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## LIFE in this Prince Rupert

by BIDDEE JINKS

It was a question that had bothered me off and on since those days when housecleaning was my favorite hobby. It was some time ago I must admit, so long that it seems now a fuzzy part of shining dream. They did shine, floors and furniture and mirrors, all vieing for excelling brightness and I the judge and I the driving force behind it all.

Sometimes I liked doing it better than others but, should the urge slacken, a forthcoming party was all that was necessary to bring back full vigor. In those days, I believed in X-ray vision to the N-th degree. Although guests might never leave the living-room clothes-closets received their scouring and back cupboards similar treatment. Leaving me, servant of Mighty House, a scrap of nervous weariness.

The change came gradually. Dirt was no lovelier but one day an elderly gentleman said: "You know, I always told my wife that the hands that washed the dishes were more important than the dishes themselves." And another day another gentleman suggested gently—one hour before guests arrived—"Woman, take a book and go to bed and clear your mind of all this fuss!" The suggestion alone nearly floored me but I did think about it later.

So... when I heard someone on the radio say: "How clean does a house have to be anyway?" I fastened the last jar of bread-and-butter pickles and echoed, "How Clean?" And while I wiped the jar and glanced quizzically at curtains that should be a little more fresh, the speaker had said: "Just clean enough to be clean and sanitary and comfortable to live in."

Her name escaped me and it didn't matter. She would not mind either for she is a person more concerned with giving than that her name should be remembered. Hers won't be in all likelihood but it has always been people with selfless ideals whose names eventually cut their way into stone. The laws of life have a way of working backward.

Being a woman, she lived in a woman's world. She is a mother of a young boy and girl so that, when she spoke of children, she was not quoting memory work. And when she mentioned economy of the food shelf and energies too, she was likewise at home. She and her husband

went through the depression in poverty no less glamorous than the kind that hit you and me. Which may explain why she chooses now to do her own work—and raise her children.

It caught them unawares, her especially, for, as she said, "I still had but one aim in life and that was to be 'husband's little helper'. I worked hard all day to have everything in apple-pie order, plus an apple pie for dinner. And for his coming, I felt I had earned the right to be a bit untidy and as tired as I pleased. Only, if I were dull and irritable, he was more so—and I began to see something was awry."

With her husband's job rolling off and taking their last dollar with it, they faced each other with the realization that team-work was the basis of real marriage. And that the home, shining or not, but housed it. Accepted notions of propriety were not necessarily right. So while her husband kept house and watched the first child, she taught school. In his spare time, he studied architecture and designing, the start of a now flourishing business.

By the time their economics had righted themselves and the second child arrived, the speaker of plausibility.

had noticed that women who give a plaintive, "Just a housewife," to the census-taker, or her best friend were frustrated females. She had also decided that a mother is more interesting and capable toward her children if she thinks in terms beyond 'house'. Her husband liked her still... maybe a little better.

Too often, said she, working is made an excuse for neglecting children. This couple agreed not to sacrifice their family. If her husband was to be away all day, then she would invest her energies so as to be home when the children were. And seldom are they left alone evenings. Meals are kept simple and wholesome; dinner an interesting, cheerful rehearsal of the days events.

### Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Numerous books were on the shelves."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "depot?"

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Believe, reprieve, recieve.

4. What does the word "plausibility" mean?

### Answers

1. Say, "Many books." 2. Pronounce dep-o-e as in me, o as in no, accent first syllable.

3. Receive. 4. The quality or state of seeming likely. His explanation contained an element of plausibility.

## LETTERBOX

### GETTING ON VOTERS' LIST

Editor, Daily News:

I understand that approximately six months ago our provincial government enacted a decree whereby no resident of this province has the right to vote at the next provincial election unless he takes certain steps to have his name placed on a new voters' list which is being compiled at the present time. While you have stated in various editorials that everyone should exercise their right to vote, I have not seen where you have warned your readers that the previous provincial voters' list is null and void and that they have no vote unless each individually takes the necessary steps to get his name on the new list.

No doubt, many of your subscribers would like to know what they have to do in order to get their names on the new voters' list before it is too late.

M. H. WATERS.

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Something, Mr. Eyres rightly said, must be done to develop the great neglected spaces. There are thousands of prospective settlers, large and small industrialists, investors, farmers, tradesmen and people of means, but the trouble is that the great majority all want to locate on the coast, in the Fraser Valley or on Vancouver Island. And it is in these areas that already 89 percent of all the people of the province are living.

### KNOW YOUR LAW

A MAN bought several hundred very expensive cigars and had them insured against fire. After he had smoked them all, he put in a claim that they were destroyed by fire. The insurance company refused to pay and the man sued. The judge decided that as the company agreed to insure the cigars against fire, it was financially responsible. As soon as the man accepted the money, the insurance company had him arrested on a charge of arson.—Mauston Kiwanis News.

### WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE . . .

MANY YOUNG PEOPLE consider that today's most persistent irrelevancy is the thinly-veiled advice which opens up with "When I was your age . . ." and it seems as if it will never stop. The scowling expression on the listener's face usually reflects the opinion that what happened then is of no significance now, and not even interesting. The expansive look of the one who ladies out the advice shows clearly what he thinks of the good old days and particularly of his stout-hearted and altogether commendable part in it all.

Comparisons are odious, and anyone who thinks of the enormous changes of the last forty years or so knows that comparisons between then and now are almost useless or only approximate at best, whether you're delving into wages, morals, transportation or what-have-you. So, if he accepts the probable laughable assumption that wisdom always comes with age, the listener is forced to the conclusion that the sally into the past actually stems from a desire to talk about oneself—one of the most often denied and frequently felt urges of man.

This has been going on for centuries, satisfying the talker, nettling the talkee. People, however, persist in disliking advice unless they are giving it, which is probably why the young scowl at it, and eventually wind up saying, "When I was your age . . ."

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BURNS LAKE — The Lakes district was the centre of considerable regional political activity as Liberal party supporters struggled to decide who they could back for the premiership of the province. The activity mirrored both the Burns Lake and Francois Lake Liberal Associations.

Hon. E. T. Kenney, whose name had recently been mentioned as possible candidate, was favoured by a group consisting largely of relative new-comers to the district while veterans of the region took a more cautious stand.

Saying that opinion in the northern part of the province is clarified before any commitment is made in the central interior.

The choice of a Liberal candidate to contest the Omineca riding in the next provincial election has been left in abeyance by common agreement.

The Francois Lake Liberal Association re-elected its old slate of officers at a recent meeting, topping the list with Hon. E. T. Kenney as honorary president. Active officers are Peter S. Durban of Grassy Gains, president, William Lysickie, vice-president and Lysanne Mulvaney, secretary.

Work of the Burns Lake Liberal Association is being spurred by President John Berg and Secretary John S. Brown.

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Session

TERRACE—Construction of a road along the Copper River to the site of mining operations of the Omineca Gold Quartz Co. will be undertaken in a few weeks, the Terrace and District Board of Trade was informed at its December meeting by Will Robinson, chairman of the highway committee. The work will be carried on by the provincial public works department.

The Board was also advised in a letter from Hon. E. T. Kenney, Minister of Lands and Forestry, that a high wire fence will be erected around the hot springs at Lake Lakeise. This is considered necessary to protect the purity of the water now that a highway has been completed almost to the springs and also as a safeguard against accident around the boiling pool.

In an effort to combat adverse reports about the northern highway, the Board decided to have an engraving made of a map showing the route from Vancouver to Prince George to Rupert Rupert, and turned the matter over to Steve Howlett for action.

C. J. Norrington, reporting for the radio committee, said that an interference detector which is being made by Mr. Chesher would be finished by Christmas time and would be put to use as soon as possible. No action has been taken by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to install a booster station at Terrace, he said.

Mr. Norrington asked to resign from the pamphlet committee and Harry King was appointed to replace him. Other members on the committee are Mr. Stevenson, H. Spencer and W. C. Osborne.

It was decided to have the elementary school at Terrace wired for electricity and this work will be done in the Christmas week.

A telephone is to be installed in the secretary's office.

H. Halliwell was appointed auditor of the school books.

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A discussion concerning the wheat and coarse grain situation resulted in Mr. Campbell and Mr. King being instructed to take action in support of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in seeking replacement of government controls on Lake.

**NEW MILL AT  
BURNS LAKE**

BURNS LAKE—Installation of a new sawmill by Wheeler Bros. has lightened the work of the Francois Lake ferry somewhat because the Wheeler fleet of trucks is hauling from the Fay Short ranch, near Colleymount, which obviates the necessity of crossing Francois Lake. They are pouring a steady stream of lumber to the co-operative lumbermen's planing mill at Burns Lake.

**Reminiscences  
By W.J. and Reflections**

When the Hotel Central was the faintest notion. Never inquired! Never had to!

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Failing to rebuff self-pity is a bad way to get into it.

Yet recent visitors from Vancouver appear to be in danger. Some like to be sympathized with. Unfortunate symptom and very bad sign. Next thing, somebody will want his hand held. The trouble is all about fog. They like to shunt you off into a corner and talk about fog. That might be all right for punishment, but it's a poor substitute for cheerful chat.

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A. A good rule to follow is,

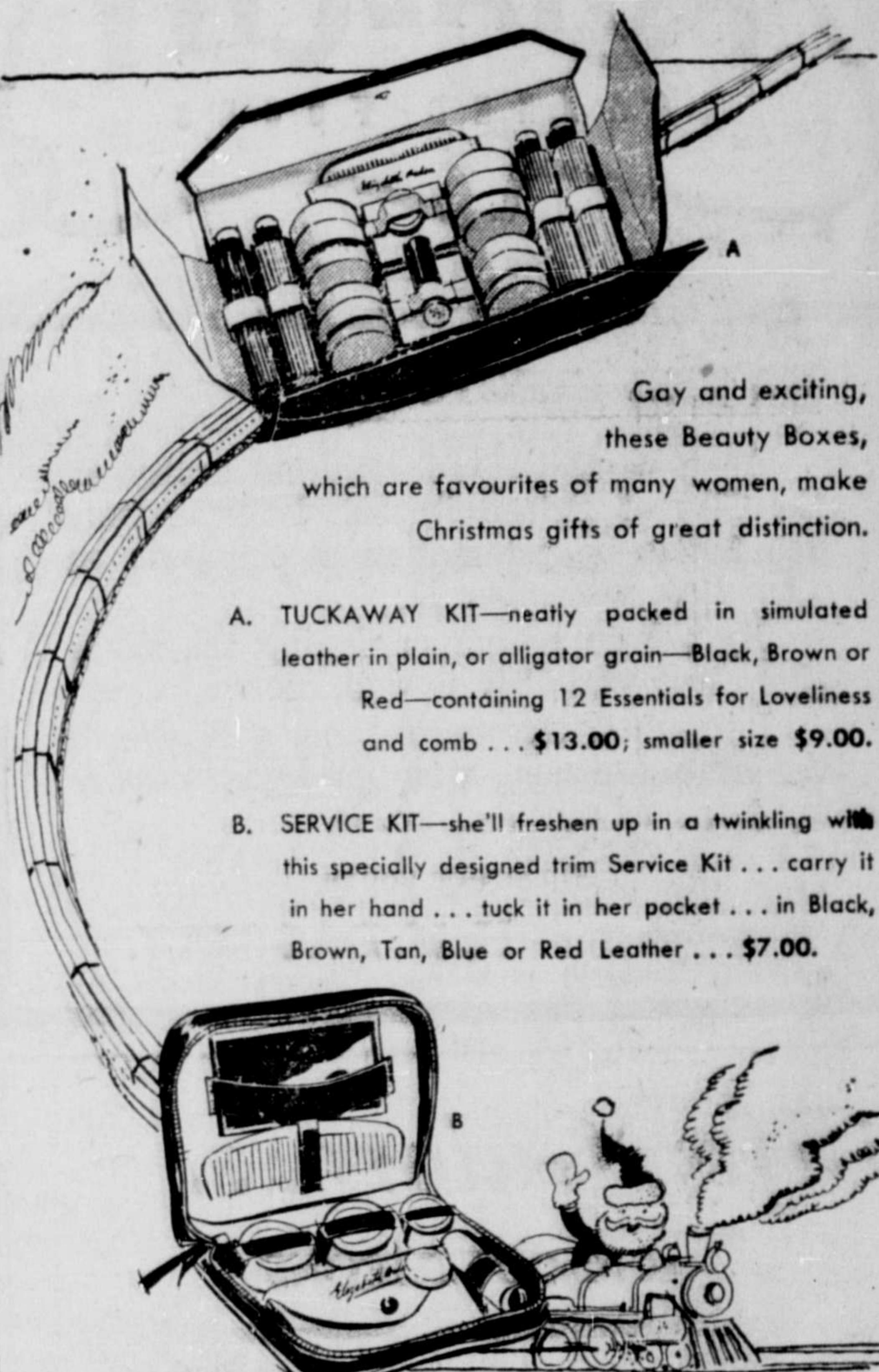
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Q. What should one send the mother of a new baby?

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"In this very year, to the end of September, there were 127 people killed in motor accidents. There were 2,940 people injured. There were 8,135 motor accidents of all kinds."

"To that date, the record shows one person killed in this Province every other day."

Extract from a radio address delivered on November 27, 1947, by the Honourable Gordon S. Wismer, K.C., Attorney-General of the Province of British Columbia.

The record of traffic accidents has become so serious drastic measures are necessary. To curb this mounting toll, your Government has passed legislation providing heavy penalties for all who fail to accept their full driving responsibilities.

There is nothing experimental about the new British Columbia "Safety-Responsibility" law. Similar legislation in Manitoba and in the States of New Hampshire and New York has succeeded in gaining two objectives. First—it protects responsible motorists and pedestrians against irresponsible drivers. Second—it establishes in the mind of every motorist a greater awareness of his responsibilities and makes him do something about it. This it achieves by providing offenders with such severe penalties as license cancellation and vehicle confiscation.

Prevention is the keynote of the new legislation. Compulsory insurance laws, suggested as an alternative, are not preventive. They provide compensation only after the damage is done. B.C.'s new law assures all who walk or drive the roads a greater degree of safety.

The "Safety-Responsibility" law becomes effective on March 1st. A summary of the provisions will be published in the next statement of this series. You are asked to study the details of this legislation. Complete co-operation by everyone is essential to make the Act work.



This accident, at the intersection of Cook Street and Fairfield Road, Victoria, on November 18th, caused injury to one driver and damage to three cars, including one parked at the curb.











