of Christmas, the meeting room was gaily decorated in a festive theme, with a decorated Christmas tree and colored lights.

Following the short business session, a social of dancing, games and carol singing were enjoyed. Refreshments concluded the regular session.

PERSONALS

Vancouver resident A. P. Currie, left this morning by plane for his home after spending a ten-day stay in the city. In the production department of B.C. Packers Ltd., Mr. Currie attended the Native Brotherhood of B.C. convention held here last week.

Personally speaking . . . .

Former city resident Charles H. Harradine spent an enjoyable wekend in the city renewing old acquaintances. Arriving Friday night by train from New Westminter, where he makes his home, Mr. Harradine was a Canadian National Railways yardmaster here prior to 1937 when he left for Port Mann, where he held the same position until his retirement in October of this year.

A three-month sojourn will be enjoyed in Holland by Mr. and Mrs. Hein Boltong and their son Larry of 1263 Park Avenue. Leaving tomorrow morning by Canadian Pacific Airlines plane, they make the overseas flgiht via the "polar route." While in Europe for Christmas and New Years, they will visit many relatives and friends.

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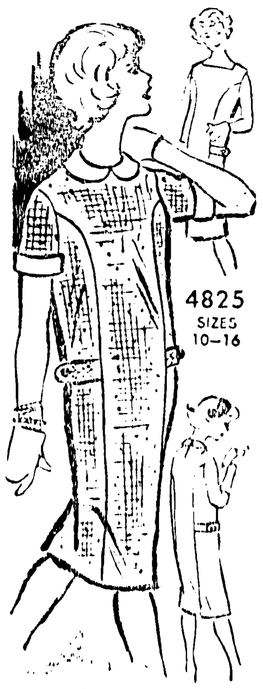

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Civic Centre tidbits

Two weeks from today is Christmas Day.

In preparation for the Christmas season, the Civic Centre is planning gay activities.

Adding color to the festivities will be a giant 12 or 14 foot decorated Christmas tree to be placed in the lobby by the Prince Rupert Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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Mrs. W. A. Peterson's junior handicraft classes are now busy making the novel tree decorations. Of note, these youngsters are between the ages of six and 12, and are having "great fun" applying their artistic talents.

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The tree will first come into focus at the Tiny Tot's Christmas party to be staged the afternoon of December 18.

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The tree will be the centre of attraction at the merchants' sponsored Santa Claus party on December 20.

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Various other Civic Centre activity groups will be having little Yuletide parties. The "Ladies Slim and Trim" class which is under the direction of Mrs. Robert Kelsey, holds its Christmas hop tonight.

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The Junior Rifle class, under the direction of Dick Paul and John Jenkins, are making plans for the group's annual turkey shoots, boys to be held December 16; girls on 17 and adults on the 18.

Sunday night is "Community Carol Singing" at the Civic Centre. Sponsored by the Prince Rupert Rotary club, the annual event will feature 12 choral numbers by the Rotary Mixed Chorus, under the direction of C. P. Balagno, along with a group of carol selections with audience participation. Time—9 p.m.; place—the auditorium.

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Art lovers will be interested in the display of "Children's Art" work arranged in the common lounge. The display is part of a very large collection of paintings done in the Junior Painting class, held each Thursday.

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Soon to appear in the lobby, will be a special Nativity scene. The figures for the scene were made by juniors in the Ceramic class. As no moulds were used, the children let loose their creative talents and modelled their own conception of angels and biblical figures.

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Again persons who have costumes left in the Centre, are asked to pick them up at their earliest convenience. These costumes were used in the Civic Centre School of Dancing classes.

MOTOR MAIDS

Get Stuck-- Not Struck

By Jeanne Smith, Dodge Safety Consultant

USE CARE and caution when you stop your car along the highway during winter—or else you'll invite a rear-end collision.

This warning comes from the Institute for Safer Living which suggests "risk getting stuck instead of struck!"

Miss Smith

Many motorists, who must stop to change a tire, clean windshields or adjust a tire chain, are reluctant to pull off the road, say Institute officials. They fear getting stuck in banked snow or soft shoulders.

What they forget, when they stop in traffic lanes, is that visibility is now at its worst and slippery road surfaces make it nearly impossible for oncoming traffic to make emergency stops or quick shifts in direction.

If you must stop, the Institute's safety advice is wait until you can pull entirely off the road, out of the line of traffic.

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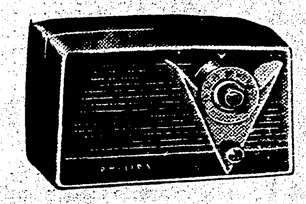

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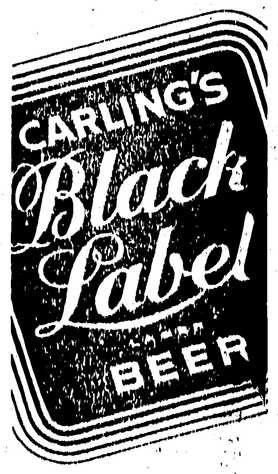

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