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TRIANGLE TOUR ...

Golden To Sinclair and Banff

after driving up and down its main street we sought the tourist camp and found that it lay along the river flats and led down to the river bank. The camp is owned by the town and as we stopped, the camp-keeper came over to speak to us and suggest that we take a cabin. This we were prepared to do. He started over to one of the cabins and I suddenly noticed that my sister was not with us and on looking around found she had got back into the car and was rolling the windows

The reason became very obvious when Talso noticed that we were walking in a cloud of mosquitoes. We had heard, in Banff, of the Golden mosquitoes, the theme being, "as big as hawks and bite at both ends."

I knew that camp was not for us, so after looking over one of the cabins and finding it was not properly screened, I told the camp-keeper that we would go to the hotel. He said it was full, which we found was almost correct. There was one bedroom left and they promised to curtain off a corner of the upper hall and put a bed in it for me. The dining room produced good food and we decided to try a short walk.

Short was the correct description and we retreated to the hotel. There was not ich to see in Golden so we felt we had Tost nothing. Bedtime came and we prepared to do battle with any mosquitoes that had come to share the bedroom.

There were quite a number but by a vigorous use of parts of a newspaper we killed everything in the room and after shutting the door quickly I had a look at the quarters prepared for me. The situation seemed to be hopeless. The hall had a high ceiling and a number of bedrooms opened on to it. From the number of pests buzzing round the hall it seemed that the tenants of the other rooms had not troubled to kill them but had merely chased them out. To my surprise I soon fell asleep and found, in the morning that I was not badly bitten.

The little town of Golden lies in the and south, so we started west and south. bottom of the Columbia River valley and This road is not particularly interesting until it begins to border Lake Windermere, a beautiful lake lying between the Rockies and the Selkirks, although much nearer to the latter. After a leisurely run and a stop for lunch we reached Sinclair Canyon in the late afternoon. The canvon is off the main road leading south and at the end of the Banff-Windermere road. The road debouches from the canyon through a narrow gap between the rocks, which rise, one on either side of the road, the northerly rock being undercut to make room for the road. Once through this gap the road winds pleasantly beside the little stream, part of which comes from the hot-spring. A short distance further on, the canyon opens enough to allow room for a hotel on one side, a bungalow camp on the other and a few yards further there is the campground, the bath-house and pool and the gate to the park.

The camp-ground is on two levels and lower level being full we found a good place to camp on the higher level, which, to my mind is the better place to camp as it gives a view of the road and all the surroundings, its only drawback, if it can be regarded as such, is the short walk up to the higher level. The canyon shelters the camp from the wind and leaves it open to the sun from the west and makes it warm and comfortable. We stayed a week.

The following morning, after a late breakfast, we set out afoot to see all there was to be seen. The hot spring is radium water which is much more pleasant than sulphur and has an exhilarating effect, one of its peculiarities being its constant formation of bubbles. The water gushes out of the rock at one end of the pool at a temperature of 114° which with the effect of the radium makes it possible to stay in the pool with comfort and enjoyment and without ill effects for a much longer time than would be possible if the water was merely hot. It has a curative property and several people were taking There is only one road into Golden a cure but as I was not interested in that from the east and one out to the west aspect of the water, I did not inquire

DOMINION DAY SPORTS

JULY 1ST

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from what they were suffering. Two days spent in the canyon were productive of a desire to see more of our surroundings so after our morning dip in the pool we set off south down the road to Windermere, Invermere and another pool called Radium Hot Springs.

Radium, although it had a small camp appeared to be more of a family resort than Sinclair and the hotel was well filled. It was getting on towards supper time and we debated whether we would return to Sinclair and cook supper or have it at the hotel. We fell into temptation again, and the hotel won.

Our time was running short and we began to think of getting home. The Banff-Windermere road which completes the triangle to Banff commences with a five-mile hill which climbs at such a steep pitch that none of the cars of that period could negotiate it in high. Ours boiled twice before reaching the top where we found a very convenient stream from which to fill up the radiator. The road winds all the way, seeking the easiest gradients but rising and falling so that the topping of each hill and the turning of each bend opened a new and delightful vista of mountain, valley or stream. We were keeping a sharp look-out for the point from which Mt. Assiniboine can be seen and were lucky in finding it. The mountain has a great resemblance to the Matterhorn and while we could only see the upper half that alone was worth see-

A few miles further we passed the boundary between B.C. and Alberta and were soon in Banff. Late in the afternoon of the next day we were home, satisfied with our holiday, sorry it was over but glad to be settling down again.

Harold Gorse.

KLONDIKE NITE

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 8:00 p.m. - COMMUNITY HALL RADIO - LADIES' AND MEN'S WRIST WATCHES DOOR PRIZES

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A FEW REMARKS

—about something or nothing and more or less connected.

Those who ride the morning and evening buses for the purpose of getting to and from work may find the conditions quite different from those which exist during the forenoon and afternoon. I ride the bus once a week, catching the 9:30 a.m. into town and the 4:00 p.m. home, which means that I contribute 50c a week to the cost of maintaining the service. It's in order for anyone who wishes to do so to ask: "What have you to grouse about?" Well, here you are. The other Friday I got down to the nearest bus stop in good time as is my remarkable and unfailing habit and waited, at first, patiently and then with mounting impatience, looking first towards the corner of Walema and then at my watch. No bus. Suddenly and apparently from nowhere and while my back was turned the bus was at the corner ten minutes late. I got on, a little hot under the collar, I admit. Just hot enough to point out to the driver that he was late.

He replied they went by company time. I asked if company time differed from city time and he admitted, a little reluctantly, that they were the same and added "What does it matter?" This I felt, could be taken in two ways. As a compliment, implying that those who rode the buses at that hour were ladies and gentlemen of leisure to whom it was of no consequence when they got to town, or it could mean,

to h— with the passengers!

The following Friday we had a new bus, that is, it was new to us. Let us draw a veil over the date when it was built. It's not always wise to dig too far into the past. The poor thing's most distinguishing feature was a hole in the floor at the back, right above the engine. From this hole there poured a steady stream of vapour from the exhaust necessitating the opening of all windows at that end of the bus in order to avoid gas poisoning. When getting off I drew the driver's attention to this small fault and was told brightly that he knew. I wondered if he thought that his knowing made everything all right.

Having found so many faults, it is only fair to give credit where credit is due. The 4 p.m. bus from town is very seldom late and is on the platform with the door open so that those who are a little early may get in and sit down in comfort.

Harold Gorse.

Guide and Brownie News

Another year of school and Guide and Brownie holidays are here. Edith John, our Brown Owl, will have a holiday, too, and who deserves one more? How many of us stop to think of the time she puts in with our Brownies?

Just take the last two months. In May there was Mayfair and Brown Owl was the one who did all the running around doing all the extras. May 23rd the Brownies went to town on the 9:30 bus and spent the whole day in the big city visiting Thunderbird Park, The Provincial Museum, the Archives and had lunch in Beacon Hill Park. After lunch they all went to the Crystal Gardens Swimming Pool, finishing up at the Royal Dairy Milk Bar and home on the four o'clock bus. June 1st, a bus was chartered for a Rally at the University School Grounds to meet Estelle Wishart, Canada's High Commissioner for Guides and Brownies. On June 20th all Saanich and Salt Spring Brownies held their "Revels" at Beacon Hill Park. Brown Owl not only took our girls but she also arranged the program for all the girls. June 27th Brownies held a hike to Mrs. Kronk's Farm on Blenkinsop Road, another day given for our girls. All these outings are over and above the time she puts in every week training Brownies, 27 of them.

Brown Owl, please accept the thanks of all Brownie mothers and have a good holiday.

Brownies have finished Coronation Badge work and as a finale each girl brought a can of soup which was given to Mrs. Barbara Green's Free Food Stall.

There will be no Local Association meetings until the Fall.

Edith Jones, Sec.-Treas.

TICKET SELLERS

Please push KLONDIKE NITE TICKETS more than ever before, whether you are a Club member or not. DON'T slacken off. Remember our objective is \$1,000.00—Half as much again as last year.

George Kirkendale.

St. David's Women's Guild

A garden party, at which the feature attraction will be a Baby Show, will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Genn, Parker Avenue, Wednesday, July 8th, at 2:30 p.m. Dr. J. W. E. Hunt will be judge and mothers are invited to enter their babies in two age groups: Up to six months, and from six months to eighteen months. Prizes will be awarded to the best baby in each group.

Arrangements for the party were made at a meeting of St. David's Guild held recently at the home of Mrs. C. Hill. A stall of home-cooking, produce, etc., will be in charge of Mrs. A. Taylor and Mrs. G. Rickard. Mrs. Hill will sell needlework, Mrs. A. Miller will sell tea tickets and Mrs. J. Wyper will manage a contest. Members of the Guild will revive a popular pastime of yesteryear in making an autograph quilt during the next few months. It is hoped to start the collection of names for the quilt at the garden party.

The annual summer Bazaar was herecently in the Church Hall under idea weather conditions. Introduced by the Guild President, Mrs. K. M. Lewis, Mrs. D. C. O'Connell opened the sale; the proceeds of the afternoon were \$245.00.

The Guild will take a summer recess and the next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. B. J. Dyer, September 8th.

E. M. Lewis.

LADIES' AUXILIARY

One hundred cups and saucers have been bought, and the expense of the new benches for the hall is to be jointly shared with the Building Fund Committee, members learned at the meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Cordova Bay Community Club held in the Hall, Mond June 8th. The Holiday Dance held on May 22nd was a social if not a real financial success and it has certainly given us something to look forward to in the future.

Friday, July 3rd, there is to be a, should we call it Klondike Dress Rehearsal to give the ladies a chance to complete last-minute plans and bring whatever they can find, beg, borrow, but not steal in the way of costume accessories and then re-arrange them to see if we can't come up with some really exciting eyefuls.

After Klondike we are all having a holiday and not meeting again until September— Monday the 14th—in the Hall at 8:00 p.m. as usual.

Oh, I almost forgot the recipe. Way off somewhere dreaming about holidays. This is a good one:

Mrs. G. Henderson's Fruit Cake

One cup margarine, 2 cups white sugar, 3 eggs, beaten; ½ cup canned milk, ½ cup water, 3 cups flour, 1 tsp. baking powder, 1 tsp. vanilla, 2 tsp. almond flavoring ½ tsp. salt. Fruit to taste.

Bake in a large tin, 1½-2 hours at 375°. M. W. Dyer, Publicity.

Cordova Bay Community Club

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CLUB AFFAIRS

ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE.— OWING TO THE DOMINION DAY HOL-IDAY AND THE ACTIVITIES NECES-SARY FOR KLONDIKE NITE THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB IN JULY.

The next general meeting of the Club will be held on Wednesday, August 5th, at 8:30 in the Hall.

The minutes of the last general meeting were read by the recording secretary. Myrtle Dyer, and adopted.

The President announced that Noel Andrew has been appointed Sports Director. Noel's interest in sports of all kinds is well known and as that interest is combined with ability to instruct and organize excellent results may be counted upon.

The resignation of Sheila Duckworth, corresponding secretary, was accepted with great regret. Sheila is leaving for the U.S.A. and was made the recipient of a small token of esteem. The best wishes f the Club go with her.

on the last dance which was put on by the joint efforts of the Ladies' Auxiliary and the Building Fund Committee. The dance was very enjoyable but, unfortunately, the attendance was not up to expectations.

Bob Macmurchie reporting for the Building Committee intimated that a number of benches have been made and are proving very useful. Work parties have commenced and are putting the siding on the Hall. This is a job which requires several good-sized gangs so that time is not wasted in climbing up and down ladders and if members will only turn out young geese emerging from the shell and in larger numbers not only can the siding be put on but also the gutters and a porch with landing and stairway can be made before the summer holidays after which a rest can be taken. Bob urged that for the evening work everyone make an effort to get on the job by 7:30.

The president, Stuart Brock, asked that permission be given to cancel the July general meeting owing to the way it is going to conflict with Klondike Nite and was put to the meeting and passed.

Frank Leno called for an all-out effort

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CORDOVA BAY PLAYGROUP

The last meeting of the Playgroup was held at the home of Mrs. J. Gillespie on June 4th, when plans were completed for the Family Weiner Roast and the Graduation Tea. It was decided to hold the next meeting for the new term on Wednesday, August 12th.

The Graduation Tea was held Thursday, June 11th, in the garden of Mrs. T. R. Austen, Walema Avenue, when about ten mothers and their children spent a carefree afternoon. The highlight, of course, was the presentation of books by Mrs. W. Mackie to each of the children who are moving on to start school in September: Carol Dyer, Lörne Mackie, Mark Batterbury, Leland Thoms and Dennis Beatty.

Don't forget that meeting in August. This should be a very important one for mothers hoping to send children to Playgroup in the coming year.

Myrtle Dyer, Publicity.

for Klondike Nite which will require the services of at least 70 people.

Art Whittaker, who is in charge of tickets for Klondike, asked for a list of Jo Crampton, social director, reported members in order to assist him with the distribution and sale which must be pushed with all our vigor if our big event of the year is to be the success it must be.

Following the meeting, Mr. Morris Grossman proved to be twice as good as his word by putting on two films instead of one. The first showed the birth, life and in some cases the death of plants, insects and small animals and was a revelation of what, unknown to most of us, is going on around us every day. We were shown plants pushing their rooots down into the ground, their stems into the air and opening into flower. We saw the making for the water into which they slid without requiring any swimming lessons while the different kinds of insects and their methods of living were something which had to be seen to be believed.

The second film had to do with the life of the geese in the northland, their migration south and their arrival at their winter quarters.

We have reason to be greatly indebted to Mr. Grossman and the Victoria Super the Dominion Day Holiday. This proposal Service for the opportunity provided us of seeing two such interesting films.

Harold Gorse, Publicity.

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BIRTHS—Congratulations go to: Mr. and Mrs. Doug Boniface, Timber Lane, on the birth of Barbara Elizabeth, June 2.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Tobin, Cordova Bay Road on the birth of son Peter, June 2, both coronation babies.

Also to Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Milne on the arrival of baby David, June 8.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Combs of Oldfield Road, Central Saanich on a daughter, Deborah Lynne, (sister for Patsy) on June 4th at St. Joseph's Hospital. Mrs. Combs is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McLeod, Gordon Road.

COMINGS AND GOINGS — Mr. and Mrs. Noel Andrew, Cordova Bay Road, spent a long week-end at Camana Island, Washington.

Holidaying at Edmonton is Mrs. Elizabeth Groome, Cordova Bay Road.

Mrs. L. Dauphin has returned from a pleasant stay in Seattle.

We extend a hearty welcome to Lt.-Cmdr. and Mrs. McKinnon and family who are spending the summer in Whytes' home, Parker Avenue.

Greetings are extended also to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kent and Mr. and Mrs. Les Kent and baby who are summer residents in the H. Stevenson cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McLennan, Vancouver, were visitors to the home of the D. G. Ansteys, Timber Lane, in June.

Home again at the Bay are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnston and family. Congratulations to Frank on graduating from U.B.C. with honors.

Mrs. A. C. McLeod left May 30th for Minnedosa where she will visit her son and her brother. She expects to be away for a month or six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Spencer from Mervin, Sask., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. McDiarmid, Cordova Bay Road.

SYMPATHY—Is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Price and family on the passing of Mr. Price's mother, Mrs. L. (Beatrice) Price, of Galt, Ont., on May 30th. Mr. Price flew by T.C.A. to Galt on the 6th May and returned on the 16th May.

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PLAYGROUP PRATTLE

Just nine articles back, "Prattle" was telling you about the new Elk Lake Playgroup opening. How quickly we seem to have progressed to making plans for the closing exercises. Yet when we consider the children, how each one has grown physically, mentally, socially; the time seems too short for all they have accomplished. Much of the secret lies in the loving, competent guidance they have received from the group leader, Dorothy Phillips.

June 25th is the great day for the parents to assemble with friends and relatives at 10:30 p.m. to applaud the graduation exercises. All the plans to make this occasion enjoyable and memorable were completed at the May meeting of the playgroup at the Bert Phillips' home. No, I won't let you in on the plans, You like surprises, don't you?

It was a pleasant surprise to again have Miss Edna Laurence, co-ordinator of Mental Health for the Victoria School Board as our guest speaker. This time she spoke to us about "Knowing Yourself." Things we do are done for a reason. They don't just happen. What molds us?

The poet who said: "I am a part of all that I have met," summed up very neatly the effect of environment and how it adds to one's personality. Miss Laurence enlarged on how to be mentally healthy and stay that way. It is very important to have a goal, an objective. Being able to recognize what motivates your actions should help to keep you mentally wellbalanced. Neither love nor hate should weigh the scale too heavily. As a result of Miss Laurence's talk we understand something of our behaviour with children and how it affects them as they grow to adulthood. We'll be happy to have Miss Laurence come again, she leaves us so much "food for thought."

On the lighter side, a playgrouper bound for big school in September, said: "I wonder if I'll be in the choir. We don't have a piano at our school, we have to sing bare." And again, very seriously at the dinner table, "Children who stick out their tongues should have their mouths washed out with hardbolic soap!" Cute, eh!

See you on the twenty-fifth.

I. C.

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Sports Day	July 1
C.B.C.C. — No General Meeting in July St. David's Garden Party and Baby Show	2320
Mrs. Genn's	July 8
Klondike Nite, Hall	July 10
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C.B. Playgroup	August 12
St. David's Women's Guild, Mrs. B. Dyer's .	Sept. 8
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From the North Pumbleby Gazette

Our book-of-the-week this week, "Earl crossing a stream, and one bundle, unfor-Came Too," is a travel book, a book to be ruminated upon, chewed up, so to speak; a richly rewarding, multitudinous sort of travel book in which incident is so piled up upon incident that you say to yourself: Can all this really have happened to one person? Well, it did, and the book is there to prove it. And the very lively author is there, too, pen in hand, waiting to tell you all about it—a newcomer, by the way, to the rank of author—a Miss Harriet Bange, a teacher of physical education in the Stonewort Private School for Girls. She confesses in an introduction that this whole venture was a new departure for her, and I can only say that, unable to put down her exciting book until I had finished it late one night, I have but one hope: that Miss Bange may have many new departures.

"Earl Came Too" is the account of Miss ange's audacious trek-by horseback, by motorcycle, by wagon, by scooter, and by foot (and, once, by crawling on all fours) -from one side to the other of the township of North Rourke; a thrilling, jambpacked, picaresque adventure which one cannot help comparing with the Lewis and Clark Expedition and which gives an intimate insight into what can happen on the Great Highway of Daring to one woman and her dog-for Miss Bange, of course, took her Great Dane, Earl, with her.

What happened to this athletic woman is amply recounted in her book of 900 pages, and it would be presumptuous on our part to steal some of the wind from Miss Bange's sails; suffice it to say that he broke three ribs and a tibio-fibula in falls from a horse and a motorcycle (and, by the way, from Earl, the Great Dane; Miss Bange frequently had occasion to use Earl in lieu of horses); she contracted sunstroke, was nearly drowned once by falling off Earl while fording a stream, suffered continually from overexposure after losing her other change of clothes, discovered the meaning of hunger when Earl ate her bag of flour (actually, later, she learnt to share his dog meal), and was once actively sniffed at by a bear because Earl was too exhaused from fording rivers to wake up and bark. Nonetheless, through it all Miss Bange never lost heart; she maintained her acute interest in the lay of the land, cooked her own dog mash, oiled the motorcycle, shod the horse, and daily swabbed out Earl's ears with propylene glycol. And throughout the entire 48 days of the expedition, and without mislaying a single one, she carried strapped to her back, the seven boards that made up the floor of her tent.

account of a thrilling journey. It is also Bange kept notes—or at least some of Landings!" them, for a sack of them were lost in

tunately becoming covered with treacle, was eaten by Earl-she kept notes on the flora of the township, including the mosses and liverworts; assiduously recorded the insect population; bottled the pond scums (one of her problems of transport was carrying so much formaldehyde); she carried a small, fairly portable transmission-set with which thrice daily and once just before retiring she sent out weather reports-one amusing story that comes in here is of Miss Bange watching a meteorological balloon being dived at by a Kingfisher ("you should have seen the expression on that poor bird's face," writes Miss Bange, "when the balloon exploded in it")); made good use of her prospector's pick, bringing back what has been assessed as an extraordinarily complete and heavy collection of sedimentary deposits; taught herself during her spare time the elements of astronomy, having managed to find room in her book-bag for Sir George Hyke's four volume treatise on the subject; and studied the geographical distribution of the green bushtit, abundant in that area, bringing back with her 35 stuffed specimens, the result of a course in taxidermy with which she primed herself before leaving.

But why go on? It is all there for you to read about in the book; the infinite patience with which she stalked the common loon, and her uncanny talent for inveigling it closer to her camera by imitating its lunatic laugh, a sound, she says, that came quite naturally to her; her success, too, in photographing that most difficult subject, rain clouds (the photograph on the jacket of the book shows Miss Bange snapping a cloudburst from under an umbrella); and her patience in training Earl to point at, not flush, porcu-

Full, too, is the book of a fascinating sideshow of the persons Miss Bange met crossing the country. The old prospector with cross-eyes who asked her where he was: the lorry driver who smoked cigarettes made out of the blue ditchweed and who shared Miss Bange's pancakes with Earl; the Indians who, amongst other things, taught her how to concoct a makeshift perfume out of diseased sprucesthese and many more add to the many hued interest of "Earl Came Too."

So we take leave of Miss Bange, as we see her in the last illustration in the book, sitting at the end of her fabulous journey at the end of her borrowed horse, with Earl behind her sitting side-saddle, and with her equipment and baggage in a moving-van in the left foreground-a testament to the unconquerable spirit of Woman against the inimical forces of na-Yet this is not merely the thrilling ture. And we say to her, as the Indians used to say as they watched her leave a source-book for the expert. For Miss them either on a horse or Earl: "Happy

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CORDOVA BAY P.T.A.

At the May meeting the members of Cordova Bay P.T.A. enjoyed a visit to the Nahanni Valley, highlighted by coloured slides. Mr. R. Patterson gave the commentary. We heard weird and wonderful tales of prospecting, hunting and fishing in a country beautiful with mountains and canyons, with fruit and wild flowers. Anyone desiring a holiday unhampered by his fellowmen would surely find this spot a paradise.

Mrs. G. Shaw read the final report on the May Day Tea, proceeds from which totaled \$73.00. Mr. Roberts received the electric kettle purchased with the receipts from the flower sale at the tea.

Mr. Roberts gave a brief account of the Saanich Sports Day. Prospect Lake won the Junior Aggregate Cup and Royal Oak the Girls' Relay Cup. The Percentage Shield, Senior Aggregate Cup and Boys' Relay Cup were won by Cordova Bay. All had a good day, arriving home tired, happy and sun-tanned.

Plans for improving the present set-up at P.T.A. meetings are under discussion but were tabled until the next meeting to allow more time for thinking things out.

Refreshments and social hour ended the meeting.

An impressive School Coronation Service was held in the Community Hall on Monday, June 1st. The children received medallions as souvenirs of the Coronation.

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I don't know for sure, but, maybe I will be thrown in jail for suggesting that I think the people who cry war and start building their little home guard armies are just an aggregation of citizens who were deprived of tin soldiers and guns when they were tiny tots. Probably it is not good taste to suggest that those who are of good intentions and travel the country spouting that the enemy is just around the corner with his big shot gun are suffering from juvenile delinquency. It seems anybody who is either predicting the end of the world or a battle of Armageddon is just about fired up. Then we have those closer to home who are preparing, ever preparing, us for a war between nations here on earth.

I do not suggest we should be oblivious to war and its "horrible scream and crump of falling and exploding bombs." I am quite sure some of us should keep our water pistols in good running order. I would just like to see a few more people walking out in the country spotting birds rather than the planes of an enemy who isn't here. He might not be there, either. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have some good person stand up on a podium and explain what a wonderful place we live in. He wouldn't even have to mention war to make an elegant oration about man's achievements in his environment. He could remind us of young David who was not prepared in the finer arts of mechanized war, but, who knew he was righteous when he prepared his sling shot and did away with the big giant.

I sometimes wonder if maybe when we build our defences and our neighbours build their defences and then we flex our muscles at each other if the exposed might sometimes causes war? Remember when you were at school one of the young chaps would say to another, "I'm bigger and tougher than you." The other would say, "Oh no, you're not." Then the two would look at each other, patiently at first explaining how much stronger and better each is developed.

Well, our two chaps, probably good friends, would keep up their debate until patience began to wear and proof became the only solution to their controversy. The two would begin to fight with all their heart and energy to win. After

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Royal Oak High School P.T.A.

The regular meeting of the Royal Oak High School P.T.A. was held in the high school on May 19th, the president, Mr. L. Schmelz, presiding. The ladies of the district will cater for the graduation banquet in the high school on June 1st. A committee of four, headed by Mrs. Mc-Donald and Mrs. Cudmore, is in charge of arrangements.

The high-lights of the evening were two addresses by Gail McKevitt and Sylvia Cave, students of Mount Newton High School.

Their subject was "Highway Safety." These two students placed first and third in the public speaking contest sponsored by the Knights of Pythias in the Saanich and Sidney area.

Refreshments by the social convenor were served after the meeting.

Otto Willner, Publicity.

several minutes of serious feuding one of the chaps finally says uncle, admitting defeat.

Well, you looked at the winner and then at the loser feeling sorry for both. The loser had his clothes in quite a mess. He suffered a cut over his right eye and his face looked like it had been held in a mud puddle for three weeks, night and day. But alas, remember when you looked at the winner. His clothes were also in quite a mess. He also had a cut over his right eye and his face looked as if it had spent about the same length of time in the same mud hole as the loser. Yes, we definitely had a winner and a loser, but, did either accomplish any appreciable goal? When we just look at the grand finish it is hard to decide who won. Would a war between countries look any more decisive?

Please do not think I am against all preparation, nor would I hesitate to enlist if the cause were good. Perhaps I am just meditating and realizing we are only on this earth a short three score and ten. I also remember I have been in this world a shade past my first score and there has been war during better than half of the count thus far. Summarising, I would just appreciate the world a little cooler for the two score and some odd that with the help of God I may have left.

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