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Problem Parents

HERE is no such thing as problem children. There are only problem parents.

While this assumption may be a little too broad for practical application, child psychologists are inclined to regard it as a fairly reasonable one all the time.

Graphic evidence of how much truth it contains is given in the current issue of Life magazine, describing the work being done in New Jersey in the handling of delinquent boys, the article says: "The major cause is the instability of the family. A family dominated by prudishness, alcoholism or antagonisms, by overprotectiveness or indifference, can leave a child with the attitude that all society is a sham. Because this attitude is motivated subconsciously the child is unable to explain why he behaves the way he does."

In these circumstances, it is obvious how the established forms of punishment are often seriously harmful. Since the delinquent does not know what makes him act as he does, he cannot rationally repent. Confinement then seems unjust and proves to him that his attitude towards society was right.

The answer no doubt lies partly in the better education of parents but since there can be little control of the problem through this approach, the state must concern itself more with correction and less with punishment. If more attention is given to this point, the day may come when we are making useful citizens of so-called juvenile delinquents instead of criminals.

LETTERBOX

The editor,
The Daily News:
I have read your letter, brother Ivan Adams, from The Daily News of March 11, to learn that you wished me to be the principle for which the Native Brotherhood of B.C. was formed, and wondered if you had studied that principle for which our organization stands.
I am very proud to say, brother Adams, that the Native Brotherhood of B.C. was formed for the protection of every man, woman and child of our native people as a whole and its members.
And we, as executive members, are in a position to exercise to the best of our ability, to see that every protective measure carried out on behalf of our people.
May I state the facts, brother Adams, from what I have experienced, since I became one of the executive members of this northern interior Skeena district, and over five years in that office, whenever our own Native members are involved in any particular problem no one from any other organization, or any other race, makes an offer to assist.

That is why I say very proudly it is only through the great efforts of our organization that our Indian people are protected, along with gains that have been made to the benefit and welfare of our people and children. Criticism is nothing new to me. The harder the ball is thrown at me, the tougher I feel, to stand firmly for the protection of our people and children, because I know that there is no other race to share with us.
I feel I put it as plainly as I could in The Daily News of March 8, when I said it is felt by all our people that great dangers lie ahead of us and our children if the fishing industry in area 4 is not protected for our interests.
Therefore, we have every right to demand protection to the fullest measure or the natives of the Skeena River district will be almost completely starved out of the salmon fishing industry in area 4 because of overcrowded conditions.
If I say we are working hard for our native people.

HAROLD SINCLAIR,
District vice-president
for Skeena Native
Brotherhood of B.C.,
Kitwanga, B.C.

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

It's been years since we've seen bordered cards in use which disappeared along with hitchhiking coats, horse-troughs, the iron leaf and other ornaments on the front lawn, horse-hair furniture in the parlor, the high button shoes and whalebone combs.

The world having a sort of Irish of Ireland complexion just as we'll spring this one: "A high politician, in a tirade against capitalism declared if the fellows he knew were needed on an uninhabited island they would not be there and if before they would have their hands in the pockets of the naked savages."

THEIR DAILY BREAD
Premier St. Laurent and party will be welcomed in Ottawa from world tour. A little later on, doubt, the acting premier, Mr. Howe will make known that the Japanese grain market for the next two years. All told looks like pleasing prospects.

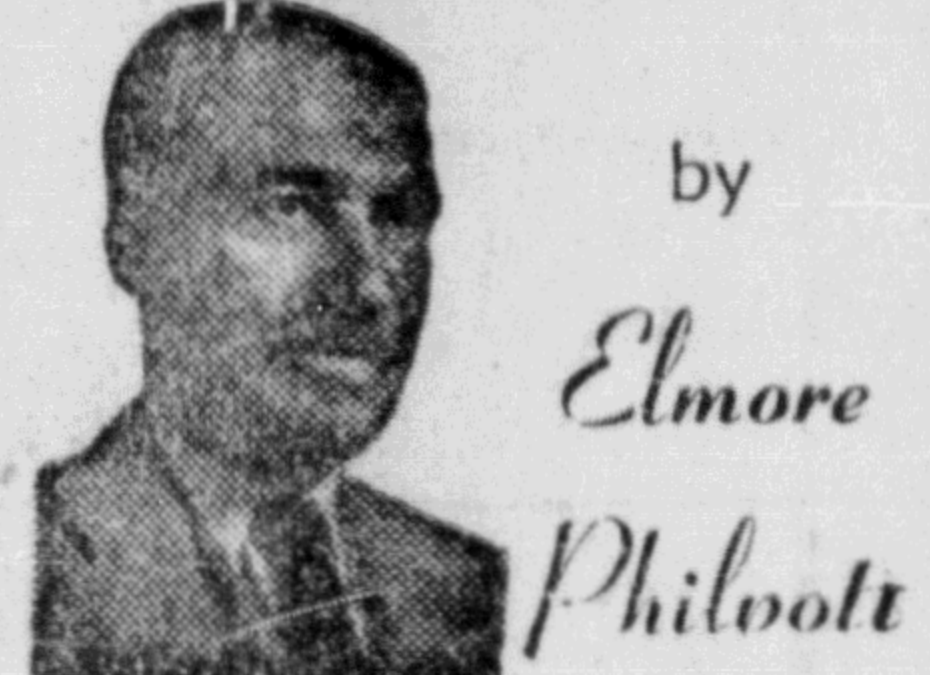
A despatch from Ottawa says Newfoundland has apparently the largest proportion of happily married couples of any province. The largest total of unhappily married couples to British Columbia.

According to the Federal government there is no confirmation about California potatoes being dumped in British Columbia. It is to be hoped for. Were such true, it would certainly mean lack of grading, and price stabilization and control so far as marketing board is concerned.

Canada's Conservatives could clear away cobwebs by digesting the advice given by C. P. McTague concerning the coming convention. It is time to stop chasing special groups and pandering to grinning minorities and it is time—above everything else—to return to long-standing principles.—Hamilton Spectator.

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As I See It



Old King Coal

THERE is a private member's bill before the House of Commons these days to permit the importation of U.S. natural gas into Ontario.

It has brought out some interesting arguments, especially from MP's interested in the future of coal mines, and coal miners.

The mines have already been hard hit, by the victory of the diesel locomotive over the old steam engine. Now they are faced with further loss of markets, to oil and natural gas.

IT SEEMS to me that the coal mining people have been asleep at the switch too long.

They did nothing, or very little, when the diesel engine was cutting into their business, and taking away huge chunks of it. Now—after they have already lost much of their former business, they are making belated efforts to come back. In Canada, for instance, they are waiting for completion of the experiments being carried out by the National Research Council into steam turbine engines, designed for purposes of railroads. But surely everybody knows that it is harder to get back markets after they are once lost.

IT MAY be true, as claimed, that the new style coal-burner will turn out to be an even better engine than the wonderful diesels now in use. But given another few years, coal would have no chance for a comeback anyway—for the railroads would have abandoned facilities for handling it on some line, at least.

SURELY there is only one way that Old King Coal can fight back to hold the markets based on heating homes and public buildings.

Why not get busy in various towns, cities and villages, and sell heat, piped from central heating plants?

Such plants have been in operation in some parts of America. I remember one, I think, at Lockport, New York, another smaller one in Kitchener, Ontario, and a more ambitious project in central Winnipeg. Why not everywhere?

PEOPLE do not install oil furnaces, or gas furnaces, because they are cheaper. We have used artificial gas, for instance, in our own Vancouver home for twelve years. We find the price about the same as oil—that is, far higher than for coal or sawdust. But the extra convenience is worth it.

Why do not the coal interests set out to heat whole cities, under public franchise? They could pipe the heat, through steam or hot water pipes, and sell it by the BTU—British Thermal Unit.

There is only one reason why coal cannot compete with either natural gas or oil in the homes. That is because Old King Coal is asleep—the champion Rip Van Winkle of all time.



THESE MEN are the seven "most wanted" fugitives listed by the RCMP. They are: (top row, left to right) Donald Winslow Henderson, 37, Calgary, wanted for murder; Michel Sisco, alias Antoine D'Agostine, 46, Montreal, narcotics charges; John Mallock, 32, Winnipeg, narcotics charges; William Patrick Ryan, 64, Vancouver and Toronto, fraud; (bottom row) William Adams, alias Wasely Somborski, alias Joe Lacheau, 31, St. Catharines, Ont., murder; Daniel William O'Connor, alias Mike Clancy, alias Bob Collins, 27, Keremeos, B.C., attempted murder; Patrick Gerald McKuhen, alias Gerry McKuhen Ramsay, 33, Montreal, assault and robbery.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

Some fairly startling figures just made available to Parliament indicate that Canada's great fishing industry is running unhappily true to form.

Traditionally it has earned the reputation of being the industry which recession hits first and hardest, but to which prosperity comes last and least lavishly in boom times. It is also the industry which, amongst the pressure groups in the land, is least successful in engaging the attention of Parliament.

And that, apparently, is very much the story of the industry right at the present time.

Here are the present facts of the fishing industry as the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has just issued them:

During the month of January (the last month for which the figures are available) the industry landed 91,000,000 pounds of fish worth \$2,500,000, as compared with 44,000,000 pounds of fish worth \$2,600,000 in January of last year.

In other words, in spite of the fact that the catch was greater by exactly 107.2 per cent, its value actually was lower by 3.6 per cent. And since the labor involved in fishing is fairly proportionate to the size of the catch, that means that Canada's fishermen have been working almost twice as hard as a year ago for wages that are slightly lower. In no other situation in Canada does a similar situation obtain.

The industry's January figures are really worse than they appear on the surface. For a year ago herring seining on the Pacific Coast was practically at a standstill due to strike action. To arrive at a true comparison between the two years, therefore, at least \$675,000 worth of herring seined on the Pacific Coast should be deducted from the January, 1954 totals. That would make this January's catch worth only \$1,800,000 as against \$2,600,000 a year ago. That is a revenue drop to the fishermen of 30 per cent.

One of the odd features of the fishing industry is its general failure, despite its unenviable record of depression, to operate successfully as a pressure group

in Parliament. It affects the economy of all provinces except the three on the Prairies and Ontario. Yet the western wheat growers, who draw their support only from the Prairie provinces, and the textile industry, which has its major roots in Ontario and Quebec, are many times more effective in gaining the ear of Parliament for their troubles. This is something that impartially-minded MP's don't fully understand. They think it is time the Commons directed itself to a solution of the really urgent economic situation which the fishing industry is facing. There may be a debate on the issue before the Easter adjournment.

U.N., Israel Start Probe Of Bus Ambush

BEERSHEBA, Israel (Reuters)—An official inquiry began today into a roadside ambush in which 11 Israeli bus passengers perished on Wednesday under a hail of Arab machine-gun fire.

Officials of the United Nations and the Israeli government arrived here to visit the scene in lonely Scorpion Pass, 12½ miles from the Jordan border, where the massacre took place.

They interviewed five survivors, including a Dutch woman who pretended to be dead when the assailants methodically shot those who escaped the first fusillade.

Another survivor was a five-year-old girl, saved by an Israeli soldier who sheltered her body with his own. The soldier was killed.

Aid From Norway

NEW DELHI (CP)—A Norwegian motor vessel brought a consignment of nearly 400 tons of equipment for the development of fisheries in Travancore-Cochin state. The shipment, including motorboat engines, fishing tackle and medical equipment, came under Norway's program of aid to India.

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VICTORIA REPORT

by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA — The combined opposition is evidently ganging up to vote against the five per cent sales tax, in an effort to defeat the government on the floor of the House.

But, if Social Crediters hold firm, as undoubtedly they will, the government will be safe. Without Mr. Speaker, the government has an overall majority of seven.

So important, so vital a matter as the five per cent sales tax would never have reached the Legislature unless it had been well argued out behind the locked, guarded doors of the S.C. caucus room.

Governments never take a chance on a defeat on the floor of the House. The defeat of the government last year came only because there were more MLAs against the government than supporting it.

So, it's quite safe to say, at this moment, that the government will not be defeated this session.

It was interesting to watch, and listen to Premier Bennett, as Minister of Finance presenting to the House, B.C.'s biggest budget. What tricks the fates of politics play! There stood that remarkable politician, W. A. C. Bennett, now B.C.'s top dog; yes, there he stood in the seat of B.C.'s mightiest, and it seemed but yesterday he sat in opposition to the Coalition government which he once supported.

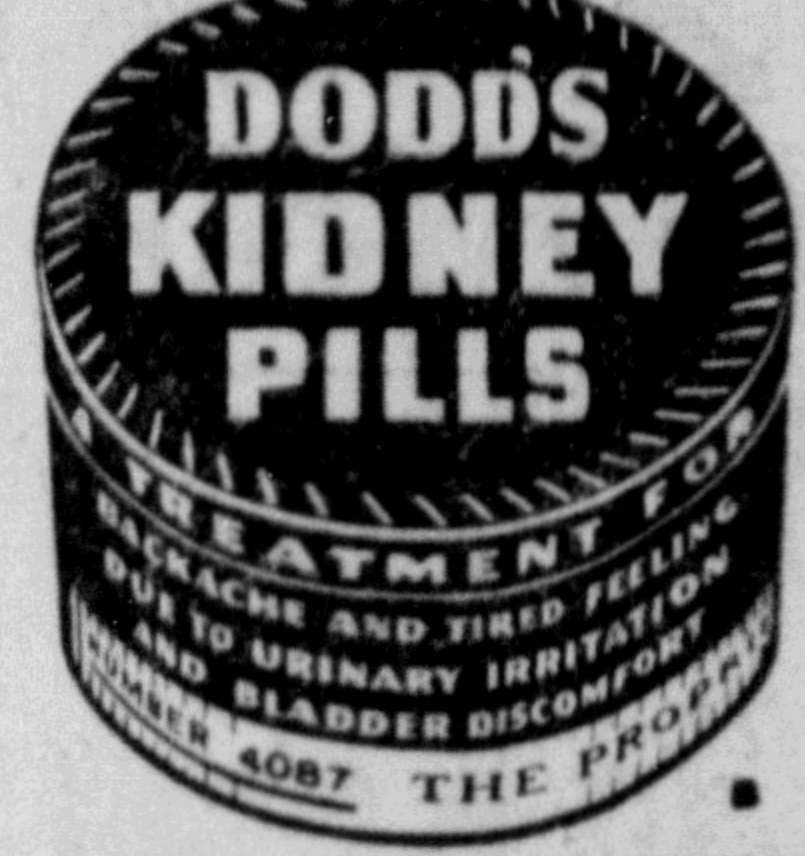
Looking at his record of the last 12 years, Mr. Bennett's political enemies say that the Premier can't possibly know his own mind, what with all the jumping around he has done; still, no one can deny he got to the very top in a quite breath-taking fashion.

There are no Social Credit financial theories in the first Bennett budget. Oppositionists now want to know—how come? Surely, they say, if this is a Social Credit Government, surely there should be some S.C.

financial theories included. But no, it's a quite orthodox budget, say the orthodox financiers, quite as orthodox as John Hart or Herb Anscomb themselves would have presented. Mr. Hart, of course, would never have had anything to do with a sales tax, and Mr. Anscomb would never have reduced taxes. But, other than those small items, it was quite an ordinary budget—though a big and fat one.

While Social Crediters know full well there aren't any Social Credit financial theories in the budget, they'll say there are Social Credit dividends in it. They'll call the wiping out of the sales tax on children's clothing and shoes a sales tax dividend; a nother dividend, they'll say, is the cut in the amusement tax.

It was Mrs. Lydia Arsens who started this style of finding Social Credit dividends floating about all over the place. She said one day that family allowances are really a Social Credit dividend; that the Liberals stole the idea of family allowance from Social Credit. This so astonished the Liberals they couldn't think of a thing to say.



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